

## e-Update May 2008

Welcome to the 39th 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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### 'Just a Minute' Digital Video Competition

#### Mike Woods, ICT Adviser

Entry is open to all pupils registered at a Buckinghamshire County School. Entries can be from individuals or from groups of pupils - you can even enter more than once!

You can use any computer software package to produce a digital video of any type e.g. stop frame animation using models or drawings, stick figure animation of the type produced by 'pivot stick animator' or even full motion video using actors and sound - the choice is yours.

Entries must last no longer than **ONE MINUTE** and must be no more than **10mb** in size

We will be judging entries within age groups based around Key Stages and we are looking for entries which, while they may not be technically perfect are creative and entertaining.

Prizes will be awarded both to individual entrants and to the schools they attend.

The final date for entries is **23rd July 2008**.

We will be notifying winners early in the Autumn term and prizes will be awarded at the 'Celebrating Success in E-Learning' conference to be held at the Teaching and Learning Centre in Aylesbury on Wednesday 1st October 2008.

To access the 'Just a Minute' website visit <http://www.bucksgfl.org.uk/resources/course/category.php?id=20> – (the website link is at top of the list). You will then need to log in using your BucksGfL username and password.

PLEASE NOTE Only staff can log in to the website and will need to upload completed videos for pupils.

For further information, or if you have any queries please contact Mike Woods (County Adviser ICT) [mawoods@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:mawoods@buckscc.gov.uk) 0794 123 9537

### Is your curriculum becoming innovative?

#### QCA

Why not look at [http://www.qca.org.uk/qca\\_16822.aspx](http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_16822.aspx) to see what other schools have done?

Why not pick out the case studies that are most relevant to your setting and share them with colleagues and governors? The case studies are divided into primary and secondary examples, but it is worth looking at both as many ideas for curriculum development are equally valid for learners of all ages.

## **SMART Board Software 10 now available**

**Andy Dickson, ICT Consultant**

The latest SMART Board software, version **10.0.124.0**, is now available. This can be downloaded from <http://www2.smarttech.com/st/en-US/Support/Downloads/default.htm>

*Note:* This download requires Windows 2000, XP or Vista.

*Note:* If you have an earlier version of the SMART Board software you will need to uninstall this before installing the latest version. However you do not need to uninstall the Gallery Collections.

*Note:* There are also versions available for other operating systems.

If may be necessary to update the version of Flash Player on your computer to use the interactive content in the Notebook Gallery. Go to <http://www.adobe.com/> and click on *Get Adobe Flash Player* to do this.

If you want to be able to insert videos directly into the SMART Notebook you will need to install a separate piece of software called Riva FLV Encoder 2.0 <http://www.rivavax.de/index.php?encoder>. Once installed, Riva FLV Encoder 2.0 does not have to be used separately. Instead, an option Insert > Video File will appear in the SMART Notebook menu.

There are quick reference and hands-on practice guides which can be downloaded from <http://www.smarttech.com/trainingcenter/windows/trainingmaterials.asp>

### **Computer requirements for SMART Board software version 10.0.124.0**

Pentium II 450 MHz processor, 256 MB of RAM (512 MB recommended), 180 MB of free hard disk space for minimum installation (840 MB for full installation with Gallery collections), Windows 2000, XP or Vista operating system, Internet Explorer internet browser 6.0 or later, Adobe Flash player version 8 or later

### **Requirements for SMART Video Player**

Pentium II 450 MHz processor (700 MHz or faster recommended), Windows 2000, XP or Vista operating system, Microsoft DirectX technology 8.1 or later

### **Installing the latest SMART Board Software**

To successfully install the complete version of Notebook software 10, you must complete the following steps:

1. Obtain a product key <http://smarttech.com/NB10ProductKey/>. You will need a serial number of a SMART Board to obtain this.  
**Note:** You only need do this once for your school i.e. you can use the same product key on all your computers
2. Install Notebook software 10 and drivers.
3. Activate Notebook software 10.

For further information on installing Notebook software 10, see <http://www2.smarttech.com/kbdoc/124761>

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- Uninstall any versions of SMART Board software, Notebook software, SMART Board drivers and Notebook software drivers from your computer before installing SMART Board Software 10.
- Don't uninstall the Gallery if you want to keep your previous Gallery content.

