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Curriculum ICT Courses and Events

Details of all this year's courses are now available on www.skillspace.com/bradict but will not be available in the EB courses booklet as in previous years. A curriculum ICT courses booklet will be available to download from this site. This year's courses are being run in conjunction with Bradford's City Learning Centres and will be delivered at the various CLC venues across the city. All courses can now be booked online via links on www.skillspace.com/bradict. Click on Training courses and support and then click on the Register links to book your place on our courses and events.

Wednesday 17th September

Cars Maths in Motion Launch Meeting
Challenge CLC 4:00-5:00pm

Tuesday 23rd September

Literacy and Textease CT (Doug Dickinson)
Greenhead CLC (TBC)

Wednesday 24th September

Podcasting Competition Launch Meeting
Greenhead CLC 1:30-3:30pm

Bronze Package Meeting
Greenhead CLC 4:00-5:15pm

Thursday 25th September

Podcasting Competition Launch Meeting
Challenge CLC 1:00-3:00pm

Bronze Package Meeting
Challenge CLC 4:00-5:15pm

Monday 29th September

SMARTboard IWB Course
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Tuesday 30th September

Cars Maths in Motion Training
Challenge CLC 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 1st October

Cars Maths in Motion Training
Challenge CLC 9:30-11:30am

IWB Cluster Group Launch Meeting
Future House (Conf D) 4:00-5:00pm

Thursday 2nd October

Cars Maths in Motion Training
Greenhead CLC 9:30-11:30am

Numeracy and Textease CT (Doug Dickinson)
Greenhead CLC (TBC)

Monday 6th October

Sound Bytes Course
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 8th October

New ICT Curriculum Launch Conference
Venue to be confirmed 9:00-12:00pm

Thursday 9th October

New ICT Curriculum Launch Conference
Venue to be confirmed 9:00-12:00pm

Monday 20th October

2 day ICT Subject Leader Course (Day 1)
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Self Review Framework Introduction Meeting
Challenge CLC 9:00-12:00pm

Silver Support Package Meeting 1

Greenhead CLC 4:00-5:15pm

Thursday 23rd October

Self Review Framework Introduction Meeting
Challenge CLC 9:00-12:00pm

Silver Support Package Meeting 1

Challenge CLC 4:00-5:15pm

Monday 10th November

BLN Portal Launch Meeting 1
Challenge CLC 4:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 12th November

BLN Portal Launch Meeting 2
Challenge CLC 4:00-5:00pm

Monday 17th November

2 day ICT Subject Leader Course (Day 2)
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Tuesday 18th November

BLN Portal Launch Meeting 3
Greenhead CLC 4:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 19th November

BLN Portal Launch Meeting 4
Challenge CLC 4:00-5:00pm

Monday 24th November

Promethean IWB Course
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 26th November

E-Safety Conference
Greenhead CLC 1:00-4:00pm

BLN Portal Launch Meeting 5

Greenhead CLC 4:00-5:00pm

Thursday 27th November

E-Safety Conference
Venue to be confirmed 1:00-4:00pm

BLN Portal Launch Meeting 6

Venue to be confirmed 1:00-4:00pm

Monday 1st December

Digital Animation and Movie Making Course
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 10th December

Cars Maths in Motion Face 2 Face Race
Challenge CLC 9:30-11:45am

Thursday 11th December

Cars Maths in Motion Face 2 Face Race
Greenhead CLC 9:30-11:45am

Podcasting Competition 2008/2009

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. Attendance at the meetings is not compulsory, however the training is based on the new multi-track version of the software. You will also be able to pick up your software and the site license at this meeting.

To register online for either of these meetings please click on the link below:-

[Online Registration](#)

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



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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 – Friday 19th September 2008
 Day 2 – Friday 3rd October 2008
 Day 3 – Friday 14th November 2008

Please e-mail: dannielle.rooney@educationbradford.com to reserve your free place.

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 last half term. Cost for these packages:-

Bronze- FREE for all schools

Silver - £600 for a 1 year subscription

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

All conferences run by Curriculum ICT are free for schools subscribing Gold packages.

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. To subscribe into one of our support packages online, please visit www.skillspace.com/bradict click on Training courses & support and click on ICT Support Packages.

bMobLe

bMobLe is an acronym for the Bradford Mobile Learning Network. This group was set up by Curriculum ICT in conjunction with Challenge CLC and its primary role is to disseminate good practice in the use of mobile devices within the primary and secondary classroom. There is a bMobLe meeting on a half termly basis and everyone is welcome to attend. Details of meeting dates, plus reviews of hardware, software and news of other mobile related issues can be found on our new blog:-

<http://bmobile.blogspot.com>

Please feel free to make comments on any of the articles we have written. The intention of the blog is to promote discussion and interaction between colleagues throughout

the LA and beyond.

