

e-Update March 2010

Welcome to the 59th 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.

Annual ICT Conference: Next Generation Learning Conference

ICT Curriculum Support Team

The ICT Curriculum Support Team are pleased to invite you to our Annual ICT Conference: Next Generation Learning at Green Park Conference Centre on Tuesday 27th April 2010 from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Refreshments will be provided during the day and a complimentary buffet lunch served at 12.30pm.

There will be a choice of workshops available and a prize draw at the end of the day.

There is no charge to attend and a supply cover payment of up to £150 per school will be paid. Places are limited to one per school and booking is on a "first come, first served" basis.

Workshop Choices:

- Web 2.0 and Beyond - Jason Dixon, RM
- Bucks Grid for Learning Online Music School - Brian Greene, Gigajam
- Using APP materials to support ICT assessment at levels 3, 4 and 5 - Andrew Dumas, ICT Curriculum Support Team
- Your School's Videoconferencing Room - Ian Usher, ICT Curriculum Support Team
- Cars Maths in Motion – Paul Sutton, Butlers Court School
- Making your VLE a Success - Victoria Jackman, Chepping View Primary School
- e-Safety - Karl Hopwood, South West Grid for Learning
- Bucks Learning Portal (BLP) – Mike Woods, ICT Adviser, ICT Curriculum Support Team
- A Day in the Life... - Gethin Nichols, RM
- Creative Use of Digital Media – Greg Hodgson, Chalfonts Community College

At the end of the day there will be a prize draw. Prizes have been donated from a range of companies including TES, 2Simple, 4Mation, CSH, Data Harvest, RM, Crick and Sherston.

For a booking form, please contact Karen Fagan, Business Support Officer on 01296 334994 or kafagan@buckscc.gov.uk.

LA purchased VLE content for BucksGfL Schools

Andy Dickson, ICT Consultant

LA purchased VLE content is now available for BucksGfL Schools:

SUMS Maths

SUMS Maths games and activities packaged in SCORM format, for use in your VLE. These are suitable for KS1 and KS2 pupils.

i-board Interactive Activities

These cross curricular interactive activities are ideal for EYFS and KS1 children. There are activities for Numeracy, Literacy, Science, History, Geography, RE and ICT. These are available in Moodle course format for use on your Moodle VLE.

To access SUMS Maths and i-board Interactive Activities:

Go to <http://www.bucksgfl.org.uk>

In the **Whole School Issues** section

Click on the **E-Learning** link

Click on the **LA-provided E-Learning Packages** link

Direct URL: <http://www.bucksgfl.org.uk/course/view.php?id=430>

Note: These resources cannot be accessed directly from the above URL, you will have to download them and then install them on your own VLE.

Note: A Sums Online guide is being sent to all primary schools. An electronic version of the booklet is also available from the above URL.

Bienvenue!

Pat Trowbridge, ICT Consultant

Why not make a visit to the Directory of Shared courses, by accessing the Moodle Users' support area, also on the E-Learning section, and downloading the **Comprehensive French Course for Year 3** written by Chris Shaw and Janet Hills, the County ASTs for Primary Languages. It's a complete course and is so big it's got its own section of the web site dedicated to it!

To get support on how it should be used, visit the French for Year 3 course on the site <http://www.bucksgfl.org.uk/course/view.php?id=419> - you'll need to click the **Yes** button to enrol on that course. Once there, you can either download the course again (if it's updated, it will be updated there first) and install it like any of the other courses in this directory. Alternatively, there's a form to request that it gets installed for you, though this won't happen overnight! In that section there are also the technical and teaching support forums specific to the issues of using the course to teach French in Year 3.

Please note that if you have a Moodle in your school and someone from your school attended the October 2009 County Primary Languages conference at Chartridge, then this course will probably already be installed on your Moodle (but hidden). Please check your Year 3 and/or MFL categories for it before installing!

Free VLE training

Andy Dickson, ICT Consultant

This is just a reminder to Buckinghamshire LA schools who are on BucksGfL Broadband and using the LA provided Moodle installation that you can have free training in school for teachers on using the VLE. To arrange training, please contact your school's link ICT consultant – Pat Trowbridge, Andy Dickson or Geoff Lambrechts. If you are unsure who your link ICT consultant is, please contact Karen Fagan kafagan@bucksgfl.org.uk.

DCSF Home Access Programme

Mike Woods, ICT Adviser

The Home Access programme is a government drive that helps low-income families who currently lack access to a computer and/or internet to get online at home.

The Home Access programme provides grants to low income families to buy computer and/or internet packages so they can learn safely, have fun and achieve more at school. Following a successful pilot, the Home Access programme is now available nationally across England.

