Digital Literacies

Going beyond the expected

The Education Fellowship

This month's edition includes articles on the new Education Fellowship Computing curriculum, new publications from The Education Fellowship, the Edmodo Store, The Key, The Parent Zone, UK Hour of Code, Glass Lab and BT Digital Champions programme.

The Education Fellowship Primary Computing Curriculum

A big thank you to the following teachers from The Education Fellowship who are helping to write the new curriculum for Computing:

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The new curriculum will contain detailed material on Information Technology, Digital Citizenship and Computer Science and will be available for the next academic year.

From March 2014, **Digital Literacies** will be published quarterly instead of monthly. There will be two new newsletters which will also be published quarterly: **Visible Learning,** which will contain articles on teaching and learning and which will be supported by a new website and apps (see above) and **Points of Progress**, a newsletter on assessment and data. Articles from Education Fellowship schools will be warmly welcomed for all three publications.

We're excited to share that teachers in The Education Fellowship can now access all the apps available in the Edmodo Store. The store offers over 500 free and premium apps covering a wide-range of subject areas and grade levels.

Log in to tefnet.edmodo.com to discover new educational tools and resources to enhance your classroom.

I wanted to remind you that your school's membership of The Key (**www.usethekey.org.uk**) includes all members of your senior leadership team, and any others that have leadership responsibilities, at no extra cost. I really encourage you to share with your senior team the following details about how to log in to The Key's website.

- Visit **www.usethekey.org.uk**
- Click on "school already a member"
- Complete the short registration form to create your own login details

Useful articles

Below is a selection of articles that The Key's researchers have written in response to questions from school leaders that I thought you might find interesting:

- Are there examples of long-term CPD frameworks?
- How can we carry out a contextual analysis of our school?
- What action can I take to support an underperforming teacher?
- Do you have sample forms for recording social and emotional interventions?
- How will the introduction of universal FSM affect primary schools?

Asking a question

If you are unable to find what you are looking for on the website, you can ask The Key's expert researchers your own question about any aspect of school leadership or management. You can do this by:
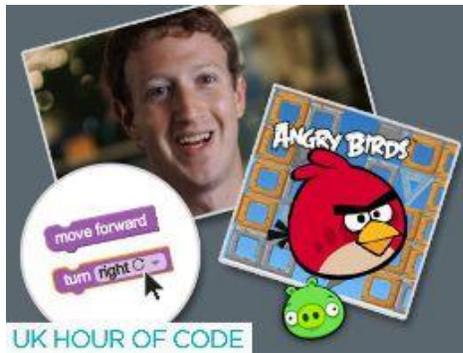
- Visiting the website: **www.usethekey.org.uk**
- Email: enquiries@usethekey.org.uk
- Phone: 0800 089 0012

If you have any questions about The Key service for school leaders, please contact their support manager team on 0800 089 0052 or email enquiries@usethekey.org.uk.

theparentzone

engaging and empowering parents

Parenting in the Digital Age (or PitDA for short) is a new programme to help parents apply their parenting skills to the online world. You can visit their website at **www.pitda.co.uk**

Schools can now register now for the UK Hour of Code - 3 to 9 March 2014. The campaign - UK Hour of Code - has now been launched by Code.org, e-skills UK, Tech City UK, Founders4schools, and a wide range of digital entrepreneurs and technology companies. UK Hour of Code plans to be the biggest ever UK initiative to get students, teachers and parents learning to code in just one hour. The week of UK Hour of Code will run from 3 - 9 March, marking the 25th anniversary of the creation of the World Wide Web by the UK's ultimate coder, Tim Berners-Lee.

Coding is the vital building block and language of computer science, and can lead to a wealth of exciting opportunities for students such as being able to write apps and video games, build websites and robots, create animated movies, and so much more. Hour of Code teaches the basic skills of computer programming in just sixty minutes, through fun tutorials and lesson plans that feature well-known characters from apps and games. In one tutorial, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Microsoft's Bill Gates team up to encourage learners to program their very own Angry Bird. For more experienced students and teachers, there are some more advanced tutorials as well.

We encourage interested teachers to register to participate by visiting http://uk.code.org

Psychometric Considerations In
Game-Based Assessment

In a new white paper released today by GlassLab, a multidisciplinary team of researchers explore the opportunities and challenges in using gameplay data to assess student learning, and propose a design approach that links the process of game design with the process of assessment design.

Download it from glasslabgames.org/

BT **Digital Champions**
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A BT Digital Champion is someone that gives an hour or more of their time to help someone get on line. This could be showing a family member set up an email account, how to upload photos, how to use google search, Skype or even changing privacy settings on Facebook. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience, and students will receive a certificate for their Record of Achievement and wristband, plus Rock Assembly school tickets.

Please see the poster on the following page.

Students from Abbeyfield School enrolled in the programme last year and had a great time.

Train the most people before the next term and you could meet music stars at

Rock Assembly

The BT Digital Champions Spring Challenge!

Your school could win fantastic new ICT equipment and VIP seats. Ask your teacher for details.

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Teachers register at www.btdigitalchampions.com

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