



Summer's a great season, full of sun, ice cream, barbeques and the best of it all...no school for 6 whole weeks!

Despite all this summer excitement we are well aware these next few weeks in the run up to the holidays can be pretty hectic for teachers. With this in mind we have launched the 'ICT club for teachers', a place to unwind, de-stress and develop your skills (more information is provided in the first article).

You will also be pleased to hear WebAnywhere have cracked Moodle and SIMS integration and can offer this sought after solution to schools (more info on page 2). In addition we have included some information about Public Relations and SMS services for schools and an update on where you can expect to see us over the summer.

The ICT club with a twist



When you hear 'ICT club' you probably picture a room full of children engrossed with computers. Well fret not, this is an ICT club with a twist, it's the adult version. Simply put, we are designing the ICT club as a chance for

local teachers to get together, share ideas and spend quality time outside of school thinking about ICT.

Teachers attending the ICT club can expect to benefit from:

- Expert ICT trainers on-hand to answer questions
- Opportunities to share good practice & ideas with other schools
- The latest information in regard to ICT advancements

There will also be plenty of free tea and coffee and perhaps even the odd bottle of wine when we're feeling generous!

We are designing the content of the club around the needs of our members but the topics you can expect to be covered will include; VLEs, web design, e-learning software, best practice in ICT and the integration of ICT into learning.

The first ICT club was held on the 15th June, local teachers decided on the agenda for future clubs and learnt about Google Apps. The second ICT club is being held on the 13th July at the WebAnywhere offices in Keighley, West Yorkshire. We welcome all teachers to come along for free.

Currently the ICT club is only running in Keighley, West Yorkshire, but dependant on the popularity we have high hopes to run similar clubs further afield (we have already had interest from schools as far south as Dorset). If you are interested in participating in an ICT club for teachers please call Cath Bell on 01535 604026.

To book your place or to find out more please visit:

Weblink: <http://www.traininganywhere.co.uk/ictclub>

SMS text messaging

Staff, parents and governors can now instantly be contacted wherever they are with School Jotter's new SMS broadcasting service.



SMS broadcasting is a great way to communicate with parents, pupils and the general public as it is effective, fast, focused, flexible and cost efficient.

Some great uses for SMS Broadcast include:

- Announcements about school closure due to bad weather
- Reminders about school trip payment deadlines
- Advertising a school event
- Directing traffic to your website
- Sharing good news e.g. excellent Ofsted report
- Announcements about staff leaving/new staff starting
- Health and safety warnings
- Reducing truancy

For more information please visit:

Weblink: <http://www.schooljotter.com/smsbroadcast/>

Handheld learning launch event

We thought we would share some photos with you from a popular event we recently attended, the handheld learning launch event at Oakworth Primary School in Bradford.



Conor Gilligan, Account Manager talking about the functionality of Oakworth's VLE



The event took place on the 10th June and Oakworth Primary kindly invited us to talk to nearly 200 children, parents and teachers about their new learning platform. The event was a great success for Oakworth Primary school and everyone left the event feeling confident about their new learning platform.

Weblink: <http://oakworth.worthvalley.org.uk/>

Turn heads with quality news

As competition for students increases, scepticism in parents grows and media scrutiny becomes more frequent the popularity of Public Relations in schools has seen an upsurge.

Using PR to promote your school will ensure that everyone who has any interest in your school receives a regular flow of the type of positive information you wish them to receive.

Below are some PR services commonly used by schools:

- E-Newsletters
- Developing News Stories
- Media Monitoring
- Crisis Management and Reputation PR
- Public Relations Training
- Marketing Material
- Blogging



We are pleased to announce we can now offer all the above PR services to schools, to find out more please visit:

Weblink: <http://www.webanywhere.co.uk/pr>

Where you may see us over the summer

We will be exhibiting at the events below this summer and will have some great offers available for schools attending. We hope to see you there.



E2BN Annual Conference

Bedfordshire, 24th and 25th June.

This year's 'Celebrate' conference will mark the 10th anniversary of E2BN and looks at how ICT has been used across the curriculum to offer new challenges to pupils of all abilities, both in school and at home.

To find out more about E2BN and to book your tickets please visit the website below:

Weblink: <http://conference.e2bn.org>



ICT for Education Conference Birmingham, 2nd July.

This year's ICT for Education Conference will tackle the bold emerging issues in how schools use technology in learning and in reaching out beyond their confines.

To find out more about the ICT for Education Conference and to book your tickets please visit the website below:

http://www.ictforeducation.co.uk/English_The_Conference_2009.html

The launch of SIMS and Moodle integration



We are very excited to announce that over the next few months we will be trialling some new software that allows Moodle integration with Capita SIMS.net (SIMS).

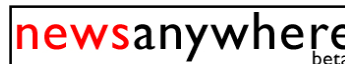
Between 80-90% of UK schools currently use SIMS, and up until now the only way of transferring information from SIMS into Moodle was a manual process. This is no longer the case as our integration software can automate the process.

SIMS and Moodle integration also enables:

- Schools to meet the government's 2010 real-time reporting targets
- Parents to log into Moodle & see attendance data on their children
- Automatic creation & maintenance of student, teacher, parent and non-teaching staff accounts as well as Moodle courses and timetables

To find out more please call Conor on 0800 862 0491.

An outlet for budding young journalists



We are happy to announce the launch of NewsAnywhere, the website for up-and-coming young journalists. NewsAnywhere is a place for students to express themselves publicly on vital issues that affect them.

There are many different ways your students can use NewsAnywhere; you could ask them to write an article publicising an event to be held at your school or set them a homework task to write a story about your local town.

NewsAnywhere is a great place to showcase your classroom and is an excellent opportunity to improve your students' written skills including story development, analysis, research and writing.

NewsAnywhere is totally free to use, so please visit the link below to get started straight away.

Weblink: <http://www.newsanywhere.co.uk>

The WebAnywhere family grows

We would like to welcome our new WebAnywhere recruits: Adrian, John V, John S, Ben, David & Attiya.



As we extend internationally we will no doubt be welcoming lots of other new recruits on board.

Sean Gilligan, MD of WebAnywhere in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania building international relations with a delegation from Sheffield.