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ESC Newsletter June 2012



Welcome to the June ESC (E-Safety Champions) newsletter from the Safe Schools and Communities Team.

The stop think dorset website is slowly evolving and this newsletter is available in the ESC area. We are still looking for news items to go on the site. So if your team has done something outstanding or your child's school has a new initiative let us know.

The Facebook page is slowly gaining likes but we need more people to like it to get the message out, the more likes the greater the exposure so visit today and help get things started.

What have I found out this month?

'Snapchat' an iphone only app (but expect it on android too), aims to make 'sexting' (check out our website if you are not sure what this means) safer. It allows the sender to set a time limit on images sent before they are deleted. It will also tell you if the recipient has tried to take a screen grab. What it won't do is stop or inform you if someone takes a picture of the phone whilst it is displaying the image. The most likely outcome of this app will be young people sending more images as they feel safe using it. What are your thoughts on it?



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The 1st QR code will take you to our website. The 2nd will take you to @stophinkdorset on twitter. Lost already ask your young person to help you out. It's a conversation starter, and that's a good thing right?

In the News!

'Teach 5 year olds the dangers of sexting.'

The following link will take you to an article which has been big in the news this week. It follows research done by NSPCC. Clearly you don't need to go in to detail with your children but a discussion about the consequences of send information including pictures to the wrong people is very important. <http://bit.ly/Ka9f76> .

Peer pressure plays a big part in sexting and there is a worrying trend where girls are being pressured into sending images of parts of their bodies with a boys name on it showing ownership.

Finally some good news! (Maybe)

Bemilo is a mobile operator which uses the Vodafone network. You pay a monthly subscription which allows parents access to information via their internet connected computer. This information includes numbers called and text message content. They can also restrict access to certain numbers and block numbers too. Parents can also use it to limit the time the phone can be used, for example it can be set to disable access between 11pm and 7am, allowing time to sleep. Remember though that that will only work if their access to the internet through computers and games consoles is also limited. Read more about Bemilo services on the BBC news website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-18144038> .



Or click on Milo to visit their site