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Animation and Film Competition 2009



The date for this year's Education Bradford Animation and Film Competition (now in its fifth year) has now been set as Monday July 6th at the National Media Museum. The event will be run in partnership with the National Media Museum and will once again be sponsored by Lightbox Education (formerly Softease).

The competition will follow the same format as last year with categories for animation, film and Photostory3 in three age ranges - KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6. All details will be published in the 'Film and Animation' section of the website from Monday 2nd March. You need to register your interest before Friday 1st May using the online form but entries do not need to be submitted until Friday 12th June. This is always a popular event and we encourage all schools to be involved to showcase the digital media work they have done this year.

This year, we will also be running a number of free workshops to schools commencing the week beginning Monday 16th March. A teacher may attend with 2 or 3 pupils (depending on the workshop chosen). Please visit www.curriculumict.com, click on Film and Animation Competition and then click on free workshops to access further information and online booking.

The details of the workshops are listed below

Photostory workshops are for 1 adult and 2 children

[Workshop 1](#) - Photostory 3 - 17th March 9.15 - 12.00

Greenhead CLC run by James Langley

[Workshop 2](#) - Photostory 3 - 18th March 9.15 -

12.00 Challenge CLC run by Paul Scott

Video workshops are for 1 adult and 3 children

[Workshop 3](#) - Creating video - 23rd March 9.15 - 12.00

Greenhead CLC run by Paul Tasker

[Workshop 4](#) - Creating video - 24th March 9.15 - 12.00

Challenge CLC run by Paul Tasker

Animation workshops are for 1 adult and 2 children

[Workshop 5](#) - Digital animation - 25th March 9.15 -

12.00 National Media Museum run by museum animating team

News in Brief



For some strange reason schools have been struggling to access www.curriculumict.com or .co.uk. Please use www.bradfordschools.net/curriculumict whilst we resolve the problem.

Education Bradford's Curriculum ICT team have secured a free trial for a group of schools to look at Intuitive Media's SuperClubsPLUS E-safety product aimed at **KS2**. If you are interested please visit the e-safety section of the Curriculum ICT website. Please note that by completing the form you are agreeing to attend the meeting specified, trial the product with your school and feedback your findings to the curriculum ICT team. SuperClubsPLUS is a Safe Social Learning Network where 6-12 year olds can meet friends across the UK and around the world, be creative, have fun and learn ICT, Literacy and Global Citizenship together.

Cars – Maths in Motion

This year's Challenge is entering the final phase with the last online race being run shortly; at the moment 13 of the possible 27 finalist places have been won. This year we have had a record number of entries and the Bradford Final will be the most competitive yet. We have extended this year's competition to include a teacher's league that has proved very popular and a

group of schools are also trialling the 'Honeycomb' product from Lightbox Education (formerly Softease) to allow competitors to share their learning journeys for each race through blog, podcast and videoblog. To find out more about the competition please look at the Cars – Maths in Motion section of the Curriculum ICT website.

The ICT Excellence Awards is an awards scheme for schools, which aims to identify and reward whole school excellence in ICT. The ICT Excellence Awards reward UK schools approaching ICT in outstanding or innovative ways, benefiting their whole community, inside and outside the school building. By recognising whole-school best practice these awards are closely aligned with [Becta's self-review framework](#) and the [ICT Mark](#). While rewarding the school as a whole, there will be a focus within the awards on those individuals leading change within the school and making an impact across it. Schools can nominate themselves for any of the 4 categories. For more information please visit <http://awards.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=1744>

There has been some disruption to the Audio Network due to BLN upgrades. The Audio Network will be up and running again as soon as possible.

Curriculum ICT Courses

The Curriculum ICT team runs its courses in partnership with Education Bradford's CLCs and the venues will be one of the CLCs. If a school would like the whole staff to attend the course or would like the consultant to run the course at the school this can be arranged. Please contact Tina Housley on 01274 385844 or e-mail:- Tina.Housley@educationbradford.com for more details. Courses for Spring Half Term 2:-

Monday 9th March

[ICT and Music Course](#)

Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Monday 16th March

[BLN Resources Course](#)

Greenhead CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Free to BLN schools.

