123ICT's exciting new computing competition has arrived!

Welcome to **123**ICT's latest exciting computing competition for schools, which is promoting Online Safety. We are all well aware of the great learning and communication opportunities of the Internet. However, we also know how vitally important it is that our children use this wonderful resource safely and know what to do should they come across anything on the Internet that makes them feel in any way uncomfortable.

As part of **123**ICT's ongoing undertaking to promote Online Safety in Oxfordshire schools, our latest computing competition is to create an **Online Safety Rules** poster for classroom display. We think that this challenge will provide a great start to the the new computing competition year; it will hopefully put Online Safety firmly on the agenda with new classes and could also provide classrooms and computing suites with a very useful Online Safety display feature to prominently reinforce the Online Safety message throughout the year.

The competition is for both KS1 and KS2. The KS1 children should base their poster around **Sid's Top Tips**, which is a set of four easy-to-remember rules. The KS2 children should base their poster around the **SMART Rules**. However, the idea is not merely to copy the existing posters but for the children to create their own poster design that incorporates the important rules and displays them clearly.
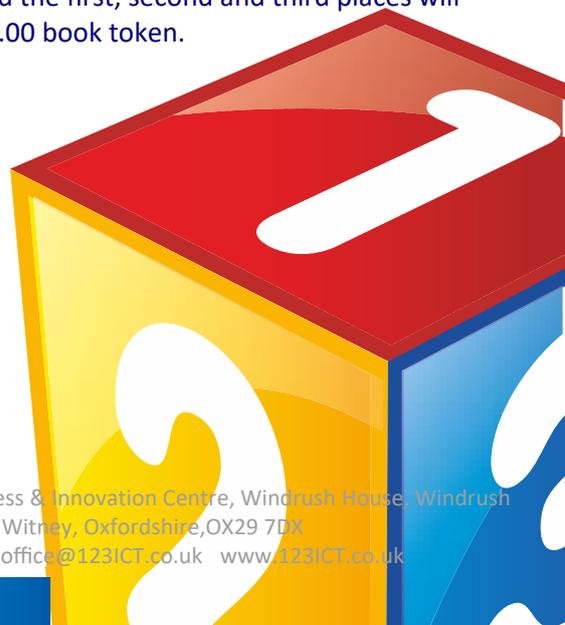
As this is one of our **123**SOW linked competitions; we will be publishing our '*123ICT Computing Champions League*' for 2021-22 and the submitting schools for each competition will be awarded the following league points:

- First Place – 60 Points
- Second Place – 40 Points
- Third Place – 20 Points

In addition, each school that enters the competition will be awarded 10 points and the first, second and third places will also receive certificates. The individual competition winner will also receive a £10.00 book token.

We will maintain and publish the league table throughout the year and at the end, of the year, we will present, in addition to a Computing Champions League winners trophy, a very desirable prize to the winning school. The runner-up school will also receive an excellent prize and runners-up trophy. The prizes are currently being sought from our suppliers and full details will be announced on our competitions blog towards the middle of the academic year.

Full details about this competition, our planned schedule of competitions for the year and our new *123ICT Computing Champions League* can be found on our website computing competitions page: https://123ict.co.uk/123ict-computing-competitions/

Creating an Online Safety Rules Poster

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As expected for a computing competition, entries should be created on a computer, using any graphics, word processing, desk top publishing, or similar application. In addition, as the competition has an Online Safety theme, which is computing related, hand drawn and coloured posters may also be crafted, photographed and submitted to the competition as images.

Competition Guidelines

- The competition is intended for both **Key Stage One and Two children**, including age appropriate entries from special needs schools.

- Each **123**ICT school is entitled to submit one entry per year group to the competition.

- As usual, judging of all entries for our competitions will be carried out by the **123**ICT team, calling upon any additional expertise necessary to assist in that judgement.

- The winning entries, along with all other submissions, will be published on our website: http://www.123ict.co.uk and will also be notified to our schools during the Autumn Term.

- Entries should be e-mailed as PDF attachments to competitions@123ict.co.uk. A reply e-mail will be sent to all submitting schools to confirm receipt. If entrants do not receive a confirmation of receipt within two working days, they should check that we have actually received their submission, by sending us an email.

- **Closing date**: the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. Entries from schools that are using the **123**SOW can be submitted at any time but if they are received after the closing date for the current year, they will be entered into the following year's competition.

Should you have any further questions regarding the competition, please e-mail them to me at the above competitions address or speak to your **123**ICT Consultant who will be happy to assist you.

Good luck, I look forward to viewing your entries.

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