E-Safety Newsletter Issue 3

Welcome to our e-safety newsletter for Parents. We hope you find the information useful and informative.

E Safety Competition Winners

On Safer Internet Day we ran a competition to design your own robot. Children had to draw a picture of the robot and describe what it did and how it was programmed. Parents and class committee members that attended the E-Safety Committee Meeting were asked to help choose a winner from each class. The winners are:

Indiana Schickle	Class 1	Maci Warren	Class 6
Lewis Melton	Class 2	Thomas Melton	Class 7
Lucy Connell	Class 3	Marley Heard	Class 8
Preston Smith	Class 4	Alex Panayides	Class 9
Poppy Halls	Class 5		

Is your Child Safe Online?
E-Safety Presentation to Parents

We have arranged for two guest speakers – John and John, to come into school on 7th June 2017 from 7.00-9.00pm to talk to parents about lots of aspects of e-safety. When you think about Stranger Danger are you thinking of a white van outside a school or a man with a dog that has just had puppies?

In 2017 the Danger of Strangers to our children has never been more profound and has never been more removed from the lessons we learnt growing up. There is a complex web of reasons why children subject to online sexual exploitation will not disclose to us. This is as a result of grooming techniques used by paedophiles but more alarmingly is worsened by our current approach both as teachers and parents. John and John, two police officers, wrote, produced and have been presenting, the 'Walk Online' roadshow in Southend and Thurrock. To date this has been seen by over 14000 children. Throughout March last year they presented an updated version of the Roadshow for the Thurrock Safeguarding Children's Board which was seen by all year 5, 10 and 11 students in the District.

Over the past 3 years John and John have been key speakers at numerous major events including the Essex Headteachers conference, Essex Deputy Headteachers conference, the Essex Safeguarding Children's Board conference and the Rape Crisis conference. At the end of the event we believe you will have a much greater understanding of what children are doing online and will have a much better chance of keeping them safe. They will be covering many new and emerging apps that have appeared over the last year.

The aim of this event is to change your perspective of what our children's lives look like online and to make you challenge many of your current thought processes when trying to keep children safe from today's hidden harms.

NSPCC Safe Apps

The NSPCC website offers a facility that parents can use to find out more information about specific social media tools, websites, apps and games. To access the facility follow the instructions below.

1. Open your internet browser
2. Go to www.nspcc.org
3. Click on Services and Resources
4. Select Share Aware Resources
5. Scroll down and click on How Safe Are These Apps?
6. Type in the name of the app, tool or game, i.e. minecraft

This site will then give you a variety of information about the app including the recommended age range, and children's view about it.