John Hampden Internet Safety Newsletter

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We are kind
We are a team

Digital Leaders

Meet the Year 6 Digital Leaders

This year we are pleased to announce a new role in Year 6. The Digital Leaders will be taking control of Computing within the school. They have many jobs that they have to fulfil including keeping people safe online. Each term the Digital Leaders will be writing a John Hampden Internet Safety Newsletter and here's the first one.

Who are the Digital Leaders?

We have 7 members in the team. These are Archie, Ayden, Frank, Lily, Ollie, Saskia and Stanley. These children all have a keen interest in Computing.

" I was so pleased to get the Digital Leader role. I have quite a lot of knowledge and experience so feel I would be excellent for the job. I love helping others and can do this in my new role." Saskia

Others tasks the Digital Leader will be doing:

- Sharing their skills and expertise with other pupils
- Assist teachers and other pupils to understand different programs
- Set up equipment in the classroom for different teachers
- Lead lunchtime computing/iPad clubs
- Support teachers in using technology in the classroom

The children are very excited about this role and are looking forward to improving the learning of computing/technology at JHS.
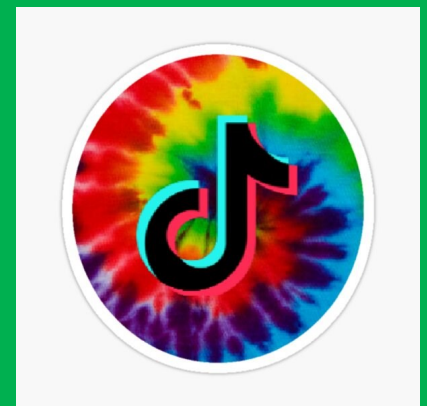
Tik/Tok

TikTok recommended age is 13.

Here is some information:

The NSPCC have created a news article discussing if TikTok is safe for children and provides an overview of how to keep your child safe on TikTok using their safety settings.

Read the article here: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/

TikTok have also created a Guardian's Guide designed to provide an overview of TikTok and the tools and controls available: https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/

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Apps we would recommend

Wonderscope Books come to life on your floor and you can play a part in the story!

Wonderscope uses augmented reality to transform ordinary spaces into extraordinary stories. The 1st book free but then in-app purchases.

InShot - Video Editor Great for creating your own movies! Free but does have in-app purchases available.

Just Keep Moving

Top apps to get kids active: A guide from internet Matters including lots of apps to get your child moving: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/apps-to-help-kids-get-active/

As with all apps, check their suitability for your child before they use it. Think about if it is appropriately aged for your child. How does the app use your data and does it have any communication channels within it for example?

Social Media

There are several different social media platforms that your child might be on or wanting to join such as Instagram and Snapchat. Social Media platforms are used to share pictures and communicate with others. It is important to review each individual platform to see what age your child should be to access them and to set appropriate privacy settings. It is also important to talk to your child about information they should keep private.

Is your child ready for social media?

This article looks at the risks that you need to consider as well as advice on how to get started:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/

Further information

Visit the Social Media Advice hub from Internet Matters to learn more: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/

Being Online

If your child is online (for example playing games, using Snapchat, Instagram etc), then it's important that we talk to our child about **being kind online,** for example only posting positive comments, don't say anything they wouldn't say in real life and treat others as they would expect to be treated.

Your child also needs to be aware that what they see online isn't always the full picture. People only share what they want you to see and images are often filtered. It is also important that your child knows how to block and report any inappropriate behaviour when they see it.

BBC Own It have curated a collection of videos, quizzes, and tips to help make the web a kinder place: https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online

Further information https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/feeling-good-on-social-media/