

Important date for the diary Thursday April 27th

Internet Safety & Cyber Harassment Talk

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Mr John Murray BA, MA (Ed), H.Dip.Ed. will give a presentation on *Internet Safety and Cyber Harassment* to school pupils ,teachers and parents of Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil on **Thursday April 27th** .

He will undertake workshops with children from 3rd - 6th Class during the school day .

The talk for parents will commence in the school hall at 7:30pm.

The evening talk will take the format of a PowerPoint Presentation, examining the latest research in this area. Mr Murray has experience in both primary and post primary schools and taught in London for 14 years. He is the former ICT Advisor for Waterford Teachers' Centre (2000-2008). He holds a BA Degree, Higher Diploma in Education, Post Graduate Diploma in ICT in Education and an MA in Education. He is registered with the Teaching Council(Full Registration) and Garda Vetted (No:160158).

The talk will include video clips analysing Social Networking sites, including **Ask.fm** and **Facebook**. Mobile phones safety issues will also be discussed, including the law relating to online harassment and defamation . Mr Murray will also discuss the latest research findings in this area, including the **EU Kids Online Survey 2011** (25 Countries). Each participant is given a CD-ROM containing these resources. The presentation will last for approximately one hour, followed by a question and answer session. The main points for discussion will be:

- The law and the Internet (Online Harassment and Cyber bullying).
- Legal steps that can be taken to deal with online harassment.
- Social Networking Sites, including Ask.fm and Facebook.
- How to monitor your home computers, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, using an array of software, including Mobicip and Mobiflock (Mobile Guardian)..
- Issues relating to Snapchat, Instagram, YikYak, Gaming Consoles, Viber, WhatsApp and similar applications.
- Educating children to be aware of online racism, homophobia, grooming and indoctrination.
- Basic common sense rules to keep children safe, while using the Internet.

We sincerely hope that every child in the school from Junior infants to 6th Class will be represented by a parent or guardian at the evening meeting for this important presentation.

"Children should be able to live a life free from bullying and harassment and it is time that we all took a stand against this. " Katherine Jenkins

Míle buíochas,
Siobhán Ní Chatháin P.O.