Cyberkid

Cyberkids are kids that live their lives in the virtual reality of the internet. They share details of their daily existence with a large number of friends on social media and through apps.

In the 21st century, WORK has a new meaning.

They google and surf the web. Their fingers dart across keyboards and their thumbs bounce around cell phones – all without breaking eye contact. They connect using social media on their phones, and share videos and links with each other.

“I’ll text you.” – They LOL and they use emoticons.

“I’ll WhatsApp the photo to my group of classmates.”

“I will share the latest songs with my friends on Spotify or YouTube Music.”

“I’ve posted my newest selfie on Instagram, but will share it on facebook as well.”

They update their statuses and snapchat each other, not to mention sharing their favourite TikTok videos with those in their close circle.

“I just want to tweet quickly, then I’ll watch that video on TikTok.”

“I’ll WhatsApp you after school, and if you still don’t get the work we can have a quick video call.”

“Looking for a new hairstyle on Pinterest, you must check out Suzie’s hairstyling ideas in her new board.”

They BTW 2L8 and AFAIK U2 THX. They understand emoticons.

“Posting our new video on TikTok. Will also share what really happened on my Instagram Live.”

“Let’s see if I can get some information on that by checking the web.”

They link, go live, log in and log out.

In the 21st century, COURTESY and SAFETY mean something new.

They nudge and they spam. They pirate and they copy. Some hack, others crack.

And then there is the –INGthing.

Phishing, spoofing, pharming, googling, chatting, blogging, cyberbullying, grooming, catfishing

*They talk the cyber talk… and they walk the key walk…*