

Digital Literacies

Going beyond the expected



The Education Fellowship

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

This month's edition features articles on the new Apps toolbar in Edmodo, Safer Internet Centre, GCSE Bitesize, O2Learn, Microsoft licensing, getonline@home, Stay safer with Windows and more free stuff...

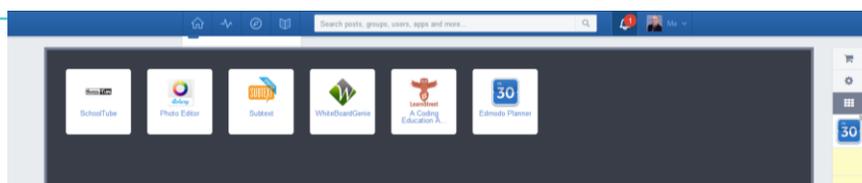


New Apps Toolbar in Edmodo

School's Out The UK Safer Internet Centre

There are some new resources available on www.saferinternet.org.uk in the section for parents. With school holidays looming, these include guides for parents to the safe use of Instagram, Snapchat, Google+ and Facebook from Connectsafely.org as well as their advice on Ask.fm, in collaboration with Insafe.

If you are providing information to parents for the summer holidays on how to keep children safe when they are using internet enabled devices such as ipods, tablets, smartphones and so on, do refer them to the entire range of resources in the website and to Parents' Guide to Technology.



The Edmodo interface is faster and easier to use and includes an Apps toolbar. You can now customize your Apps Toolbar to meet your own requirements.



Edmodo Store – The go-to store to purchase apps on Edmodo is now accessible from anywhere in Edmodo.



Manage – You can now manage your apps from anywhere on Edmodo. Install, delete and transfer licenses between your groups with just one click.



App Launcher -Use the App

Launcher to quickly launch any app.

Favorite Apps – Access your apps with just one click. You can save time by dragging any app from the App Launcher and dropping it into the App Toolbar – once there, you can access them from anywhere within Edmodo. Looking for your favorite Planner? It can now be accessed from the Apps toolbar along with all your other favourite Edmodo Apps.

Please contact Albin Wallace if you would like training using the new Edmodo interface.

GCSE Bitesize Science



Confused about Chemistry, baffled by Biology or frustrated by Physics? GCSE Bitesize now supports students studying core, additional and triple science topics. Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/>

We have negotiated a licensing agreement for TEF academies for Microsoft products, other than Office 365, to which you already have free access. This is relevant to those TEF academies who do not have existing licensing contracts. Many thanks to Matthew Shaw from Rushden Community College for assisting with this. The Education Fellowship has been investigating ways to partner with Microsoft to ensure all schools get the best prices when purchasing software. We have decided to take a long term approach to this to allow schools to move over to the TEF software framework when appropriate.

The Education Fellowship is advocating a license model known as the 'Open Value Subscription' or OVS, which covers the main software packages such as the Windows Operating System and Office, and is based upon the number of full time staff employed at the school (FTE) – full time in this case is defined as a member of staff working over 200 hours a year needing access to a computer - not the number of computers or students. The term of an agreement is 3 years and is operated on a subscription basis (i.e. an annual fee). The current cost per FTE is £34.45. The software included is:

- Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010
- Windows 7 Professional operating system
- Microsoft Core Client Access License (CAL) Suite

Initially schools who wish to use this licensing agreement will join up to the scheme under their own contract. Once the uptake is sufficient a global contract will be entered into covering all schools and allowing for further reduced costs. In working towards this target we ask that schools start agreements in July, August or September.

To join up to the scheme, please contact our providers directly, either:

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O2 has built a video library of revision lessons, from teachers across the country.

O2 Learn can give every 13-18 year old in the UK access to a huge choice of curriculum focused mini-lessons which can help them with revision or to catch up on some subjects that they can't remember or might have missed. Parents could benefit too.

They don't claim to be teaching experts. But they do know lots about the internet and helping people connect to the people and things that matter to them. So they are using what they know to do something important: celebrate the best teachers, and connecting them to thousands of potential students.

And they are letting the students rate the lessons. Awarding the best lessons, as chosen by the student rating and an expert judging panel, prizes for their

efforts. To date, O2 Learn has awarded over £300,000 directly to teachers and schools in the UK. Find out more on their awards page.

They want the site to be both safe and accurate. So, they moderate the videos for appropriateness and the accuracy of the content through a network of 'learning champions'.

O2 Learn is a Think Big initiative. Think Big is O2's program to inspire and celebrate young people and the people who help young people.



<https://www.o2learn.co.uk>



Stay safer with Windows

Uneasy with leaving the kids to their own devices? Now you can help your family use the PC responsibly.

Windows 7 Family Safety helps cover your bases

Install Family Safety for free and give your kids some independence, while you get some peace of mind.

- **Download the Family Safety filter**
Easily install and set up on all family computers. This advanced software monitors your kids using safety settings you select.
- **Get custom activity reports**
Check out what your kids have been up to online and on their computer.



Free Stuff

Looking for some free alternative to expensive graphics and website development tools? Matthew Shaw from Rushden Community College has put together a list:

GIMP: For the advanced graphics user, a decent selection of tools and supports plug-ins (KS4/KS5)

InkScape: For the advanced user, this is a vector package similar to illustrator. (KS5)

Paint.net: Not as powerful as some other packages but a lot simpler to master (KS3/KS4)

Photopos Pro: Lot of features but the other options here are probably better (KS3/KS4)

Amaya: W3C's own editor, obviously very good for compliance, a fairly simple WYSIWYG editor (KS4)

Aptana Studio 3: a full IDE for application development more than a tool for building pretty web pages (KS5)

Bluefish: An intuitive IDE for web design and web development. (KS3)

Kompozer: a WYSIWYG editor with some good features, very similar to Bluefish (KS3)

Get Online @ Home

Get Online @ Home launches £24 PC, with broadband from just £2.99 per month, to help the 10.8 million Brits who do not use the internet.

From 11 June 2013, the Get Online @ Home initiative is launching a £24 refurbished PC with broadband from £2.99 per month, to help the staggering number of digitally excluded Brits get online - including 10.8 million aged 15 and over who do not use the internet, 16 million who still do not have basic online skills, and 800,000 of the most disadvantaged UK schoolchildren who do not have home internet access.

With at least 75% of jobs now requiring online applications and the Government wanting 80% of submissions for universal credit to be online, and potential savings of £3 billion a year if the digitally excluded shopped online - this new offer could be a help children and their families.

Created in direct response to the huge consumer need, this price (less than £60 per annum) is a fraction more than the cost of a typical family weekly shop. Get Online @ Home is providing:

For those on eligible benefits - A refurbished PC for £24 with a choice of broadband deals from the top UK providers, with prices starting from £2.99 per month, or a refurbished laptop for £74 plus the same broadband costs. Both include Windows 7 Pro with Microsoft Office Basic - which have an estimated retail price of £150.

For those not on eligible benefits - A refurbished PC for £74 with broadband from £2.99 or a refurbished laptop for £104 plus the same broadband costs. Both include Windows 7 with Microsoft Office Home and Student.

To benefit from this deal people need to call 0800 090 1297 (8am - 9pm Monday - Friday; 9am-6.30pm Saturday; 10am - 6.30pm Sunday), or visit www.getonlineathome.org. A start-up leaflet will help get the new owner going and there are lots of useful guides on the website. The offer is made possible thanks to Microsoft supplying the software, broadband comparison experts Simplifydigital providing the range of broadband deals from top UK providers, and Partners IT, among others, supplying the hardware.

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The easy place to get your first, very affordable and internet ready computer