# ND eLearning eNewsletter September 2017

# Learning platform update

#### all learning platform managers



Primary school hub managers should have set a rollover date during the holidays, so that pupils will be promoted to the next year group. If this has not been done, navigate to the User Manager control panel: Upload CSV / Imported Data / Roll Over > Scroll down the page and select a rollover date from the calendar. Soon after the start of term the leavers' profile set should be deleted and new users added. In high schools the rollover process will be carried out automatically through SIMS integration. If you have any questions about this please email graham.dean@blackburn.gov.uk.

**The new UniServity product**, *Life* will be rolled out to schools during the autumn and spring terms. Schools will be given a number of options for when and how this process is carried out. Halton LA has produced this sheet which gives some guidance:

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupDownloadFile.asp?GroupId=20190888&ResourceId=3269695

A list of technical requirements for the new platform can be found by following the link below. It would be useful if school passed this on to their technical support well before they undertake the training (to view this page, you will need to be logged into your school learning platform).

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupDownloadFile.asp?GroupId=209197&ResourceId=3330329 Provisional training dates will be available as early as possible in October.

Four pilot schools will be trained and adopt the new platform before the October half term, with hub managers and key staff from up to 25% of the remaining primaries being trained before Christmas. The majority of schools will have the opportunity to receive training in the spring term.

Once the roll-out has started, content on LA hubs will be duplicated on the new platform, with the intention of all content being available only on the new hub from March 2012.

If you have any questions about the new platform, please contact <a href="mailto:graham.dean@blackburn.gov.uk">graham.dean@blackburn.gov.uk</a>.

# **BwD Primary school information**

#### all school and LA staff

Before the summer break, primary schools were asked to update their contact details, and add information about their deputies, SENCOs, and some subject coordinators. Many thanks to the school staff members who have done this. Information can be viewed by any **adult logged on to a BwD school learning platform** by following:

<u>www.learningbwd.org.uk</u> > Schools, and opening the *Primary Schools Information* spreadsheet or by clicking on this link:

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupDownloadFile.asp?GroupID=394938&ResourceId=3366021 **Notes:** 

- 1. the direct link will take you to the file as it was early in September, however following the trail of links listed above will mean that you will always be able to see the newest version.
- 2. for schools named in red, only basic information (which is not necessarily up to date) is included schools can provide up to date information by completing the form at:

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupRenderCustomPage.asp?GroupID=394938&ResourceId=3312423

# eLearning Service loan equipment

all staff all phases

The loan equipment has all been moved to the Witton Park site, from where it should now be collected. To see the range of equipment available visit:

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupID=20023945, where there is an expression of interest form which may be completed. Alternatively email <a href="mailto:elearningteam@blackburn.gov.uk">elearningteam@blackburn.gov.uk</a>. Note the form has not been updated to take account of CLC equipment, resources that have been decommissioned and new items that are available for loan. It is important that anyone collecting or returning equipment contacts a member of the service to ensure that there will be someone at the site - Tel 01285 685551.

# Safeguarding in schools: best practice

all staff

all phases



This Ofsted report published over the summer highlights best practice in schools which were judged outstanding for safeguarding in the last twelve months. There is no specific mention of ICT in the summary document, but there are many examples of its effective use included in the full document. Paragraphs 58 & 59 of the full report deal with e safety.

http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/safeguarding-schools-best-practice



#### English

Ks 2 & KS 3

*Inanimate Alice* has been mentioned in previous newsletters – but now the publishers have joined forces with Promethean, and classroom resources are available in flipchart format. These promote effective use of digital storytelling to explore plot, narrative structure, setting and character development.

http://community.prometheanplanet.com/en/user groups/inanimate alice/default.aspx http://www.inanimatealice.com

# Prejudice has no place in the modern world

PHSE, media

KS 3, 4 &5



To support the launch of Movistorm Education, the latest 3D animation tool for schools, *TrueTube* has teamed up to run a competition offering the chance to win one of 9 free licenses for

this cutting edge software, plus loads of other cool prizes for your students. The competition closes at 5pm on Friday 21st October 2011. Winners will be alerted by email and announced in November 2011 on the TrueTube website. The competition is open to all secondary schools and colleges, anywhere in the world, with students aged 11-19. Schools can enter as many films as they wish.

http://www.truetube.co.uk/

# No Pens Day Wednesday

all staff

all phases



This September, the focus for Hello is 'Back to School'. To celebrate this, schools are being encouraged to put down their pens and pick up their language on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Schools will be provided with all they need to organise **No Pens** Day Wednesday - a day where learning and assessment takes place through speaking and listening activities, rather than writing. To sign up for your free activity pack click on the link below:

http://www.hello.org.uk/get-involved/no-pens-day-wednesday.aspx

# Anthologise

# **A National Poetry Anthology Competition**

KS 3, 4 &5

Spearheaded by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, this project is intended to encourage the wider reading, appreciation and enjoyment of poetry by pupils in schools (closing date March 1st, 2012). Open to all schools in the UK, groups of any size are invited to work together to create an anthology of poetry, using the resources and guidelines provided on:

www.anthologise.co.uk

Also worth a read is an interview with Carol Ann Duffy in which she sings the praises of using texting to interest students in poetry:

http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/sep/05/carol-ann-duffy-poetry-texting-competition

