



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February

We took part in the Safer Internet Day this week in school. We hope that your children haven't shared some of the activities with you. Please use this as an opportunity to discuss online safety with your child.

As a school, we have a growing concern over the number of children accessing apps and websites that are not appropriate for their age. At the end of last term, we shared with you a parents' guide to keeping your child safe online. We hope that you have found this a useful tool and have been able to discuss your child's online life with them.

An app that has come to our attention this week is called 'TikTok' (previously known as musical.ly).



Tik Tok

TikTok is a free social media app that lets you watch, create, and share videos, often to a soundtrack of the top hits in music, right from your phone. However, because of TikTok's emphasis on popular music, many videos include swearing and sexual lyrics, so it may not be age-appropriate for kids to use on their own.

It's also easy to find people wearing revealing clothing and dancing suggestively, although TikTok won't let you search for objectionable content.

TikTok has a recommended age rating of 13+ years - that means that the content is deemed to be unsuitable for anyone under the age of 13, with many internet safety organisations recommending the app to only be used by children aged 16+.

We have attached to the newsletter today a parent's guide to TikTok; giving you more information about the app and also tips for helping to keep your child safe. Or please use the link below to access the guide and more information from the National Online Safety website.



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/tiktok-guide-for-parents/>