If your school is interested in introducing mobile learning into the classroom, please contact one of the following bMobLe members for advice:-

p.mclear@challengeclc.co.uk

alan.beecham@educationbradford.com

james.langley@educationbradford.com



Education City - a great success

During the last academic year EducationCity.com worked with seven classes in five schools to accurately measure the impact their resources have on standards.

They provided training, support and homework passes for the year six children. By using the personalisation features of the software the teachers could track the progress of the pupils and when the Tests were used, individualised learning paths were created for the children to follow.

Star pupils from each of the schools involved in the project have won prestigious awards for their achievements from EducationCity.com, the national award winning online learning resource.

David James of Education Bradford presented Aniqah Saleem, 10, and Georgina Robertshaw, 11 (Grove House Primary),

with exclusive EducationCity.com certificates at their leavers assembly on Tuesday 15th July 2008. After using the resource to help improve their SATs grades, the two girls were asked by the development team to make valuable suggestions to enhance the website. They gave the development team tips on how to improve activities on the site, which will be incorporated by EducationCity.com in the future.

If your school already subscribes to the Bradford Learning Network, you have already got free access to EducationCity.com within school. For more information about EducationCity.com and training opportunities please contact David James:- djict@blueyonder.co.uk



" I really enjoyed all the games and activities on the site, and found it easy to use in class. I was also allowed to use it at home with my family."

" I found it really helpful in all my subjects, especially being allowed to use it on my home computer. Doing tests was a lot easier after using EducationCity.com".

BECTA Self Review Framework (SRF)

The Becta Self Review Framework (SRF) allows all schools to complete an online matrix about whole school improvement through the use of ICT. This is not just about the delivery of curriculum ICT that the sub leader has responsibility for; this is a whole school strategy to use ICT effectively to support school improvement and raise standards. Elements of the school SEF are also covered within the matrix. There is a huge correlation between schools that use ICT effectively throughout school and the curriculum and schools with good and outstanding OFSTEDS. Last year we offered several free sessions to encourage and support schools to engage with the SRF and presently have over 80 % of Bradford

schools using the SRF. We will be offering some support clusters from October to further aid these schools to implement their action plans based on their SRF data. Before then we will be holding 2 further free introductory sessions to the SRF at Challenge CLC on the mornings of the 22nd & 23rd October; these sessions are aimed at SMT particularly but ideally a member of the SMT and ICT subject leader should attend. The conferences are limited to 10 schools per meeting and places are given on a first come first served basis

Please e-mail Tina Housley:- e-mail:

tina.housley@educationbradford.com for further details.

Bradford Learning Network

The Bradford Learning Network Team have been very busy over the summer preparing for the launch of their new service which is scheduled to be rolled out to all BLN schools during December. The Learning Portal is a new website which we hope you will use as your landing page once you access the internet. The page will include:-

- Links to the online applications you have available to you such as i-mail, Education City, Big Bus, Espresso and your SkillSpace.
- Automatic login to online applications reducing the need to remember numerous different passwords.
- Links to 'community' sites - a central place where curriculum teams will store documents and information for you to use

- News feeds which can be directed at specified staff to keep them informed

We will be running a series of meetings in the second half of this term. Details of these meetings will appear on:-

www.skillspace.com/bradict

Please contact:- tina.housley@educationbradford.com for further details.

Additional BLN information:-

Over the Summer the BLN has purchased BLN school site licenses for two other great software packages - Podium Multi-track, and the Big Bus interactive learning. Details on how to access this content will be sent to your school in due course.

All Change

The Curriculum ICT team would like to welcome Dannielle Rooney to the team who will be here for the duration of Jo Dean's maternity leave. Dannielle will be the new administrator for Curriculum ICT and be the first point of contact for any queries you may have. Dannielle has had previous experience working with schools in Bradford as her previous job was at Yorkshire Water where she administered the community projects. Tina Housley will be moving to

the temporary post of BLN Project Officer. Alyas Haider will remain as the BLN Technical Officer.

Jo is expecting her second child at the beginning of October and she is planning to have a full year away from Education Bradford. Jo will be missed by the whole team and we would like to wish her all the very best.



Free Prize Draw

Congratulations to St James' Church Primary School, they entered last term's prize draw and won themselves a digital camera, provided by Primary Technology. St Luke's CE Primary School won themselves an ICT based staff meeting worth £150.

If you have read this newsletter you are eligible to enter a free prize draw. 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. The next issue of News Bytes will be published on Friday 7th November.

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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