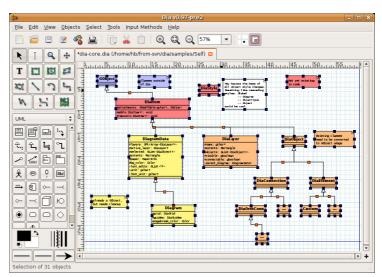
# Dia – free flowchart software

STEM subjects

KS 3, 4

&5

This can be used to draw many different kinds of diagrams. It currently has special objects to help draw relationship diagrams, flowcharts, network diagrams, etc. http://live.gnome.org/Dia





#### All subjects

all key stages

The TEEM Education website informs teachers of new resources and encourages informed buying decisions. This free service focuses mainly on digital content and ICT peripherals for nursery to further education. Reviews and evaluations offer ideas and inspiration for digital learning.

http://teemeducation.org.uk/teem-evaluations



#### All subjects

#### all key stages (mainly KS 2 & 3)

There are free downloads of some simple games (in Flash format) along with a tool for creating quizzes and matching games 9agian in Flash). You need to register with the support forum in order to download.

http://www.contentgenerator.net/



**PHSE** 

KS 3 (& 4)

This site was developed for US middle school and high school students and gives students the chance to learn important personal finance skills as they play and compete against fellow classmates. Users need to be logged on to play.

http://www.genirevolution.org/

### **Stop Disasters**



#### PHSE/Geography

KS 2, 3 & 4

In this online strategy game from The ISDR( International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) students are asked to plan and construct a safer environment in order to minimise the effects of natural disaster such as tsunamis, hurricanes and wild fires.

http://www.stopdisastersgame.org/en/playgame.html



ICT

KS 2 & 3

This is an updated version of Star Log, produced by MIT. It aims to lower the barrier to entry for programming with a graphical interface where language elements are represented by colored blocks that fit together like puzzle pieces. The authors hope to entice more young

people into programming through tools that facilitate making games which use 3D graphics to make more compelling and rich games and simulation models.

http://education.mit.edu/projects/starlogo-tng



#### Word Clouds for Kids...

All subjects

FS, KS 1 & KS2

A simple wordcloud generator (the example on the left was created from the paragraph above).

http://www.abcya.com/word\_clouds.htm

# ... and not just clouds

ICT lower KS 2 but also all subjects

all ages

Another word cloud site. word cloud outline poems?



This one provides a number of options for the (including use of initial letters). Great for shape

http://www.imagechef.com/ic/word\_mosaic/

# Reminders of items that we've mentioned before:

# **Upgrade to Activ Inspire**

#### Promethean whiteboard users

Until 30 September 2012 (this date seems to keep being extended) all existing ActivStudio and ActivPrimary users can upgrade to ActivInspire Professional Edition free of charge. In addition, users of a wide range of Promethean ActivClassroom products can also get a free upgrade to ActivInspire.

http://support.prometheanplanet.com/server.php?show=nav.19251&changeCountry=United+Kingdom We are running a course on this software on **Monday October 3**<sup>rd</sup>.

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupCalendarDisplay.asp?Groupid=352249&EventID=544229

# **Vision Mapper**

SLT

This is a free web resource to support long-term planning and decision making in education. With its wide range of group activities and inspirational materials designed to inspire broader thinking, challenge your views and create realistic, achievable action plans, it can help you create a long-term vision and strategy for your organisation.

http://dmtrk.net/N1A-IVTE-3PM8W5-7B2GW-1/c.aspx

# **Exploratree**

This is a free web resource where teachers and students can access a library of ready-made interactive thinking guides, print them, edit them or make their own. Thinking guides can support independent and group research projects with frameworks for thinking, planning and enquiry.

http://dmtrk.net/N1A-IVTE-3PM8W5-7B2GX-1/c.aspx

# **Education Eye**

This brings you a wide range of exciting, relevant and useful innovations updated daily from the best of the web.

http://www.educationeye.org.uk/?dm i=N1A,IVTE,3PM8W5,1J9KL,1

# Forthcoming meetings, courses, workshops

Further details and booking forms for all the courses mentioned below are available by navigating to the relevant date on this calendar:

http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupCalendar.asp?GroupID=352249

Mon	Sept 26	am	E Safety for newly appointed staff
Mon	Oct 3	twilight	Active Inspire for Primary Schools - An Overview
Thu	Oct 6	twilight	Primary ICT Network Meeting
Fri	Nov 4	pm	Newly and Recently Appointed ICT Co-ordinators
Wed	Nov 9	twilight	Data Handling at Key Stage 2
Tue	Nov 15	twilight	ICT in the Foundation Stage Network meeting
Thu	Nov 24	twilight	Spreadsheet Modelling at Key Stage 2
Tue	Dec 6	twilight	Data Logging at Key Stage 2

#### E learning resources on the learning platform –

http://tinyurl.com/elearningbwd for all curriculum subjects

#### **E Learning Service – contact details**

www.learningbwd.org.uk > E Learning Service (or <a href="http://tinyurl.com/elearningbwd">http://tinyurl.com/elearningbwd</a>)

	eLearning Service	01254 244377
admin email:	BwD CLC Witton Park site	01254 685550
elearningteam@blackburn.gov.uk	BwD CLC Pleckgate site	01254 244560