



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), and this year's theme was "Play your part for a better internet." Childnet International, who form part of the UK Safer Internet Centre, have produced various informative documents to support parents and carers which will be available on our school's website under the E-Safety, Safer Internet Use section.

Key Stage 1 and 2 assemblies were led by Kristen and Lewie in Year 5, our E-Safety officers. They delivered an informative assembly all about how to be safe online including discussing the latest apps and games that we know a lot of Excalibur's children are accessing and playing. There was a particular focus on the age-appropriateness of certain games and apps, helping the children to understand what they should and should not be accessing. The children were shown a website called Net Aware, provided by the NSPCC, which provides guidance on many popular apps including recommended age ratings and top tips. There is a link on our website to this fantastic resource if you would like to find out more. (<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>)

As our E-Safety officers, Kristen and Lewie have launched a competition for the best E-Safety poster and they will be going into different classes over the coming months to deliver more presentations all about what they learnt about keeping safe online from the Cheshire Police workshop they attended. They will also be available for children to go to for advice or guidance and they have received training to help them deal with such queries effectively.

Each class has spent some time this week discussing how to be safe online and have watched different videos from the CEOP website to help them understand the importance of internet safety. There has been a real focus on thinking about how the children use the internet in positive and safe ways as the internet is a very powerful and valuable resource. As the theme for this year's Safer Internet Day was - "Play your part for a better internet", each class has made a pledge for what they are going to do to play their part. You will be able to view these pledges on the Excalibur website and within the school's ICT suite.

Attached to this letter is a Safer Internet Day heart like those that the children have filled in with their pledges. As a school, we thought it would be fantastic if you, as parents and carers, could make a pledge for how you are going to support your child at home in helping them to be safer online. It might be accessing the E-Safety section of Excalibur's website to familiarise yourselves with the latest information or helping your child to produce their E-Safety poster. Whatever the pledge, we want to hear about it! These can be handed into the office and they will be displayed alongside the children's pledges within school.

Yours Faithfully

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