

Online Safety Update - March 2023

Welcome to the latest Online Safety Newsletter. I have included some information about a free online safety app you can download and an exciting event we will be holding in school.

In the most recent assembly I held with the school, I spoke to the pupils about being 'SMART' when online. SMART is a acronym for Safe, Meet, Accepting, Reliable and Tell. It is a fantastic way for children and adults to discuss and talk about online safety. I was very proud of the pupils who came up to me during the school day to tell me what SMART meant.

I read an article recently which mentioned that parents are concerned about not being able to help or understand what their child is talking about when they are sharing worries or concerns with them when they have been online. The NSPCC have produced a guide to help parents with this:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

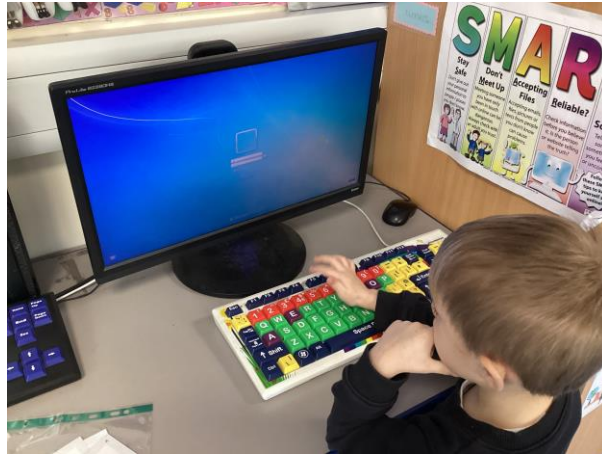
Happy Easter!

Regards

Mr Chaplin

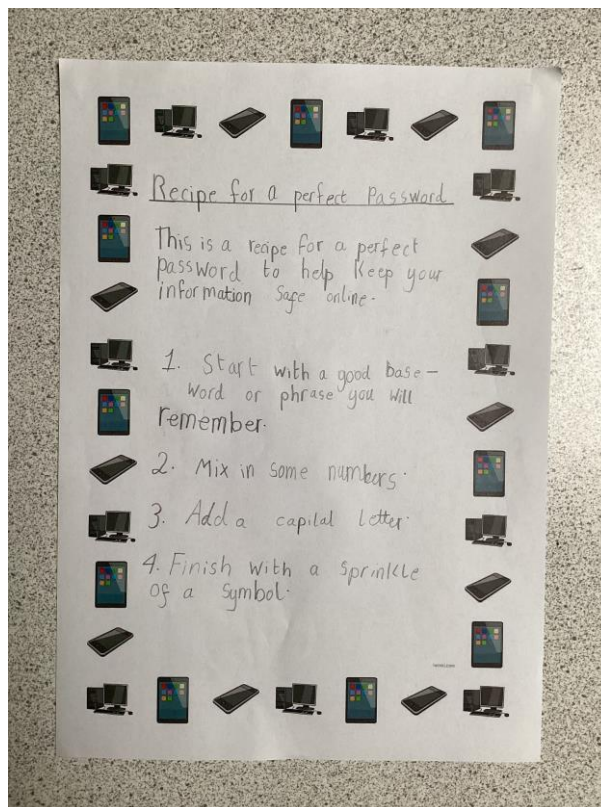
A Focus On....

Early Years Foundation Stage



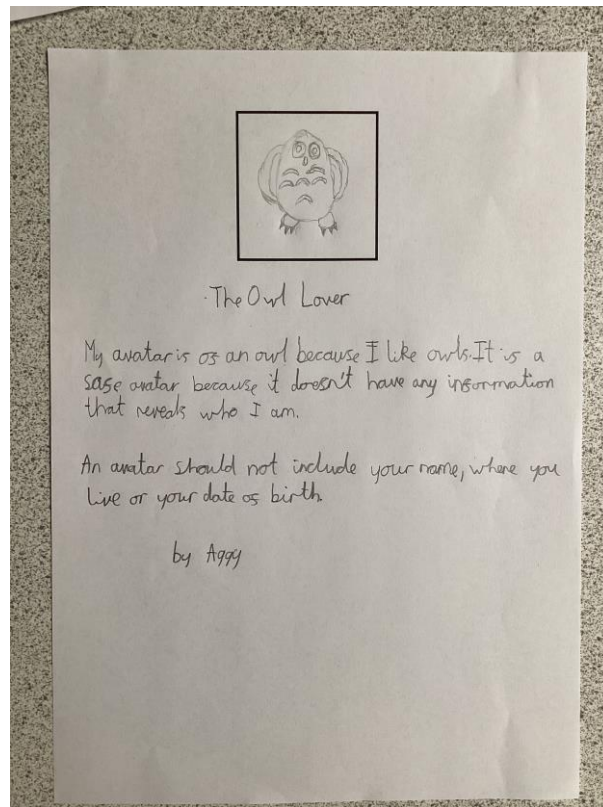
The pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage have recently been learning to log into the computers in school. They have demonstrated a fantastic understanding of the importance of having a username. Well done to everyone for their hard work!

Year 1 and Year 2



In Years 1 and 2, the pupils have been learning about how to create secure passwords. Well done to Elsie for writing this wonderful recipe on the importance of including symbols, numbers and capital letters.

Year 3 and Year 4



The pupils in Years 3 and 4 have been creating their own avatars and ensuring that the image they use does not display any personal information. They have also thought carefully about the names they use to represent themselves when online. Well done, Agatha. You demonstrated a lot of thought when designing and naming your avatar.

