Liscard Primary School   IT/Computing Governor Report   Date: 05/12/2022

Staff involved: Ms L Moran, Mr J Harris, Mr C Liston

Reason for visit: Online Safety Meeting and General IT visit.

Key points: Thank you so much for inviting me in for today's meeting. It was an absolute pleasure to meet some of our online safety and digital ambassadors and hear them talk about how they use IT throughout their day-to-day lives in school.

The day started with Ms Moran showing me some of the excellent ways that school keeps children safe using software called Securus. I was hugely impressed at how deep this software can go including website checking of appropriate content school managed devices are visiting. I was especially impressed by how this can be filtered down into key words and show an overview of how devices are being used; including within apps as well as internet browsing. Not just limited to children, this also works on staff managed devices as well giving a really overall secure feeling to the IT infrastructure in school.

I then had a chance to visit classrooms and meet teachers to hear how they implement IT to enhance learning. This includes sending media and work to children's screens to discuss further and an ability to lock screens to pause IT use for an eyes up approach.

I then visited a year one class who were using VR technology to see animals. It was amazing to see the children in class having such a great time while learning and I even had a go myself to see what they were looking at, it was brilliant and I had a lovely time.

Finally, we had a meeting with our online safety committee. Ms Moran is always very clear on the schools vision of creating future digital citizens and it was fantastic to see and hear the children on the committee present how they use both their iPads and chrome books to safely create their work.

Finally a chance to meet Mr Harris who looks after the background IT infrastructure in the school. It was great to see how hands on he is with managing school devices and resetting passwords. A major benefit of this is how it hugely reduces downtime of locked devices, which then gets them back into children's hands as quickly as possible.

Finally a huge thank you to the site management team who have built docks for iPads in class, meaning everything can be safely put away in order to make sure nothing is lost and everything can be charged overnight.

All in all a fantastic visit and I look forward to coming in again soon.

Chris