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Dear Parents & Carers,

Safer Internet Day

This year, the Safer Internet theme is **'Smart Tec, Safe Choices.'** During today's Collective Worship, we have explored what Artificial Intelligence (AI) is, its benefits and what we need to consider in staying safe online.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is an increasingly common part of online life. As it continues to develop, we want to continue to ensure our pupils know how it works and the measures they need to take to keep themselves safe.

One of the areas that we focused on was the use of AI to produce fake images. As children grow up in an ever-changing digital age, it is important that children learn the skill of critical thinking. Being a critical thinker will enable children to question what they see and not take images literally.

As parents, we are raising our children in a world with every changing technology. To support you in managing this landscape, please find attached an additional online safety newsletter focused on AI.

Research shows that the most important thing for your child to know is that you are always there to support them, online and offline. Encourage them to talk to you if anything they experience makes them feel worried or upset and show them they can trust you to stay calm, listen and help make things better.

If you have any questions regards AI or your child's online safety, please contact a member of school's safeguarding team.

Kind regards

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher

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