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Safer Internet Day 2023

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day – a day for Hardy Mill to celebrate all of our learning about staying safe online and being a great digital citizen. While we strive to be safe online every single day, it's great to shine a light on the best ways to promote online safety in school and share any new apps or resources to support parents and families in the digital world. The internet is a wonderful resource and using it safely ensures we get the most out of the digital world. The UK Safer Internet Centre have created a page especially for parents to help you support children at home too: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

What's happening at Hardy Mill?

In school, we'll be following the Safer Internet Day theme, 'Want talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Teachers have spoken to pupils about what they'd like to know about being safe online, to ensure we're answering those burning questions to promote our digital citizenship. We'll be creating a whole-school display board (outside Rostron class) which will be filled with activities from our discussions in class.



Parentzone

One go-to website to support parents with navigating the digital world is the Parentzone website – made by parents, for parents. It provides a wealth of useful information, from a library of guides to understand online games and apps, to blogs where you can ask other parents questions about keeping your children safe online. Scan the QR code to the left to visit Parentzone.





Meet Ollee!

Parentzone and Children in Need have created a digital friend, Ollee to help children stay safe online and help parents to support their children as they navigate through the challenges of the digital world. It's free to sign up, scan the QR code to make an expert friend who's available to chat and answer questions any time.



Common Sense Media

The internet is full of new and fabulous apps and websites, but it's tough to work out which ones are appropriate for children. Common Sense Media have their own experts, alongside parent and child reviews to let you know how new apps and websites rate. It's a useful tool to gauge if content is appropriate – check it out!

Screen Time Agreements

While devices can be invaluable for helping with homework, keeping in touch with family, gaming and streaming, ground rules can really help to make sure technology doesn't take over. LGFL have created a template for screen time agreements which could be really useful: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

Who else can parents talk to?

There are hundreds of organisations available to support parents with the best ways to promote online safety for children, here are a few useful ones:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Who can children reach out to?

With all of our online safety and digital citizenship work in school, our children know where they can find help if something gives them that 'butterfly feeling' when something doesn't quite feel right online! We teach children to:

- Tell a trust adult, either in school or at home
- Take a screen shot of what makes them uncomfortable
- To report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable

If children would like to speak to someone else, [Childline](#) is always available to support them online or by calling 0800 1111.

