

Online Safety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world, this year on Tuesday 8th February 2022. It will be celebrated in the UK with the theme:

All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online

How can I get involved?

Join a live virtual event with Parent Zone

Parent Zone is hosting a free 30-minute Safer Internet Day event on YouTube (Tuesday 8 February, 4.30-5pm). They will explore what parents need to know about supporting their child's online gaming, including, which games may be suitable, effective boundaries and what to do if you are worried about excessive gaming. You can even email your questions in advance! View the invite here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/system/files/SID22%20-%20Parents%20Session%20-%20online%20gaming.pdf>

Join a live event with LFC!

Join the UKSIC and Liverpool FC for their live event (2pm–2.30pm for Primary and 2.30pm–3pm for Secondary schools) on the 8th February. Whilst aimed at school children, you'll still hear some great advice. The event will take place on the UKSIC YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v35AJJoanI>

Host an Online Games Night

The NSPCC are challenging you to host an online games night! The idea is to help get to know your child's favourite platforms/games, to start a conversation with them and see how you can support them to help keep them safe online. Download a copy of their activity sheet, which provides you with more information, what you could look at whilst playing games together and questions to ask.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/online_gaming_safety_game_jan2022.pdf

Barclay's Digital Eagles Event

Barclays are delivering a 'Digital Eagles guide to digital safety' on the 5th February at 10:00am. This session will cover ways to help keep you and your digital devices safe online, how to identify fraud & scams and help you to create a strong password. Find out more here:

<https://events.uk.barclays/events/search/virtual-events/>

Webinar – do you know your gaming slang?

The NSPCC have also created a webinar about online gaming and healthy relationships online. The webinar covers setting up parental controls, gaming slang and it will provide you with an insight into how young people use gaming apps. Access it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO6Ux7qfYXk>

The UK Safer Internet Centre Resources

As usual, The UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, activities, and a short film to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>