Saint Pierre School

Independent Preparatory School for 2 1/2 - 11 year olds

From The Headmaster



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Saint Pierres Christmas Productions

Please follow the below link to view the video recordings of our Christmas productions.

St Pierre - OneDrive (live.com)

Young Voices

Year 3-6 choir are busy rehearsing for Young Voices. Please remind your child to practise at home through the YV Music Room. If you haven't yet signed up, here is the link:

YV Music Room

There are some spaces for parents available on the school coach on the way back from the O2. These will be offered on a first come, first served basis and at a cost of £5 a head.

Saint Pierre Children and Internet Safety - Survey

We conducted a survey of all children in Years 3-6 about their internet usage (chiefly at home). There were some pleasing results but also some serious concerns:

Please read and digest this information, it is so important for our children that we are all on top of this:

The Good:

- ✓ not one person reports meeting up with someone they met online
- ✓ 90% know what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
- ✓ Almost all pupils want to learn more about online safety.
- ✓ Almost all pupils are aware of what they shouldn't disclose online

The Concerns:

- Hauntingly, a significant number of pupils (22%) are using sites which are not legal for their age. For Example; Tik Tok, WhatsApp, Facebook snapchat, Instagram. All have a limit of 13+ except WhatsApp which is 16+.
- o A quarter of pupils report there are no privacy settings on their home internet.
- Almost Half (46%) of year 5/6 report that someone has been unkind to them online (26% for years 3/4)
- A third claim to never talk about internet safety with an adult at home.
- 45% claim to have different friends online to those they have in the "real world"
- Half of pupils (49%) feel they have witnessed something online which has made them feel uncomfortable.

We have been 'ramping' up our e-safety education at the school with assemblies, sessions in class, IT lessons and PSHE lessons. Every teacher is also now qualified in e-safety. It is, undoubtedly one of the most pressing issues we face when raising children. I am sure you are aware, through the media of the many horrific and unsettling instances which children have faced. I am equally convinced that each and every Saint Pierre parent would like to be fully informed on how best to protect their children.

With this in mind, I am considering purchasing access to the webinar below (click the link) for parents at the school. It is recommended by the ISA (independent Schools Association). Please let me know if you would be interested:

Raising-a-child-in-a-digital-age.pdf (isaschools.org.uk)

MA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

PIRATESHIP – We are pleased to tell you that the Pirateship in the playground will be back in use with new and improved safety measures from the beginning of February. As before children will be supervised when playing on it.

Saint Pierre Staff 3 Peak Challenge 3 Peaks in 3 Days in aid of Leukaemia UK In April, 8 members of staff will take on The National 3 Peak Challenge to raise money for a charity that's close to Saint Pierre's heart. Mr Lane, Miss



Hoffman, Miss Partner, Miss Sweeney, Miss Hannaway, Miss Aldridge, Miss Christian and Mr Singleton will all be trekking 26 miles climbing the mountains of Snowdon, Scaffel Pike and Ben Nevis and hope to raise as much money as possible. If you are able, any donations would be gratefully received by following the link. peter spencer-lane is fundraising for Leukaemia UK (justgiving.com)

LAMDA – As some of you are aware, the Lamda teacher we had lined up to start in January can no longer commit to the role. So we are on the lookout for someone who can take the position of Lamda teacher, as soon as possible. If you know of anyone qualified for the role, please send them our way. In the meantime, we're doing our best to get these lessons up and running again.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday 26th ISA Football comp
- Mon 29th Theme week National Story Telling Week
- Wed 31st Young Voices at the O2 for Y3-6

