



Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of 'ICT in the Classroom' which is aimed at teachers at primary and post primary level. The bulletin is designed to encourage and support the use of ICT within the classroom and highlight some of the resources which are currently available and trending.

This edition contains a mixture of interesting and useful sites and articles along with some resources which could be used inside the classroom. There is such a vast range of educational websites, resources, videos, blogs etc. I have decided to choose my personal favourites and share them.

The aim here is not to overload the bulletin with too much information, but instead allow teachers to investigate each of the items covered. Teachers are encouraged to submit any resources or software they recommend and all feedback is welcome, enjoy!

Regards,

David Ganly



A Chinese General asked a gardener, "when is the best time to plant a tree", with some reflection the gardener replied "about 20 years ago, and if not then, **right now**"



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A common problem nowadays for teachers can be the vast amount of websites, apps, videos, blogs etc. which we come across and are informed about by our colleagues. I for one find it hard to remember and take note of all these great resources and sites that was until I started using Evernote!

At first I was reluctant to explore yet another note taking application but trust me this one is the one to beat.

Evernote allows you to install its application on a variety of devices. The devices where I currently have the application installed is my personal laptop, my work PC and my iPhone.

So what exactly does Evernote allow me to do?

Personally, I use Evernote to save information for my classes, work related notes and personal notes.

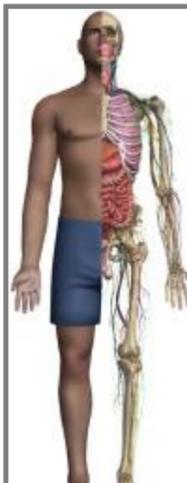
The beauty of it is, I can write a note, save an image and insert a website address for my Maths class while working on my home computer. Then once I get to school the next day I can turn on my work computer and get the note(s) from there or on my phone.

Lots more info here:

www.evernote.com



Edudemic is run by a few graduate students and teachers with a passion for learning and educating. The site has a strong focus on teaching through technology and keeping its users up to date with the latest happenings in TEL (Technology Enhanced Learning). The site is updated daily with lots of good articles and by joining them on Facebook you will be kept up to date. Here is an interesting article to start you off using Edudemic <http://edudemic.com/2012/01/tools-today/>



This one's for science teachers!

Zygot Media Group, which provided the imagery for Google Body, has used open source code to build Zygot Body (zygotbody.com). Zygot Body offers the same navigation, layering, and instant search as Google Body. Like Google Body, Zygot Body can be used in browsers that support WebGL, like Chrome and Firefox, without needing to install additional software. A great way of seeing inside the human body!



YouTube EDU is a sub-section of YouTube that contains high-quality educational content (advert free). YouTube EDU, features a broad range of educational content across three learning segments: primary & secondary, college & university, and lifelong learning. Teachers have access to an extensive collection of educational videos from Steve Spangler Science to MIT to TEDTalks

Easily create good looking websites for FREE!

Weebly is an excellent web based resource which students can easily create good looking websites in a minimal amount of time. My transition year students are currently creating educational related sites using Weebly and some of the finished sites so far look superb. Like similar sites, there are free and pro options, find out more about Weebly by signing up on their website www.weebly.com



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aims to help normalize the use of Irish in casual settings. Irish teachers check it out here: www.abairleat.kontain.com

Articles, Websites & Videos of interest

- 3 Ways the internet is changing education right now
- Our young generation of coders
- Looking to up skill in the area of ICT or change career path?
- TED Talks: Has our technology stopped us from dreaming?
- Apple to unveil iPad3 next week
- 8 ways technology is improving education
- The effects of new technology on education
- What does iBooks mean for the eBook/eTextbook industry?



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