

Safer Internet Day is February 9th 2010

What can you do to help young children stay safe on the internet?

This year's Safer Internet Day theme is "Think Before You Post"! Hector's World Episode 1, "Details Details...." provides an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to begin discussion with young children about what they post online.

The best time for teachers, parents and caregivers to start laying the foundation for a lifetime of responsible use of the internet is in a child's early years. The ideal is to start education when a child first has access to the technology. Hector's World resources lay the foundation for 2-9 year olds to have positive, safe and enriching online experiences.



To celebrate Safer Internet Day, Hector's World will launch new animated website tours on February 9th. The 10 minute guided tours will give parents and teachers an overview of all that Hector's World has to offer to help promote digital citizenship and safe online behavior.

Here are some ideas for teachers, parents and caregivers to promote Safer Internet Day, February 9th 2010, with young children:

At Home

- Watch Hector's World Episode 1 with your children and talk to them about the information they share online.
- Invite the Hector's World characters to dinner by constructing and wearing the [Hector's World character hats](#). Encourage the whole family to participate!
- Install the [Hector's World Safety Button](#) on your home computer and show children how to use it.
- Explore the [Parent's section](#) of the Hector's World website 'Information Island' to learn about the cybersafety resources available to you and your children.
- Watch the Hector's World tour for parents. (available on www.ectorsworld.com from 9th February 2010)

At School

- Make "Think Before You Post" a key message in school assemblies this week.
- Put a link to www.ectorsworld.com on your school website and in your school newsletter.
- Show Hector's World Episode 1 in class and use the [lesson plan](#) to reinforce the message "Think Before you Post"
- Display the [Hector's World character cards](#) in the classroom and invite students to talk about safe posting on the internet.

- Watch the Hectors World tour for teachers (available on www.hectorsworld.com from 9th February 2010)

In Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centres

- Show Hector's World Episode 1 or read a [Hector's World Storybook](#).
- Integrate the [Hector's World music](#) or music videos into sing along or movement activities.
- Distribute the [Hector's World Parent Handout](#) to parents and caregivers.
- Create an opportunity for ECE staff to discuss cybersafety and the centre's use of technology.
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Encourage your friends and colleagues to think about internet safety for young children on

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