

Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate

Digital Leaders Newsletter

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Meet our digital leaders:



Our digital leaders are keen to support their peers with respecting our equipment, learning how to be safe online and online kindness. We cannot wait for you to see what we will get up to this year!

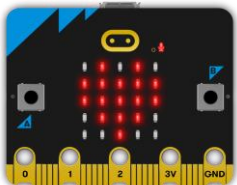
What have we been up to?

In our fortnightly meetings we have talked about the importance of online safety, being kind online and learned about the legal protections that we have online. At the beginning of the year we delivered our own assembly about how to stay safe online and taught our peers to remember to **Stop, Close and Tell** if something happens online that makes them uncomfortable or upset. We also supported Anti-bullying week by delivering messages to our classes about the importance of staying safe online. Years 1-4 read a DigiDuck story with their classes and Y5 and 6 delivered some slides and a quiz.



What is coming up?

We have some very exciting new topics coming up in the near future. Our Year 3 and 5 classes will be learning how to code using Sphero Balls and Year 6 will be using TinkerCAD to design a 3D printed model.



We have some brand new equipment – Micro:bits! These are exciting pieces of tech that allow us to practice our programming skills. We are hoping to launch a club with these soon. Watch this space!

We are also set to discuss ideas for our next assembly! We love to share things with our peers and are thinking of the next most important thing we need to spread to the whole school!

Online Safety Act

In a world first, the UK Government recently brought the Online Safety Act into law. This gives children and their caregivers a number of strengthened protections online. The key points include:

- Requirements for websites to remove various types of harmful content and misleading adverts.
- Requirements for websites to safeguard children against accessing age-restricted materials.
- Improved ability to convict those who share non-consensual images.

If you would like to know more, the following blog post from the NSPCC details the act means for children:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2023/november/what-online-safety-act-means-children-professionals>

The link below is an infographic with summarised information on the act:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xztUV-VjXCZ7LjA9T2-GF1x0i1Ltm68w/view?usp=sharing>