ONLINE SAFETY: STAFF BRIEFING

This is a termly staff briefing produced by Knowsley CLCS which is designed to update school practitioners with some of the latest research and resources to support the delivery of online safety in schools.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally on the 11th February 2020 with the theme: **Together for a better internet**. More information available here: https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020

Whilst we encourage Online Safety to be taught all year round, we do celebrate SID and it's fantastic that so many of you do too! If you use the link above then UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a whole range of resources for all age categories for you to use in the classroom. We've come up with some ideas for you too….

1. Use iPads? We use the app 'Charades! Kids' to create a custom game all about online safety, it could introduce new words to the children such as 'phishing' or 'digital footprint' or reinforce their learning from the lesson such as 'social media' and 'block'. The children will have lots of fun playing their games and could even come up with their own game!

2. Create an avatar - perhaps for the older children who are using social media, encourage them not to use a photograph of themselves by asking them to create their own free avatar of themselves using https://avatarmaker.com/.

3. Start with a story - Why not read a story such as #goldilocks (Vodafone) Dot or Chicken Clicken and base your activities around that? The Education People have produced a blog with some example books and classroom ideas here: https://www.theeducationpeople.org/blog/online-safety-storybooks/

4. Gaming or Gambling lesson idea (8 11 year olds) – Parent Zone and GambleAware have produced a resource pack designed to help teachers educate children about the risks of Gaming and Gambling (stemming from loot boxes). The resource pack contains films (MP4), a quiz and a lesson plan for 8-11-year-olds:
https://parentzone.org.uk/webform/gamingorgambling

Promote the day on Social Media:
Does your school have a Twitter and/or FaceBook account? This useful document contains tweets/updates that you can release throughout the day: https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/documents/167024/4177959/ SID2020_SocialMediaPlan_FINAL.pdf/

Other resources we've found this term:

Childnet Film competition

This competition is open to all UK schools and invites young people aged 7-18 to take on the challenge of creating a short film. More information available here:

https://www.childnet.com/resources/ film-competition/2020

Digital Parenting magazine 2020

You can download the PDF version or order up to 500 copies (FOR FREE). Order here:

https://www.vodafone.co.uk/ digital-parenting-order-form/ index.htm

Guidance for Teaching online safety in schools

Have you seen this document? It was released in June 2019 and supports schools in teaching their pupils how to stay safe online, within new and existing school subjects. Available to download here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/ uploads/attachment_data/file/811796/Teaching_online_safety_in_school.pdf