Notes for Teachers.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year. It aims to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and to inspire a national discussion about using technology **responsibly**, **respectfully**, **critically** and **creatively**.

The Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes, together with Tech.Mt, Agenzija Appoġġ, the Office of the Commissioner for Children and the Cyber Crime Unit within the Malta Police Force, who form part of the **BeSmartOnline!** initiative join in the celebrations to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider community, to join together in helping to create a better internet. This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on the **11th of February** however, activities will be organised throughout the whole week.

Lesson Plan

Target Audience
Students aged 10-11
(Grade 6)

Keywords
internet, responsibility, choices, consequences, personal information, cyber-bullying

Resources
Clip
Power Point Presentation
Poster

Learning Outcomes

• I can talk about safer internet day.
• I can describe the different risks that exist online.
• I can work with others to prepare a poster.

English/Maltese:
To master the skills and strategies needed to comprehend as a result of interacting with text (spoken, printed, visual and Information Technology).

Social Studies:
To gather information through the use of different resources including, reading, pictures and Information Technology.

Personal and Social competencies:
To master the skills that make students realize that there are different types of dangers and how to keep themselves safe.

Digital Literacy:
To understand how values and points of view are included or excluded and how digital media can influence beliefs and behaviours.

Activity: Introducing safer internet day

Instructions:

Show the clip to the students.

Discuss:

Why is the internet important in our lives?

What is the internet being used for?

Why does the world celebrate this day?

Activity: Brain storming activity

Instructions:

Brainstorm with the students the risks children may encounter online.

(Powerpoint presentation can help when preparing for the lesson)

Following the discussion, ask your students to come up with 4 things they can do to make the internet a better place.

Concluding activity

Ask your students to create a poster (this can be done in groups) highlighting the things that can be done to make the internet safer.

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