WYNNE TELLS YOU ALL ABOUT THE INTERNET

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Keeping You Safe in CyberSpace

INTRODUCTION

Hi! My name is Wynne and I'm 10 years old. I love spending time on the internet, whether it's watching funny videos, playing online games or chatting with my friends.

But did you know that the internet can also be a dangerous place?

In this book, I will take you on a journey through the world of the internet and teach you about all the amazing things it has to offer, as well as how to stay safe while using it.

So grab a snack, get comfortable and let's dive in!

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my granddaughter, Wynne.

As I write the dedication for this book about the internet, I cannot help but reflect on how much you have grown and accomplished. From a curious little girl who loved playing with her toys to a bright young woman living in Australia, you have always been full of wonder and curiosity.

 I am so proud of you and all that you have achieved. Growing up in a time where technology constantly evolves, it amazes me to see how effortlessly you navigate through the digital landscape. Your curiosity and thirst for knowledge have always been a driving force in your life.

With the distance between us the internet is the thing that helps to keep us together.

And so, my dear Wynne, I dedicate this book to you - a shining example of how curiosity, determination, and passion can lead us to achieve great things. I am blessed to be your grandmother.

With all my love,

Grandma (AKA) GrannieGeek

THE WORLD OF THE INTERNET

Wynne was a curious and imaginative 10-year-old girl. She loved exploring new things, and her favorite place to explore was the internet. Her parents always warned her about spending too much time online, but Wynne couldn't help it.

One day, she stumbled upon a website called "The World of Wonders". It promised to take its visitors on an adventure through the internet like never before. Being the adventurous soul she was, Wynne clicked on the link without hesitation.

To her surprise, instead of being directed to another webpage, she found herself standing in front of a giant screen with colorful buttons surrounding it. Each button had different symbols on them - one looked like a castle, another like an airplane, and there was even one that resembled a spaceship.

Without wasting any time, Wynne pressed the castle button first. Suddenly she was transported into a medieval world filled with knights and dragons. She could hear swords

clashing and people cheering as if they were right beside her.

Next up was the airplane button which took her soaring high above mountains and clouds. The view from up there was breathtaking! Then came the spaceship button which blasted her off into space where she encountered aliens who spoke in funny languages.

As much fun as all these adventures were for Wynne, something felt off about this website. It seemed too real to be just virtual reality or graphics generated by computers.

Just then, out of nowhere appeared an old man dressed in robes made out of code lines saying,

"Hello young explorer! I am Merlin - guardian of The World of Wonders."

Wynne's jaw dropped at his words; it wasn't possible for someone to exist inside a website!

Merlin continued speaking,

"You see my dear child; this is no ordinary site you have stumbled upon. The internet is not just bits and bytes; it has its own magical world hidden within."

He went on explaining how every click and search on the internet is like a spell being cast, creating new worlds and adventures.

Wynne couldn't believe what she was hearing. She had always thought of the internet as just a tool for entertainment and information, but it was so much more than that.

With Merlin's guidance, Wynne explored many more wonders within The World of Wonders. She went to mystical forests filled with talking animals, underwater kingdoms with mermaids and even time-traveled to ancient civilizations.

As her adventure came to an end, Merlin gave her one last piece of advice,

"The internet may seem like an ordinary thing at first glance, but if you dig deeper and use it wisely, you'll find endless possibilities waiting for you."

From that day on, Wynne understood the true power of the internet. It wasn't just about games or social media; it was a whole new world waiting to be discovered by those who were brave enough to explore it. And she promised herself to use this knowledge responsibly while continuing her journeys through The World of Wonders.

WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

One day, Wynne overheard her parents talking about something called the internet. She had no idea what it was, but it sounded interesting.

She decided to ask her parents about it and they explained that the internet is like a giant library filled with all kinds of information. Wynne's eyes widened with excitement as she thought of all the things she could learn from this mysterious place.

Her parents showed her how to use their computer and connect to the internet. They warned her to be careful and only visit safe websites. Wynne promised to follow their advice and began her journey into the world of the internet.

At first, she searched for fun facts about animals because she loved learning about different species. She found amazing pictures and videos that left her in awe. But then, she stumbled upon an article about saving endangered animals.

As she read more, tears welled up in Wynne's eyes at the thought of these beautiful creatures disappearing forever. She knew she had to do something to help them.

With determination in her heart, Wynne used the power of the internet to spread awareness by creating a blog where people could learn more about endangered animals and ways they could help protect them.

Soon enough, many people started reading her blog and sharing it with others. Her small voice was now amplified through the vast network of connections on the internet.

But that wasn't enough for Wynne; she wanted to take action too! So, she connected with local animal conservation organizations through social media platforms and organized fundraisers for them. Wynne even made friends from other countries who shared similar passions!

