Tuesday 5th February 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Today is 'Safer Internet Day' and will be celebrated globally with the theme: **'Together for a Better Internet'.**

This event is co-ordinated in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre (https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/**). This is a yearly global event which helps promote the safe, positive and responsible use of digital technology for children. In school we will be celebrating the digitally connecting world we live in today, and we will also be raising awareness of the issues children may face online.

Parents and carers can help to create a better internet by:

- being aware of, and following, age restriction guidelines.

- developing and maintaining an open and honest dialogue with their children about their online lives.

- helping children to deal with any concerns or issues regarding their online activities.

- looking for positive opportunities to engage with their children online.

- modelling positive online behaviours themselves.

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to promote the positive uses of digital technology and highlight the role we all play in creating a better and safer online community. This provides an excellent opportunity to discuss the internet with your child, find out what their favourite things about the internet are and what they think will improve the internet. You could ask them to share some online safety tips with you. This will help you find out what they are aware of regarding online safety and will help identify areas where you can provide some extra support.

Below are some of the online resources that parents can use to help children with online safety. These websites also have many useful ideas to help parents manage the time their children spend online and ensure the content their children are exposed to is age appropriate. These links can also be found on the schools website.

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ - Online safety tips, advice and resources to help children stay safe online.
https://nationalonlinesafety.com/ - Educational resources for Online Safety.
https://www.net-aware.org.uk/ - Your guide to the Social Networks your child/ren may use.
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ - Advice on using popular websites and how to stay safe online.
https://www.childnet.com/resources - E-safety resources, activities, games, films and advice.

Kind Regards,
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