

e-Update December 2009

Welcome to the 56th 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.

Primary ICT Co-ordinators Meetings Spring 2010

ICT Curriculum Support Team

Primary Meetings 1.30-3.30pm. You do not need to book for these sessions. Just turn up on the day.

NB Although these meetings are arranged in Liaison Group clusters, please feel free to attend whichever is the most convenient.

If you need additional information, please contact Karen Fagan at the Teaching & Learning Centre, tel. 01296 334994.

Please see below for Liaison Group - Date - Venue:

- Beaconsfield/Burnham/Chalfont/Evreham - 26th January - Seer Green School
- Chesham/Misbourne/Amersham - 27th January - Chestnut Lane School
- Mandeville/Quarrendon/Grange/Colet/Bernewode - 26th January - Teaching & Learning Centre
- Winslow/Buckingham/Wing - 28th January - Winslow School
- Wye Valley/Cressex/Great Marlow - 27th January - Spinfield School
- Dashwood/Rye/Wycombe N/P Risborough - 28th January - The Downley School

New easier web address for e-Update

Andy Dickson, ICT Consultant

The e-Update section of the BucksGfL website now has an easier-to-remember web address, <http://www.bucksgfl.org.uk/eupdate>. This should make it easier for you to go to this section to get hold of the current and past editions of this monthly newsletter. Of course, if you subscribe to e-Update (details on how to do so at the end of this edition) then you will get the latest editions delivered to your BucksGfL email address when they are published.

Data Protection - A Summary For Schools

Mike Woods, ICT

A document has been produced that provides guidance on the Data Protection Act and how it relates to Bucks Grid for Learning (BGfL) schools and the BGfL Learning Portal.

The document can be found in section 11 of the [Broadband Project](#) area of the BucksGfL website. A direct link to the document is here: [Data Protection Act - guidance for BLP schools](#)

If you have any queries please contact Mike Woods, County Adviser – ICT mawoods@buckscc.gov.uk.

Cachepaq 2 Rollout

Mike Woods, ICT Adviser

BucksGfL have embarked on a program with Atomwide to replace all existing Cachepaqs in Buckinghamshire schools with Atomwide's improved CachePaq2 - fully funded by the LA. The CachePaq2 has a Gigabit network connection plus increased processor power, memory and storage capabilities to provide enhanced performance and reliability. These improvements enable the ability to deliver more demanding recent applications such as Espresso Clipbank, plus enhancements to per-user web filtering control and now comes delivered on HP hardware with a 3yr onsite warranty.

To help us with the roll out of these new units, Atomwide will shortly be contacting Headteachers and Nominated Contacts with information on how to arrange a mutually convenient time for the swap out to be carried out by their engineers.

Anyone wishing to contact Atomwide in advance are welcome to do so and should contact Kay Minchington or Tricia Barlow on 0870 236 5000, who are co-ordinating the roll out.

Should a school wish to install their Cachepaq2 using an external support service such as BEMIST, please also contact Atomwide to discuss alternative arrangements.

inspirED issue 5 available.

Futurelab

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Ictopus – December'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).

Login first, then access the activities via Resources and lessons2go.

Available on 2nd December 2009

The next batch of lessons2go is now available. ICT plays a key role in both activities. In the first it relates to email, and the second to control technology.

Please do also revisit the Christmas activities which can be found via the Subjects tab of Lessons2go. One of my favourites has to be the Christmas Angel Origami. To see which are intended for your year group click on the age tab to sort the lessons by age.

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- Age 7-8: ICT, Introduction to Email
This lesson uses a free presentation available via the internet. This explains the concept of email, comparing it to ordinary mail sent through the post (snailmail).
- Age 10-11: D & T, How Safe is Your Museum?
In this activity pupils take on the challenge of building a model of a museum which is housing a priceless gem. The aim is to ensure that the model has the appropriate alarms in place so that the gem is fully protected. This activity will take about six hours, depending upon the previous experience of the pupils with respect to design and make tasks.

Available on 16th December 2009

The next batch of lessons2go is now available. This is the last batch before we take an end of year break.

Please do also revisit the Christmas activities which can be found via the Subjects tab of Lessons2go. Some of them may be suitable for the last few days of term.

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- Age 5-6: Music, I've Got Rhythm
In this lesson children will investigate rhythm using the names of minibeasts. Different themes could be selected to take advantage of topics of the moment.
- Age 8-9: MFL, Pets
In this activity pupils use ICT to create a presentation of a simple counting sequence of pets that could be used with younger children.

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