The once shy 10-year-old girl became an advocate for wildlife preservation thanks to what seemed like just another tool on a computer -the magical world of Internet!

Wynne learned that not everything on the internet is true or helpful, but if used wisely, it can be a powerful tool for good. And she was determined to use her knowledge and skills to make a positive impact on the world.

From that day on, Wynne continued to explore the internet and discovered more causes that she could support. She realized that being connected meant having endless opportunities to learn, connect with others, and make a difference in the world.

And as she grew older, Wynne never forgot about her first adventure into the internet -discovering what it truly meant to be connected.

WHY IS CYBERSPACE?

Once upon a time, in a small town called Sunshine Beach, there lived a curious and imaginative 10-year-old girl named Wynne. She had always been fascinated by technology and the endless possibilities it held. But her favorite thing of all was cyberspace.

Wynne had heard about cyberspace from her mother, who was always talking about it with her friends. She didn't quite understand what it was at first, but as she listened to their conversations, she became more and more intrigued.

One day, while playing with her toy robot in the backyard, she asked her mother to explain what cyberspace really was.

"Well," she began, "it's like another world inside our computers. A place where we can do all sorts of things without ever leaving our homes."

"Wow!" exclaimed Wynne with wide eyes. "Can I go there too?"

Her mother chuckled and said that anyone could access cyberspace as long as they had an internet connection and a device to connect with.

From then on, Wynne spent every free moment exploring the vastness of cyberspace. She discovered that it wasn't just one big world but many different ones – each offering something unique and exciting.

She visited virtual museums filled with ancient artifacts from around the world; attended online concerts by her favorite bands; played games where she could be whoever or whatever she wanted to be; and even made friends from different countries through chat rooms.

But not everything in cyberspace was fun and games for Wynne. One day while browsing through websites about animals (her second favorite thing after technology), she searched for more articles about endangered species facing extinction due to human actions such as deforestation and pollution.

Feeling sad for these creatures who couldn't speak up for themselves, Wynne decided to use her love for technology to make a difference. With the help of some coding tutorials online, she created an educational game to raise awareness about animal conservation.

Soon, her game went viral and was played by people all over the world. Even some big companies noticed it and decided to donate a portion of their profits towards protecting endangered species.

Wynne's parents were so proud of her for using cyberspace in such a positive way. And she couldn't be happier knowing that she had made a small contribution in making the world a better place.

From then on, Wynne saw cyberspace not just as an exciting virtual world but also as a powerful tool that could bring about real change. And she promised herself to continue exploring its endless possibilities and using it for good.

And so, with each click and tap on her device, Wynne ventured into new adventures – learning, creating, connecting, and most importantly, making a difference in her own little way.

KEEPING PRIVATE

Wynne enjoyed playing online games, watching funny videos, and chatting with her friends. Her parents had given her strict rules about using the internet safely, but Wynne didn't really understand why they were so cautious.

One day, while browsing through her favorite gaming website, Wynne received a message from someone she didn't know. The person claimed to be another kid around her age and asked if she wanted to be friends. Excited by the idea of making new online friends, Wynne quickly accepted.

The two started chatting regularly and soon became good friends. They would talk about their favorite games and share funny memes with each other. But one day, when Wynne mentioned that she lived in a small town in Ohio, her friend seemed to know an awful lot about the area. This made Wynne feel uneasy.

She decided to tell her dad about it during dinner that night.

"Dad," said Wynne nervously as she sat down at the table."I have been talking to this boy I met online for some time now."

Her father's expression turned serious immediately."What? You know you are not allowed to talk to strangers online," he replied sternly.

"I know but he is nice and we have become good friends," said Wynne defensively.

"Did he ask for personal information?" asked her father calmly yet firmly.

Wynne hesitated before nodding slowly."He knows where I live...and my school name too."

Her father sighed deeply."That's why privacy is important on the internet honey," he explained gently."You never really know who you are talking to or what their intentions might be."

Wynne felt scared thinking about how easily she had shared personal details with a stranger just because they seemed friendly."But what should I do now?"she asked worriedly.

"We'll report this person to the website and make sure you never talk to them again," said her father reassuringly."And from now on, always remember to keep your personal

information private. You never know who might be watching."

Wynne learned a valuable lesson that day. She realized that her parents' rules were not meant to restrict her fun but to keep her safe. From then on, she was more careful about what she shared online and always made sure to follow the safety guidelines.

As for her new friend, Wynne reported him and never heard from him again. She was grateful for the lesson, knowing that it could have turned out much worse if she hadn't been cautious.

From then on, whenever Wynne used the internet, she made sure to protect herself by keeping her personal information private. And thanks to this experience, she became an advocate for online safety among her friends as well as younger kids in her community.

Privacy truly is important on the internet, especially for young children like Wynne who are just starting their digital journey. It's better to be safe than sorry!

