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Curriculum ICT Courses and Events

Curriculum ICT's courses and events for this half term are listed below. 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.

Monday 17th November
2 day ICT Subject Leader Course (Day 2)
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Friday 21st November
Podcasting Workshop (Free for gold and silver, £25 for bronze)
Challenge CLC 1:00-3:00pm

Monday 24th November
Promethean IWB Course
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 26th November
E-Safety Conference
Greenhead CLC 1:00-4:00pm

Thursday 27th November
E-Safety Conference
Challenge CLC 1:00-4:00pm

Monday 1st December
Digital Animation and Movie Making Course
Challenge CLC 9:00-3:00pm

Friday 5th December
Podcasting Workshop (Free for gold and silver, £25 for bronze)
Greenhead CLC 1:00-3:00pm

Monday 8th December
New ICT Scheme of Work Conference
Challenge CLC 9:00-12:00pm

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

Handheld Learning 2008

The Handheld Learning Conference 2008, London was the largest of its kind bringing together over 1,000 of the world's leading opinion formers, thought leaders, practitioners, education leaders, developers, policy and decision makers to demonstrate, debate and explore how these technologies can best be employed to enable transformational improvements in learning.

What made this event even more special was the fact that Wilsden Primary School won the prestigious "Primary Innovation Award". They were one of three finalists and met very stiff competition from the Wolverhampton LA project. The award was presented by Johnny Ball at the packed Brewery in the Barbican Centre, London. Congratulations to the staff, the pupils and the extremely supportive parents. A well deserved acknowledgement of a successful mobile project that has helped raise standards in KS2.

60 children in Year 4 were equipped with Fujitsu Siemens EDAs. Parents were asked to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the devices. The project was also supported by Challenge CLC, the e-learning foundation and Education Bradford. Over the year since the device was introduced, many of the children have become expert users, sharing new found skills with each other and with staff. Children report that having the device has helped their learning in school and at home. In class, children are enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.



Make a Date! bMoble's "Next Generation Learning" Conference Thursday 5th February 2009 Engage Enhance Transform

Think about all the ways technology is **changing our lives**; e.g. mobile phones, MP3 players, digital cameras, digital TV, Sky Plus and near universal internet access.

How are we in education making use of these technologies to **enhance** or even **transform** learning and teaching?

How are we **engaging** today's students with the technology that they carry in their pockets and use at home?

Schools have already invested significantly in technology and innovators have found ways to use that technology to make learning more personalised, exciting, rewarding, enjoyable - and it shows in their results!

As leading educators, we need to make sure that everyone understands the positive impact that these new technologies can have on education and how it can help learners fulfil their potential.

The bMoble "Next Generation Learning Conference" aims to address these issues by sharing best practice and suggesting ways that these technologies can appropriately be integrated into the classroom.

To register for the conference, please visit:-
www.skillspace.com/bradict

Podcasting Competition 2008/2009

Education Bradford's second podcasting competition launched on the 1st October 2008. Last year, over 40 primary schools were involved in the competition sponsored by Softease. The Bradford Learning Network has bought a site license of Podium MT for every school that is a BLN subscriber. If you have not already received your copy of the software it will be sent to your school in the internal post this half term. Curriculum ICT is teaming up with Tony Vincent ([Our City Podcast](#)) to run this year's competition. 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 have also donated a number of great prizes including mp3 recorders, microphones, headphones etc. The final entry date will be Friday 29th February.

Running alongside the main podcasting competition is the "Podcast of the month" mini-comp. This will run in November, December and January. All you need to do to enter is e-mail james.langley@educationbradford.com with the following details:- School name, name of member of staff, names and year group of pupils who have created the podcast, a brief description of the podcast including curriculum focus, the podcast URL and the episode number for the specific podcast they are entering.

If you are interested in learning more about podcasting, the Curriculum ICT team are running two podcasting workshops:-
Friday 21st November 1:00-3:00pm (Challenge CLC)
Friday 5th December 1:00-3:00pm (Greenhead CLC)
Any member of staff attending the workshops may bring two KS2 children with them as their "Media Team". Places will be limited to 8 schools per session. Please register your interest by clicking on the relevant link on:-

www.skillspace.com/bradict



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Skillspace Contracts and I-mail

Thank you to all those schools who responded to the various communications sent out regarding the SkillsSpace renewal. Contracts will be sent out from SkillsSpace within the next few weeks. Please note that these will need to be returned by December 1st 2008 otherwise your SkillsSpace will be deleted. If you require any in school staff training Lisa Shaw is still available for Free until December 1st 2008. Please email lisa.shaw@serco.com If you wish to still receive support from Lisa after 1st December please contact her at lisa@eee-training.co.uk If you have chosen to use another VLE provider and have yet to provide us with their details please contact tina.housley@educationbradford.com this

will enable us to establish whether they can be included as a single sign on application in the new Learning Portal.

I-mail upgrade

Unfortunately the upgrade to the i-mail system has been delayed until W/c 17th November due to some schools having out of date configuration with outlook. An email has been sent to schools and support providers with information on changes which may need to be made. The helpdesk can also provide you with further assistance on 385800. The updated user guide for the new system is available on www.skillspace.com/bradict

SMART Notebook Version 10

Smart Notebook 10 software is the latest upgrade of the IWB software used on the Smartboard. The upgrade is a significant one and we recommend all schools to install this latest version and make use of the latest features. There are a lot of changes from Notebook 9.7 are and we are offering staff meetings to demonstrate the effective use of the latest version.

