



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen Excalibur Primary School taking part in **Safer Internet Day**. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** ([www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)), and this year's theme was "Be the Change: Unite for a better internet." E-Safety is a huge part of the Computing curriculum and the whole school took part in various different age appropriate activities on the day.

Reception and Key Stage 1 focused on personal information, looking at what it is and the importance of keeping it private. Each class recorded their own personal information and put it into a safe, secure box which represented them keeping their details private. The classes also watched some of the CEOP videos such as Hector's World which re-enforced this message.

Key Stage 2's focus was on gaming and in particular, making age appropriate choices. Each class learned all about the PEGI ratings, thinking about why games have these ratings, who decides the rating and how the game gets its rating before being sold in the shops. The children then had to match different games to the PEGI age rating they thought it had - this was very interesting and really got the children talking about why certain games are only suitable for older players. Some classes took this one step further by making posters to encourage others to make age appropriate choices. Year 6 decided that they would like to make some posters to encourage parents and carers to check the PEGI rating before buying their children games because they are the people who buy them. Look out for the posters in the ICT suite!

The assemblies on the day focused on, "The Power of Image". Reception and Key Stage 1 were introduced to Smartie the penguin who found a picture online which upset him. The children were brilliant and helped Smartie to make the right choice about what to do. We talked about the importance of telling an adult that we trust if we see anything that upsets. Key Stage 2 focused on taking photos and we discussed the importance of asking people's permission before taking and sharing their image. They learnt how fast an image can travel in 24 hours (as far as Australia and New Zealand!) if it is posted on a public site. This then led us into talking about privacy settings.

Years 4, 5 and 6 have also taken part in bCyberwise workshops run by the Life Education Van.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding keeping safe online, please look on the school website for information and links to sites such as CEOP and the NSPCC's site, net aware. Key Stage 2 parents and carers will also receive a "Share Aware" leaflet kindly donated to us by the NSPCC.

Yours Faithfully

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