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emailed to homes, staff, Sixth Form students and other supporters on Thursdays

Parents and Staff Working Together on E-Safety

A group of parents and school staff met this week to consider some of the issues confronting children and parents when using the internet. Their concerns were over children using the internet and social networking sites safely, and also ensuring that children did not misuse social networking sites to be unpleasant to others.

The first step has been to agree a policy which in the next few weeks will be sent in pamphlet form to all parents. In essence, it reminds parents of their responsibility to monitor their child's use of the internet, social networking sites such as Facebook, other on-line devices such as games consoles and mobile phones. The pamphlet will suggest a variety of ways parents could go about monitoring this usage.

The next stage is for the school to review how it teaches students about using the internet. The group is also planning to organise a meeting for parents – probably in the Summer term – to discuss issues with them and possibly to run workshops to help some parents who feel their computer skills are weak.

During this week, which is nationally designated as E-Safety Week, assemblies have addressed the issues and form tutors have used on-line videos to further educate students.

The school is involved in a European Union-funded anti-bullying project called 'I Am Not Scared'. To find out more, visit the project website via a link on the Home Page of our website.



Pictured : staff and parents discuss internet safety policy at the meeting on Monday evening.



Snowy Central Rec

Forthcoming events from the Wilsthorpe Calendar :

'Live and Loud'
POSTPONED

Break up for 'Half-term'
Friday 10 February

Start of Term 4
Monday 20 February

Year 10 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13 March

Break up for Easter
Friday 30 March

'Singin' in the Rain'
Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 April

CALENDAR INFORMATION

Term and holiday dates are available directly from the Home Page of the school website.

A brand new website is currently under construction so, please note, much of the information on the 'old' website is out-of-date.

'Singin' in the Rain' – Tuesday – Friday 24-27 April.

Tickets on sale after half-term at £3 for students and £5 for adults, with a Family Ticket for two adults and two children costing £13.

**Wilsthorpe
Community School
Derby Road, NG10 4WT
telephone 01159 729421**

GCSE Catering – ‘Chef of the Week’ :

Free swims and cinema tickets – as a result of a survey carried out by the **Erewash Youth Forum**, Erewash Council has provided free tickets for a swim at West Park and to see a film at the Galaxy Cinema. Students were invited to get these by Friday but there will be some left over for after half-term and they will be valid for several more weeks. The **Erewash Youth Forum** met at Wilsthorpe on Wednesday this week.

Year 7 Rugby Competition and Skills Camp for Girls - Friday 10th February from 12–4pm. Twelve girls will be attending this event at Frederick Gent School.

Well done to all the students who ran in freezing temperatures representing Erewash in the **Derbyshire Cross Country Championships**, Saturday 4th February 2012. This was held at Mount St. Mary's College, Spinkhill. **Results** : Year 7 Girls - Lauren Wilcox - 6th in Derbyshire; Junior Girls - Jenny Stevenson – 4th in Derbyshire (now she will be going to the national final), Chloe Blaydon, 41st; Junior Boys - Dylan Barnes, 25th; Inter Boys - Jack Bridle – 7th in Derbyshire (now he will be going to the national final); Inter Girls - Yasmin Henchcliffe, 20th; Senior Boys - Terah Hooley receives an automatic by to the next round.

Well done to all those who qualified to compete for the District and especially the three who now go on to represent Derbyshire at the National Final. This will be held on the 17th March at Merryfield, Somerset.



Pictured left with Head of Sixth Form, Miss Greenall (far left) and Mrs Parks (second from right) are the Wilsthorpe sixth formers who played Friesland sixth formers at versatility netball on Wednesday 8th February 2012. The score was 5 – 5 and the person of the match was Lewis Scott (fourth from right) for his excellent performance.

CITIZENSHIP CONVERSATION –

Do you use the internet responsibly?

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Attendance/absences : attendance@wilsthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

General enquiries : enquiries@wilsthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Comments on Home-Link : homelink@wilsthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

School website : www.wilsthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

PTA website : <http://wilsthorpe-pta.co.uk>

Study link : <http://www.wilsthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php?id=9>

Internet safe usage : www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Y 11's 'last assembly' : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvVtO-ZO3kE>

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