

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER: January 2020

Welcome to the January issue of our e-safety newsletter. In addition to our weekly ICT lessons, we wish to highlight relevant areas of online safety to help support parents and children in essential digital skills inside and outside the classroom.

Actions for Parents

Safer Internet Day (11th Feb 2020) is designed to empower young people to take control of their digital lives. For 2020 the UK Safer Internet Centre are putting the focus on online identity and asking young people to consider whether they and their peers are truly free to be themselves online.

To help parents and carers, Safer Internet Day have created a range of resources about online safety. This pack includes activities, conversation starters and information to help parents and carers talk to their children about how to navigate the issue of online identity in a digital age in a safe, responsible and respectful way.

All the resources can be found here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Critical Thinking Hot Topic

Childnet International have recently launched a new 'Hot Topic' page, designed with parents in mind.

Information online comes in many forms – news articles, video content, blogs, information pages and more. Before the internet, the challenge was finding what we needed. Now we are now faced with such a volume of content that the challenge has become sifting through it and working out what is accurate and useful.

Their new hot topic includes information about what critical thinking is, when it can be important as well as tailored advice for parents of – follow the links below:

- [3-7 year olds](#)
- [7-11 year olds](#)

During a recent visit to SkillZONE, the children attended an internet safety session. Many of the children reported how much they enjoyed the resource. As a result, it is now bookmarked on the school laptops and here's the link if you want to access at home: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Top Tips: Security

Regularly install updates and patches for your operating system, applications and antivirus solution. This minimises the risk of attackers exploiting known vulnerabilities.

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