## **Shine: The National Schools Festival**

**Geoff Lambrechts, ICT Consultant**

With only six weeks to go until Shine week (30 June - 4 July), around 2,000 schools have been preparing their Shine activities. If your school has already signed up then you can incorporate your existing end-of-year events into the framework of the Shine festival and showcase your students' achievements over the past year. Schools can also find new and innovative ways to spotlight talent of all kinds and in all pupils.

In addition to everything going on in your school, the Shine website is waiting to host as many examples of talent as you want to upload. You and your students can upload sounds, pictures, videos or text files to go live as soon as you approve them. There's also a Shine DIY media pack on the website to help generate local interest.

Visit the Shine website for more information <http://www.shineweek.co.uk>

**Beijing 2008: School-link offer**  
**Geoff Lambrechts, ICT Consultant**

Schools are invited to contact the Global Gateway partner-finding service to start a link with a partner school in one of the Olympic Games host countries of the past 60 years. The team will offer schools a link and advice on linking activities, and a full list of host countries is available from the website below.

The link is free and funding for activities may be available. Links can support various areas of the curriculum, including languages, culture and diversity, ICT, community cohesion and many more.

The Global Gateway is the DCSF's international website, set up to enable those involved in education across the world to establish creative partnerships with schools in other countries. It aims to be a one-stop shop, providing free and quick access to comprehensive information on developing an international dimension to education.

Visit the Global Gateway for more information <http://www.globalgateway.org/default.aspx?page=2447>

**Ictopus - May's Lessons2go**

**Ictopus**

Ictopus (ICT online primary user support) is a support service for primary education. Anyone can sign up for the service (free of charge) and will then receive each week a six page printable magazine and a set of activity suggestions. There will also be a regular newsletter or e-bulletin. These resources (and more) will be archived on the ictopus website <http://www.ictopus.org.uk> where there will also be access to classroom activities and a variety of other resources and projects. Ictopus builds on the Becta Direct2U service and also the legacy of MAPE (Micros and Primary Education).

Remember to Login first then download the activities from <http://www.ictopus.org.uk/index.php?sec=1&sub=2&pg=2>

*Available on April 29th*

This week we have the following activities for you:

- 3-5: Early Years - Colour matching
- 5-6: Maths - Teddy's seesaw - investigate number bonds
- 7-8: Science - Rocks and soil - carry out some virtual experiments
- 8-9: Geography - Surveying the use of electricity in school

*Available on May 6th*

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- 6-7: Music - The virtual orchestra
- 7-8: Art & Design - Thinking about colour
- 9-10: RE - Investigating the Bible
- 10-11: History - The virtual museum

*Available on May 13th*

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- 5-6: English - Transforming poetry
- 6-7: Maths - All line up - an ordering numbers activity
- 8-9: Science - Pond life
- 9-10: Geography - Sound sensing survey

*Available on May 20th*

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- 5-6: History - Features of houses
- 7-8: MFL - Describing the weather
- 8-9: D&T - Behind the scenes at a supermarket
- 10-11: ICT - Making web quests

*Available on May 27th*

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- 7-8: Maths - Tangrams
- 9-10: Science - Pollen Park
- 10-11: Geography - Be a newspaper reporter

## Why Not Dive into Hector's World Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre

<http://www.ceop.gov.uk/>

Thirty children from Vincent De Paul Primary School in London helped launch CEOP's new internet safety resource for children as young as five. 'Hector's World' – supported by Becta and developed in partnership with Netsafe in New Zealand – has been developed by CEOP for the UK Primary education sector.

It is free to use for all primary school teachers and can be used either in the classroom or at home with parents and carers.

Hector's World comprises of five state of the art cartoon episodes that take children on a journey with Hector and his friends, where they learn about trustworthiness, how to make positive choices online, what personal information is and how to be open with a trusted adult when they use the internet.

Helen Penn heads up the Education Team at the CEOP Centre:

"The internet is an integral part of everyday life. We are now seeing children of a much younger age using the online environment than ever before and so it's imperative that they understand how the internet should be used in a safe and responsible manner. "The interactive episodes are engaging and stimulating, providing messages relevant for both the online and offline environments. We hope that every primary school in the UK will use Hector's World, empowering all 5-7 year olds to use the internet safely". Each episode is approximately five minutes long and come with supporting lesson plans which are available to view and download from <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/hectorsworld> "

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