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Christmas E-Safety Newsletter 2019

Welcome!

It gives us great pleasure to introduce the winter edition of the MIST newsletter and the second of this academic term. This half term, all children have been working hard in all areas of school life. This has certainly been the case with the MIST team during November and December!

Net Aware Guide

The O2 and NSPCC'S Net Aware guide for parents has useful information on the latest apps, sites and games popular with children. The guide reviews privacy settings, suitable ages and appropriate content for many sites currently popular with children. Using Net Aware, parents can form their own views about whether an app, site or game is appropriate for their children.

To find out more, visit https://www.net-aware.org.uk/

Setting parental controls

Internet matters have published several really useful 'step by step' guides to help parents set up the controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps and sites children may be using to help give them a safer online experience. There are various types of controls that can be used, some of which are free to install. It is worth remembering, however, that nothing is totally full proof and setting parental controls should not replace the need for parents to support and advise children about using the internet safely.

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

'Young Children and screen time - a good start'

A really useful guide has been created by SWGfL, Childnet and the Internet Watch Foundation which offers advice, tips and checklists to help parents and carers support children's online activity and get them off to a good safe start in the online world.

https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-children-and-screen-time---a-guide-for-parents-and-carers.pdf

Christmas Tree Festival

In the first week of December, 10 children accompanied Mrs Kennedy and myself to Aldridge Methodist Church for the annual Christmas Tree festival. Children from Y5 decorated baubles with an e-safety message then the children adorned the tree at the Church. The event was a roaring success and one that the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was certainly an event that we will take part in again!