



Online Safety Champions meeting minutes

27th September 2024

Present:

Oak – Hannah
Aspen- Lewis
Holly – Freddie
Cedar – Florence
Maple – Harvey
Spruce – Lana
Rowan – Iyla
Chestnut – Gia
Hawthorn – Sophia
Elder - Archie
Miss Lees

Absent:

Ash – Harry
Elm - River

Agenda:

1. Miss Lees asked if anyone had any concerns about Online Safety in their classes or at home:
 - In Year 5, there are concerns about children entering inappropriate search terms into the iPads. The Online Safety Champions feel that pupils think this is easier to do on an iPad rather than a laptop, as they are smaller and faster to move and use. Miss Lees asked if each class had set up a numbered list to allocate each child their own iPad. Some said this had not yet happened.
ACTION: Miss Lees to follow up with teachers and Mr Jarvis.
 - In some UKS2 classes, there are concerns about whole-class WhatsApp groups, especially when being used to share inappropriate language and rumours about others. The Online Safety Champions are aware this could lead to online bullying. Most of the Online Safety Champions knew that the minimum age requirement for a WhatsApp account is 13. Some said that they use it only to contact their families and that their usage is monitored by parents. The Online Safety Champions felt that many parents might be unaware of the recommended age limit for WhatsApp and other social networking apps (Snapchat, YouTube, Tik Tok, Facebook etc.) Some of the younger Online Safety Champions said that they, their peers and/or siblings also use some of these apps, despite knowing they are below the age limit. There was a mixture of pupils using their own and/or parent's devices to access them.
ACTION: As a group, we chose this as an issue to try and tackle this term.



2. We shared ideas on how we could educate our school community on the dangers of children using social media apps, how this can lead to bullying and what parents/carers can do to help. Ideas included designing a page to be included in the school planners in subsequent years, making posters and sharing them on Dojo and the newsletter.
ACTION: Miss Lees to arrange some lunchtime sessions for the Online Safety Champions to create some content to share on Dojo, the newsletter and with their peers.