WHY PASSWORDS ARE IMPORTANT

Wynne loved exploring the wonders of the internet. She would spend hours on her computer, browsing through different websites and discovering new things every day.

One day, while scrolling through her favorite website, she came across an interesting article about online safety. As she read through it, she learned about the importance of passwords on the internet. She had always wondered why her parents were so strict about creating strong passwords for all their online accounts. But now, she finally understood why.

Intrigued by this new knowledge, Wynne decided to do some more research on the topic. She found out that passwords are like secret codes that protect our personal information from hackers and cybercriminals. These malicious individuals could use our personal information to steal money or even harm us in some way.

She also learned that having a weak password is like leaving your front door open for anyone to come in and take whatever they want from your house. It made sense to

her now why using simple and easy-to-guess passwords was not safe at all.

Wynne knew that she had to share this important information with her friends and family. So, she gathered everyone around and started explaining everything she had learned about online safety and the importance of strong passwords.

Her little sister giggled when she saw how serious Wynne was being but soon became fascinated by what his big sister was saying. He couldn't believe that something as small as a password could have such a huge impact on their safety online.

As Wynne continued talking about different ways to create strong passwords – using a combination of letters, numbers, symbols, etc., – everyone listened attentively and took notes.

Afterwards, Wynne's family sat down together to review their current passwords for all their accounts. They realized that most of them were quite weak and needed immediate change.

Feeling proud of herself for spreading awareness among her loved ones, Wynne made a promise to always use strong passwords and remind her family and friends to do the same.

From that day on, Wynne became known as the "password protector" among her peers. She even started giving presentations at school about online safety, making sure that everyone understood why it was important to keep their personal information safe.

Thanks to Winnie's curiosity and determination, she not only learned an important lesson about internet safety but also helped others become more aware of it. And from then on, they all lived happily ever after with their strong passwords protecting them from any online dangers.

STRANGERS ARE NOT FRIENDS

Wynne loved exploring new things, learning about different cultures and making friends from all over the world. One day, while browsing the internet, she came across a chat room for kids her age. Excited to make new friends, she joined the chat room and started talking to other kids.

At first, everything seemed fun and innocent. They talked about their favorite movies, games and hobbies. Wynne felt like she had found a group of friends who understood her interests. However, one particular person caught her attention - they called themselves "The Phantom". The Phantom claimed to be a 12 year old boy with similar interests as Wynne.

As days went by, Wynne spent more time chatting with The Phantom. They would talk for hours about their favorite books and even exchanged pictures of their pets. But little did Wynne know that behind the screen was not a 12 year old boy but an adult pretending to be one.

One day, The Phantom asked if they could meet in person at a nearby park since they lived in the same city as Wynne. Feeling excited yet nervous at the same time, she agreed without telling anyone else.

On the day of their meeting, Wynne arrived at the park eagerly waiting for The Phantom's arrival. As minutes turned into hours with no sign of The Phantom showing up, fear began creeping into her mind. Suddenly out of nowhere appeared an unknown man who approached her saying he was there on behalf of The Phantom who couldn't make it due to some emergency.

Feeling uneasy but not wanting to seem rude or ungrateful towards this stranger's supposed help, Wynne followed him blindly into his car where he drove off before anyone could realize what had happened.

Thankfully after few terrifying moments later, the police rescued poor little Wynne from being kidnapped by that creepy stranger. She later realized how foolishly she had put her life in danger by blindly trusting a stranger she met on the internet. She learned that not everyone online is who they claim to be and it's important to always be cautious when talking to strangers, especially on the internet.

From that day on, Wynne promised herself to never trust anyone without verifying their identity first with her parents. And she made sure to spread this lesson among her friends and family so no one else would fall for such traps set up by predators lurking behind the screens of our computers.

PHISHING SCAMS

Wynne would spend hours watching funny videos, playing games, and chatting with her friends. But one day, something happened that changed everything.

As Wynne was browsing through her favorite website, she received an email from someone claiming to be a prince from a faraway country. The email stated that he needed her help in transferring his millions of dollars to an offshore account and promised to reward her handsomely for it.

Excited at the thought of becoming rich, Wynne quickly replied to the email with all her personal information. However, the next day when she checked the bank account her parents had set up for her birthday and Christmas money, she realized that all of her savings were gone!

Feeling scared and betrayed, Wynne turned to her parents for help. They explained to her about phishing scams - where scammers use fake emails or websites to trick people into giving away their personal information or money.

Determined never to fall prey again, Wynne decided to learn more about how she could avoid such scams in the

future. She spent hours researching and talking to experts on online safety.

One important lesson she learned was never clicking on links or attachments sent by unknown individuals as they could contain malware that can steal your sensitive data.

