

Dear Parents / Carers

This is the next of a half-termly letter that we are sending home to keep you informed about online safety.

At school we follow a program called 'I-Vengers'. This involves children from throughout school helping each other to keep up to date with the latest news. This year's group, pictured below, gave a talk to the school on Tuesday about how to stay safe online. This linked in nicely with some of the websites mentioned below.



I-vengers



We also subscribe to a newsletter from Alan Mackenzie. He always has lots of ideas to help keep everyone safe online. This month he has suggested the following websites: -

For Parents - Gaming

We all know that gaming is a hugely popular activity for a number of different reasons, e.g. socialisation, coping mechanism, skill building and much more. Many games are not appropriate for children and plenty of parents struggle with this. Internet Matters have put a guide together which details some alternative games beyond the most popular ones and promoting gaming as a family affair. There are games from 3+ upwards so there's something for everyone.



For Parents - Video Games and Reading

As much as people talk about the negatives of gaming, games playing can be hugely beneficial in many ways such as teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and so much more, including reading. This is particularly true for those children who are reluctant to read or who are struggling. Andy Robertson from Ask About Games has put together a great little selection of games.



TikTok Guardian's Guide

According to our latest survey, Tik Tok is now really popular amongst our children. There have been quite a few updates to Tik Tok over recent months so have a look at this updated guide for parents which includes family paring, digital wellbeing, privacy and more.



Yours sincerely,
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