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Educational Excellence



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

This month's edition contains articles on our last Buzz Teachmeet, Safer Internet Day 2015, curriculum documents from the Government, The Education Fellowship IT functional specification, annual Education Fellowship computer science competition, Microsoft Imagine, Office 365 Cheat Sheet, Visible Learning website update, GCSE Teacher Training





The logos, curriculum resources and marketing materials for Safer Internet Day 2015 have now been released and are available online or from The Education Fellowship office. I encourage you to use them and to actively promote the theme especially during January 2015.

As always, if you require any help in delivering e-safety training then please let me know.



There are some new publications from the government to which I would like to draw your attention. They are:

- Statutory guidance: National curriculum in England: secondary curriculum
- Consultation outcome: Draft order and regulations: key stage 4 science
- Statutory guidance: National curriculum in England: science programmes of study
- Statutory guidance: National curriculum in England: framework for key stages 1 to 4
- Consultation outcome: GCSEs, AS and A levels: new subjects to be taught in 2015

Links to all these items are on our Visible Learning website. They may be accessed by going to <http://bit.do/educationmatters>



A big thank you to Windmill PS for hosting our last Buzz Teachmeet, which was on the theme of Assessment and Marking. Thanks also to our guest speakers from Blackthorn, Thorplands, Olympic and Windmill Primary Schools who presented interesting and informative sessions on what was happening in our schools.

Our next Buzz Teachmeet will be in March on the theme of literacy. Watch out for further information in the near future.

This year we will be encouraging teachers and others to write articles for Visible Learning. Please do contact me if you would like to share something exciting that is happening in your school.



The new Education Fellowship Functional Specification for IT (version 2.0) has been completed and is available for downloading from Visible Learning. This should be used a reference point when thinking about new IT investments for your school for the forthcoming academic year. If you would like any assistance in determining and meeting your IT needs over the next two terms then please do not hesitate to contact me. We can assist with your strategic planning, procurement, project management, training and implementation. You will find it under the IT section on the policies page at <http://bit.do/tef>

Under the same section, you will find updated versions of the Education Fellowship Information technology handbook (version 3.1) and a document on the security of The Education Fellowship online systems.

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Second Annual Education Fellowship Computer Science Programming Competition

Win a **Raspberry Pi** computer kit, or one of eight soldering zoo kits.

Open to all Key Stage 2 pupils

Design an original game using Scratch. Your program must be interactive, fun and challenging.

Ask your teacher to send a copy of the completed program to scratch@educationfellowship.net along with a description of the game and how to play it.

All entrants will also receive a certificate

Competition closes on 31st January 2015

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Microsoft Imagine 

Dream it. Build it. Live it.

Microsoft has announced the launch of Microsoft Imagine, a new program that gives student developers of all ages and skill levels the tools, resources, and online learning needed to build skills and produce projects. Have a look at it at:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/imagine>

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Office 365

Cheat Sheet

Do you need some help negotiating your way around Office 365? Contact The Education Fellowship for a free copy of the Office 365 Cheat Sheet.

WESTMINSTER BRIEFING

Westminster Briefing, in partnership with NATE (National Association for the Teaching of English) and ATM (Association of Teachers of Mathematics), has developed two subject-specific one day CPD courses to help teach the new English and Mathematics GCSEs. Details can be found below:

- Teaching GCSE English - 1 Day CPD Course
- Teaching GCSE Mathematics - 1 Day CPD Course

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/home/education/>

Visible Learning Website Update

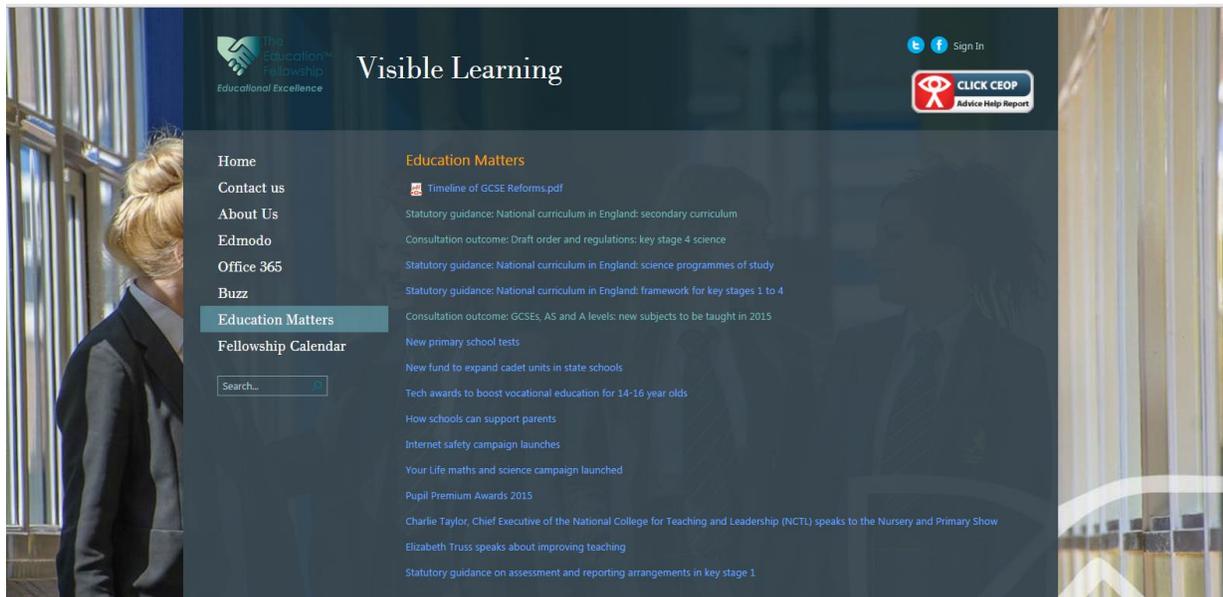
- ✓ Exclusions statutory guidance (Safeguarding)
- ✓ Administering medication policy (Policies)
- ✓ Exam policy (Policies)
- ✓ Visitors policy (Policies)
- ✓ Finance Centralisation IT Security Strategy (Policies)
- ✓ Timeline of GCSE reforms (Education Matters)
- ✓ School inspections- a guide for parents (parents)



<http://bit.do/tef>

Education Matters on Visible Learning

<http://bit.do/educationmatters>



The screenshot shows the Visible Learning website interface. At the top left is the logo for 'The Education Partnership' with the tagline 'Educational Excellence'. The main header features the 'Visible Learning' logo and social media icons for Twitter and Facebook, along with a 'Sign In' link. A red 'CLICK CEOP Advice Help Report' button is also visible. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Contact us, About Us, Edmodo, Office 365, Buzz, Education Matters (highlighted), and Fellowship Calendar. Below the menu is a search bar with the text 'Search...'. The main content area is titled 'Education Matters' and lists several articles:

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- New primary school tests
- New fund to expand cadet units in state schools
- Tech awards to boost vocational education for 14-16 year olds
- How schools can support parents
- Internet safety campaign launches
- Your Life maths and science campaign launched
- Pupil Premium Awards 2015
- Charlie Taylor, Chief Executive of the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) speaks to the Nursery and Primary Show
- Elizabeth Truss speaks about improving teaching
- Statutory guidance on assessment and reporting arrangements in key stage 1