Online Safety Newsletter May 2023

I hope you are all well.

This is my May issue!

The Digital Leaders have been working hard on finishing their series of Internet Safety videos. We would like to share these on the school website when they are finished!

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

At Charlton, the children are taught the SMART targets which can be seen on the poster below:

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Trolling

I will use the definition the Cambridge University press states that trolling is 'the act of leaving an insulting message on the internet in order to annoy someone'

https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/trolling

There are many ways in which trolls can manifest on the internet and usually have large amount of followers.

Trolls usually affect the victim, and can make others feel saddened, isolated, bullied and other feelings that effect the victims well-being.

The best advice that I have seen from 'The Conversation website' is 'Please do not feed the trolls.'

Most trolls enjoy angling for the effect their comments or actions have on a person and this makes it impossible to trigger empathy from the trolls. This process is called 'negative social potency' where the trolls get satisfaction from causing hurt to others.

Did you know?

There are firms online who try to contest against trolls.

You can report (please find reporting links below).

Image from https://theconversation.com/dont-feed-the-trolls-really-is-good-advice-heres-the-evidence-63657

Did you know?

It is important to discuss trolling with your child and talk about why it is important to think about the other person they are commenting about/posting about.

www.Internetmatters.org

Remember:

Please monitor your children's internet use at all times when they are using devices- this includes messages too!

What to do if you need to report harmful content?

https://reportharmfulcontent.com/harmful-content-online-an-explainer/

Even though we use filters and parental controls, things still slip past the algorithms and may cause your child to be distressed or made to feel uncomfortable. It is vital that you report harmful content as this could save another child being subject to seeing or hearing inappropriate things online.

Please use the Report Harmful Content on the internet so that we can keep all families safe.

Safe search engines you can use at home!

- 1- Kidtopia.
- 2- Kid's Search Engine.
- 3- Kiddle.
- 4- DuckDuckGo.
- 5- GoGooligans.
- 6- KidRex.
- 7- Safe Search Kids.
- 8- KidzSearch.
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Helpful video and guidance to online safety for parents/carers.

https://youtu.be/nQ7TYRYoF4M

Helpful websites for you:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/

https://www.childnet.com/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

If you have any questions or need any advice about internet safety. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes Mrs Morton.