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Safer Internet Day 2020! - The theme for this year's Safer Internet day was:

Free to be me – exploring identity online

Throughout the week activities we encouraged our learners to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others.

Discussion points included what makes up an online identity, how others perceive and interact with us, as well as how online services identify us. Older learners looked at whether the internet allows young people to experiment and express themselves, or if they feel limited in who they can be online.

By opening up conversations around online identity, you can inspire our young learners to support each other in being who they want to be.

Discussing online identity Key Stage1 children

Check out this section in DB Primary to find the resources used in class:

<https://littleealing-ealing.secure-dbprimary.com/ealing/primary/littleealing/arenas/computing-classteachertest/wiki/pages/saferinternetday2020/keystage1>

You will find 2 videos: 'What is the internet and What does my avatar say about me'. Also included is 'Digiduck's Famous Friend', a story that demonstrates, in a safe and age-appropriate way, that people online may not always be who they say they are, and that 'friends' made solely online are still strangers. It also reinforces the importance of keeping personal information safe.

Inappropriate apps for children – a reminder to be vigilant

Are we free to roam wherever we want on the Internet?

This question raised some interesting discussions. Learners admitted that they had lied to get access to apps they were too young for. Worryingly, all said they had parental consent. I am very concerned by a small minority of children who are accessing the app Tic Tok. A quick search of the risks associated with their app will reveal it is completely inappropriate for any pupil of LEPS. There is exposure to online predators and the content of the videos include drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content. Children I spoke to admitted if their parents knew what was on there they would not be allowed access. The minimum age requirement for Tic Tok is 13 for a reason.

Stay safe,

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