



Knowsley  
City Learning Centres

# CLC Newsletter

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## Introduction

Once again the Centres have been extremely busy with a range of primary, secondary and community activities.

A number of schools have taken full advantage of the CLC's transport arrangements. If you would like details of your allocation please contact any CLC.

Thank you to everybody who continue to work closely with the CLCs to develop the activities in this newsletter.

**- Leanne Hornsby**

Principal Manager: Technology, Systems & Communications

## Knowsley CLC's top bus users

Congratulations to all schools that have taken the opportunity to use all or most of their free bus allocation. Don't forget every Knowsley school receives 10 free trips to and from their chosen CLC. If you haven't started to use your schools allocation and you would like more information on how to take advantage of this fantastic resource contact any CLC who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



10	Halewood CE Holy Angels
10	Holy Family Halewood
10	Kirkby C E Primary
10	Millbrook Primary
10	Our Lady's
10	Parkview
8	Roby Park
10	St Bridget's
10	St Dominic's
10	St John Fisher
10	St Marks
10	St Mary's
10	Westvale Primary

## Personal Exercise Programme Coursework - Higher Side School

GCSE P.E students from Higher Side School have been attending Whiston & Prescot City Learning Centre on Thursday afternoons after school. Students have been taking advantage of the sessions to finalise coursework for their Personal Exercise Programme units of work. The additional support activities takes place from 3pm to 5pm and is aimed at allowing students to enhance their

coursework with the support of a teacher. The activity is currently supporting fifteen students for their personal and curriculum development. Students have been using the time to enhance their coursework and research information using the internet.



## Holy Family Yr 6 - Caspian Learning and Data Handling



Year 6 children from Holy Family Primary in Cronton visited

Whiston & Prescot City Learning Centre for a full day of activities. The morning session incorporated the use of Caspian Learning a 3D game environment where children take part in research based tasks. The subject in question was

electricity and children controlled their 3D character around the game environment bumping into characters to pick up information and collecting symbols for labelling and answering questions.



In the afternoon the students participated in a Data Handling activity using spreadsheets. The

students researched information on the internet looking up their favourite sports players i.e. appearances, goals scored, international caps, yellow cards, red cards etc... and filled in their spreadsheets with the data. The students also created spreadsheets on their favourite foods, music and football team. The children then produced graphs of their results to conclude the day. A great time was had by all pupils, teachers and CLC support.

## Manipulating Sound - Holy Family (Halewood) Yr 3



Year 3 pupils from Holy Family School in Halewood visited Whiston & Prescot City Learning

Centre to cover QCA Unit 3B Manipulating Sound. The students participated in a full day activity using music software Cinematrix to create interactive music videos and had the opportunity to record radio broadcasts.

The students worked in groups to write news reports, weather reports, jingles and jokes all researched

from the internet before recording their reports using the CLCs portable radio Station. The students work was edited using the software Audacity which applications allow music recording, mixing and editing.

The pupils were given the opportunity to explore and develop musical ideas using the DJ Dance Mixing music software Cinematrix. The students used the resources within this software to record, compose and to present their work. During the course of the day the pupils were allowed to

amend and modify their work. This freedom to explore various sound and video effects allows the students to develop and grow their own personality. At the end of the activity all students received a copy of their recorded work on CD which can be used in the students Record of Achievements.

*Teachers Comments:*  
"Children enjoyed the session in particular the radio broadcast"  
Stephanie Monaghan  
(Holy Family)



## Control Technology - Roby Park - Huyton

Roby Park Primary School has attended Huyton Creative Learning Centre over the past three weeks to participate in a control technology morning. The 90 students from reception class, year 1 and year 2 participated in the Bee-Bots and Roamers activities. The activities are designed as a perfect starting point for students to be introduced to control technology.



Bee-Bots allow the students to control a small device from one point to another using their directional skills. The pupils particularly enjoyed sending their Bee-Bot around the race track and Treasure Island map. The children also participated in Story Maker which is a computer programme that allows them to manipulate images and sound to create a story. The students produce a storyboard to which they can add characters, backgrounds and speech etc. The students had a great time producing their own stories from history letting their imagination run riot.

## Elearning Road Show Spring Term 2007

The next ELearning Road Show will be held in the Huyton Suite on 15th March 2007, this will be an all day event giving you the opportunity to try out new and existing ELearning resources for use in Knowsley Schools.

Please contact Rachel Anderson either by emailing [rachel.anderson@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.anderson@knowsley.gov.uk) or call 0151 443 4754 for further information about the event.