She also learned how important it is to check if a website is secure before entering any personal details like credit card numbers or passwords. Secure websites have "https" instead of just "http" in their URL address and show a small lock icon next to it.

To test herself if she had truly learned how not get fooled by phishing scams again; Wynne created a fake phishing email herself and sent it out anonymously among some friends who were also active users of the internet without them knowing what was going on behind this little project which made them aware too while learning themselves along side protecting their privacy .

Thanks <Organization>for helping me understand better even though I am only 10 years old.

From that day on, Wynne became an expert in online safety and even gave presentations to her classmates about how they can protect themselves from phishing scams. She also

helped her parents set up stronger security measures for their devices to keep their family safe.

And as for the prince who had scammed her, he was eventually caught by the authorities with Wynne's help. She may have lost all of her savings, but she gained something much more valuable - knowledge and the power to educate others about staying safe online.

Wynne's experience taught her a valuable lesson - never trust everything you see or read on the internet and always be cautious when sharing personal information. And she made it her mission to spread this message to everyone she knew so they too could avoid falling victim to phishing scams.

INTERNET SAFETY

Wynne's parents had always told her about the dangers of the internet, but Wynne couldn't help but wonder what all the fuss was about.

One day, her school teacher gave a presentation on internet safety and shared some important tips with them. As she listened intently, Wynne realized how serious it could be if she didn't take precautions while using the internet.

That evening, as she sat in front of her laptop browsing through different websites, Wynne remembered what her teacher had said and decided to put it into practice. She started by creating strong passwords for all her accounts and promised herself not to share them with anyone else.

Next, she made sure that all the privacy settings on social media were set correctly so that only people she knew could see her posts and information. This way, strangers wouldn't have access to personal details like where she lived or went to school.

As an extra precautionary measure, Wynne also learned about phishing emails and scams that could trick children into giving away sensitive information. She promised

herself never to click on any suspicious links or give out personal information without checking with an adult first.

Feeling confident in her newfound knowledge of online safety measures, Wynne began exploring more educational websites recommended by her teacher. She discovered fun games that helped improve math skills and even found virtual tours of museums from across the world!

However, one day while playing a game online with other players from around the globe, someone asked for personal information such as name and age. Remembering what she had learned about online safety, Wynne immediately left the game and reported it to an adult.

Thanks to being cautious on the internet, Wynne avoided potential danger, and felt proud of herself for being responsible.She realized that there were so many fun and educational things to do on the internet as long as she stayed safe.

From that day on, Wynne made sure to follow all the safety tips she had learned. She even shared them with her friends, reminding them of the importance of being careful while using the internet.

Wynne's parents were proud of their daughter for taking responsibility for her own safety online. They knew that with a little guidance and awareness, children like Wynne could explore and learn safely in this digital age.

And from then onwards, Wynne became an advocate for online safety among her peers, speaking about it at school assemblies, and writing articles about it in her school newspaper.She was determined to spread awareness and help other children enjoy the wonders of technology without any harm.

ADVICE FROM WYNNE

I may only be ten years old, but when it comes to the internet, I know a lot.

You might be wondering what a 10-year-old knows about the internet, cyberspace, phishing, privacy, and strangers on the internet. Well, let me tell you - I know more than you think.

The internet is like a magical place where you can find anything and everything. It's like a never-ending library with all kinds of books - except these books are websites! You can watch funny videos, listen to music, play games or even learn new things. The possibilities are endless!

But just like in real life, there are some rules we need to follow while using the internet. First of all, we should always prioritize our safety and privacy. Just because we're sitting behind a screen doesn't mean that bad people don't exist on the other side. That's why it's important to never share personal information online such as your full name, address or phone number.

Now let's talk about cyberspace – it sounds cool right? But do you know what it really means? Cyberspace refers to all the digital networks where information is shared through

computers and devices connected to each other worldwide. So basically when you're scrolling through Instagram or playing an online game with someone from another country – that's cyberspace!

One thing that my parents always warn me about when using the internet is something called "phishing". No no no not fishing for actual fish but fishing for personal information! Phishing is when someone tries to trick us into giving away our usernames, passwords or credit card details by pretending to be someone else through emails or fake websites . It may seem harmless at first but trust me it could lead to serious consequences if we're not careful.

Lastly , let's talk about strangers on the internet . We've been told since forever not talk to strangers in real life but sometimes it can be hard not to when we're online. Just remember that not everyone is who they say they are on the internet . They could be pretending to be your age or even someone else entirely! That's why it's important to always tell a trusted adult if someone you don't know wants to communicate with you.

The internet can be a wonderful place as long as we use it responsibly and safely. Don't forget that just like in real life, there are rules and dangers we need to be aware of while using the internet. So next time you're browsing through cyberspace, remember my advice and stay safe!

But don't worry!

There are ways to stay safe online too!

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