

Digital Leaders Meeting – 6/12/17

Present – Ethan M, Abdul, James, Max, Rosie, Ethan H, Chloe, Lucy and Riley

Roles and responsibilities of Digital Leaders and feedback from children regarding online safety

Our third meeting focussed on sharing tips and advice with the school about how to be safe and stay safe.

Class assemblies – presentation:

Action from last meeting - 2 things to do before our next meeting in December. Show presentation and visit TUK website.

Feedback from Digital Leaders:

Children thought this was a great presentation to share with their class. So was the TUK website, especially the cartoons, games and scenarios to learn from. Lots of discussion about socialising with other people and over-use of internet and how this stops talking and communicating. Great debate about 'what if the internet was switched off?' Many children misunderstood and just said you would go somewhere else that had internet or use 4G! Said they would have to play offline games. Discussed life before the internet. Children thought this sounded fascinating – would love to spend more time outside and playing real games! Gave reminders to their class about being safe and to involve adults if there were any problems. Their advice following their class assemblies was to try to spend a bit of time off the internet every day in the evening or at weekends to play, go out side and socialise!

Children agreed the internet in general is a great resource. Children mostly like listening to music, playing games online and watching TV and films.

Problems shared:

Recent problems included people joining their games who they didn't know. Leaders were very clear on what to do / what to share and what not to (personal information). Other problems included entering your name and seeing it as a user name so having to delete their account as they didn't want this shared. The group agreed this was very sensible.

Messenger services had caused some problems. Leaders told children with these problems to involve an adult but reminded children that all messages could not be deleted. Need to take care what you put online. This had also been the case with predictive text for some children sending the wrong word by mistake.

Leaders also said that children should take care when playing games (PEGI ratings to help you know if it is ok or not to play) and that some apps are linked to your parent's credit card and you could spend their money easily by mistake if you were not careful!

Session for parents in spring term 2018:

Children to lead? Digital Leaders were very keen to do this. They would like to show how to use Purple Mash (online safety software we use in school, suggested by Miss Davies, Computing Leader for Coxheath). Mrs Holman has some presentations and information for parents that she could share – the leaders agreed. Mrs Holman to agree a date and invite parents to this workshop session.

Miss Davies will share info re Purple Mash in next week's newsletter.

Future meetings: All at 11.45-12 in the IT Suite

Quick meeting in January to prepare for parent workshop – date tbc

Tues 6 Feb (also SID Day 2018) Tues 6 March Tues 17 April

Tues 15 May Tues 12 June Tues 10 July (last mtg)