

Welcome to our autumn term copy of our online safety newsletter, the first one of this academic year.

More useful information and websites can be found on our school website at: <https://www.st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk/online-safety/>

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, comments or concerns you would like to discuss with us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The St Peter at Gowts Team



We love National Online Safety in school. The CPD and resources are brilliant for ensuring we are kept up to date with the latest developments and resources to deliver the best online safety curriculum possible.

We have already achieved the NOS accredited school award again this year. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have signed up and are already using the website.

If you haven't signed up already, please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-peter-at-gowts-ce-primary-school>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the 'Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and all the resources the site has on offer.

NOS publish weekly guides to support schools and parents with getting to know different apps, social media platforms and websites etc. We will retweet the guides each week so do keep an eye on the school Twitter accounts. These can also be found on the NOS website when you have created an account.

Online safety workshops with Dan Hawbrook

This week, Dan Hawbrook, from Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership, has visited our school to work with all the children from Year 2 to Year 6 and lead some very interesting and informative online safety workshops. We are keen to share the messages and resources with all parents and carers. Dan's workshops focused on the wonders of social media and how the children can keep themselves safe when using different platforms.



In Year 2, the children learnt lots of important online safety messages. Dan told them what to do if someone is unkind to them online and who the children should talk to. To finish their session, they created the hand of trust. They drew around their hands and on each finger they wrote down someone who they could talk to if they needed help.

In Year 3, the children explored information about themselves that they could share with others online and the things they shouldn't. For example, they could share their favourite food but not their address. To help them to understand this, they created their own secret identities!

In Year 4, the children explored what their moral compass is and how they should use it when being online. They considered different scenarios on the internet and how they would react. They then explored similar scenarios in real life and how they would react to these. It became clear that sometimes we act in a different way online compared to real life but really we should be acting in the same, respectful way in all of our interactions whether in real life or online.

In Year 5, the children learnt how to recognise if someone is a 'catfish' and how we can report anything that makes us feel unsafe or uncomfortable on the internet.

In Year 6, Dan spoke about selfies why we post these online. The children spent time exploring social media vs reality. This really opened some honest and reflective classroom discussions.

Dan also spoke about inappropriate messages – this could be any messages that make the someone feel uncomfortable. They discussed actions that could be taken if any of the children received a message that made them uncomfortable. This included ensuring they speak to a trusted adult, even if the situation makes them feel embarrassed. Dan reassured the children that honesty is always the best policy and that a trusted adult is there to support them.

We encourage all parents and carers to talk to their children about online safety. Further information and support can be found on the National Online Safety website and the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership website. They also have their own YouTube channel which contains brief videos parents and carers can engage in around parental controls, game ratings, grooming etc. This can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxMnZ02SI1AbtIhq-m3rrVQ>

The most recent online safety parental live stream from Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership can be accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrWJte5NAzw&t=148s>

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