One of the key innovations of the Home Access programme is the move away from a centralised procurement of computers to a model where families have a choice of equipment and suppliers. Under the scheme, low-income families who meet set eligibility criteria can apply for a Home Access Grant to buy a computer and internet package from a range of approved suppliers.

The Home Access packages have been designed with a family's needs in mind. They include one year's service and support, pre-set parental controls to filter inappropriate content, installed office productivity suite, firewall and an anti-virus package. They also include the award winning e-safety guide Know IT All for Parents, enhanced warranty and reinstatement service in the event of theft, and technical and educational guidance delivered with every package.

All computers come with a dedicated Home Access website set as the home page to help ensure families realise the benefits of Home Access. These Home Access packages will also be available for purchase by all

The programme is aimed at those that need it most. If you have pupils at your school from a low-income family (in receipt of certain benefits) they could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one year's internet access.

Depending on what they need, the grant allows eligible applicants to buy one of the following packages:

1. Full package (a computer, one year's internet access, service and support)
2. A computer with service and support only
3. One year's internet access only

The number of grants is limited and I would urge you to let parents that may benefit from this scheme know about it as soon as possible.

More information can be found at: <http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/>

Becta safeguarding website

Becta

The first phase of Becta's new safeguarding area went live recently to coincide with Safer Internet Day and the 3rd biennial safeguarding conference: Empowering children and young people in a digital world.

Taking a topic-based approach, the new portal aims to consolidate Becta's e-safety materials for all audiences, while also providing multimedia exemplar materials to demonstrate e-safety in practice.

Based on the successful hard-copy materials, *Safeguarding children online: How e-safe are your school and your learners?* and *Is your community group e-safe?*, the main area of the site focuses on a checklist approach to help you review e-safety provision for your school, college or community group. It helps you to explore your role in supporting the children and young people in your care - and their parents and carers, and ensuring that all staff and helpers are aware of their e-safety responsibilities.

There is also a resource finder to help you locate e-safety resources by role or by PIES aspect. It is hoped to populate this more fully over the coming months as more content and case studies are added to the site.

URL: <http://www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk/safeguarding>

Free Web 2.0 Project Book

Pat Trowbridge, ICT Consultant

The Amazing Web 2.0 Projects Book has been published by Terry Freedman. The purpose of the book is to give some practical ideas about the kinds of things that can be done with Web 2.0 technology. Some more about the book:

- 87 projects
- 10 further resources
- 52 applications
- 94 contributors
- The benefits of using Web 2.0 applications
- The challenges of using Web 2.0 applications
- How the folk who ran these projects handled the issues...
- ... And what they recommend you do if you run them
- What were the learning outcomes?
- This is free!

You can download the book from <http://www.ictineducation.org/free-stuff/>

inspirED issue 6 available.

Futurelab

inspirED is a collection of news and stories to inspire anyone interested in innovative approaches to teaching and learning. It is updated three times a year and issue 6 is now available. Please use the subscribe form to sign up for e-mail reminders. Further details at <http://inspired.futurelab.org.uk/>

Ictopus – March'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 10th March 2010

The next batch of lessons2go is now available. This week's activities both have a creative element. Art and music are represented in these key stage two lessons. Both activities will provide the children enriching experiences of cultural elements which they might not have come across yet.

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- Age 7-8: Art, 30 second sight
It has been found that the average person only spends about 30 seconds looking at any one work of art in a gallery, and it is famously known that it would take many years to view every exhibit in the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg if this were the case.
In this activity children will spend 30 seconds looking at a picture and then jot down the details that they remember about it before looking again to see what has been missed! A recording sheet is provided, so these files have been zipped for your convenience.
- Age 9-10: Music, Fanfare
In this lesson children will listen to a fanfare, analyse its elements and in groups, compose a short fanfare of their own. ICT is used to access different versions of the fanfares. Links are provided.

Available on 24th March 2010

The next pair of lessons2go is now available. These new lessons are both aimed at younger pupils.

Also with Easter fast approaching you may want to try out the colouring activities described in the Early Years activity called 'Easter Colouring' (dated 4.3.2009)

This week we have activities for the following age groups:

- Age 3-5: Science, How animals move
In this activity the teacher uses some videos from ARKive Education to show children the different ways that animals move.
- Age 6-7: Design and Technology, Winding up
This activity supports the introduction of the topic of winding mechanisms. There is a link to images, videos and other resources based on of some example winding mechanisms.
Also included is a link to help with the introduction of Incy Wincy Spider, and how he goes up and down the drain spout. This is to help with the model building activity relating to Winding Up.

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3. Login using your BucksGfL username and password (your BucksGfL username is the first part of your BucksGfL email address i.e. the bit before the @. Your password is the same as for your email).
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