

# Digital Technologies

*Going beyond the expected*



## The Education Fellowship

News about ICT, computer science, online safety and all things digital.

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## Reading Club

Group Code:

LOCKED

Join Group URL

edmodo

Tip: safety: part 1

Are you worried about using Edmodo in your classroom? You can ensure safe and secure usage of Edmodo in your classroom by following these best practices with your Edmodo groups:

*Note: If any misuse should arise, please contact support@edmodo.com with subject line "Misuse."*

- **Do not post group codes publicly**

It's a good idea to distribute the group code to your students in class. Distributing the code via a blog, Twitter or any other public forum creates opportunities for unwanted persons to join your group. If you want to post the "join" information on your personal website to encourage teachers or students to join, please use the Request to Join URL (found directly under the group code). *Note: As the teacher, you have the ability to remove any members who join your group.*

- **Lock group codes after all students have joined**

Once your students have joined your Edmodo group, be sure to lock the group code. This prevents other users from joining your group (until you unlock the group). You can lock the group code by selecting the drop-down arrow next to the group code and selecting the "Lock" option. All members currently in the group will remain in the group. *Note: You can easily unlock your group code to generate a new group code and allow new members to join.*

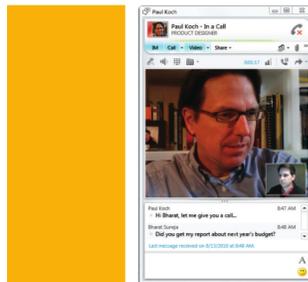
## Be apart: work together



Video calls from your computer

### Tip: Office 365

### Videoconferencing



### Video chat in Lync

With a webcam, you can hold a video call with your contacts. In Lync click the options icon to the right of your name. Click **Tools | Options | Video Device** and then **Webcam Settings** to configure your camera.

Once configured, hover over a contacts name and to the right of the call icon click **View more Options | Start a Video Call**. During a call, you can send instant messages, email, whiteboard and share presentations and your desktop.

### Warwick Primary School Wins National Prize

Warwick Primary School has won the national award in the Early Years/Key Stage 1 category in this year's Naace Annual Competition for Schools. The award was for the clay animation film made by the year 1 children in Charlie Smith's class.

The judges said *"We were really impressed with the high quality of all the entries this year, so your school has done exceptionally well to become one of our winners. We really liked the way your children used animation in the old woman and the red pumpkin film – it was a favourite of everyone in the office!"*

The school has won 2 prizes, including a Zu3D Animation Kit.

Our congratulations go to Charlie and her class. If you would like to see the film, then please contact Albin Wallace at Fellowship House.



## IDNS Partnership

The Education Fellowship is working with an Audio Visual company – IDNS AV – who are willing to speak to all schools within the group and provide some products and services that may be of use. They are an experienced education provider and we have worked successfully with them previously.

One of the key areas we are focusing on as we move forward is to develop an asset register of equipment already in place at your school, specifically in this case projectors, interactive whiteboards and any related AV. IDNS are willing to visit the school and provide us with a free report detailing all current hardware, it's condition and approximate lifespan. This will enable TEF to build an accurate picture of the technologies as we plan for the future.

Furthermore, we will be looking to trial new technologies in teaching environments in order to leverage precise feedback. Items such as new projection, touchscreen TVs and collaborative devices are likely to be provided – we will of course contact you in advance to check if this is of interest and provide further details. This feedback is essential as our ICT strategy evolves.

The contact details of the company are below. They may be in touch over the coming weeks and months to discuss this in more detail.



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The Office 365 team is preparing to upgrade the TEF Office 365 service in 2013. The upgrade brings us great new features and capabilities, including broader support for mobile phones and tablets, a unified experience in the browser, social networking and more.

### What to expect during the service upgrade

Business as usual. Our users will have access to all their data - such as emails, calendar and documents - throughout the service upgrade, and there is nothing you are required to do to prepare (we'll contact you in the unlikely event that you need to take action). You will even have a chance for a small group of users to try out the email, instant messaging and conferencing upgrades a few weeks before everyone else in the world.





DreamSpark is a Microsoft Program that supports technical education by providing access to free Microsoft software for learning, teaching and research purposes.

**DreamSpark is simple: it's all about giving students Microsoft professional-level developer and designer tools at no cost** so that students can chase their dreams and create the next big breakthrough in technology - or just get a head start on their career.

**DreamSpark helps educators teach the latest technologies and experiment in research.**

Microsoft knows that to make learning more motivating, relevant, and engaging for today's students requires a diverse set of resources. DreamSpark gives educators the resources to ensure their classrooms always have the latest technologies to challenges, motivate, and keep students engaged in new ways.

**DreamSpark is also a subscription for Academic Institutions:** it provides a cost-effective way to put Microsoft developer tools, platforms and servers in labs and classrooms, and on their students' and faculty's computers for learning and research purposes. It reduces lab costs and teaching budgets.

For more information go to [www.dreamspark.com](http://www.dreamspark.com)

## Raspberry Pi

Would you like a free Raspberry Pi for your school? Contact Albin Wallace for a one-hour training session and you will receive a free Raspberry Pi to use with your class and to keep. All recipients will be required to undertake a short action research project.