Year 5 and 6

Safe Gaming

Dear Fraiser,

I am warning you about what might happen when you game. First look at the PEGI ratings, (age ratings) If it's older than you, don't play it. Sometimes if the game is realistic and you have to kill to win, the age rating is higher. If you play it when you're younger you might want to do it in real life. If there's a bully or a teacher, block them because they might say rude things to you and make you upset.

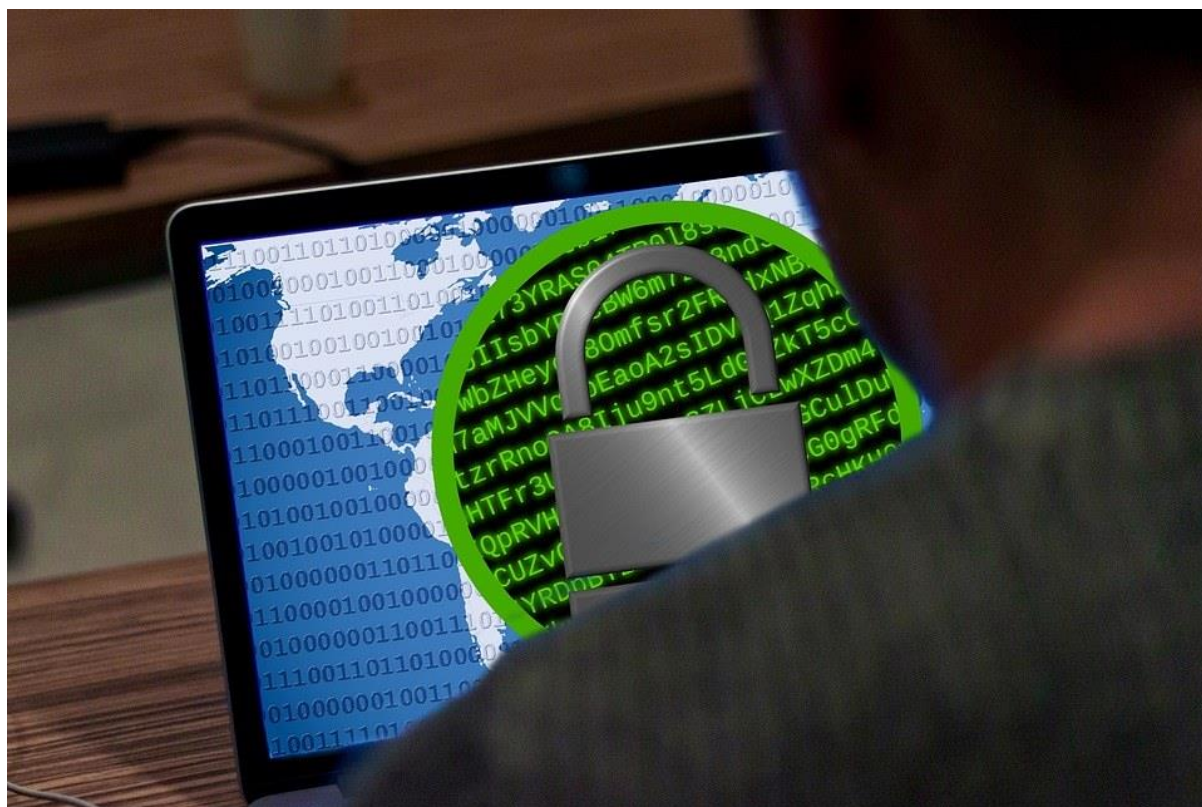
Grooming is a thing people use to meet up. They will behave all nice and innocent. When you trust them, they will make a plan to meet up but then they will abuse you. Also in 'Grooming', they will buy you presents and gifts to gain your trust. If someone is being horrible to you, tell a trusted adult or call childline. If you don't know childline's number, ask an adult or it will be at the back of a magazine.

Some games have settings to block bully's so if you encounter a bully, block them or report them.

From Frankie

In Years 5 and 6, the pupils have been learning about the PEGI ratings and how to keep themselves safe when talking to others. Well done to Frankie who wrote this fantastic letter!

On the Internet - free Book



Childnet have produced a new book called 'On the Internet'. It is designed for children over the age of four and it is free to download. The story talks about all the different activities you can do on the internet. It provides a great introduction to the internet and fantastic topics to talk about and discuss. At the end of the book, there are some puzzles which you can complete with your child.

Click [here](#) to download the book for free.

A reminder....

You can speak to your internet provider for help and guidance when setting up parent controls:

[Sky](#)

[Virgin Media](#)

[BT](#)

An overview of other companies can be found by clicking [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!



I am really pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming The 2 Johns, from eSafety Training, to the school on Friday 23rd June between 10am and 11:30am. They will providing a free talk to parents about how you can help to keep your child safe when they are online.

You can find more out about The 2 Johns by clicking [here](#).

Further details will be released in due course.

Digital Parenting Pro

I have mentioned a how you can contact your internet provider for guidance on how to set up parental controls. Vodafone has released Digital Parenting Pro, which provides guidance on how to set up parental controls for different apps, devices and games.

Click [here](#) and scroll down to explore.

National Online Safety - App

National Online Safety provides a range of online safety resources to parents and schools. They have now collated the information into an app with you can download free of charge. Within the app, there are a range of guides and videos on popular apps and games to help you keep up to date on the latest games and apps. The app is regularly updated with new content and features.

You can download the app by visiting their app store and searching for National Online Safety. More information can be found by clicking [here](#).
