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Safer Internet Day 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Tuesday 6th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024.** Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. This year the campaign 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

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver alongside our weekly taught sessions.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, for the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

Portsmouth City are also launching a competition that links to the safer internet day theme. They would like posters, videos, reels, songs, podcasts (whatever you can think of) to support other children and young adults with making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online If your child is interested in entering, please see the attached information and scan the QR code to register. There are prizes for different age categories but please be aware that entries may be shared on the city-wide social media platforms.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, myself, or Mrs Geddes, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bishop Computing Lead