



ICT Newsletter

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A Touch of CL@SS!

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Remember:

- Helpline number: 01792 636900
Service Desk for technical enquiries
- YGG Bryn Tawe: 01792 560649
ICT Curriculum Team

Many thanks to everyone who applied to be part of the CL@SS (*Computers in Learning At Swansea Schools*) Group. The following teachers have been appointed as members of the group:

Primary

Nicola Briggs (*Penyrheol PS*), Lee Burnell (*Gorseinon JS*), Adrian Byrne (*Danygraig PS*), Craig Cardiff (*Cadle PS*), Mike Daley (*Pontybrein PS*), Karen David (*Townhill PS*), Geoffrey Davies (*Grange PS*), Darwyn Hopkins (*Cwmrhydyceirw PS*), Lloyd Jones (*St. Helen's PS*), Lynn Joseph (*Llanrhidian PS*), Tim Richards (*Manselton PS*), Joanna Roffey (*St. Thomas PS*), Llinos Scourfield (*YGG Lôn Las*), Adrian Smith (*Pontlliw PS*), Angela Thompson (*Penclawdd PS*)

Secondary

Dave Sharp (*Bishop Vaughan RCS*), Graham Daniels (*YG Bryn Tawe*), Ian Hughes (*Bishop Gore CS*), Paul Davies (*Daniel James*)

The group will meet once a term over the next two years. Group members will look at a variety of IT curriculum issues including software evaluation, resource generation and planning.

The group will be chaired by Dr. Dave Sharp and supported by Lindsay Harvey, Howel Davies and Mary-Lynne Jones from the Education Effectiveness Service.

The first meeting of the CL@SS group was held at Manselton Primary School on Thursday 9th June,



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chaired by Dr Dave Sharp. The group discussed methods of communication between curriculum and technical support, the identification of good practice and the creation and sharing of teaching and learning resources. The resources will be published on the Learn-ICT website. As a cross phase group, it will look closely at the transition between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th September at Townhill Community Primary School.

Early Years CD-ROM

We are pleased to announce the imminent release of the 'Early Years ' CD-ROM. The CD has been developed by Teacher Advisers in Swansea and Neath and Port Talbot in collaboration with teachers and schools involved in the Kidsmart Early Years ICT Project.

A wealth of material relating to good practice in the use of ICT in Early Years education is

contained on the CD including information on:

- The Kidsmart Project
- Policy and assessment documents developed as part of the project
- Resources such as Robotic Toys and Digital cameras, with good practice examples of how they can be used to support learning and teaching across the

Desirable Outcome Areas.

- Software
- Early Years websites

It is hoped that during the next academic year the material contained on the CD-ROM can be used to form the basis of an Early Years website.
(*Debbie Roberts—Teacher Adviser for Early Years*)



Primary Short Course Programme—Summer 2005



Curriculum ICT Training Programme for the Summer Term 2005

Date	Course Title	Time
5th May	Using the Interactive Whiteboard to support the Primary Curriculum	9.00-3.30
10th May	Using the NGfL Cymru Site to support Curriculum Cymreig	9.00-3.30
18th May	Using the SmartBoard for Teaching and Learning	9.00-3.30
26th May	Digital Video—How to do it—What to do with it (Cross Phase Course)	9.00-3.30
7th Jun	Using the Internet and Interactive Whiteboard to Support Numeracy	9.00-3.30
9th Jun	Animation to Support the Curriculum (Cross Phase Course)	9.00-3.30
29th Jun	IT Coordinators Day—Note change of date!	
30th Jun	IT Coordinators Day—Note change of date!	9.00-3.30
5th Jul	Using the Internet and Interactive Whiteboard to Support Literacy	9.00-3.30

Secondary Short Course Programme—Summer 2005

Don't forget to apply for courses by filling in the yellow Enrolment Form in the Training and Development Booklet!

Date	Course Title	Time
14th Apr	Using the Interactive Whiteboard to support the teaching of RE	9.00-3.30
4th May	Using the Interactive Whiteboard to support the teaching of History	9.00-3.30
19th May	Flash—An Introduction	9.00-3.30
26th May	Digital Video—How to do it—What to do with it (Cross Phase Course)	
9th Jun	Animation to Support the Curriculum (Cross Phase Course)	9.00-3.30
1st Jul	IT Coordinators Day—Note change of date!	9.00-3.30
14th Jul	Using ICT to Support Art and Design	9.00-3.30

Inclusion Short Course Programme—Summer 2005

Date	Course Title	Time
11th May	Clicker 4: Making Talking Wordbanks	9.00-4.00
17th May	Cloze Pro	9.00-4.00
28th Jun	Clicker 4: Making Talking Wordbanks	9.00-4.00

Top Tip — Playing a DVD through the Digital Projector

The ICT Curriculum Team has received a number of calls from staff having problems playing a DVD disc on a laptop through a digital projector. It appears that although the video can be viewed on the laptop, it doesn't display through the projector. This can usually be rectified by *not* displaying the image on the laptop by pressing **Fn+F5** on the keyboard. Each press of this key combination cycles through the display options of laptop only, projector only, then both. Note that there is a new area on the Learn-ICT website which will provide you with more tips, information and updates for your software library: <http://www.learn-ict.org/materials/updates.asp>

Hwyl Fawr, Marcia!

It is with mixed emotions that the ICT Curriculum Team says goodbye to Marcia Howell, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to the authority.

First and foremost, we are pleased for Marcia and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. However, we are also mindful of the void she leaves in the team.

