

Super Safeguarding Newsletter

July 2020

In September the Alsager Primary Schools held a Primary Safeguarding conference hosted by Pikemere school. As part of the conference the children were asked to develop a Safeguarding Action Plan and then the plan was to come back together in July to show what they had achieved in school. As the reunion conference had to be cancelled the schools have written an update on what the Safeguarding groups have achieved over the year.



This is from the Pikemere Safeguarding Champions.

We were pleased to represent our school at the Safeguarding conference in September 2019 even though we were really nervous. It didn't matter though as there were loads of other pupils there from other local schools who also felt nervous. The day was great fun and we learned loads from the River and Canal Trust, Cheshire Police and Clem who was a real life actor and teacher who did some drama with us about staying safe online.

After the day had finished, we met together with our teacher and formed our action plan. We had 3 things on it:

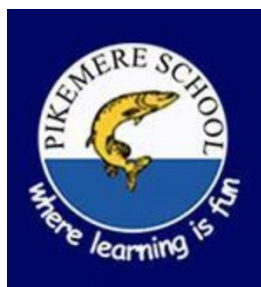
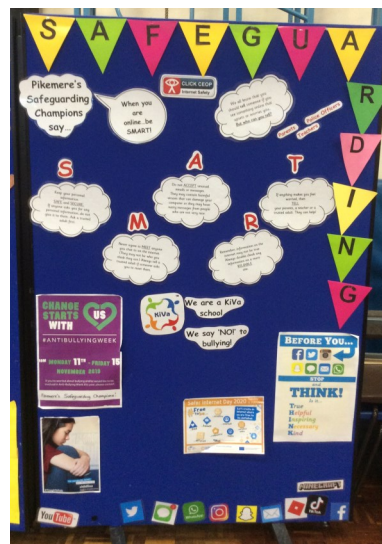
1. To keep our school safe by letting everyone know how to do this, assemblies, newsletters, safeguarding notice board
2. To plan and deliver Safer Internet Day activities on February 11th 2020

To get our parents involved by presenting a workshop to them about keeping their kids safe. We did our first assembly in October and used the beach ball idea that Cheshire Police did with us. We threw it into the children who were sitting down in assembly and they had to ask one of the questions stuck to the ball. eg Give an example of a bad and a good password. Everyone loved doing this as it was a fun way of getting our message over. We also talked about what age restrictions are on apps and games like Fortnite.

We created our own Safeguarding Noticeboard that we added important messages onto. (See attached photo) It's in the hall so everyone can see it during normal assemblies and at dinner time and in PE.

Every two or three weeks, we were asked to put a message onto the school newsletter for parents to read. This was useful especially when we told them about not using the same password every time. We had a lot of feedback from that!

In February we did a whole school Safer Internet Day, when we did the whole school assembly and then organised activities for all the classes to do. It was around the theme of Together for a Better Internet. We had a few problems with some older children being unkind on their phones on Whats App, so we had a bit of work to do.



In March we were asked to present to our school Governing body. We told them about keeping everyone safe at school, not just online. We showed them photographs of the Safeguarding conference. They were very nice and said we had done a good job so we were proud.

We had planned to do a presentation to parents in the summer term about the dangers of the internet, but because of the coronavirus we haven't been able to. We think the next Safeguarding Champions will be able to next year.



Way back in September the St Gabriel's Safeguarding team came back from the training filled with enthusiasm for their new role. We started with an assembly where they introduced themselves, gave a brief introduction to Safeguarding and launched the logo competition. We were delighted that a pupil from St Gabriel's won this and we are planning to spend the money on books for personal safety to share with KS1. We used all the fabulous entries to create our Safeguarding bunting.



As I'm sure is the case for everyone, many of our activities remained at the planning stage – we had a series of assemblies covering different aspects of safeguarding and were going to share some activities and competitions following these. We also planned to meet with the school council and carry out some training for them. As part of our regular Y6

reading buddy session with Reception we were going to do some practical activities to teach them and practise some road safety rules.

We created an E-safety notice board where we shared practical tips and suggestions in an accessible format for KS2.

All in, despite coming to an early end because of lockdown, the St Gabriel's team have made a great start to introducing a pupil Safeguarding Team and have laid the groundwork for whoever follows! They have worked well together and used many different skills in order to make a success of the role. Here are some of their thoughts: "I really enjoyed attending the conference and meeting all the other pupils from different schools" "I liked creating powerpoints and doing assemblies for the rest of the school" "I found it helpful to learn different techniques for staying safe – things like what to do if you or someone else is being bullied"



Scholar Green Primary School

The Safeguarding Team got together after the conference and decided what areas we thought were important to cover in school. We wanted to ask as many guest visitors into school as we could. This is our list:

- Our new local PCOS has visited many times and chatted to each class individually.
- Internet Safety Day- each class was given age related activities and a whole school assembly
- Blue Cross- a visitor came into school and held 2 assemblies across the key stages about being safe around dogs
- We held a Network Rail Safety assembly
- A Police Safety Officer was planned to come into school to deliver a workshop but was cancelled due to Covid-19 (23.3.20)
- The Canal and River Trust (planned to visit on 20.4.20)



Excalibur Primary School

At Excalibur, the safeguarding ambassadors, made up of our sports ambassadors, head boy and girl designed a series of presentations for use in classrooms and assemblies.



