

**Safer Internet Day 2023 is just around the corner, and we hope that you will join in the celebrations on Tuesday, February 7th!**

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially for children and young people. SID has grown to become a global event and is now celebrated in approximately 170 countries. Coordinated and promoted in Ireland by Webwise, Safer Internet Day has grown to become the key date in the online safety calendar.

**The theme this year is promoting respect, inclusion and empathy online.**

The aim of the #SilentWitness campaign is to empower children and young people to build positive inclusive online communities. Everyone has a role to play, and Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to engage students, parents/carers and the wider community!

Whether you are planning internet safety lessons, or want to run a campaign there are lots of ideas, resources, and presentations that you can use to promote online safety for #SID2023. You can also check the SID Events Map to see what is happening around Ireland to mark Safer Internet Day.

**Here are 6 simple ways to get involved.**

**1. Sign-up for SID 2023 and get FREE Wristbands**

**The free Safer Internet Day wristbands are a colourful addition to your #SID2023 celebrations!**

Let us know what you are planning to do to mark Safer Internet Day 2023, and we will send you online safety packs, including free wristbands for all of your participants.

Spread the word by encouraging schools, parent groups, organisations and communities to get involved and sign-up via: <https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/submit-sid-event/>

**2. FREE Online Safety Lessons and Activities**

Safer Internet Day is a great time to explore online safety topics and issues. Use the FREE Webwise resources, lessons and presentations to address topics such as privacy, social media, image-sharing, consent, and misinformation.

**Support the #SID2023 of promoting respect, inclusion and empathy online** using the [HTML Heroes](#) and [MySelfie and the Wider World](#) Programmes.

These resources can be accessed for free on [webwise.ie](#) and we also send out hard copies to schools.

### **3. Use the Scripted Safer Internet Day Presentations**

**Free Safer Internet Day Presentations are available for Primary and Post-Primary level.** These include Primary school presentations for use with 1st and 2nd class, 3rd and 4th class, and 5th and 6th class. The Post-Primary level presentation explore topics including News, Information and the Problems of False Information; Managing Your Online Wellbeing; Respectful Communication Online; Self-Esteem Online – The Full Picture.

The presentations, a full script/notes, and Take Home Activities can be downloaded for use in the classroom.

<https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/sid-presentations/>

### **4. Webwise Parents Hub**

Safer Internet Day is a great time to engage parents, and raise awareness of the important role they play in helping their child to have a positive experience online.

Visit the Webwise Parents Hub for free advice, support and resources including:

- A free online safety advice booklet for parents - A Parents' Guide to a Better Internet
- The [#TalkListenLearn Topic Generator](#) to help parents to begin conversations about online safety with their child:
- Explore the Webwise Explainer Guides to popular apps and platforms, advice videos, Talking Points, and How-To Guides.

Schools can highlight resources to parents, host an information evening or order our updated parent guide.

Visit the Webwise Parents Hub: <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

### **5. Invite Gardai in to deliver the Be Kind Online Talk**

The Be Kind Online Lessons are a new update to the Primary Garda Schools Programme.

**Be Kind Online** is designed to enable 3rd and 4th class pupils to understand what cyberbullying is, how it can hurt someone and how it can be prevented. The lessons promote respectful communication online and aim to foster a sense of

care and respect for others online. The programme will equip children with the skills to deal effectively with cyberbullying.

More info: <https://www.webwise.ie/garda-schools-programme/>

## **6. Help Spread the Word**

Your voice has a huge impact and can help to encourage even more people to get involved in Safer Internet Day, and take the opportunity to explore the importance of online safety for children and young people.

- Share the Webwise resources, advice, tips and information with your community.
- Highlight #SID2023 on your website
- Share your SID plans on social media using #SID2023 or #SilentWitness

Webwise has a dedicated Safer Internet Day Hub to help anyone who is planning a SID event. It contains ideas, activities, videos, resources, and many more useful suggestions and tools to help people to get involved.

<https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/>