Tuesday 17th March

[Silver Meeting 2](#)

(for Silver and Gold subscribers)

Greenhead CLC 4:00-5:15pm

Wednesday 18th March

[Silver Meeting 2](#)

(for Silver and Gold subscribers)

Challenge CLC 4:00-5:15pm

Monday 23rd March

[Advanced Film Making Course](#)

Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Thursday 26th March

[Promethean IWB Course 2](#)

Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Monday 30th March

[Digital Photography Course](#)

Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm



All these courses can be booked by visiting www.curriculumict.com and then click on INSET and Support. Click on the orange course link to get an overview and to book a place. Please double check which CLC the course is being held at. People have turned up at the wrong CLC on a number of occasions.

bMobLe Conference 2009 a Success

Despite months of preparation, generous sponsorship, meticulous attention to detail, excellent staff support, a first-rate venue and a full complement of delegates the final moments before the conference started were fraught..... because of the snow!

But we need not have worried, more than 200 delegates, exhibitors, students and staff braved the elements and made it to the ALC. The snow did cause some minor re-scheduling of timetables and available breakouts but from the beginning the conference could be seen and heard to be successful. The buzz of excitement in the foyer as people discussed with each other and the exhibitors the possible ways that mobile technology might enhance education, set the tone for the day.



Johnny Ball started us off with remarks that were both entertaining and challenging and through the breakouts, the exhibition area and the examples shown by the schools and students attending the conference, the delegates were able to look at how this technology might be brought into their

schools and classrooms.

The feedback we have received has been very positive. Delegates remarked upon the 'buzz of excitement' and particularly appreciated being able to talk to staff and students who were actually utilising these exciting technologies in their schools.

Our written evaluations have included comments such as: The highlight was simply the general buzz and positive comments of the delegates; It was good to see the ideas in use and be able to talk to people using them; At last we are using technology in an exciting way; and many comments that said 'When can you come into school?'

The feedback from both delegates and exhibitors has been so positive, in fact, that we have started planning bMobLe 2010 (although it may be a little later in the year). Leaving no time to 'lie a in darkened room to recover' the ICT team are already on the case, chasing possible keynote speakers, sponsorship and exhibitors and looking at the venue to see how we can make bMobLe 2010 bigger and better. If you have any suggestions or comments please get in touch with any member of EB's Curriculum ICT team.

To all sponsors, delegates, students, staff and exhibitors who made bMobLe 2009 such a great success a big 'THANK YOU'.

Education Bradford's ICT Roadshow

Education Bradford's Annual ICT Roadshow is going to be held on Monday 18th May at Future House. This year's focus is "Content and Creativity". The keynote speaker for this event is the ever-popular Doug Dickinson. Breakout sessions will include presentations by digital content providers and creativity using content sessions led by the Curriculum ICT team. More details about the event will be published in next half term's News Bytes. Put the date in your diary now!

E-Learning Foundation Charity

The e-Learning Foundation aims to reduce the effect of this "Digital Divide". We work with schools, parents and other stakeholders to ensure that all children have access to digital technologies, when and where they need them, both at home and at school.

The e-Learning Foundation has 3 core principles which include: Equity of access, Sustainability & Home use.

Equity of access

Equity of access is one where every child in a given cohort has exactly the same opportunity to have access to the school's technology, at home as well as in the classroom, regardless their parents contributions.

Sustainability

Local sustainability is vital, and the engagement of parents who make small donations, normally collected monthly, to the school e-learning programme ensures that the school can replace equipment when and if required. Sustainability also ensures expansion of the project over a number of years.

The e-Learning Foundation is able to personally guide your school through the process of parental engagement. We can even help by collecting the parents donations (should they choose to use direct debit/ credit card).

Home Use

Schools have a key role to play in developing effective home-school links so that students can continue to benefit from school based support and resources when working at home. The e-Learning Foundation supports schools that accept this role and are willing to engage with their families to achieve equity of access at home as well as at school.

Those schools in Bradford wishing to explore the opportunities of 1:1 universal home – schools should be affiliated to the e-Learning Foundation to receive help, advice and support to run their own project.

Contact Sue Waller (School Liaison Manager, North) by email sue@e-learning foundation.com or mobile on 0782 684 4705.



Podcasting Competition 08/09



Curriculum ICT has teamed up with Tony Vincent ([Our City Podcast](#)) to run this year's podcasting competition. Tony taught fifth grade in Omaha, Nebraska for six years, and three of those years his students were pioneers in educational handheld computing. Currently, Tony is self-employed as an education consultant. He conducts workshops, presents at conferences, and writes books based on his teaching experiences and passion for new technologies.

The competition theme this year is "Our City". The children have to create a podcast all about Bradford, Keighley or Ilkley. Their audience will be other children from around the world. The winning school will have the

opportunity to have their podcast recorded in a studio. The podcast will then be hosted on the "Our City" podcast website. Softease (now Lightbox Education) have also donated a number of great prizes including mp3 recorders, microphones, headphones etc. The final entry date has been extended to Friday 20th March.

