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Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February

Today in school we have had a whole school assembly in celebration of Safer Internet Day.

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year the day covers an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline





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Helping our children stay safe online is paramount and every computing lesson taught in school begins with an online safety focus. However, over the next week we will be challenging the children to talk about their use of the internet with their class, family and friends. We will also be celebrating their favourite things to do online, but also what can happen when things go wrong and how we feel when we see things changing online. Additionally, all of the children will be watching and discussing the following videos about Safer Internet day, we would encourage you to also watch them yourself so you can support your children with this important topic at home as well. <http://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

We have also launched a competition for children to creatively respond to Safer Internet Day 2024, this could be in the form of a poster or even a video/PowerPoint which can be sent into school to following email address – *admin@oldbasford.nottingham.sch.uk*. There will be a winner chosen from each year group.

We also thought it was the perfect time to remind the children about using apps and websites appropriate for their age range.

Minimum Age Ratings of Apps and Social Media Sites

Age 13 - X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest, Discord, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, Tik Tok, BeReal, Habbo, Kik and Houseparty

Age 16 – WeChat, WhatsApp, Vimeo, Flickr





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PEGI Ratings

PEGI age ratings are systems that are used to ensure that entertainment content, such as games, films, tv shows or mobile apps, are labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on the content they have.

Examples of Apps	PEGI Rating
 <p>FIFA Mobile Football</p>	<p><i>This game has received a PEGI 3. Suitable for all ages.</i></p>
 <p>Minecraft Pocket edition</p>	<p><i>This game has received a PEGI 7 because it features mild violence that lacks any apparent harm or injury to fantasy or mythical beings and creatures, non-realistic looking violence towards characters which, although human, are not very detailed, and pictures or sounds likely to be scary to young children. Not suitable for persons under 7 years of age.</i></p>
 <p>Roblox</p>	<p><i>This game has received a PEGI 7 because it features frequent scenes of mild violence and scenes that younger children may find frightening. Not suitable for persons under 7 years of age.</i></p>
<p>Among Us</p> 	<p><i>This game has received a PEGI 7 because it features mild violence. Not suitable for persons under 7 years of age</i></p>
<p>YouTube Kids</p> 	<p><i>This app has been rated PEGI 3 and contains no pertinent content</i></p>





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For more information on PEGI ratings please visit [PEGI Ratings | VSC Rating Board \(videostandards.org.uk\)](#) and for information on child friendly apps visit [Child-friendly apps your children will enjoy - Internet Matters](#). Please remember children may be able to access games that are not age appropriate through websites or apps which are marketed as appropriate such as Roblox. Please also be mindful that merchandise linked to these apps may encourage children's interest in games which are not suitable for their age range e.g. Among Us.

Lastly, the East Midlands Special Operations Unit are hosting a free webinar on **Tuesday 6th February 2024 - 7pm** on how you can keep your children safe online. You can sign up via the link <https://www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk/webinars>.

For more information on Safer Internet Day please see the following websites:
<https://staysafeonline.org/resources/online-safety-basics/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Thank you for your on-going support in keeping our children safe online.

Mrs Black and Mrs Baguley – Computing Leaders