Advanced SMART Notebook Training

Last year we ran a series of sessions to allow staff to get Bradford accreditation for the advanced use of the Smart IWB and software. The course was very well received (see the comments on www.skillspace.com/bradict in the IWB cluster link of the courses section) and had a significant impact on enhancing learning and

teaching with an IWB. Several schools are offering this training opportunity to members of their staff as part of their professional development. For further information use the registration link in the section mentioned above or e-mail:-

paul.scott@educationbradford.com



New ICT SOW Conference Additional Training Day

This conference is to launch a new ICT scheme of work to potentially replace QCA units that many schools are presently using. The scheme is based on one developed by Wokingham Authority and will be available to all Bradford Primary schools. The conference will outline the scheme and how to use the materials to embed ICT effectively across the curriculum to enhance teaching and learning. This conference is a repeat of the conferences we ran in the Autumn first half term. If you were unable to attend the event or know of any other members of your staff that would benefit from attending, the conference is FREE for all schools and is limited to 35 attendees—book now!

Aims of the conference:-

- 1) Clarify pupil's statutory entitlement to ICT
- 2) Outline the limitations of QCA
- 3) Understand the needs of the 21st century learner
- 4) Introduce the new medium term plans for ICT
- 5) Review the content of the new medium term plans
- 6) Reflect on the implications of using the plans
- 7) Demonstrate planning using new units
- 8) Reflect on planning using the units
- 9) Outline future development of the units

To register for the conference please visit:
www.skillspace.com/bradict

"The internet and new technologies offer great benefits and learning opportunities but it is important that skill in the use of new technologies is not confused with an ability to perceive and avoid risk; therefore education on e-safety issues is essential."

E-Safety Conferences Autumn 2008



E-safety awareness should be based on an ongoing programme of education within the school, and staff should not be excluded. In order to assist children and young people to stay safe when using the technologies, it is vital that staff are aware of the issues, both existing and emerging.

The requirement to raise awareness in children and young people of the risks associated with inappropriate contact and content on the internet and related technologies is addressed as part of the wider duty of care to which all teachers are bound. It is essential that all pupils are taught the relevant skills and strategies to remain safe when using

such technologies. This may be as discrete e-safety lessons, as part of the ICT curriculum, or embedded within all curriculum work wherever it is relevant.

The e-safety conference intends to provide discussion, guidance and access to appropriate materials to support schools in safe guarding children and staff when using the Internet and mobile technologies.

Wednesday 26th November 1:00-4:00pm (Greenhead CLC)
 Thursday 27th November 1:00-4:00pm (Challenge CLC)

The cost of the conference is £75 for Bronze Subscribing schools. Attendance at the conference is FREE for Silver and Gold subscriber schools. Please consider upgrading your subscription. Visit www.skillspace.com/bradict to register.

BECTA Self Review Framework (SRF)

The Self Review Framework is an online tool to help schools assess how effectively they use ICT in all aspects of learning and teaching and to support whole school improvement. Education Bradford has run 10 introductory workshops over the past 12 months for all Bradford schools and over 85% of Bradford schools have now engaged with the SRF. To support schools further with their development planning linked to the SRF we have set up SRF cluster support groups to enable schools to discuss and share best practice in the various elements of the SRF. All details can be found on www.skillspace.com/bradict in the cluster link of the courses section.

Congratulations to Oldfield Primary who have become the 6th Bradford school to be accredited with Becta's ICT Mark. The ICT mark is given to school's who have engaged with the SRF and have demonstrated that they use ICT effectively in all areas of the school by reaching nationally agreed standards in the 8 elements of the SRF. This is a great achievement for Head Teacher Maggie Redpath and her staff & pupils.

Education City Update

EducationCity can be used to teach a whole class using an IWB. Using the myCity facility the teacher can be in control of what the children will learn and underpinning all of this is personalised learning. KS2 maths tests further support personalised learning by creating personalised revision paths after a child has taken a test. Although children are doing tests they don't see them as tests. They find the activities engaging and really enjoy using them. EducationCity is a developing site with over 1000 activities with two new activities added each week and two up-graded.

If EducationCity is used effectively, standards will rise and children's learning will be accelerated. These are not just boastful words. Evaluations and evidence provided by year

6 teachers after a special study of EducationCity in Bradford provided the proof of this statement.

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

djict@blueyonder.co.uk

If your school is a Silver or Gold subscriber, a training session could be offset against one of your two training sessions that are part of these packages.



BLN Big Bus Access



The Big Bus is an exciting world of fun interactive learning, for children aged 3 to 11 years. The Big Bus provides the very best in engaging, interactive and multi-active learning activities

and is designed for use in the classroom and at home. Great care is taken to ensure the content and range of activities support the school curriculum and enhance

children's learning. Designed to make the journey of learning fun, exciting new content is provided for subscribers every term enabling members to build up an ever-expanding library of activities.

The Bradford Learning Network has bought a Big Bus site licence for every BLN school. To access the resources please e-mail:-

dannielle.rooney@educationbradford.com

Free Prize Draw

Congratulations to St John's CE Primary School, they entered last term's prize draw and won themselves an ICT based staff meeting worth £150.

If you have read this newsletter you are eligible to enter a free prize draw. The prizes next issue include a digital camera and an mp3 recorder. 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 9th January.

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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