Woodlands Academy

Together We Achieve

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

RE: Safer Internet Day

Dear parents/carers,

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. The theme for 2022 is **'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.'**

The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how can we help children and young people separate fact from fiction? From gaming and chat to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming or creating content, or communicating with their friends/peers.

Working together, schools and parents/carers can help educate children so they can decide what to trust online and question the reliability of information accessible online. Safer Internet Day challenges everyone to play their part in fostering supportive and respectful relationships online. Young people will be empowered to help create a better internet for all, using it positively to communicate and creating positive change in online groups when bullying behaviour arises.

We often hear about the negative impact that the internet and new technology has on young people, but on Safer internet Day we want to provide children with the skills to help young people have a positive time online. Parents and carer play a crucial role in supporting children to assess the risks online and safely make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. The most important thing you can do is to have a conversation and stay engaged with your children's digital lives.

On Monday 7th February we will be having a launch assembly with the pupils of Woodlands in school. Throughout the week, children will be discussing the importance of keeping themselves and others safe online. We hoped to run a parent workshop but due to local restrictions still in place around Covid numbers we are unfortunately unable to run this workshop in person at the present time. We plan to do an e safety workshop for parents in the Summer Term.

We have created a **brand new online safety website for parents** which you can access through our school website, with a huge range of information about keeping children safe online. Visit it by clicking here: https://sites.google.com/woodlands.ealing.sch.uk/e-safety/what-is-online-safety

Thank you for your support.

Any questions please come and ask.

Yours sincerely,
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