

## **e-Update November 2007**

Welcome to the 33rd edition of e-Update, the monthly electronic bulletin from the Buckinghamshire ICT Curriculum Support Team.

The purpose of this bulletin is to keep you informed with the latest developments in ICT.

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If you have any comments on e-Update, please send them to [adickson@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:adickson@buckscc.gov.uk).

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### **Diary Dates 2008**

#### ***Mike Woods, ICT Adviser***

Following on from last year's successful event, we hope that you will be able to attend the forthcoming Creativity, Innovation and E-Learning Conference and Exhibition to be held on the 12th February 2008 at the Civic Centre, Aylesbury.

We are also hosting a conference to Celebrate Success in E-Learning in Buckinghamshire schools. This will be held on the 20th June 2008, at the Teaching and Learning Centre, Aylesbury.

Further information will be sent to schools in the new year.

### **Buckinghamshire's own 'BAFTA' awards?**

#### ***Mike Woods, ICT Adviser***

Well not quite, but the ICT Curriculum Support Team announce the "Just a Minute" Digital Animation and Video Competition. We would like to provide you with advance warning of a competition being launched in the New Year. Individuals and/or teams of pupils from schools will be invited to submit a digital animation or video they make on any topic, but not exceeding one minute in length, to have a chance of winning a trophy and valuable prizes! Entries will be judged in several age groups and the "Just a Minute" awards will be made at the Celebrating Success in E-Learning conference in June.

Further information will be available soon.

### **Advanced Notice of BucksGfL Planned Maintenance**

#### ***Mike Woods, ICT Adviser***

Due to scheduled maintenance on the Ja.Net internet connection at Telehouse on Tuesday 11th December between 07:00 - 09:00 UTC, we expect some disruption to services and BucksGfL could be unavailable. However, we have been informed that the outages associated with this maintenance will be no longer than 15 minutes.

The BucksGfL network will also be unavailable from approx 17:00 on Saturday the 15th December 2007 for up to 24 hours due to the installation of a new UPS device in the Network Centre in Aylesbury. I apologise for any inconvenience that this essential maintenance might cause to you.

## **Sophos AntiVirus upgrade**

### ***ICT Schools Team***

We upgraded the central Sophos server on Saturday 21st October 2007 to the latest version. As part of this, the new version 7 client is now available. Any systems currently running version 6 (Blue shield icon) will be automatically upgraded, except that it will take longer, depending on the Internet connection speed. Once complete, it may be necessary to re-start the computer, but this can be delayed until a convenient time.

Upgrades to version 7 and Enterprise Manager Library v1.3.2 are free for any school that has bought a license (site or individual) from us.

Any systems still running version 3 (Blue Daisy icon) will fail to update, and must be manually upgraded immediately because this is no longer supported. Notes on how to install the latest version can be found in the 'My School' area of the SchoolsWeb, under ICT Schools Guidance notes, Sophos AntiVirus. It would be advisable to install the latest Microsoft "Service Pack" before upgrading Sophos because unless it is the latest version - Sophos will not work. Installing the "Service Pack" is advisable for other reasons as well. It is also advisable to check that Sophos is updating regularly.

Please note that Sophos will be withdrawing support for their AntiVirus software running on Windows 95, 98, ME and NT after 31st December 2008. Therefore, schools should be planning replacements for any PCs using these operating systems.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the ICT Schools Team on 01494 540202.

## **CyberCafe resource for teachers and pupils**

### ***Teachernet***

The thinkuknow Cybercafé for Key Stage 2 pupils has been developed by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection), alongside BECTA (The British Educational Communications and Technology Agency) and the Internet Proficiency Group. It aims to develop safe and discriminating behaviour for pupils to adopt when using the internet and other technologies.

Developed by teachers for teachers, the Cybercafé can be used safe in the knowledge that these free resources are appropriate for meeting whole-school policies relating to safeguarding, and are fit for use in the classroom as well as within the PSHE/ICT curriculum.

The resources include a teachers' pack, which contains teaching activities and background information on new technologies, including advice and guidance on staying safe, lesson plans and pupils' worksheets.

Visit the Cybercafé: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/cybercafe/>

## **Changes to the Self-review Framework and the online matrix tool**

### ***Becta***

Becta is making a number of significant changes to improve and simplify the structure of the self-review framework from 14th November 2007. We hope that these changes will not only help schools reflect on and review their improvement but will also make it easier for them provide an appropriate commentary for ICT Mark accreditation.

We're making the changes in collaboration and agreement with our partners: Ofsted, the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the Training and Development Agency (TDA), the National College for School Leadership (NCSL), the National Strategies, the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) and Naace.

The changes are part of an overall programme of improvements to make the self-review framework simpler and easier to use. More specifically we are merging or removing strands within the framework which contain duplication. This will reduce the amount of work that a school has to do complete the full framework and cut down on the amount of cross-referencing between elements for ICT Mark assessors.

When a school accesses an aspect that has been removed using the online tool, they will be given information about what they have previously recorded in this aspect and where the data has gone (if it has been combined with another aspect). The idea is that these changes will happen in a transparent, intuitive

and user friendly way, so that users can see and accept the changes to the text they have entered while they are using the matrix tool.

Further, there are changes to Matrix account which schools need to know about:

- NCSL accounts will no longer be linked to the Matrix - The NCSL Learning Gateway will be separated from the Matrix site, including Becta's self-review framework
- Make sure schools have a lead self-review framework account - If there are several accounts in a school you need to tell us which is the main one
- Users should only have one account per email address - If you have several accounts on one email address you need to tell us which account you will use

If you would like more information, contact [matrix.support@becta.org.uk](mailto:matrix.support@becta.org.uk) or call the service desk on 0845 053 5534.

## Curriculum Online Service to continue until the end of eLCs

### **Becta**

The Curriculum Online website and catalogue, which has been managed by Becta since January 2005, gives teaching professionals access to digital learning resources that can be bought using eLCs - e-learning credits. This year's £50m allocation of eLCs will bring the overall total of funding to over £500m since the Curriculum Online Project started.

Curriculum Online will continue to support the use of eLC funding until the end of August 2008, when the service will cease, in line with the ending of eLCs. Until then, Becta aims to maintain an optimum service for both teachers and suppliers.

Published below is a timetable that shows when the Curriculum Online Product Catalogue will be updated. This will enable potential suppliers to plan their applications to Curriculum Online and existing suppliers to schedule any record updating activities.

The timetable will also enable teachers to see when to expect new and updated product information to be available on COL website.

See <http://www.curriculumonline.gov.uk/News/Curriculum+Online+-+news+update.htm>

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