

# ONLINE SAFETY CALENDAR 2023-24



## SEPTEMBER

- **Order free hard copies of online safety and digital citizenship resources for your classroom.** These address topics such as cyberbullying, digital media literacy, privacy, image-sharing and more!
- **Create a customised AUP for your school** using the FREE Webwise tool.
- **Introduce parents to the [webwise.ie/parents](https://www.webwise.ie/parents) hub** for the school year ahead or host an online safety evening for parents using the scripted Webwise Parents talks.

## OCTOBER

- **NEW! Check out our NEW Junior Cycle Unit of Learning; The Respect Effect** which addresses the topic of online bullying and aims to promote respectful communication and build empathy.
- **Take a free online course.** Explore the topic of cyberbullying via a new 2 hour, online self-directed course, *Understanding, Responding and Preventing Cyberbullying*.
- Take part in **Global Media Literacy Week** using our [free digital media literacy resources](#).

## NOVEMBER

- **SAVE THE DATE! Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024!** Visit the [Webwise Safer Internet Day Hub](#) for ideas, activities and resources that you can use.
- **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](#).
- **Download our online safety checklists.** Covering key topics such as cyberbullying, managing your online reputation, and spotting a catfish.

## DECEMBER

- **What activities 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](#).
- **Webwise Newsletter.** Sign up to hear about news, resources, and upcoming events.
- **Ahead of the Christmas holidays remind parents of the Webwise Parents Hub.** Expert advice, Explainer Guides, and resources including our online safety booklet and Family Agreement template are all available for free.

## JANUARY

- **Have you signed up for Safer Internet Day 2024?** For lots of ideas and activities check out our [Safer Internet Day Hub](#).
- **What is the benefit of getting involved in Safer Internet Day?** Teachers and students at Ardscoil Mhuire in Limerick explain how they got involved and the impact that it has had on the school community.
- **Data Privacy Day takes place on January 28th,** why not introduce students to the topic of data privacy using [HTML Heroes](#) or [Connected](#).

## FEBRUARY

- **Safer Internet Day - February 6th!** Join schools, clubs and organisations from all over Ireland who are promoting a safer, better internet.
- **Get FREE resources.** Scripted presentations, activities, classroom videos and lots more are available on our [SID Hub](#).
- **SID Awards 2024!** Keep an eye out for great prizes for your school!

## MARCH

- **Safer Internet Day Celebrations in Ireland!** 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!
- **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

- **Don't be an April Fool!** Module 2 of Connected introduces Post-Primary students to '[News, Information and the Problems of False Information](#)', or use Lesson 3 of the HTML Heroes Programme to help Primary students to explore '[What can I trust online?](#)'.
- **Why not explore the topics of image-sharing and consent** with the [Junior Cycle resource Lockers](#).
- **With the MySelfie Anti-Bullying Resource,** help 5th and 6th Class pupils to understand why the bully bullies, the emotional impact and how bystanders can help in a safe and effective manner.

## MAY

- **International Day of Families is May 15th.** Open and ongoing conversations is the one of the best ways for parents to support their children online. Why not encourage families to use our fun [#TalkListenLearn Online Topic Generator](#).
- **Empower students to manage their online wellbeing** using [The Full Picture SPHE Lesson](#).
- **Order a free copy of the HTML Heroes Storybook!** The Programme is introduce 1st and 2nd class pupils to the first steps of accessing and using the internet in a safe and responsible manner.

## JUNE

- **Encourage students to consider their digital footprint** with our [Managing Your Online Reputation Checklist](#)
- **Ahead of the summer holidays may be good time to remind parents of the Webwise Parents Hub** has [advice from experts on key online safety topics](#) including respectful communication online, screentime, and much more!
- **National Selfie Day takes place on June 21st.** It might be a good time to download the [Webwise SHARE checklist](#) and help your students decide if content is ready to SHARE online.

## JULY

- **Teachers can find out more about [managing your online reputation](#),** and get tips for protecting your privacy.
- The summer holidays can be a great time for making memories, but can also be a good time to **remind parents about the risks of oversharing images of their child online.**
- **International Friendship Day takes place on July 30th,** and could be a good opportunity to share some [top tips for making friends online](#).

## AUGUST

- Looking for information and advice on topics including media and information literacy, image-sharing, consent; and cyberbullying? **Our Teacher Webinars have experts in each topic, along with information on relevant classroom resource, and can be viewed on webwise.ie**
- **Visit the dedicated [Webwise Teachers Hub](#)** for online safety advice, information and resources.
- **International Youth Day takes place on August 12th.** Why not find out about the opportunities, events and experiences we provide for young people on our [Youth Section](#).