



20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Extra Curricular Activities Term 1 2017/2018

**Extra Curricular Activities have now started. If your child is taking part in activities, please ensure you have registered and paid.**

Registration and payment can be made on our website [www.stmatts.ie](http://www.stmatts.ie) or return Registration Form with payment to the School Office.  
(Cheques made payable to St. Matthew's National School).

## Hockey Parents

**We would kindly remind you to park in the designated parking spaces in Pembroke Hockey Club rather than the driveway/entrance area or yellow boxes blocking pedestrian pathways. This is in the safety of all children and out of respect for all Pembroke Hockey Club users. Thank you for your co-operation.**

## **Places are still available in Kids Inc After School Club!**



### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

located at St. Matthew's National School



We collect from all local primary schools

### **WHAT WE OFFER**

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- Affordable and daily flexible options
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- Wide range of creative and fun activities
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## **Cybersafe Ireland Workshop Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

CyberSafe Ireland is a not-for-profit organisation, established in 2015, that works to empower children, parents and teachers to navigate the online world in a safe and responsible manner.

### **Cybersafe will be coming to St. Matthew's National School on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

This is a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn to be safe while online. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class will have their own workshop, the content of which is tailored to suit the particular needs of each group.

Some of the topics covered will include:

- Cyber-Bullying – The Importance of online communication and being considerate of others. The three key steps to stopping any cyber-bullying incident.
- Social Networks – Safe-guarding your private information, accepting friend requests, learning how to use the security settings.
- Future Reputations/Digital Footprint – How everything that we do and say online can have an effect on our reputation.
- Emphasise the importance of enjoying and having fun with the internet and encouraging the children to explore the internet in the most open and safe way possible.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Class**

This interactive session runs for 1 hour and is age and stage appropriate for 4<sup>th</sup> Class children. The basics of internet safety including: social media and gaming, geolocation and personal data, cyberbullying, passwords and internet security will be covered in an age appropriate manner. The content is very engaging. The session will be tailored to the apps and games that the children are using.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

This discussion based session also runs for an hour for each class group. It is age and stage appropriate for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class children. It starts with a quiz to remind children of the basics of internet safety and a discussion on safety aspects around the social media apps that the children are using. Videos and discussions will also be used during the session. The children will be split into groups and given two scenarios to consider, followed by discussion with the class. The topics in these scenarios relate to peer pressure around online gaming and cyber-bullying.

We are delighted that Cybersafe will be coming to St. Matthew's. We feel the children will really benefit from this workshop and will incorporate this valuable information into their on-line interactions.

#### **Parent Body**

### **There will be a parent information evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the school.**

This session is open to all parents; however, we would especially encourage parents of children in senior classes to attend.

The internet can provide a fantastic opportunity for children but at the same time they can be putting themselves at risk to online dangers. The fast evolution of the internet through technology means that it is becoming more difficult to supervise. A basic understanding of the internet and the technology your children are using is a great place to start.

This awareness evening will be an opportunity:

- for parents to find out what their children learnt/discussed
- inform parents about what is happening in the web world
- share children's feedback to parents
- advise on best practice in the home regarding internet safety