An experienced teacher with many years of Senior Management responsibility, Marcia was seconded to work as an NOF trainer in schools in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea in 1997. For the last three years she has been responsible for the successful TILT programme. In this role, Marcia has helped teachers develop confidence in their own ICT skills and to integrate the use of ICT into teaching and learning. Patient, understanding and supportive she was the ideal person for this important role.

The team loses a colleague and a friend, Marcia has the knack of being there if you need something. We will miss her and hope that she will have fond memories of her time with us.



Marcia Howell

Spotlight on Townhill Community Primary School

It has been an exciting time in Townhill, with the installation of Interactive Whiteboards in every year group, and fifteen brand new computers in the computer suite. The new hardware has made life easier for the teachers, and has made lessons a lot more enjoyable for the pupils. Mrs Buss who is pictured using her Whiteboard has been teaching in Townhill for

thirty six years and wonders how she managed before having an Interactive Whiteboard in her classroom, especially in maths, which she coordinates.

Lindsay Harvey came into school during the Spring term and held an Inset Day on Compose, which was excellent, if a little noisy!! After that day we decided to invest in

headphones with splitters, so that two children can listen to the same piece of music.

The children really enjoyed composing their own music and listening to others. We discovered a lot of the children had hidden talent and their finished pieces were far more interesting than the teachers'!



Article submitted by Karen David, ICT Coordinator at Townhill Community Primary School

Spotlight on Cwmglas Primary School

We wanted to create a website which reflected the ethos and atmosphere of our school, and by using 'ik' creatively we feel we have achieved this. We chose 'ik web builder' because it was so easy to set up, and as long as you have internet access can be maintained from both home and school.

In September, we set up our Year 6 Web Club who play a

vital role in maintaining our site. They work in teams which are comprised of News, Class Pages, Events, Photographers, Editors, and Links teams, each responsible for a particular area of the site.

When a special event takes place we send a reporter and a photographer to cover the story. The item is then brought together in Web Club, and sent to the editing team

who check for accuracy then upload it to our site.

Creating and maintaining a website is a lot of work, but when you see from the positive feedback from our guestbook it definitely makes it all worthwhile.

Don't forget to visit our website at:

www.cwmglasprimary.ik.org



Article submitted by Angela O'Sullivan, IT Support Technician at Cwmglas Primary School

ICT Staff Development Needs Questionnaire

Many thanks to all schools who have participated in our recent ICT SDNQ exercise. The ICT Curriculum Team is currently in the process of analysing the results to inform our short course programme for the next academic year. Shortly after half term, each school will receive individual feedback on this initiative. A member of our team will then contact you to organise an ICT training programme, based on your identified needs, for the following year.

Software for Adventures and Simulations

The ICT Curriculum Team recommend the following software for Adventures and Simulations in the Primary School:

Early Years: My Modelling Toolkit (Granada), Izzy's Island (Sherston), Charlie Chimp's Modelling Party (Sherston), Little Brown Bear (Sherston)

Key Stage 1: Teacher's Cupboard (Sherston), Bucket and Spade (Sherston), Number Train (Sherston), Elf Tales (Sherston), Teddy Bear's Picnic (Sherston), Number Plane (Sherston), Granny's Garden (Sherston)

Lower Key Stage 2: Matti Mole (Sherston), Simulation Explorer (Granada), Badger Trails (Granada), The Nature Park (Sherston), Map Detectives (Sherston), Lost in the Labyrinth (Sherston), E-Mail Detectives (Sherston)

Upper Key Stage 2: Map Detectives (Sherston), Web Detectives (Sherston), Zoombinis (Broderbund), Crystal Rainforest 2000 (Sherston), Mission Control (Sherston), Underwater Rescue



L^eAP Project

Arts in Education is running an exciting project with Pontaddulais Comprehensive School and its partner Primaries.

L^eAP is a media project that is focusing upon transition from primary to secondary education. The aim is to use the arts as a gateway for enabling a smoother transition between schools.

The ICT project is planned as part of the Artist in Residence programme. With the guidance of artist Alastair Duncan, a web based media package/CD Rom will be produced by pupils, for pupils.

The content of the media package will be on 'school life' that is, all aspects, subjects, pastoral etc that is shown to be of interest to the young people involved. In the future it is hoped that it will become a resource for primary school pupils before they move to secondary school.



Article submitted by
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 Arts

Bilingual words and phrases for use in ICT

Ewch i'r stafell gyfrifiaduron
 Go to the Computer suite

Mewngofnodwch

Pawb, mewngofnodwch nawr os gwelwch yn dda.

Everybody, log in now, please.

Allgofnodwch

Pawb, allgofnodwch nawr os gwelwch yn dda.

Everybody, log out now, please.

Defnyddio'r Bwrdd Gwyn rhyngweithiol
 Using the Interactive White board

Tynnwch gylch o gwmpas y gair...
 Draw a circle around the word ...

Amlygwch y gair ...
 Highlight the word ...

Gorchmynion/Commands

chwiliwch am eich ffeil
 look for your file

agorwch eich ffeil
 open your file

adalwch eich gwaith
 retrieve your work

teipiwch eich stori
 type your story

mewnosodwch eich llun
 import your graphic

cadwch eich gwaith
 save your work

cadwch eich ffeil
 save your file

llwythwch eich ffeil
 load your file

argraffwch eich ffeil
 print your file

cadw llun o'r we
 save an image from the internet

llusgosodwch lun
 drag and drop a graphic

Dw i'n gallu .../I can ...

chwilio am ffeil
 look for a file

agor ffeil
 open a file

adalw gwaith
 retrieve work

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 type a story

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 import a graphic

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 A Welsh Computer!

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