You can listen to some sample podcasts by visiting <http://www.learninginhand.com/OurCity/index.html>

You can find plenty of resources to support the planning and recording of your podcast by visiting <http://www.learninginhand.com/OurCity/resources.html>

All you need to do to enter is e-mail- james.langley@educationbradford.com with the link to the podcast, or e-mail me the mp3 file. In the e-mail please include the school name, the of member of staff, names and year group of children involved.

Congratulations to Glenaire Primary School who won the January podcast of the month competition. All the monthly winning podcasts can be listened to on www.curriculumict.com and click on Podcasting.

"There are lots of reasons why schools should be podcasting.

First, you're publishing to a potentially vast audience and using technology that gives you feedback.

Podcasting is not a one-off - it's a series of episodes and there's a great incentive to carry on."

Bradford Learning Network Update



The Bradford Learning Network is running some free full day sessions on using your Bradford Learning Network resources in the classroom. The training will incorporate the use of Podium, the audio network, Big Bus and Pathe News and there will be demonstrations by SCRAN and focused EducationCity training looking at the use of MyCity. All these resources are free to BLN schools.

The next course is scheduled for Monday 16th March at Greenhead CLC and you can register online now at www.curriculumict.com and then click on INSET and Support.

During the February half term Telewest successfully upgraded the core switches to enable your BT resilient links to automatically switch on/off should anything happen to your Telewest connection. A Telewest engineer should shortly be arranging to visit you to complete the installation at your site. Telewest will also be contacting those schools who are yet to have the BT line installed.

Year 3 E-Mail Space Quest Project

It is that time of year again when the Year 3 E-Mail Space Quest Project is about to re-launched. The Space Quest project trains children in use of a variety of e-mailing skills. The messages will be sent from mission.control@blueyonder.co.uk and the first task is sent to the class teacher who shows it to their class. After the children have replied to the message all subsequent messages are sent to the individual children. The attachment files are sent as Textease files and Word files.

If you would like to see a PowerPoint presentation describing the project then go to <http://www.ngfl.ac.uk/docs/MISSIONS.ppt>
The project will run every week during the summer term

when an e-mail will be sent to each individual child taking part in the project. The cost is £30 to register the first class and then £10.00 for each additional class.

To join the project you need to do two things
1. Contact mission.control@blueyonder.co.uk and complete the order form that I will send you.
2. I will then require a Word file listing all the children's e-mail addresses and the teacher's email address. This file needs to be sent to me electronically as an attachment in an email.
The closing date for booking your seats will be Friday 3rd April. This date may seem a long way away but it will come very quickly. **David James.**



Team Change

Congratulations to Mark Ellis who, after working with the Curriculum ICT team for the last 4 years, has moved on to Pastures New. Mark's contribution to the Curriculum ICT team over the last few years has been extremely valuable and his enthusiasm, expertise and dedication have been a big factor in our success. Mark's specialisms included the use of Macs, embedding digital technologies effectively in the classroom, creating music digitally, assessing progress in ICT as well as being a technical expert to schools and our team. Although Mark will still be informally involved with some of the team's

projects we will miss him and his sense of humour greatly; we wish Mark the very best for the future in his new role as Strategic Network Manager at Nab Wood Secondary school, a role which he has always aspired to.



Free Prize Draw

Congratulations to Cullingworth Primary School, they entered last term's prize draw and won themselves a Samson microphone. St Columba's Primary have won themselves a Beebot.

If you have read this newsletter you are eligible to enter a free prize draw. The prizes next issue include 2 Easispeak microphones.

To enter the free prize draw all you have to do is reply to the newsletter e-mail:-
(james.langley@educationbradford.com) with the text - Prize Draw please - Your School Name.

Only one entry will be accepted per school.

We will e-mail you to confirm if your school is a winner.

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Our Curriculum ICT Team is committed to supporting schools to help pupils reach their potential in all the National Curriculum subjects which they study and in which they use ICT. The services we can provide are:-

- in-service training sessions for schools on a variety of issues including:- effective use of interactive whiteboards, digital animation, creative use of ICT across the curriculum, effective use of new online content, podcasting etc
- work in schools modelling effective ICT teaching both in their own and other's classrooms
- work with ICT co-ordinators and help them develop their role effectively
- liaise with Curriculum co-ordinators within schools to promote the development of ICT across the curriculum