Following an introductory assembly to the whole school, they then visited each year group to discuss the following areas: road safety, e-safety, canal safety and stranger danger. These were interactive sessions where the children in each class participated in a mini quiz to help develop their understanding of safety. Part of this involved showing photographs of road situations and the children had to decide what was safe and what was unsafe.

With e-safety, they shared the importance of PEGI ratings with the groups. There were plans in place to carry out follow-up sessions later in the year.

Cranberry Primary Academy

There are 6 Safeguarding Champions for Cranberry.



They have carried out a class and whole school assembly after the conference in September. They covered topics such as: Canal Trust, Online Safety, Bullying and how to contact Child Line. They also completed a few of the activities from the folder that was given to us at the conference as well.

Examples from the PowerPoints that the Safeguarding Champions have used in the school are shown here:-



Alsager Highfields Community Primary School

We were so excited and proud to be invited to the safeguarding conference at Pikemere Primary School. We were not really sure what to expect but we had a great day and were made to feel very welcome. There were children from all of the local primary schools there and it was good to be part of an Alsager group rather than just our Highfields Safeguarding team. It made us realise how important our roles were. The day was so fun and interesting, we laughed a lot and we learned loads from the Cheshire Police, River and Canal Trust, and Clem who we did drama with about staying safe online. We met Ruth, who actually works for the Safeguarding Team for all the schools in Cheshire East too.



As part of our action plan we;

- shared the messages we had in some school assemblies where we introduced ourselves so our school knew who we were
- met regularly to discuss issues and messages we wanted to share
- created posters about safety around our school
- interviewed our Safeguarding Governor so we knew more about his role but also so he knew who we were and how hard we were working together for our school
- walked round with our caretaker to check our site was safe and reported any issues to him
- invited Olly our PCSO from the conference into our school, he came in and had lunch with us then we gave him a tour of our school grounds and he spoke to lots of the children
- shared the SCIES children's newsletters with the safeguarding champions and they shared them with their class
- organised Mental Health training for our Year 5 children to become mental health champions
- introduced year 6 prefects so that we could all work together to make our school the safest it can be
- had a mindfulness colouring club and computer Purple Mash club at lunchtimes for children to go to if they did not want to be outside or they needed to talk to an adult
- shared Think U Know resources in assemblies in KS1 and KS2 then Mrs Henshall sent links home to parents and carers to help safeguard everyone on the internet - the little children's message was good for everyone and that was 'if it feels funny in your tummy tell a grown up'
- organised with our grounds maintenance company that they do not mow and so leave a 1 metre width of longer grass to support wildlife and also to visually represent a 1 metre boundary for children to stay away from the perimeter fence

Most excitingly we planned to host the Safeguarding Conference at the end of the year and we hoped we could repeat Pikemere's success as we really enjoyed their conference! Sadly this could not happen this year due to the Corona Virus however we know our Safeguarding Team next year will do a good job hosting and maybe we can visit from the High School to help out too.

Emily, Lewis, Aaron, Ava, Will, Evie



Underwood West Primary School wanted to share this information with you all:

The Safeguarding Council at Underwood West Academy have been busy delivering an assembly and sessions on the E-safety game 'Band Runner'.

The Safeguarding Council demonstrated how to play the game and asked members of the audience to try it out. The children have put a link on the school website so children can play it at home with their grown-ups.



The Band Runner game

Featuring characters and safety messages from the Thinkuknow [Play Like Share films](#), *Band Runner* is a fun game that puts children's knowledge about online safety to the test by asking them to help characters make safe choices.

Players can choose to play the game as characters Ellie or Sam who use their guitars to eliminate all obstacles in their path as they run through school in order to make it to their next gig. If players miss a jump or take a tumble they then need to help Alfie solve an online safety dilemma to be able to continue play. As players pass to the next level, the running gets faster!

Here is what some of the children said about the game:

Charlie:
'The game was helpful and made me think!'

Ella:
'It makes me want to tell other people to be safe.'

Laura:
'The game helps you think about your privacy settings'

Filip:
'I think it was fun and helpful at the same time, and if more people played it they would understand cyber bullying'

Have you used a safeguarding resource that you would like to tell other schools about?

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