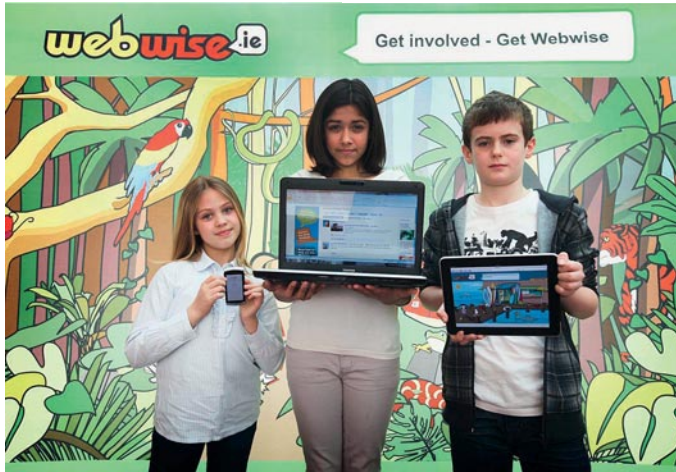




Connecting generations

– theme for Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is celebrated each year on the second day of the second week of the second month to promote safer and more responsible use of online technologies and mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people across the world.

This Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday, 7 February 2012 and will focus on the theme of connecting generations, with the slogan: “Discover the digital world together safely!”

About connecting generations

This topic looks at the reach of the online world across all generations and cultures and encourages families, schools and others in the community to work together to stay safe online. Whether you are 5, 15 or 50 years old, whether you use the internet once a month or several times a day – each person has something different to bring to the table that can help shape our online experiences and our understanding of online competences and safety. We all

have a role to play in ensuring that every child is safer online.

Today our offline and online worlds are strongly connected, from families communicating via webcam with relatives and friends abroad to children doing their homework online. The online world is a unique arena where people of all ages can learn together and from each other, especially regarding online safety. Tech savvy youngsters can teach their elders how to use new technologies, while grandparents can draw on their life experiences to advise younger generations on how to stay safe online, as they discover the digital world together.

How to take part?

You can get involved and help raise awareness of internet safety for this year’s Safer Internet Day. There are many things you can do, including helping to spread the word about the Day and running activities with children and young people, parents and carers and others in the community.

Visit www.webwise.ie where you’ll find

suggestions for activities and events that you can hold in your school or classroom to take part in the global event to help celebrate the day. You can also download Safer Internet Day promotional materials and resources. There are activities and resources that are suitable for primary schools including activities promoting effective responses to text bullying situations and lessons exploring the issue of online anonymity and protecting personal information online.

Let us know

The NCTE supports and promotes Safer Internet Day in schools. If you are hosting an event in your school, let us know and we will help to promote it. Send a short message (less than 140 characters) to internetsafety@ncte.ie telling us how you are marking Safer Internet Day in your school and we will feature it on the NCTE and Webwise twitter feeds on 7 February.

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Spring and summer ICT courses from NCTE

The new spring schedule for courses commencing in January and February has now been published on the NCTE website (www.ncte.ie/courseschedule). Contact your local Education Centre to book a place.

Now is the time to think about applying for an NCTE funded whole school summer course, to be held in your own school for you and your colleagues. Contact your local Education Centre for more information about how to access whole school training or find out more via the NCTE website’s training section: www.ncte.ie/training. Please note that early deadlines apply to whole



school summer courses.

The following courses will be available to primary teachers in summer 2012:

- ✦ NCTE: Using the Interactive Whiteboard to support Literacy.
 - ✦ NCTE: Creating and using ICT resources for Literacy.
 - ✦ NCTE: Using ICT for Literacy and Numeracy in the Infant Classroom.
 - ✦ Numeracy Development in the Primary Classroom using Scratch (NCTE/LERO).
- Contact your local Education Centre for details.