

What BGfL PLUS and MyClasses can do for You



BGfL PLUS and MyClasses An Intranet on the Internet

BGfL PLUS could transform the way your pupils learn and the way your school shares information.

This system allows you to organise users' access to information stored on the Internet. Files can easily be uploaded to the Internet without the necessity of learning Web page design. Links can then be made to this information. In addition links can be made to existing Web content.

Members of your school: pupils, teachers and other adults, can be organised into various groups and given access to the information that is relevant to them. This allows you to create learning environments for pupils and to share information electronically with your staff. Every user, including your pupils, can have an individual e-mail address. There is also the option to allow users to have their own Web space for storing files and creating Web pages.

The users can log on to PLUS and MyClasses from any computer that is connected to the Internet providing flexible and versatile access to information and learning activities.

All learning environments and information can also be shared between all of the schools in Birmingham that are using the system; this has the potential for us to create a vast pool of resources.

If you have not switched over to BGfL PLUS yet and would like to do so please contact the Learning and Culture ICT helpline on:

Tel. 0121 303 5100 Fax. 0121 303 9876

For information relating to support for administering PLUS in your school please contact the Learning and Culture IT helpline on the above number.

Courses on creating learning environments using PLUS will begin in the Spring term 2005. For more information contact BASS Courses and Conferences on:

0121 303 8006

If you would like to arrange consultancies relating to creating learning environments or sharing information using PLUS please e-mail Shirley Rathbone at

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Examples of E-learning Environments Created using PLUS and MyClasses

Foundation Stage Internet Activities

This illustrates how MyClasses can be used to provide a simple graphical interface to specific activities on the Web. Related activities could be grouped into different classes and the teacher would just need to access the desired class to provide pupils with autonomous Web access.

To view this class point your Web browser to:

<http://www.prestonpark.bham.org.uk/myclasses/Class,100310856533581>

and enter the username foundation and the password foundation.

Looking After Me

This resource was created by a member of staff at Longwill Primary School for Deaf Children. It consists of anti-bullying activities where pupils can vote on what course of action someone who is being bullied should take. They can also post messages describing what they would do if they were being bullied. Any child who feels that he or she is being bullied can post a confidential message to their teacher.

To view this class point your Web browser to:

<http://www.prestonpark.bham.org.uk/myclasses/Class,100310807265041>

and enter the username menace and the password menace.

Please do not allow your pupils access to this class and only use it for browsing.

Britain Since 1930 – The Home Front

This is probably the best single collection of Web-based resources for supporting this aspect of the Key Stage 2 History National Curriculum.

Find out about homes in the 1940s; decide what to take into your Anderson shelter; shop for food using your ration book; find out what it was like in the blackout; listen to excerpts from the wireless; sing along with the Ovaltineys; and much more!

Many of the resources rely on first-hand accounts, and come in the form of text, images, sound extracts and video clips.

Activities for pupils are provided in the form of electronic worksheets produced using Word.

Much of the on-screen text can be viewed in large print versions for class or group teaching.

To view this class point your Web browser to:

<http://www.prestonpark.bham.org.uk/myclasses/Class,100310838356141>

and enter the username historyuk and password historyuk.
