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Safer Internet Day



Although we address online safety throughout the year, we will be marking Safer Internet Day, taking place next Tuesday. The theme this year is:

"Together for a Better Internet"

Our Early Years children will be having age appropriate discussions about staying safe on the internet and when to spot when something doesn't look right.

Key Stage 1 will be bringing home a 'Safe to Share' sheet. We would like this to be discussed and completed at home, thinking about what images, messages etc are safe and great to share. Our aim is to teach the children how to use devices safely, rather than not using them at all.

Key Stage 2 will be engaging in an online workshop with Manchester City in the Community.



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COMMUNITY**

**Safer Internet Day
Online Workshop**



Outdoor Learning

As part of our Outdoor Learning curriculum, Year 3 were out and about this week taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. Using their spotting guides, they discovered that blackbirds, robins, crows and pigeons are the most common birds on our school site. Their findings will be submitted for the national survey.



Drinks in School

We have noticed that some children are bringing the energy drink 'Prime' to school. We only allow water as a drink to have during the day. Squash or juice can be brought to have with a packed lunch. Some children are bringing in empty 'Prime' bottles to hold water.



Please do not send these in and use a plain, named water bottle. Any bottles of Prime will be disposed of in school.



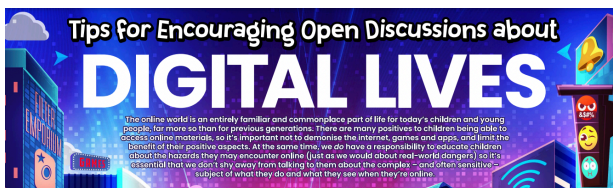
Our Local Trees

You may have noticed that a large number of trees on Wilmslow Road have been wrapped in ribbons. This is to draw attention to the proposed felling of the trees in order to create a cycle track in this area. It has been brought to my attention that there is a petition you can sign which is available on the Stockport Council website. In response to this however, further information has been released regarding the proposal and the background behind it. I have attached this just for your information. It is of course, entirely your choice if you wish to add your name to the petition.



Staying Safe Online

The focus for this week is: 'Encouraging Open Discussions about Digital Lives'



There is some really useful advice around being open and honest, remaining calm, discussing everything we see online is not always real and creating a 'Family Agreement'. The A4 guidance can be found attached to this newsletter or by clicking [here](#).

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

WORLD
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Save the Date!

This year, World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 2nd March.

We are planning an exciting range of activities aimed to promote a love of reading and our current school focus of inclusivity. More details about this will be given nearer the time. After listening to what the children have asked, we will be including dressing up as part of the activities and I wanted to give you as much notice as possible! We really want to stress that dressing up does not mean buying special outfits or involve spending any money. If you click on this [link](#), you can find lots of easy costume ideas which can be created from what you may have at home or by re-purposing old dressing up costumes. We do ask however, that the characters are from books and not solely films.

Year 5 Play Tri-Golf

Our Year 5 children took part in a Stockport Tri-Golf tournament this week. They had a fantastic time, showing great resilience, teamwork, and enjoyment. They were really supportive of each other and made it through to the final!

