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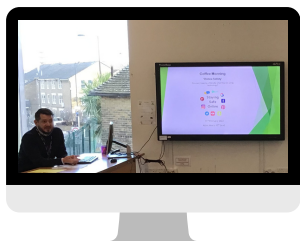
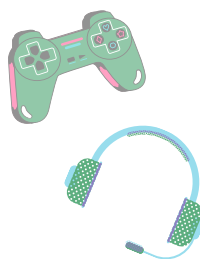## DIGITAL LEADERS EDUCATE THEIR PEERS ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

On Safer Internet Day, our Digital Leaders at all three schools delivered an assembly with a focus on being respectful when gaming on line. They discussed different scenarios and asked the audience to decide whether the online responses given were respectful or not, and reminded children what they should do if someone they didn't know asked them for personal information: 'screenshot - block - report!' They also reminded the audience that they should always tell a trusted adult if they are worried about any interaction they have whilst playing games on line.
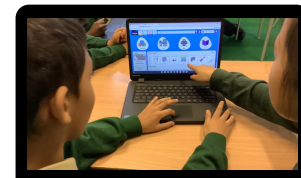
ONLINE SAFETY COFFEE MORNING

We held parent/carer coffee mornings at all three schools on 'Online Safety - How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?' Feedback from parents and carers showed us that these sessions were extremely useful as they left with a wealth of information on how to ensure they are equipped with the necessary knowledge and resources to protect their child when using different forms of social, digital and gaming media. If you missed the session, please scan the QR code below to access the presentation.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 was celebrated with the theme All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. Please scan the QR code to find out what we did at Viridis Schools during Safer Internet Day 2022.

HELPFUL TIPS

PARENTS & CARERS

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Please make sure the age and content appropriate privacy settings are set up and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.

Don't forget to talk to your child about being kind online, for example only posting positive comments, not saying anything they wouldn't say in real life and treating others how they would expect to be treated.

Think about whether the programme your child is using is appropriately aged, how the app uses your data and if it has any communication channels within it. Age ratings are there to protect your child. Talk to your child about why games and apps have age ratings and set clear ground rules. In addition, use parental controls to help protect your child.

Google and Parent Zone have developed a range of resources to help families be 'Internet Legends' by becoming safer and more confident explorers of the online world. Visit it here - https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendaryparent

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