CURRICULUM ICT TEAM NEWSLETTER

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A big thanks to everyone!

The Curriculum ICT team would like to thank all schools across the authority who have supported the many activities that we have run this year. These include:-

- Digital Animation Competition
- Cars - Maths in Motion
- Podcasting Competition
- Whiteboard Cluster Groups
- Courses
- Staff Meetings
- Mobile Learning Projects
- bMobLe Meetings

We would also like to thank all the children and staff who have worked hard to produce some excellent entries in all the competitions we have run. The standard of work gets higher and higher every year. Thank you for the support provided by Challenge City Learning Centre for the loan of their ICT equipment, their technical staff and premises throughout the academic year.

Curriculum ICT Team
Digital Animation Competition 2008

Last but not least, a big thank you to the companies that have sponsored our events or provided prizes in 2008 including Softease, Kudlian, Primary Technology, Accurate AV and Ergo computers.

Digital Animation Results 2008

Congratulations to all those schools that entered the competition. The results in each category are as follows:-

Movie Category
Year 3/4 Ryecroft Primary
Year 5/6 Burley Oaks Primary

Photostory 3 Category
Special Wedgewood School and Nursery
KS1 All Saint's, Ilkley
Year 3/4 Crossley Hall Primary
Year 5/6 Bankfoot Primary

Animation Category
KS1 St Stephen's CE Primary
Year 3/4 St Anthony's CE Primary
Year 5/6 Burley Oaks Primary

Softease Special Award (dedicated this year to David James, Curriculum ICT)
Ben Rhydding Primary

Support Packages 2008/09

From September 2008 Curriculum ICT invites you to participate in one of our new support packages which are designed to give you a greater insight into ICT developments that affect your school and to access free and heavily discounted support from the team. These packages will be delivered in partnership with The School House Partnership and will replace the existing SHP subscriptions. The packages on offer are described in detail in a letter sent to your school 2 weeks ago. Cost for these packages:-

Bronze- FREE for all schools

Silver - £600 for a 1 year subscription (**£500 if the school subscribes prior to the 1st September 2008**)

Gold - £1700 for a 1 year subscription (Limited places available)

If you require another copy of the letter outlining the content of the packages, please e-mail: tina.housley@educationbradford.com

We are excited to recommend these packages and believe that subscription will provide real benefit to your school impacting the capacity of teachers to utilise ICT effectively in their teaching and contributing positively to the quality of the educational experience of your pupils.

Skillspace Prices and Training Dates

Bradford Learning Network Subscribers

The prices below are dependant on how many schools invest in Skillspace as their VLE of choice. For BLN schools the cost will be a maximum of £2.00 per pupil and a minimum of £1.30 per pupil. This price includes hosting of your Skillspace (50Mb per pupil), attendance of 2 people on a course "Embedding your learning platform within your school", a ½ day whole school training session on how to use your Skillspace in the classroom, helpdesk support on using your learning platform by Skillspace and discounted training available on all Skillspace courses.

All this information, including prices for non BLN schools is available on the Skillspace letter that was sent out on the 8th July.

Free Skillspace training dates
Future House
Trainer: Lisa Shaw

Day 1 – 19th September
Day 2 – 3rd October
Day 3 – 17th October

Please e-mail tina.housley@educationbradford.com to reserve your free place.

"With the Skillspace Learning Platform you can meet the 2008 and 2010 standards set out by the Government now."

The legend that is David James!

Congratulations and Many Thanks

David James who has given his working life to the advancement of education through ICT in Bradford is taking retirement from employment this Summer. Together with Paul King, David joined Education Bradford from BMDC. When the contract for school improvement services was awarded his immediate focus was the delivery of the NoF professional development programme which he completed to his normal high standard. David then moved on to organise the ICT Curriculum Support Forum in association with School House Partnership. They provided support for staff in their development of ICT as a tool for teaching right across the Bradford District. Every year David has run his highly successful Space Quest Project which has introduced many young people in Bradford to the appropriate use of e-mail and problem solving using ICT. He has also continued to broker money saving deals for schools including the very successful Espresso application. He has lent his expertise to the development of applications which have significantly enhanced the learning experience of young people. As a team we want to thank David for his contribution and commitment to our team and on behalf of you all thank him for his work in Bradford. Thanks David and very best wishes for the future in your new role at SHP!

David James and Olivia from Espresso at BETT2008

Podcasting Competition 2008/09

Education Bradford's second podcasting competition will launch on the 1st October 2008. Last year, over 40 primary schools were involved in the competition sponsored by Softease. Schools that were involved in the first competition were given a trial period of Softease's Podium software. They were then given a discounted price for this simple and effective software. This year the Bradford Learning Network has bought a site license of Podium MT for every school that is a BLN subscriber. If your school bought the software last year, you will be reimbursed. Two competition launch training meetings have been organised in September.

Podcasting Launch @ Greenhead CLC
Wednesday 24th September
1:30pm-3:15pm

Podcasting Launch @ Challenge CLC
Thursday 25th September
1:00pm-3:00pm

For more information about podcasting and the podcasting competition, please visit:-

www.skillspace.com/bradict

and click on Podcasting Competition, alternatively e-mail:
james.langley@educationbradford.com

Cars - Maths in Motion National Finalists 2008

The Cars – Maths in Motion annual challenge begins its fifth season in September with over 50 Bradford schools registered. This year's competition was very successful with over 40 schools involved in 8 'online leagues'. Congratulations to Margaret McMillan Primary who won the Bradford KS2 Final, Beckfoot Grammar who won the KS3 final and Salt Grammar who were KS4 champions. We managed to get to the National Finals for the third consecutive year where Margaret McMillan Primary who finished a very credible 4th place. Well done guys!

Free Prize Draw

If you have read this newsletter you are eligible to enter a free prize draw. The two prizes available this term are a digital camera and an ICT based staff meeting worth £150 delivered by one of our team members. To enter the free prize draw all you have to do is reply to the newsletter e-mail 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