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Dear Parents,

The children in years 1-6 took part in an Online Safety assembly yesterday. They considered the safety aspects of 'contact' when using the internet. It was wonderful to be able to gather with several year groups in the hall for our regular online safety assemblies again. The children demonstrated an excellent knowledge of online safety and how it relates to themselves.

The children in Years 1 and 2 listened to a story called Jessie and Friends. This story is a part of the teaching resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk. The story is available in the online safety section of our school website. In the assembly, we discussed the importance of speaking to a trusted adult whenever they felt worried about something they have seen or done whilst using technology. The children have been asked to think about their own trusted adults and how they could start a conversation with them about something they are worried about. Please talk to your children about the importance of sharing their concerns with adults.

The children in Years 3-6 watched a short film called, 'Block him good Alfie' (from thinkuknow.co.uk) which illustrates some of the problems that can occur when you share and post online. The film was followed by a discussion on the rights and responsibilities we all have when using the internet. The film is also available on the online safety section of our school website. The children have been asked to revisit the KS2 Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and they have been challenged to get creative about one the rules. They could design a poster, an animation, a song or they could write about the rule. All entries will be displayed in the school and we will choose some to go on our website. Please encourage your child to participate in this challenge.

The thinkuknow website has excellent resources to help parents to support their children. There are also resources for older children that you may be interested in. The website is www.thinkuknow.co.uk and there is a link on the school website.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss L Earl

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