



C8 Primary EIP Cluster

C8 ICT Co-ordinators Meeting

Wednesday 20th January 2016
9.00-12.00pm
Worple Primary School

Minutes

Present: James (Isleworth Town) Samia (Worple) Laura (Hounslow town) Tom (Smallberry Green)

Apologies: Isleworth Town (Charlotte) Alexandra, Spring Grove

1. **Introductions-**

- Welcomes, apologies, etc.
- Samia explained that the new ICT lead at Ivybridge would be starting soon. Her name is Kim Blacklock.
- Tom (Smallberry green) showed the tablet that has been purchased for class teachers to use for assessment (HP Pro Slate 8 – Around £360 each)
 - The group discussed assessment apps for tablets, particularly used in the early years. Examples included Cylog and Tapestry. Some of these apps include the ability to share information / pictures / videos of children's learning with parents.

2. **The new Computing Curriculum- implementation; how is it going, what's going well**

- Schemes of work were discussed. Most schools are using Switched on computing.

1. **Assessment – How is it being monitored?**

- The group discussed assessment method in schools at the moment.
 - Most of the C8 schools are using Pupil asset, but use varies as does methodology. Some schools are using the multi-tick function, others are including additional data (e.g. maths test data giving a raw score and a age score)
 - Some schools are using paper based assessment methods.
- All schools are finding assessment hard to juggle.
- Assessment post levels is still developing.
- A particular area of concern is showing progress made by children who are working below age related expectations. Some schools use lower year group areas to try to show progress, but teachers are finding that they are not encouraged to teach lower level skills.

3a. **Assessment of ICT**

- Schools are looking into this, the group discussed current methods.
- It was mentioned that there is currently no legal requirement to report on ICT assessment data.
 - The Switched on scheme of work includes some peer and self assessment. It also contains some teacher assessment, but no schools present are currently using it.
 - Previously some schools were using skills ladders.
 - **ACTION – Samia to share the skills ladders for programming currently in use at Worple.**
 - Laura (Hounslow town) is currently looking into new assessment for ICT.
 - **ACTION – Laura to feed back to the group as this process continues.**

1. **C8 initiatives**

- There will be an upcoming C8 competition using Scratch for coding. This will be at some point in the summer term, details and times to be announced in due time.

1. **AOB**

- ICT Mark – OFSTED like it, but does it help the children? James explained how the preparation work has gone at Isleworth Town. Assessment looks to be a potential problem in the ICT Mark criteria.
- All present agreed that the level of basic starting skills shown by children in using laptops, particularly in using Microsoft style software, has deteriorated over the past 10 years or so. It was suggested that this is due to fewer children having laptops at home as more use iPads and phones instead.
- James has suggested that he would be able to run inset for C8 schools for the use of Scratch (programming).
 - **ACTION – Samia will organise an inset at Worplesdon. Other C8 ICT leads will be invited to attend.**
- James is able to recommend apps and programs to use with the Switched on scheme of work.
 - **ACTION – James to share a list of programs and apps.**
- The group discussed the Digital leaders scheme being used at Isleworth town. The leaders have selected 1 child to be in charge of various areas of ICT (Minecraft, e-safety, Google forms, app research, etc). The plan being that the child will research and share with the leads and be able to help train other children.
- Digital leaders exchange to be organised to help set up the scheme in other schools.
 - **ACTION – James to coordinate and communicate with C8 schools.**
- ICT leads want to establish the level of ICT confidence and capability in their staff.
 - **ACTION – Tom to share teacher voice survey with other C8 leaders.**
- Hounslow town have invested in Promethean touch boards. These have been popular with staff. The cost was around £14000 for 4 screens with trolleys and installation
- Smallberry Green have started installing Ctouch boards as older IWBs have required replacement. Some issues have arisen around using Promethean software, but a work around has been found and can be shared if needed.
- The group discussed the use of Class Dojo. It can be used with a tablet/phone app, and any points awarded on the tablet will update to the big screen. The group agreed that the email function (sharing with parents/carers) could cause classroom door incidents, particularly when used with any negative points.