Welcome to our first Shetland CPC Newsletter for 2018.

In this edition we would like to share with you the ongoing programme of work we do to raise awareness of internet safety in Shetland.

**Internet Safety Day is on Tuesday 6 February 2018.**
The slogan for this year is ‘Create, Connect and Share respect: a better internet starts with you’.

Keep a look out for our social media and twitter posts throughout the week from the Shetland Library.

**Parental Involvement Evenings**
A few Parent Councils have contacted us to arrange an evening Internet Safety session at their School. Parents can bring their children and while staff deliver a session to parents, the children have an activity session on internet safety too. So far sessions have been delivered to parents in Mid Yell, Hamnavoe and Whalsay with Dunrossness being held soon. If Parent Council members are interested in arranging this for their school, please contact Dawn Smith, Business Support Assistant, Adult and Child Protection, on dawn.smith@shetland.gov.uk or Tel 01595 744411.

**CEOP Training (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)**
A group of S6 volunteers have been trained in delivering the CEOP internet safety sessions in schools and this is ongoing. New training materials are available to keep the training up to date and specific to real life situations.

**VSVS (Virtually Safe, Virtually Sound) Youth Conferences**
VSVS Conferences have been held in AHS, Baltasound, Mid Yell, Whalsay, and Sandwick schools so far. Young volunteers are enlisted to help with organising the event in each school and they decide which topics should be covered in workshops. CEOP online safety is a mandatory workshop for everyone and therefore all S1 pupils across Shetland have received a session on internet safety. We were delighted when the young volunteers from VSVS won the Volunteering of the Year award for 2017.

**OPEN Project**
The young volunteers from the OPEN Project will be delivering their OPEN Online Workshop to raise awareness with S1 pupils across Shetland throughout January and February.

The OPEN Online Safety Workshop is about staying safe online and focusses on bullying and the effects it has on everyone—the victims, the bullies and the bystanders. The workshop raises awareness about the risks associated with internet use; be that websites, chat rooms, gaming or phone applications and social media, and explores with participants issues with them using the internet safely.

If you have any questions or are interested in arranging a workshop with the OPEN Project, please contact Dawn Smith.

Find our Internet Safety Leaflets for Children and Young People and for Parents and Carers on the links below:


Link to Safer Internet Day:


More Useful Links:


NSPCC Your Guide to the Social Networks your kids use - gives easy to read guide of all the most popular sites, games and apps: [https://www.net-ware.org.uk/](https://www.net-ware.org.uk/)