## House of Commons Select Committee visit



Knowsley City Learning Centres were delighted to host a visit from the House of Commons Select Committee. The Education and Skills Select Committee visited a number of locations across Knowsley on 15 January 2007 as part of their inquiry into Sustainable Schools and Building Schools for the Future. They then joined a number of colleagues from across the council, partners and young people at Huyton Creative Learning Centre for a series of presentations and discussions on a range of issues. Knowsley was well represented by Cllr Ron Round (Leader of the Council), Rosemary Hawley (Chair, Primary Care Trust), Rt Hon George Howarth MP and Sir George Sweeney (Principal, Knowsley Community College).

## Westvale Primary - Yr 5 - Introduction to Spreadsheets



Year 5 pupils from Westvale Primary School attended Kirkby City Learning Centre on a Friday afternoon for a six week period to cover ICT Unit 5B Introduction to Spreadsheets. The school have been taking advantage of the CLCs free buses scheme to transport the children to the CLC. The pupils have been learning all the aspects

of Microsoft Excel and how it can be used to enter numbers, labels and simple formulae. The students have been researching and producing spreadsheets around people in their class and have been finding out information such as age, hair colour, eye colour, shoe size, lucky number, house number etc.

After gathering the data the students concluded the information and produced graphs and charts of their results. Once the results were populated the students entered formulas to add up rows and cells including finding the average age, shoe size, lucky number etc of the class.



## Millbrook Primary School Visits

Class 7 (32 children) had a wonderful afternoon at Kirkby CLC on the 18th January 2007. The pupils used Kar2ouche which allowed the students to go back in time and make pictures and write stories about the Egyptians or Romans.

Here is some comments from the children:

"I liked choosing my Characters and different backgrounds"

Leann Age 7

"I thought it was good being able to move the characters and make them do headstands, I also liked choosing weapons".

Liam Age 9

"I liked everything"

"I liked putting animals in the background and moving the characters around, I also enjoyed writing the story".

David Age 8.

As you can see our visit was successful and enjoyable, we look forward to receiving our printed work so we can display it back at school.

Thank you

From Lynne Laidler and Class 7

### Comments Class 4

Class 4 (Year 2) attended the Kirkby CLC on the 15th January to take part in a Story writing afternoon which proved to be a great success. Following an informative introduction the children were eager and enthusiastic to create their own stories. I was impressed by the children's confidence and total absorption in their task.

"The afternoon passed so quickly and we were reluctant for it to end!"

Many thanks from Class 4 (Year 2) Millbrook.

### Reception Class 1

Reception (class 1) attended Kirkby CLC for a morning session on the 11th January 2007. The students used Storymaker and Bee-bots and roamers, children were split into 2 groups one group used Storymaker while the other used Bee bots, after a short break children swapped over activities. The pupils had great fun learning how to programme and control the Bee-bots round the map.



Knowsley CLCs has seen the development in December 2006 of the KIDS Forum for Knowsley schools; the forum aims to develop international links, international projects, CPD for school staff, visits, sharing of best practice and to gain the British Councils International Schools Award. Huyton CLC has hosted the first two meetings which were attended by 11 schools from across the Borough. The forum allows Headteachers and school representatives the opportunity gather information on the national agenda, British Council updates and schemes, local network projects and meetings, funding, CPD



opportunities and advice on developing possible projects and activities. Since the forum was established 2 schools have already successfully applied and achieve the British Councils International Schools Award and the other 9 members have shown a commitment to achieving the award.

Information produced or received which maybe of advice or guidance to schools and organisations will be published on the ICS or emailed directly to the Knowsley schools.

The forum has received information on:

## Comenius

which is a programme aimed at Primary, Special and Secondary school to develop activities and projects for pupils, students and educational staff. It offers support and guidance as well as training opportunities and networks. This programme offers funding to exchange students and teachers developing their CPD.

## Erasmus

("European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students") is the European Commission's educational programme for Higher Education students, teachers and institutions. It was introduced in 1987 with the aim of increasing student mobility within the European Community, subsequently the European Economic Area countries, and now also the Candidate Countries of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey. Erasmus is a European Commission exchange programme that enables students in 31 European countries to study for part of their degree in another country.

## Grundtvig

aims to strengthen the European dimension in adult education and lifelong learning. It targets adult learners, teachers and trainers in both formal and non-formal education across Europe in a range of projects and initiatives, and reflects a commitment at national and European level to ensure learning opportunities continue throughout life.

## Leonardo da Vinci

is a European Community programme which aims to support national training strategies through funding a range of transnational partnership projects aimed at improving quality, fostering innovation and promoting the European dimension in vocational training.

If you would like more information on any aspect of the international projects or the KIDS Forum please contact James Burke, Development Manager at Knowsley CLCs.