

## Notes for teachers

# Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally on the second day of the second week of February each year. It aims to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. It also intends to inspire a national discussion about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

The Foundation for Social Welfare Services together with the Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes, the Office of the Commissioner for Children and the Cyber Crime Unit within the Malta Police Force, who form part of the BeSmartOnline! initiative join in the celebrations to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and the wider community, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on the 6th of February however, activities will be organised throughout the whole month.



# Lesson Plan

## Target Audience

Kinder - Year 2

## Keywords

Digital footprint, internet safety

## Resources

'Alex's Digital Footprint Adventure' Short story, Footprint template, Pencils'

## Learning Outcomes

- I can talk about Safer Internet Day
- I understand the meaning of 'Digital Footprint'
- I can list different things that create my digital footprint

## Instructions:

- Read 'Alex's Digital Footprint Adventure'.
- On the footprint template instruct each child to write something which is online related e.g. a photo of myself, a comment I wrote, a photo of me that my mother posted.
- Discuss with the students how these things represent the marks we leave behind.
- Connect this to the concept of digital footprints.

# Alex's Digital Footprint Adventure

Once upon a time in the town of CyberVille, there lived a curious and tech-savvy kid named Alex. Alex loved exploring the internet, playing online games, and chatting with friends. One day, Alex's teacher, Mrs. Byte, introduced the class to the concept of "digital footprints."

Mrs. Byte explained, "Just like footprints in the sand show where you've been, your digital footprint is a trail of all the things you do online. It's important to make sure it's a positive and safe trail."

Excited to learn more, Alex decided to embark on a Digital Footprint Adventure. The first stop was the Magical Social Media Forest, where Alex learned that every post and comment left a mark on the digital trail. Alex decided to spread kindness and share only positive thoughts with friends.

Next, Alex visited the Enchanted Online Game Kingdom. There, Alex discovered that winning and losing in games left footprints too. Alex chose to be a good sport, congratulating others on their victories and encouraging friends when they faced challenges.

In the Land of Search Engines, Alex learned that every question asked and every search made contributed to the digital footprint. Alex decided to use this power for good, searching for helpful information and exciting facts.

As Alex continued the adventure, a wise Digital Guide appeared. The Digital Guide shared tips on staying safe, such as not sharing personal information with strangers and using strong passwords to protect the online kingdom.

One day, while exploring the Imaginary Island of Online Friends, Alex received a friend request from someone unknown. Remembering the digital safety tips, Alex decided to only connect with people known in the real world to keep the online adventure secure.

As the adventure unfolded, Alex's digital footprint became a shining trail of positivity, kindness, and responsible choices. Mrs. Byte commended Alex for being a responsible digital explorer, and the whole class celebrated the successful Digital Footprint Adventure.

And so, with a positive and safe digital footprint, Alex continued to explore the wonders of the internet, knowing that every click and post left a mark on the exciting trail of the online world.



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