



Safer Internet Day 2017

St Piran's supported Safer Internet Day 2017, with the theme '**Be the change: Unite for a better internet**'.

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the annual event aims to highlight the positive use of technology and promote the role that everyone can play in helping to create a better and safer online community.

This year the theme was around how children and young people share images and videos online. For more information and advice, go to their website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>

The internet and digital technology provides exciting new opportunities for all of us and in particular children. The instant availability of knowledge, entertainment and the ability to connect family and friends are all things we embrace. With these positives also come some serious challenges and the UK Safer Internet Day highlights the ever increasing need to not only raise awareness of what our children are doing online, but to encourage open and honest dialogue about the dangers that they face. The children from Year 3-6 engaged in an assembly designed to raise their awareness of the issues surrounding sharing images online.

One area beyond their control however, is **Sharenting** ie the use of social media by parents to share content based on their children. Many hands went up when asked if their parents posted pictures of them. All these hands went down, when asked if their parents had asked their permission to post their image. Be aware, that you are adding to your child's digital footprint! BBC Newsround did a report into children's views on their parents' use of social media, which makes interesting reading:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38841469>