Online Safety
Calendar
2021-22

Safer Internet Day

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SEPTEMBER

Order free hard copies of online safety and digital citizenship resources.

Available for primary and post-primary, they address a range of key topics such as respectful communication, false information, image sharing and privacy. **Order resources here.**

Online Safety in the Classroom Webinars for Primary and Post-Primary Teachers

Webwise is hosting a series of evening webinars for primary and post-primary teachers on online safety in the classroom. Teachers will have the opportunity to explore key topics and resources across primary and post-primary in greater detail. Each webinar will be supported by a relevant expert. Details of each webinar available can be found here.

TeacherCPD Course - What is Digital Citizenship and How to Teach it (Post Primary) (online)

The aim of this course is to provide teachers with the knowledge, resources and confidence to teach digital citizenship and to empower their students to be safe, ethical and responsible online. Visit TeacherCPD.ie for more info.

OCTOBER

The new HTML Heroes Programme for 1st and 2nd class!

Launching at the end of September, the new programme has been designed to introduce pupils to the first steps of accessing and using the internet in a safe and responsible manner. The resource contains five lessons that can be explored separately or delivered as a whole unit. The lessons explore using the internet safely, communicating online, playing and learning online, getting help and support. Each lesson is supported by a short illustrated story, lesson activities, and take-home information for parents/guardians. The programme concludes with an animated online safety code song. **Get started using the materials here.**

Save the Date!

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022! Visit the ***Webwise Safer Internet Day Hub*** for ideas, activities and resources that you can use.

World Teachers Day

It takes place on October 5th. Check out the **Webwise Teachers Hub** for great advice, classroom videos, and resources.

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NOVEMBER

Share your SID plans
What activities and and events have you planned for Safer Internet Day?
Let us know, and get added to the interactive map of Ireland. For lots of ideas, activities and resources visit our **Safer Internet Day Hub**.

Getting involved in Safer Internet Day
Hear from teachers and students at Ardscoil Mhuire in Limerick about how they got involved in Safer Internet Day and the impact that is has had.

World Kindness Day
Taking place on November 13th, World Kindness Day it's a good opportunity to remind students of the importance of being kind online! Why not address respectful communication using **Lesson 6 of the HTML Heroes Programme**.

Universal Children's Day
Universal Children's Day takes place on November 20th. Encourage students to visit the **Webwise Youth Hub**, or explore 'My Rights Online' using the **Connected** resource.

DECEMBER

Explainer Guides
Stay up-to-date with the apps and platforms that are popular with Irish children and teens.

Thinking of buying technology for children at Christmas?
Check out the Webwise Top Tips for parents when buying smart devices.

Webwise Newsletter
Sign up to hear about news, resources, and upcoming events.

Webwise Parents Hub
Include a link on your school's website to the **Webwise Parents Hub**. Parents will be able to access free online safety resources information and advice from experts.

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JANUARY

Safer Internet Day 2022 | Tuesday 8 February

Events Map

Have you signed up for Safer Internet Day 2022?
For lots of ideas and activities you could do check out our **Safer Internet Day Hub.**

Remember to share your SID plans!
Share your plans for Safer Internet Day and be part of the interactive map along with thousands of others across Ireland, and to order your free SID wristbands for participants!

Win great prizes!
Keep an eye out for details of the prizes and competition entry details for the SID Awards 2022.

Data Privacy Day
On January 28th, why not introduce students to the topic of data privacy using **HTML Heroes**, **Connected or ThinkB4UClick**.

FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day - February 8th!
Join schools, clubs and organisations from all over Ireland who are promoting a safer, better internet.

Celebrate with us!
Hold a Safer Internet Day talk, run a poster competition, run activities such as games or movie making.

Use our free resources
You will find lots of ideas, resources, and ways to get involved on our **Safer Internet Day** page.

Get social, and share your pictures and videos!
Spread the message of online safety and highlight what you are doing by sharing on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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MARCH

SID Celebrations!

Check out our Safer Internet Day Hub to view some of the fantastic events and activities that took place across the country.

Did you enter the Safer Internet Day Awards?
Stay tuned, the winners will be announced very soon!

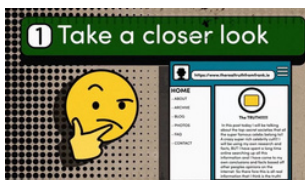### Download our online safety checklists
Covering key topics such as cyberbullying, managing your online reputation, and spotting a catfish.

Watch our classroom videos
We have classroom videos for primary and post-primary, addressing issues such as cyberbullying and respectful communication, online advertising, and false information.

APRIL

Avoid being an April Fool
What is false information and how can you spot it? For Post-Primary students you could use Module 2 to address **'News, Information and the Problems of False Information'**. Or, for Primary students use Lesson 3 of the HTML Heroes Programme to explore **'What can I trust online?'**.

World Autism Day
It takes place on April 2nd. All of our resources are differentiated for students with special educational needs.
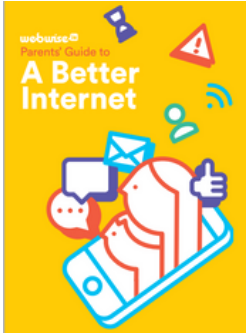
World Book and Copyright Day
Taking place on April 23rd, it could be a good opportunity to teach your about digital literacy.

Webwise Parents Hub
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MAY

A Parents Guide to a Better Internet
Add a link on your school's website to our free online safety booklet for parents.

International Day of Families
This day falls on May 15th. Why not make parents aware of our 'Have the Chat' section, which has helpful conversation starters for those trickier topics.

Invite a Garda to give a talk
Why not organise a talk in your school as part of the Garda Schools Programme.

Emphasise the importance of
trust and respect in relationships

JUNE

Colman Noctor
Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist

Videos for parents
The summer holidays are just around the corner, and some parents may have concerns about the amount of time children are spending on devices. Webwise has advice from parenting experts on how to manage screentime and technology in the home,

National Selfie Day
It takes place on June 21st, and it might be a good time to download the Webwise SHARE checklist and help you students decide if content is ready to SHARE online.

S	Share content only if appropriate.
H	Have permission to post photos of everyone involved.
A	Avoid photos of individuals or linking names to photos.
R	Respect copyright and give credit to work that isn't your own.
E	Everyone involved needs to be happy with the content before it is posted.

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JULY

Oversharing online

The summer holidays can be a great time for making memories, but can also be a good time to remind parents about the dangers of **oversharing images** of their child online.

Managing your online reputation

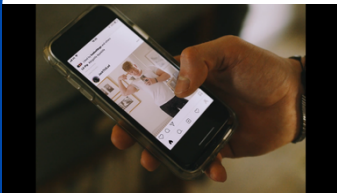Teachers can find out more about **managing their online reputation**, and get tips for protecting your privacy.

International Friendship Day

It falls on July 30th, and could be a good opportunity to share some **top tips** for making friends online.

AUGUST

#TheFullPicture

The Full Picture is a short film exploring how young people use social media to connect and share. The film highlights the influences and pressures young people face online and encourages them to see the full picture. Social media helps us share our lives but it does not tell the whole story. The campaign encourages young people to be mindful of what influences them and how they respond to pressures online. The accompanying **lesson** has been designed to assist and support teachers of SPHE when teaching their students about the influences and pressures young people may face while using social media, the impact on their self-esteem online and how to manage their online wellbeing.

International Youth Day

It takes place on August 12th. Why not find out about the opportunities, events and experiences we provide for young people on our **Youth Section**.

Helplines

There are a range of organisations which provide information and support on a variety of topics - this is a useful list of **Helplines** to have at hand.

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