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Intro

I hope you have had a good start to the new school year. As is always the case, things are rather hectic in the ICT world and I hope you find this newsletter useful in bringing you up to speed with things.



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Update on the NELC Primary Framework for ICT / Primary ICT Co-ordinator's Community

Over the summer and as a result of the ICT Development meetings I have been carrying out I have made a number of additions to the Framework and the community.

- **Access to the Framework** is now available from the Lighthouse from the links bar on the LHS of the home page.
- **ICT school development documents area.** I have created this area in response to finding that some schools do not have key documents such as acceptable use of the internet policies and job specs in place.
- **ICT progression linked to applications document.** This document can be found on the progression in learning area. It demonstrates progression in ICT across the core themes and then links this to which QCA / NELC units can

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- be used to deliver them. It also provides suggestions on which 2simple and / or open source program can be used.
- **E-safety area** - I have added a link on the RHS of the Framework to the information on e-safety collated by Kirklees LA. There have been a number of e-safety issues within NE Lincs schools recently and I am currently drafting some courses for teachers and parents which will be offered out to all primary schools. If you have had e-safety issues in your schools and would like information on what support is available or are interested in the courses please email me. The ICT community has been updated to provide the following:
Links to newsletters and important documents
A new forum on e-safety - you can use this to inform us about e-safety issues that have occurred in your school. No pupil names please - just a description of the incident which I can

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take back to the LA e-safety group to inform their work.

Please use the community and any comments on how it could be improved would be welcomed!



ICT school support

- Over 60% of schools now visited
- Areas of concern:
 - AUPs / parental permission not in place
 - E-safety
 - Developing pupil ICT capability across the curriculum
 - Assessment
- Areas of CPD required
 - ICT for subject leaders
 - E-safety courses for teachers and parents



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ICT Courses for 2008 - 9

The ICT course planner for this school year can now be accessed from

<http://tlfe.org.uk/ict/ictcourseplanner2008-9.doc>



2Simple software update

Most schools have now collected their software now (if you haven't got yours yet it can be collected from the reception desk at the EDC). Unfortunately, there has been a backlog getting the software installed on school systems and your patience has been much appreciated. Central IT have now come up with a virtual installation and this is going to be rolled out imminently. I have now integrated some of the 2simple packages into 'MyDesktop', North East

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Lincolnshire's learning platform. This will enable all users to have full home access to these learning resources. I am now testing the roll out of this to schools and hope to be able to launch this shortly.



New Harnessing Technology guidance

There is new guidance on this for schools. I have uploaded it into the community and the Framework. The key points are as follows:

- The new Harnessing Technology Grant repackages the previously available separate grants for ICT for 2007 to 2008 namely:
 - 121 national digital infrastructure grants for schools
 - 122 e-learning credits (eLCs)
- Funding to run from 2008 -2011
- The funding is given to schools to enable them to deliver the priorities of the government's Harnessing Technology strategy

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- Schools can also use other appropriate funding streams (such as the School Development Grant) to address revenue costs, and other capital expenditure on technology (eg Devolved Formula Capital).
- The funding is distributed to schools via local authorities, through the Standards Fund.
- The Harnessing Technology Grant can be used to support purchases of ICT infrastructure and equipment or upgrades, and software
- The capital nature of the Harnessing Technology Grant means that it **can** be used to pay for digital resources on a subscription basis, but only if the terms and conditions of the service mean that either:
 - the assets being paid for (or a perpetual licence to use those assets) pass into the ownership of the school or local authority at the end of the service period
- OR
 - the school or local authority receives a licence to use the digital curriculum

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materials for a specified time period which is longer than one year.



Virtual Desktop Update

Netmedia's newsletter can now be accessed from <http://website.netmediaeducation.com/7.cfm>

Check out the NE Lincs case study!

There are also great hints and tips on how you can use the file viewer property to view videos via the Virtual Desktop plus much more!

Lynchpin - agreement has now been reached to trial Lynchpin with 2 schools in NE Lincs. In a nutshell Lynchpin provides the following:

- **Reduces the administrative burden** on schools by eliminating the need for a manual process - *no need to enter the same data multiple times*
- **Populates pupils into year and class groups automatically** from the MIS to the Netmedia

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Learning Platform - *save time in setting this up for each pupil*

A piece of ICT that saves time - yeah!



New stuff!

A lot of schools have wanted to use some of the great videos that are on you tube but obviously these are blocked (unless you have requested that they are unblocked of course!). However, you can copy and paste the URL from a you tube video into <http://www.zamzar.com/> and it will convert the video into an mp4 or wmv file so that you could save it on the school network or upload it into a file viewer on the Virtual Desktop. The only disadvantage is you would have to do this at home!

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Have you seen?

- <http://www.primarylanguages.org.uk/>
A useful site for teaching the KS2 MFL framework and a great way of embedding ICT.
- <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/geography/ks1-2/resources/>
A useful resource with ICT links to the QCA curriculum areas. Provided by Hertfordshire LA
- <http://www.ictopus.org.uk/> Free primary support service

