

SAFER INTERNET DAY – IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole school ideas to explore online safety, digital responsibility and positive use of technology. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

About Safer Internet Day

- Celebrated globally each year in February
- Promotes safe, respectful and responsible use of digital technology
- Encourages young people to think critically about their online behaviour
- Focuses on themes such as digital citizenship, online safety and respectful communication
- Provides an opportunity for schools to discuss how technology can be used safely and positively

Whole School / All Through Ideas

- Introduce the day through an assembly exploring how students use the internet in everyday life
- Discuss the benefits of technology as well as potential risks online
- Explore the idea of digital footprints and what information people share online
- Create a whole school display promoting safe online behaviour
- Encourage students to reflect on how their online actions affect others
- Discuss the importance of respectful communication on digital platforms
- Invite students to develop guidelines for positive online behaviour
- Link digital safety themes across different subjects

Primary Ideas

- Discuss simple online safety rules such as not sharing personal information
- Create posters encouraging safe behaviour online
- Role play scenarios about how to respond to uncomfortable situations online
- Write simple classroom rules for safe internet use
- Draw pictures showing positive ways to use technology
- Explore how to recognise trusted websites and information sources
- Create a classroom pledge about responsible technology use
- Discuss who students can talk to if they feel unsafe online

Secondary Ideas

- Explore how social media influences communication and relationships
- Debate the responsibilities of individuals when using digital platforms
- Investigate issues such as misinformation, cyberbullying and online privacy
- Analyse the impact of digital footprints on future opportunities
- Discuss how algorithms influence what people see online
- Create student campaigns promoting responsible digital behaviour
- Investigate how technology companies manage safety and privacy
- Reflect on the balance between freedom of expression and online responsibility

Cross Curricular Links

- Computing, digital literacy and online safety
- Citizenship, responsibility and respectful communication
- English, critical reading and analysing online information
- PSHE, relationships and wellbeing
- Media studies, influence of digital platforms and information sources