



Online Safety Calendar for Teachers

September	October	November	December
<p>We have lots of free resources and information to help get the new school year off to a good start.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch out for our new social media campaign video, highlighting the importance of empathy and looking after your online wellbeing.• Introduce internet safety to the classroom using our free resources, including a new HTML Heroes video addressing Cyberbullying.• Check out the new Webwise videos offering advice on issues such as respect online, sexting, and what to do if something goes wrong.• Nominate a Safer Internet Day Ambassador for your school.• Sign up to the Webwise Newsletter to hear about upcoming events.	<p>Halloween can be a scary time. It could be a good opportunity to speak to students and parents about staying safe online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host an Internet Safety Talk for Parents in your school.• It's World Teachers Day on October 5th – check out the Webwise Teachers page with great advice and resources.• It is World Mental Health Day on October 10th, this is a great time to promote a positive and inclusive school using Up2Us Anti-Bullying Poster Pack or watching the HTML Heroes Cyberbullying video.• Make sure you save the date – Safer Internet Day takes place on February 11th, 2020!	<p>Christmas is just around the corner, make sure you get your Safer Internet Day committee together, and make your plans for Safer Internet Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share your SID plans and be added to the event map.• Get your Safer Internet Day wristbands for your participants.• It's Universal Children's Day on November 20th – why not check out these great online wellbeing tips from the Webwise Youth Panel!• Why not organise a talk in your school with a local Garda? Get in touch with the Garda Schools Programme.• World Kindness Day takes place on November 13th, a reminder of the importance of being kind online and offline!!	<p>Before the school goes on holidays, why not point parents to some of our useful resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thinking about buying technology for your children at Christmas? Check out the Webwise top tips for parents when buying smart devices.• Read our explainer articles to keep up to date with the apps that your children are using.• If you are considering allowing your child to set up a social media profile here are some talking points to start off on the right footing.• Link a copy of Parents Guide to a Better Internet on your school website.



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January	February	March	April
<p>Safer Internet Day is just weeks away. We want every school in Ireland to celebrate making the internet a better place for everyone!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you signed up for Safer Internet Day 2020? For ideas and potential activities check out our Safer Internet Day page!• Share your plans on the SID event map!• Want more information on our fantastic SID competition? Check out the details here!• Data Privacy Day is January 20th, why not introduce the topic of data privacy to your students using HTML Heroes, or ThinkB4UClick.	<p>The day has finally arrived! Safer Internet Day 2020 is Tuesday, February 11th!! Schools, clubs and organisations all over Ireland are getting involved in promoting the safe and positive use of the internet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure to celebrate with us - host a Safer Internet Day talk, run a poster competition, essay contest, run games or dramas and lots more! Check out last year's SID 2019 highlights video.• Promote a better internet for all by using the resources and activities on our Safer Internet Day page.• Remember to share your pictures and videos with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. #SID2020 #BeinCtrl	<p>This month marks World Book Day, which takes place on Thursday, March 5th. This might be a good opportunity to speak to students about digital literacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Webwise has a range of information for teachers outlining the key components of digital literacy and short guides on how to teach your students these important skills.• Did you take part in our Safer Internet Day 2020 competition? Stay tuned for the winner to be announced.• Check out all the incredible activities that took place for Safer Internet Day 2020!	<p>Don't be an April Fool – learn all about to spot Fake News, Copyright, and how to share information responsibly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Fake News, and how do you spot it?• Critical thinking is an essential digital skill for students to have. Help them to evaluate online content and recognise the risks.• To mark World Book and Copyright Day on April 23rd, teach your students about copyright and plagiarism.• World Autism Awareness Day is April 2nd. All of our resources are differentiated for students with special educational needs.



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May	June
<p data-bbox="667 486 1093 678">International Day of Families is celebrated on May 15th. What a great time to talk about how parents can get involved in their child's online safety.</p> <ul data-bbox="719 719 1093 1182" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="719 719 1093 895">• Hold a parents evening and give them all the relevant information using our Internet Safety Talk for Parents Presentation.<li data-bbox="719 903 1093 1038">• Our 'Have the Chat' section has helpful conversation starters for those tricky conversations.<li data-bbox="719 1046 1093 1182">• Teach your students how to be a digital citizen with our Developing Digital Skills series.	<p data-bbox="1122 486 1563 624">With the summer holidays just around the corner parents may have concerns about the amount of time children are spending on devices.</p> <ul data-bbox="1173 667 1563 1273" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1173 667 1563 802">• Webwise has advice from parenting experts including how to manage screen time and technology in the home.<li data-bbox="1173 810 1563 986">• Why not use some of the fun HTML Heroes quizzes in the classroom as a fun way to teach them about internet safety?<li data-bbox="1173 994 1563 1273">• National Selfie Day is June 21st – this might be a good time to download the Webwise SHARE checklist and help your students decide if content is ready to SHARE before posting online.



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