

Digital Literacies

Going beyond the expected



The Education Fellowship

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

This month's edition includes articles on Writeonline, Touchdevelop, Visual Studio Professional 2013, e-safety and Ofsted, CEOP Training, Safe Resources, Badge the UK, E-skills UK, Understanding YouTube & Digital Citizenship, TEF Raspberry Pi competition.



Writeonline Proposal from Clarendon Academy.

Darren Downes from Clarendon Academy is interested in partnering with other TEF academies to undertake a group purchase of Writeonline.

Darren has identified Writeonline as providing a strategy to help make students better spellers, improve their vocabulary and accuracy of expression.

Crick Software's WriteOnline provides speech, word prediction and Wordbars to help students access new vocabulary, improve their writing and become more independent.

From a special needs point of view WriteOnline is potentially useful because it can help students work more autonomously, particularly those learners with dyslexia or spelling difficulties. It captures reluctant writers and English language learners, as well as experienced writers.

For further details see www.cricksoft.com or contact Albin Wallace.

The project would need to be funded through schools' previously agreed budget.

Touchdevelop

Touchdevelop is a new, free coding tool from Microsoft Research. It lets you create apps on iPad, iPhone, Android, PC, Mac, and Windows Phone.

The touch-friendly editor makes coding fun, even on a phone or tablet. For further details please see:

www.touchdevelop.com



Visual Studio Professional 2013.



Visual Studio Professional 2013 Release Candidate is available now to students at no cost on DreamSpark.com.

With Visual Studio Pro

2013, you can create apps on Windows, Windows Phone, Office, the web, or the cloud. Download it from www.dreamspark.com



Following last month's announcements regarding the new e-safety elements within Ofsted's Section 5 inspections, The Education Fellowship will be conducting assessments of its academies' provision of e-safety through its policies, curriculum, teaching and reporting protocols. All TEF academies will be assessed prior to their Section 5 inspection. For further details, please contact albinwallace@educationfellowship.net



TEF has now completed the OJEU tender for IT goods and services procurement. The following companies have been selected for the Framework Agreement. We anticipate that the Agreement will add considerable value to TEF. For projects valued above the OJEU threshold (£150,000), a mini-tender will be held. We will also be using Framework Partners for competition for medium and smaller IT projects in our schools. In addition, TEF academies can use the suppliers to seek competitive quotations for IT goods and services as needed. Please contact Albin Wallace for further details.

- Viglen
- European Electronique
- CSE
- Phoenix Software
- DTP

Many thanks to Claire Wallace and Matthew Shaw for their hard work in evaluating the tender process.



New Thinkuknow Introduction and CEOP Ambassador dates

TEF encourages schools to have at least one staff member accredited as a CEOP trainer or ambassador. The training dates and locations are listed below. For eligibility criteria and to book a place please visit

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers/training

	Thinkuknow Introduction	CEOP Ambassadors
London		27 November 2013
London		28 November 2013
Bristol	23 January 2014	24 January 2014
London	30 April 2014	1 May 2014
Birmingham	21 May 2014	22 May 2014
Cardiff		12 June 2014



Free Safe Resources may now be downloaded for both [Safe 7-11](#) and [Safe 11-16](#).

In the resources you will find:

- Teacher guides and lesson plans
- Pupil Worksheets - for when you are unable to go online
- Support documents - which have extra information and advice
- Extension Activities - which can be used as Homework to engage parents

Download the free resources from:

www.safesocialnetworking.org/7-11/resources/

Badge the UK

Today learning happens everywhere and the skills learned outside of the formal curriculum are just as important to employers as qualifications.

Badge the UK is a new project which will enable learners to demonstrate all their achievements using digital (open) badges.

Funded by Nominet Trust, over the next two years DigitalME will be helping teachers to badge their learning programmes and provide an easy way for any teacher to award the badges they create nationwide.

Badges have the potentials to create a significant, positive impact on young people's life and employment skills, and raise their aspirations.

Schools can sign up to Makewaves and start making, awarding and earning Badges through **Badge the UK** at www.makewav.es/badgetheuk.

The logo for e-skills UK, featuring the text "e-skills uk" in white on a dark blue background with a diagonal gradient.

e-skills UK has launched GO ON you can do IT - a free website that provides a friendly and supportive means for any individual to determine their current level of digital skills, and then gives immediate learning to help improve them. To access the new free website, please visit

<http://go-onyoucandoit.co.uk/>



Understanding YouTube & Digital Citizenship

We have discovered an interactive curriculum aimed to support teachers of secondary students. The curriculum helps educate students on topics including:

- YouTube's policies
- How to report content on YouTube
- How to protect their privacy online
- How to be responsible YouTube community members
- How to be responsible digital citizens

The material may be accessed at www.youtube.com/embed/vXw55E2JbPE

First Annual
TEF
Programming
Competition
2013



Win a Raspberry Pi Computer!



To mark the introduction of Computer Science and Computing into the curriculum, The Education Fellowship is providing students in its academies with the opportunity to win one of four Raspberry Pi computers.

Students at Key Stage 2, 3, 4 and 5 are invited to submit an original computer program written using Scratch. Scratch may be downloaded free of charge from <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

The design specification, rules and entry form are included on the following pages. Further information is available from albinwallace@educationfellowship.net

