

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was Safer internet day.

At Budehaven we aim to take a holistic approach to E-safety embedding it across the curriculum and making it a priority throughout the year however we jumped in and got involved with Safer Internet day to help promote and celebrate all things internet this week.

The theme of this year's Safer Internet day was "Better together". Myself and Mr Francis delivered assemblies to all year groups to highlight key messages relating to this and computing teachers have been delivering specific lessons planned around this theme over the last fortnight.

On the day itself a group of Sixth Formers known as E-safety Lifeguards ran a drop in session at lunchtime and invited students to ask questions about anything E-safety related. This group of sixth formers also work hard throughout the year helping to inform planning and policies around E-safety.

Last week I also launched a competition encouraging students to develop an E-safety resource. I am pleased to say there were over 30 entries ranging from comic strips, posters and even a video entry. I have awarded house points to students who entered and they should be receiving certificates via their form tutors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share a useful E-safety tool with you. The tool which has been developed by South West Grid for Learning (SWGFL) is called "Report harmful content online". It has been designed to:

- Provide information on community standards
- Give advice on how to report problems
- Mediate where appropriate or explain why content hasn't been removed
- Provide assistance in removing harmful content from platforms

There are two main sections on the website:

- **Report** – allows you to follow a wizard of instructions to help you resolve your problem.
- **Advice** - Helps you with information on current up-to-date topics relating to online activities.

I have added this link to the E-safety section on the schools website and student homepage but it can also be accessed by clicking this link :

<https://reportharmfulcontent.online/>

As always if you have any questions or concerns regarding E-safety please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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