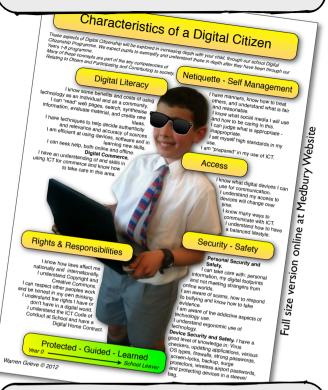
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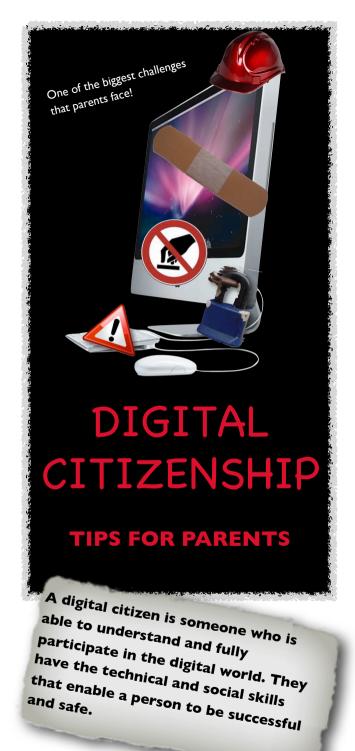
# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WE CARRY OUT TO HELP CREATE THE DIGITAL CITIZENS OF TOMORROW.

- Conversations with peers and teachers around aspects of Digital Citizenship.
- Watching videos on Digital Citizenship.
- Using Game based learning sites that teach and reinforce concepts of Digital Citizenship.
- Role Playing situations.
- Asking questions to explore.
- Creating presentations to teach our parents.
- Creating videos to communicate our thinking.
- Learning from mistakes while in a safe environment.
- Practising digital literacy skills using specialised software like Ultranet.

# **RANDOM THOUGHTS**

- Digital life is just like part of normal life.
- Make sure children understand there are different roles in bullying. Talk to them about bullies, victims and bystanders.
- If you wouldn't let your children have an unsupervised play date, don't let them online by themselves.
- Discuss how some sites rely on currency for buying extras, so set your limits beforehand.
- □ Talk about online ads. Many online games and sites offer lots of free giveaways and downloads that can be full of spyware and malware. These can badly impact on your computer.
- Set your browser's safe search settings. Typing even innocent keywords into a search engine may yield inappropriate results. Keep an eye on your child during their research process.
- Compare multiple sources. Kids should draw on several sites, for better accuracy.





# CREATING THE DIGITAL CITIZEN

A Digital Citizen does just not happen. Like any part of parenting the time and effort put in pays off enormously. Teaming up with your school is an important part of this. Here at Medbury we encourage this through our Digital Citizenship programme. You can find out more about this here by looking on our new look website as it is introduced.





## Developing a Great Digital Citizen

## 9 HOT TIPS

- I. Create a home 'Digital Use' contract. Make sure that it focuses on the positive and on trust. Talk about your responsibility as a parent.
- 2. Model Digital Citizenship yourself. Understand that learning in this area is about our modeling as adults.
- 3. Talk Early and Often, Create an Honest, Open Environment, Communicate Your Values, Be Patient.
- 4. Sit and discuss, be involved with your child on a regular basis.
- 5. Have open communication between home and school.
- 6. Attend workshops and learn from other peoples' experiences. Discuss your approaches with other parents.
- 7. Keep the computers and digital devices in an open area.
- 8. Seek to protect your child more when they are younger but give them more rights, trust and responsibilities as they get older. Make these transitions obvious by saying, "I think you are ready for..."
- 9. If your child's behaviour changes then be alert for reasons why.

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### **GREAT LINKS**

Use these sites to help you find out further information, free security software or to discuss issues with your child.

HTTP://WWW.DELICIOUS.COM/
MEDBURYBOOKMARKS/TAG\_BUNDLE/DIGITAL
%20CITIZENSHIP

The full range of the best collected sites and resources from our Medbury collection.

#### NETSAFE.ORG.NZ

A New Zealand based site with information focusing on issues within N.Z. They produce <u>Hector's World</u>.

HTTP://WWW.COMMONSENSEMEDIA.ORG/ ADVICE-FOR-PARENTS

A great resource with a range of information.

### HTTP://WWW.NETLINGO.COM/

Catch up on the online lingo

**Explore** with your children about safety and privacy settings on social networking sites like Facebook (older kids), Club Penguin, Habbo or MoshiMonsters etc.

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