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# CYBER CITIZENS

How Digital Ambassadors at Oakwell Rise and Victoria Primary are leading the charge for smarter, safer screen time.

**With the growing use of technology, we know that Online Safety can be a tricky thing for schools to tackle. Oakwell Rise and Victoria Primary Academy have been working hard to ensure that all our children are good digital citizens.**



Both schools have been proudly flying the Online Safety Flag, demonstrating a clear commitment to navigating the modern technological world safely. However, the driving force behind this recent success has undoubtedly been the students themselves.

This year, Online Safety Day had the focus of something hot on everyone's lips: AI. For the last two months, the Digital Ambassador teams have been meeting regularly, working diligently to unpack this topic. These meetings involved far more than just discussion. The students rolled up their sleeves and spent time looking at different A.I technologies, actively experimenting with the tools to understand how they function. They created their own A.I songs, made CGI pictures and even

created their own eight second AI movies.

The level of commitment shown by these young people has been nothing short of inspiring. Their preparation extended well beyond school hours, with children giving up lunchtimes and breaks to practise their assembly. The Digital Ambassadors have also been working incredibly hard at home, meticulously learning their lines and rehearsing their parts to ensure they were ready for the big day.

When Online Safety Day finally arrived, the students took center stage to deliver assemblies in both schools. While there were naturally a few nerves beforehand, the

excitement to spread their message was palpable.

The Ambassadors guided their peers through a detailed and thoughtful presentation. They covered the history of where AI came from, highlighted the potential benefits and provided crucial advice on how to stay safe. The presentation wasn't just informative; it was a children leading children. A highlight of the event was the open debate, which proved just how much the children had learned. When the floor was opened to the question, "Is AI a good thing?", the maturity in the room was impressive. A student at Oakwell Rise offered a particularly powerful answer:

**"We have to be safe because things look like they might be real but they could be made with A.I. We have to use our brains."**

**The assembly concluded with a roar of applause. The Digital Ambassadors did a tremendous job, overcoming their nerves to deliver a professional and engaging session.**



**Interested in starting your own Digital Ambassadors?**

**If you have been inspired by the dedication of these students and are interested in starting your own Digital Ambassadors programme, please contact Scott McHale at [s.mchale@vpaleeds.co.uk](mailto:s.mchale@vpaleeds.co.uk)**

