Online Safety Council Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Danesholme Junior Academy
Online Safety Council
"Be SMART on the internet."

Welcome

Welcome to the second autumn term newsletter from Danesholme Junior Academy's online safety council. The council has been busy this term setting up safety guidelines around the school and taking part in Anti-Bullying Week.

SMART posters.

All the ambassadors created a safety poster to be displayed in their classroom or another central area in school. The posters ranged from illustrations to written advice.

SMART is a recognised acronym for online safety used to help children remember how to stay safe on the internet.
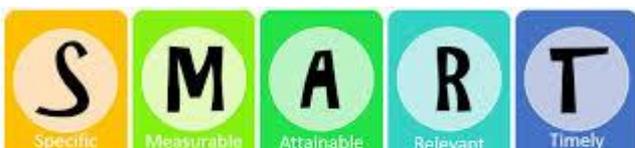
Safe – keep your personal information safe and secret.

Meeting – Never arrange to meet an online friend.

Accepting –Accepting emails from strangers can be dangerous.

Reliable – Think carefully before you believe everything on the internet.

Tell – Tell a trusted adult if anything or anyone makes you feel uncomfortable online.

Anti-bullying Week.

Anti-bullying week began on Monday 13th November. To promote awareness of cyberbullying the ambassadors came up with the idea of having an anti- cyber-bullying box in each year group. Ambassadors from each year decorated and covered shoeboxes with anti-cyberbullying messages and placed them in a central area within their year group. The ambassadors visited all the classes and explained to the children that the boxes were there for people to place advice, questions or worries in. Ambassadors have the responsibility of checking the boxes weekly and collecting any notes left.

Online Facts and Figures.

Figures published by the NSPCC state;

- One in three internet users are children.
- One in five, 8 – 11 year olds, have a social media profile.
- One in four children have been exposed to something upsetting on a social networking site.
- One in three children have been a victim of cyberbullying.
- Childline gave over 12,000 couselling sessions to young people last year who were having online issues. 2.100 of the sessions dealt with online child sexual exploitation.

The key is to know what your children are doing online and encourage open discussion about managing the risks. Equip yourself with the knowledge to help them do this. A website to help you is;

www.internetmatters.org/advice