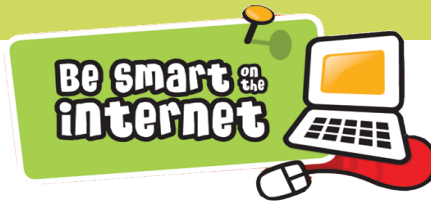


# St Ethelwold's VA School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



We had a Digital Safety Day on Tuesday. Here's what we learned:

## Class 1

Class 1 talked about keeping safe online and came up with some rules for staying safe:

- always tell a grown up when you go online
- talk to a grown up if you see something that worries you
- don't talk to strangers online

## Class 2

For Digital Safety Day we talked about what a "digital footprint" was. Then we did a treasure hunt finding different web pages that a fictional girl called Penelope had used and the information she had put on those sites. We found out lots of information about her and found out how easy it is to leave a personal digital footprint.

## Class 3

To set us off on Digital Safety Day we did a quiz to find out what we already knew about being safe online. After that we started to look at being AWARE and discovered that being AWARE means that we should not open messages from people that we don't know. Being AWARE also means that we should tell an adult if we see anything on the internet that we feel uncomfortable about.

## Class 4

We collected data on apps that the children are using - specifically focusing in on apps that provide opportunities where 'strangers' can communicate or at least see what they look like. The pupils then used this data to create posters which will be sent to parents - they used their pie chart drawing skills to represent the data that we collected.

School reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We wish you a very happy (indoor) break and look forward to seeing you.



### *Special Mentions*

#### *Ambitious, Capable Learners*

##### *Class1*

**Eliana Reynolds** for brilliant work in Read, Write Inc.

**James Cox** for some good listening skills in class.

##### *Class 2*

**Jacob Challinor** for his excellent effort in RWI.

**Harper Tagg Angell** for brilliant independent work in maths this week.

##### *Class 3*

**Ryan Ewart** for working hard in all of his English lessons this week.

**Georgi Kolev** for all of his contributions to our digital safety day.

##### *Class 4*

**Lexus Beacher** for her amazing responses for Plastic Free Schools.

**Stacey Dunn** for her well expressed opinions surrounding plastic pollution.

## World Mental Health Day

Although World Mental Health Day was officially Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we supported the day today. We are recognizing more and more that mental health is as important as physical health and that 'it's OK not to be OK'. Teaching pupils and staff how to recognize and improve mental health and to acknowledge that we all have mental health in one way or another, is the first step in this journey.

Pupils across the school have worked collaboratively in activities ranging from understanding emotions and sorting them into categories of happy, sad and angry whilst others have looked at facial expression connected to different types of emotion and have even tried out yoga! Further up the school, pupils have been taught to start to recognise what cheers them up and what gets them down and then to adopt learned strategies to deal with the situation. Once again we are witnessing **Healthy, Confident Individuals**.

## The First Half Term



From the mouths of Year 6...

*When I found out I was coming back to school I didn't really want to but I was excited to see my friends...  
I felt peculiar about coming back because I hadn't seen people for so long...  
I was a little scared about my new teacher but I needn't have worried at all...  
We got back to normal very quickly...  
The work is fun and based on real life situations...  
Having real life situations to work with makes a big difference because it gives the work meaning...*

One word to describe school so far...

*Amazing...  
Different...  
Spectacular...  
Interesting*



Dear Lord

As we approach another period of lockdown, you give us the courage to get through  
We thank you for your understanding and the strength you give us to cope  
In these periods of darkness and uncertainty we look to your light and guidance  
We pray that all in The Family of St Ethelwold's stays safe.  
Amen