eSafety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day 2015

Tuesday 10th February is Safer Internet Day. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, it is a good opportunity for you to broach the subject with your children and to invest time in learning about eSafety together.

Many schools take this opportunity to run enrichment activities centred around topics such as cyber-bullying, sexting and general internet safety, whilst some will have registered such activities on the Safer Internet Centre's website
http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2015

Other useful sites to check out whilst you are having the eSafety conversation are:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk
http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/

Trolling even affects royalty!

HUFFPOST

The Queen's First Tweet Is a Royal Mystery

The Queen Sends One Tweet, Gets Trolled

The Huffington Post UK/PA | Posted: 25/10/14 12:18 | Updated: 25/10/14 12:59

The Queen has been told to "f*** off and die" after being targeted by Twitter trolls after sending her first royal tweet.

It came as she passed a technological milestone yesterday by tweeting her first message on the micro-blogging

It can be hard to believe but this was a genuine response to the Queen's first ever tweet. If that is not shocking enough, regardless of her title, the tweet was directed at a woman in her 80's! Trolling takes no prisoners and this is good evidence to support the theory that 'trolls' just want to offend and create controversy. What we must consider is that children don't have the media support of Her Royal Highness and if this happens to them they often suffer in silence. What adults need to do is ensure children know they can tell us if this happens to them. Preventing internet trolling is impossible but ensuring your children don't make the mistake of inadvertently becoming one is simpler **http://www.wikihow.com/Avoid-Being-an-Internet-Troll**

Herts for Learning

Cyberbully vs cyberbullies

Option 1

Cyberbully is a little-known film which portrays a young girl at the centre of a cyber-attack. It is well worth watching despite some critical reviewers stating that she would be a popular girl in real-life. If viewed with children, a minimum age of 14 is recommended by IMDB **http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1930315/**

Option 2

Cyberbullies first aired in January on Channel 4 starring Maisie Williams from Game of Thrones. This is currently unavailable on-demand but there is an interview with Maisie available here **http://www.channel4.com/programmes/cyberbully** .The following links to review of the original drama on Buzzfeed. **http://www.buzzfeed.com/scottybryan/maisie-williams-cyberbullying#.gcKoXkVXN**.

Help on this topic is available from ChildLine.org.uk

Herts student eSafety survey

Would you like to know what your children get up to on the internet? Hertfordshire County Council created a short survey for children in Years 5 to 13, about their internet use. This anonymous survey has now been completed and the results were published in January 2015. Interestingly, almost half of respondents (the majority were in Key Stage 2) played games online and made contact with people they did or didn't know, and 60% used a webcam to chat with their friends. **http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/#children**

Insafe

This international eSafety organisation is an excellent online resource for many internet safety issues and has useful information for children, parents/carers and educators. They have 'good practise guides' and activity packs which make their website worth visiting. **http://www.saferinternet.org/online-issues**

Exciting new technology

It's great that our children are growing up in a society full of technology; they have so many more options to keep them occupied these days – not least on a long car journey where without them they would constantly be asking "are we nearly there yet?". However, any device capable of connecting to the internet poses the same dangers to our youngsters as an internet enabled PC, and much of the time they may be using them in their bedrooms without supervision. Please ensure that you are fully aware of their internet connectivity and if in doubt, visit the manufacturer's website for further information on security settings.

Take a look at this link if you are looking for another good reason to take their devices away after a comment such as "that's enough time on that for the time being!".
http://www.examiner.com/article/the-new-age-of-electronic-devices-like-smartphones-alters-sleep-children
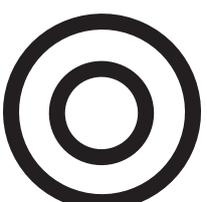
New Courses

Safeguarding in a digital world: eSafety for primary schools

> **Friday 6th March 2015, 9.30pm - 12.30pm**
> **Apsley 2, Hemel Hempstead**
> **course code: 14COM/011P Course cost: £72 (£82)**

> **Tuesday 10th March 2015, 9.30pm - 12.30pm**
> **Hertfordshire Development Centre at Robertson House, Stevenage**
> **course code: 14COM/010P Course cost: £72 (£82)**

Keeping children and young people safe online and teaching them about the appropriate and responsible use of the internet is an essential part of a school's safeguarding role. The proliferation of mobile devices over recent years means most children are online at home for an increasing amount of time, often in their rooms and away from any form of supervision. It's therefore never been more important that they are taught how to keep themselves safe from the risks that exist online.