What is a Portobello Pupil Digital Ambassador?

Our school has a team of specially trained children who understand that the internet is an amazing place with lots of entertainment and information. When using technology our ambassadors work hard to keep everyone safe and spread the importance of online safety across school. Their job in school is to provide support and help leaders continue to improve our curriculum.

What do Portobello Pupil Digital Ambassadors do in school?

* Support with technology in assemblies.
* Discuss Computing with different classes.
* Feedback pupil voice comments to leaders.
* Share ideas about how we can improve digital learning.
* Lead parts of Safer Internet Day (celebrated annually).

Questions:

Each time Portobello Pupil Digital Ambassadors meet they identify a list of questions for children and parents to discuss. Here is their Spring Term list:

PPDA Questions for Parents

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* Do you know what your child is up to in the online world?

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* Do you have conversations about what your child does on their electronics?
* Do you know what apps/games your child is accessing?

PPDA Questions for Children

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* Do you think about the PEGI rating of a game before you play it?
* How long do you spend online?
* Do you have any social media and do your parents know about it?

Portobello Pupil Digital Ambassador (PPDA) Training:

New Pupil Digital Ambassadors are selected from a school election every July. Ambassadors write a speech outlining their priorities as a member of the schools Digital Ambassador group. Once selected leaders begin three phases of training. Meetings are also held monthly with the schools Digital Enrichment Leader.

Training content designed with a focus on educating ambassadors to use digital technologies safely and effectively. The training phases provides ambassadors with a range of Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy skills.

* **Computer Science** – the understanding of coding and programming across a range of physical devices and digital resources.
* **Information Technology**– the range of skills required to operate and manipulate specific programs, systems, and content.
* **Digital Literacy**– the knowledge required to use technology safely and to evaluate and react to any potential risks of the online/digital world.

See our training module outline below:

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| Portobello Pupil Digital Ambassadors – September Training Phases |
| Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Phase 3 |
| Digital Literacy Strand | Information Technology Strand | Computer Science Strand |
| Focus: Online Safety Priorities | Focus: Competency using Apple and Microsoft programs | Focus: Device management and VEX Robotics |
| Training to educate PPDA on eight strands of the DfE (2020) Education for a Connected World Framework and Portobello Primary School SMART Safety Rules.Areas Covered: Self Image and Identity, Online Relationships, Online Reputation, Online Bullying, Managing Online Information, Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle, Privacy and Security, Copyright and Ownership.*PPDA will also lead sessions in February’s Safer Internet Day.* | Training to ensure PPDA are competent with a range of Apple iPad, MacBook, and Microsoft Programs.Areas Covered Includes: Pages, Keynote, Accessibility Features and Microsoft Office Programs. *PPDA will then prepare an online safety presentation to share in October.*  | Training to educate PPDA on smaller device repairs (not requiring Tech support advice) and utilising VEX Robotics in school STEM area.Areas Covered: VEX123, VEXGO, VEXIQ, VexCode Apps, Connection Troubleshooting and Ozobots.*PPDA also have an opportunity to liaise with business STEM sponsors. 2024 PPDA attended the North East Automotive Alliance Expo.* |

\*Refreshers provided throughout the year and following advancements in technology including AI.