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#### Newsletter 19

### Monday 6th February 2023

As usual, we will be using the month of February as a time to focus and reminding pupils about keeping themselves safe when they are on the internet. As you will be aware the world of technology continues to develop at an incredible pace and as educators we need to respond to the challenges that new technology brings.



Can you guess the age and gender? (see overleaf)

Top site to support parents *internetmatters.org* 

## Top Tips for Parents to ensure Safer Internet Use

- Talk to your child about their favourite websites. Starting a conversation on a positive foot can lead nicely into a chat about online safety.
- Many parents check the history on their computers at home. They should also remember to check the history on their **child's phone and gaming console.**
- If your child loves to use social networking sites, teach them about protecting their personal information by thinking about what they are sharing and who they are sharing it with. Show them how to use privacy settings, and how to block and report and advise them to only accept friend requests from people they know in real life.
- Remember that many social networking sites are not appropriate for primary school aged children. This includes Facebook and TikTok.
- There are lots of ways you can advise your child about cyberbullying. If they are worried, remind them to save the evidence and to always tell an adult they trust if something upsets them online.
- There are ways in which you can help to prevent your child from seeing inappropriate content online. Have you considered parental controls and filtering in your home and also on your children's portable internet enabled devices?



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According to his social media accounts he was a 13 year old girl. 51 children were abused after being befriended by him.

Do you really know what your children are up to?

71% of primary school children are allowed on the internet with no or little adult supervision.
15% of children between the age of 10 to 17 have been contacted via the internet for sexual intent\*
73% of children report seeing or hearing somebody being nasty while gaming
Various research projects link anxiety, unhappiness and lack of sleep with under 12 years activity on social websites, including TikTok.

\* NCMEC

Science Open Day Afternoon On Friday 10th February between 2:15pm to 3:00pm in the Holt Hall, there will be some examples of the science work the children have been doing throughout the week. We hope you can pop in and have a look.





Often the first sign of Spring being on its way is when the first shoots of our crocuses and daffodils start to appear, which were all planted by the children.

You might not know that if you look carefully, outside the Year Two classes the daffodils spell Wembrook, .

Can parents be wary of where they walk so that the children's hard planting is not affected. Can parents also keep a close eye on younger children who can be tempted to pick them! Thank you.

# Scooters and the very young

Can parents of our youngest pupils along with siblings who are not in school, please ensure that once you are on the school site no child is on their scooter or bike.

This does include Nursery children who only do half a day.



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We were recently informed that one of our ex-pupils has just been accepted by Oxford University. If you have any stories about ex-pupils, we would love to hear them. Whether it be academical, business or acts of kindness it would be great to be informed.