



14th February 2020

Assemblies: The 11th of February was Safer Internet Day. During our Internet Safety week, the children have been learning how the internet can be a great place but we also need to make sure we know how to stay safe. Mrs McCormick's class led the two assemblies and explained clearly how we can work together to create an internet that is:

- Free to be creative
- Free to be different
- Free to feel safe
- Free to expect respect
- Free to ask for help

Mrs McCormick's class also spoke about **online identity** and how people are not always who they appear to be online. It is very important we keep our identity safe online.

Please speak to your child about what they have learned this week. **UK Safer Internet Centre** has lots of advice for parents. One of the messages they give is to 'Spend some time with your child looking at, or interacting with, the things they do online. Talk about both the positive and negative aspects of being online, and empower your child with safe choices they can make - instead of overwhelming them with restrictions.'

	Making an effort with home and class work.	Creative Writing Award	Headteacher Awards	Other achievements
P1	Anthony Best, Alanna Ferris, Holly Bingham	Maci Burns, Delilah Mogeey and Sophie Byers	Ryan Lonergan for always following school rules.	
P2	Pearse McDonagh, Sean McGarry and Lewis Barkley	Zara Maynes, Logan McGeough, Shane McMullan and Ryan Callaghan	Abbey Johnston for her amazing 'fantastic walking'	
P3	Rudi Hawthorne, Aivah Floyd, Riley Woods and Michael Kinnaird McKernan	Olivia Teesdale, Tayler O'Hara and Caoimhe Duffy	Michael Kinnaird McKernan for his independent writing and putting a huge smile on Ms Mulholland's Face.	Tayler O'Hara for Acting. Riley Woods for Gaelic.
P4	Kaci McKenna, Rachel Larkin and Alisha McKenna	Orlaith Collins, Jodie Reynolds and Jodi Graham	Cara Markey McCrory for being such a diligent worker.	Kaci McKenna for Irish Dancing
P5	Sophie Griffen, Afraa Mharik and Oisin Reid	Aidan Ward, Maurica L'estrange and Dylan Whelan	Hollie Brown for being such a delight to teach.	Sophie O'Rourke for Irish Dancing. Lara McCusker for Lyrical Dancing.
P6	Conor Fitzsimons, Ryan McGivern and Caolan Cosgrave Gallagher	Lewis Jago, Carla Boyle and Sean Ryan	Clodagh Morrison for her beautiful singing and being so helpful in choir.	


P7	Odhran Steele, Madison Reid, Gary Allen and Ryan Hunte	Adam Tierney, Caolan Hunter, Caoimhin Morrison and Conal McConville	Caoimhin McKernan for trying really hard in class with all his work.	Alyssa O'Hara for Acting.
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REMINDER: SCHOOL IS CLOSED FROM 17-21 FEB FOR MID-TERM, ALL BACK ON 24 FEB

This week's whole school focus was **Legendary lining up on corridors and in the yard**

Golden Tickets: Aaron McConnell, Summer Brackenridge, Caitlin O'Neill, Jake Lynn, Stephen McCleave, Danny Power, Amelia Hall, Caoimhe Kane, Daire Johnston, Lucy Mulholland, Kacie McCashin, Stephen Thompson-McGowan, Hannah McVeigh and Aidan Ward.

Happy Birthday to: Ruby Whelan-Christie, Ethan Monaghan, Shauna McMenamin, Owen McCann, Connor McDonnell, Caoimhe Slane, Sophia Mallon, Caoimhe Duffy, Kieran Richmond, Alisha Taggart, Jamie Young, Logan Early, Caoimhe Hamill, Dillon Kal, Elliott Mulholland, Sean McAllister.




Parents and Carers

Exploring identity online


Fun things to do (with younger children)


The activities below provide suggestions of fun and engaging activities that you can do with younger children to help them think about being safe and positive online:



Smartie the Penguin (Ages 3-7)
Childnet's Smartie the Penguin story highlights the importance of always telling a trusted adult if you are unsure about something online or when using technology. The story can be downloaded/read for free and there are also free colouring pages and fun activity suggestions to help reinforce the messages of the story.
www.childnet.com/smartie


Digiduck's Stories (Ages 3-7)
The Digiduck collection has been created to help parents and carers educate children aged 3-7 about online safety. The collection includes a ebooks, PDFs, a poster and an interactive app. Follow Digiduck and his pals in these stories of friendship, responsibility and critical thinking online.
www.childnet.com/digiduck






Safer Internet Day 2020 films
Our Safer Internet Day films provide a great way to start a discussion with children about how the internet makes them feel and what tips they have about staying safe. Some of the videos are aimed at younger children and can be watched on the UK Safer Internet Centre website or on YouTube (Search: UKSIC).
www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-films



The Adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART crew (Ages 7-11)
Five cartoons for children on how to stay safe online. Each cartoon covers one of the five SMART rules which help children to make positive and safe online choices for themselves and their friends.
www.childnet.com/sara






Childnet primary pages (Ages 8-11)
On the Childnet website you can find a range of information pages specifically designed for children aged 8-11 years old. Each section answers some of the frequently asked questions we hear directly from young people and includes a quiz to review at the end.
Go to www.childnet.com/primary and choose 'Get Answers'.

Further resources and information:
Find tip tops, conversation starters and advice for supporting children online by visiting:

 www.saferinternetday.org.uk
 www.childnet.com



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