



CYBER BULLYING,

Tipperary Lions Club helping out. See report below.

Yes Lions Clubs can help.

First step, in your own area, talk to Principle of the School, and enquire can the Lions Club be of assistance in relation to Cyber Bullying. If the answer is yes, and you need guidance please contact either:

Lions Club President David Quirke, 00353 876115143, Tipperary LC or

Pat Connolly, 00353 873554400 patjconn@gmail.com

NB. You can talk to David at the stand on Cyber Bullying at LC Convention . Wexford next Saturday.

Internet Safety Talk for Parents by Dr. Maureen Griffin.

The Parents Association of St. Anne's Secondary School in association with The Tipperary Lions Club hosted an Internet Safety talk for Parents on Tuesday the 25th of February. The guest speaker was Dr. Maureen Griffin BA.,MA., PhD. and the title of the talk was 'How to protect your child in the digital age' Dr. Griffin is a Forensic Psychologist and is a recognised expert in the area of Internet Safety.

Dr. Griffin's presentation outlined the different ways teenagers use social media including networking such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, online gaming and chat facilities. She advised parents on the best ways to navigate social media and offered practical advice and tips on how to protect teenagers when they are on line or using their mobile phones. The emphasis is not about stopping teenagers using social media; it is more about empowering parents with the knowledge so that they can teach their teenagers how to be responsible when on line. Dr Griffin has an internet site "Internet safety for schools, Ireland" where parents can access all the information. The links tab on her site is particularly useful and well worth checking out for any parent. The website address is <http://www.isfsi.ie/>

Dr. Griffin spoke to the student in the school earlier that day and it was very obvious that that they were very interested in what she had to say particularly learning about how to protect themselves when online. The students are very clear on what to do if someone bullies them online or if they are aware of anyone that is been cyber bullied.

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Ruaidhri Devitt, Deputy Principal, St Annes's Secondary School, Tipperary Town.