DIGITAL LEADER NEWSLETTER

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Who we are?

DIGITAL LEADERS 2025

Hi ,
We are the Onchan School Digital Leaders. There are 18 digital leaders in our school from Year 4,5,6 and we were appointed in October 2025.

Our job around school is looking after the ICT equipment and educating other children and people within our community about keeping safe online. We hope you find our tips and advice useful for Christmas and in the future.

Top Tips for children within our community

1. Tell a trusted adult if something upsets you.
2. Be honest with Parents and Carers.
3. Take breaks from being online.
4. Don't chat with strangers online.
5. Take note of age restrictions.
6. Stick to trusted apps.

Top Tips to make children's devices safer

1. Make search engines safer by using 'safe search setting' and remember to save it.
2. Disable location software.
3. Be mindful of suitable screen time for your child.
4. Set a pin on indvidual devices to maximise control of each device.
5. On Apple devices you can visit settings then general for 'restrictions'.
6. On Android devices you can select restrictions through a Google account.
7. On Android smartphone you can select parental controls in the play store.

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Setting up new software

- Check a games spec before buying especially for PC or Mac.
- Check age ratings when purchasing the app online.
- Check how much storage the software needs and check the devices storage availability.
- Be wary of gifts which can be earned through games.
- Be careful of costs after downloading different games. Even applications free to download have additional charges when playing (make sure children can't make purchases themselves).
- Be aware of gifts which can be earnt in the game (there maybe hidden costs).
- Keep a check on voice chat in apps to prevent children speaking to strangers during games.

Recommended Apps and websites

EYFS
Fun learning apps
- Barefoot World Atlas - to explore the world.
- Green Eggs and Ham Dr Seuss - to develop literacy skills in a fun way.
- Toca Lab: Elements - to learn about science.

Key stage 1 and 2
Fun learning Apps
- Duo Lingo - to learn a new language (parent must create a child account)
- Poly bridge - learn about critical thinking and engineering

Exciting Xmas website for all ages
Google Santa Tracker - to enjoy festive fun games/activities such as Santas canvas and Santa selfie. Also try different learning activities such as Code Lab and Code Boogie to develop coding skills.

Final Message from Digital leaders

Have fun and stay safe online. Don't forget to spend time with your family and friends. Enjoy getting outside too and playing different board games. Merry Xmas everyone :)

Please note childrens usage of apps and website should be regularly monitored for content and appropriate use . Please use this information with your own judgement.