# Online Safety Teacher Calendar 2020-2021

# September

- Order free online safety resources available for primary and post-primary, they address a range of key online safety topics.
- <u>Webwise Newsletter</u> sign up to hear about news, resources, and upcoming events.
- <u>Webwise Parents Hub</u> include a link on your school's website to the <u>Webwise Parents Hub</u>. Parent will be able to access free online safety resources information and advice from experts.
- Social Media Campaign watch out for our upcoming social media campaign video, The Full Picture.

# **October**



- *World Teachers Day* it takes place on October 5th. Check out the <u>Webwise Teachers Hub</u> for great advice, classroom video, and resources.
- World Mental Health Day taking place on October 10th, this could be a good time to promote a positive, and inclusive school environment using the <u>Connected</u>, or <u>HTML Heroes</u> Cyberbullying videos.
- *Save the Date!* Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021!
- <u>Getting involved in Safer Internet Day</u> hear from <u>Ardscoil Mhuire</u> in Limerick about how they got involved and the impact that is has had.

## January

- Have you signed up for Safer Internet Day 2021?
   For lots of ideas and activities you could do check out our <u>Safer Internet Day Page</u>.
- *Remember to share your <u>SID plans</u>* share your plans for Safer Internet Day and be part of the <u>interactive map</u> along with thousands of others across Ireland.
- Win great prizes! Keep an eye out for details of the prizes and competition entry details for the SID Awards 2021.
- Data Privacy Day On January 28th, why not introduce students to the topic of data privacy using <u>HTML Heroes</u>, <u>Connected</u> or <u>ThinkB4UClick</u>.

#### May

- International Day of Families this day falls on May 15th. Why not make parents aware of our <u>'Have the Chat'</u> section, which has helpful conversation starters for those trickier topics.
- <u>A Parents Guide to a Better Internet</u> add a link on your school's website to our online safety booklet for parents.
- *Invite a Garda to give a talk -* why not organise a talk in your school as part if the <u>Garda Schools Programme</u>.

# February

- Safer Internet Day February 9th! Join schools, clubs and organisations from all over Ireland who are promoting a safer, better internet.
- Celebrate with us! hold a Safer Internet
   Day talk, run a poster competition, run
   activities such as games or movie making.
   Check out the <u>highlights video</u> from last
   year.
- Use our <u>free resources</u> you will find lots of ideas, resources, and ways to get involved on our <u>Safer Internet Day</u> page.
- Get social, and share your pictures and videos! Spread the message of online safety and highlight what you are doing by sharing on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



#### June

- <u>Videos for parents</u> the summer holidays are just around the corner, and some parents may have concerns about the amount of time children are spending on devices. Webwise has advice from parenting experts on how to manage screentime and technology in the home,
- National Selfie Day it takes place on June 21st, and it might be a good time to download the <u>Webwise SHARE checklist</u> and help you students decide if content is ready to SHARE online.



#### November

- <u>Share your SID plans</u> what activities and and events have you planned for Safer Internet Day? Let us know, and get added to the interactive map of Ireland.
- Universal Children's Day it takes place on November 20th. Encourage students to visit the <u>Webwise Youth Hub</u>, or explore 'My Rights Online' using the <u>Connected</u> resource.
- *World Kindness Day* on November 13th, it's a good opportunity to remind students of the importance of being kind online!

## **December**

- <u>Phishing Advice for Parents!</u> Help parents protect themselves and their children from phishing scams by sharing this article on social media.
- <u>Thinking of buying technology for</u> <u>children at Christmas?</u> - Check out the Webwise Top Tips for parents when buying smart devices.
- <u>Explainer Guides</u> stay up-to-date with the apps and platforms that are popular with Irish children and teens.

#### March

- *SID Celebrations!* Check out our Safe<u>r Internet</u> <u>Day page to view some of the fantastic events</u> and activities that took place across the country.
- Did you enter the Safer Internet Day Awards?
   stay tuned, the winners will be announced very soon!
- Download our <u>online safety checklists</u> covering key topics such as cyberbullying, managing your online reputation, and spotting a catfish.
- <u>Watch our classroom videos</u> we have classroom videos for primary and post-primary, addressing issues such as cyberbullying and respectful communication, online advertising, and false information.

# April

- Avoid being an April Fool what is false information and how can you spot it? Check out the classroom video <u>'Explained:</u> <u>What is False Information?</u>
- *World Autism Day* it takes place on April 2nd. All of our <u>resources</u> are differentiated for students with special educational needs.
- World Book Day takes place on April 23rd, and could be a good opportunity to teach your about <u>digital literacy</u>.

## July

- <u>Managing your online reputation</u> teachers can find out more about managing their online reputation, and get tips for protecting your privacy.
- <u>Oversharing online</u> the summer holidays can be a great time for making memories, but can also be a good time to remind parents about the dangers of <u>oversharing</u> images of their child online.
- <u>International Friendship Day</u> it falls on July 30th, and could be a good opportunity to show students some top tips for <u>making friends online</u>.

# **August**

- International Youth Day it takes place on August 12th. Why not find out about the opportunities, events and experiences we provide for young people on our Youth Section.
- <u>#Connected</u> based on real life experiences, the <u>Connected</u> video looks at how young people communicate and connect. It encourages young people to reflect on why their actions matter and the impact it can have on others.
- <u>Helplines</u> there are a range of organisations which provide information and support on a variety of topics - this is a useful list of Helplines to have at hand.