

Safer Internet Day 2022

Article 17

Every child has the right to get information from a range of sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful.

On Tuesday 8th February and throughout this week, we joined other schools and organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day.

The theme this year was 'All Fun and Games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to discuss how to make the most out of their time online and ensure they were staying as safe as possible.

Below are some instructions, written by Mason in 3/4C on how to be respectful and have healthy relationships when online.

How to have a safe and respectful relationship when online.

Lots of adults and children love playing games online with their friends. You can play different modes and in some games you can change your avatar. However, it is very important to be kind, respectful and safe online. Follow these important instructions, so you can have a great time online.

What you need

- A device like a tablet, phone or a gaming console
- An internet connection
- Friends to play online with
- A game or app to play on
- A trusted adult

What you need to do

Firstly, do not do something online that you would not do in front of people.

For example, do not let anyone force you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Do not start fishing, catfishing, swearing or offending people online.

Make sure your parents know what game or app you're on.

Do not hide any conversations or apps away from your parents.

Flag it by quickly telling a trusted adult, teacher or your carer and ignore them and leave the game.

Check your privacy settings thoroughly, so that the settings are on private.

Be careful with hackers: they can hack you.

Make sure you get permission before you buy anything from a store.

Do not click on links in a game chat because it could lead to a link with inappropriate content.

Quickly, take a screenshot of anything that is worrying you.

After that, tell an adult.

Finally, follow these rules, so that you can have a great time online.

Children across the school took part in a range of discussions and activities around how to stay safe and respectful when gaming or interacting online.

Here is what the children had to say about their learning.

RC:

Logan: Don't say yes to a stranger in a game.

Heather: If someone says unkind things, you have to tell someone.

RP:

Elliott: Don't send a message that is rude to anyone.

Lilah: Always tell your parents.

IC

Luke: We made a poster in Computing about how to stay safe on the internet.

Bobby: Don't be mean on the internet.

IJ

Isabella: Don't go on anything you shouldn't because it is dangerous.

Jenson: Don't send nasty messages.

2B

Celina: Safer Internet Day is all about staying safe on the internet. You can use the internet for videos, maps and games. It's fun if you stay safe! It's important to always speak to a grown up you trust.

Matthew: I have made a spell. It is a Kinder, Safer Internet Spell.

2W

Abigail: We learnt how to stay safe on the internet, so we don't tell anyone our password.

Harry B: We learnt that if we are downloading an app, or getting something new on our devices, we need to ask a grown up, in case it uses real money.

3/4C

Oliver: If you see something bad online, then you have to tell an adult so you can stay safe online.

Rayarn: It's important to have Safer Internet Day because we learn how to stay safe online and on online games, I know what to do if someone is upsetting me or others.

3/4O

Ariell A: I liked helping the alien to stay safe on the internet. My top tip for him is to never share personal information or his real name.

Daniel L: I liked the little alien and how he wanted to learn about computer games. My top tip about gaming is to ask your parent's about the age rating and making sure it is appropriate for him to play.

3/4M

Willow: I know to keep personal information offline. I have enjoyed the activities through the week like writing the poem.

Fred: I loved doing our rap telling people how to stay safe online. Don't share passwords. Screenshot nasty messages and tell an adult.

5/6B

Elissa: I learnt that you should always be safe on the internet. You shouldn't tell people your personal information on the internet unless you know them.

Harrison: I found out that SMART is an acronym for staying safe online. I found it really enjoyable.

5/6R

Henry M: I liked how we learnt about how to be safe online using the letters SMART. I also enjoyed how it's dangerous to share your passwords or details with others online.

Gracie G: I enjoyed completing my work about information technology and I learnt that not all facts that you read on internet sites are true.

5/6D

Krishna: It is important for us to have Internet Safety Day because we need to know how to protect ourselves online.

Jack: If you see anything suspicious, you should tell a trusted adult straight away.

As I am sure you can appreciate with more and more children accessing the fantastic things the online world has to offer, teaching them how to keep themselves safe is increasingly important. Below are some websites which may be helpful in supporting your child to stay safe online.

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents) ([saferinternet.org.uk/parents](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents))
- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers) ([childnet.com/parents-and-carers](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers))
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](https://www.common Sense Media.com) ([commonsense.org](https://www.common Sense Media.com))
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/controls) ([internetmatters.org/controls](https://www.internetmatters.org/controls))
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP](https://www.ceop.police.uk) ([ceop.police.uk](https://www.ceop.police.uk))

As ever, if you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher/myself or Mrs N Miller, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs J Cameron

Computing Subject Lead