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#### **OUR MODEL**

#### **The Hendon School Frog Tree**

**Everybody** accountable for at least one site (leaves)

All sites produced then 'knitted' together to form branches of the tree which make up the core/trunk of Frog

### **HOW WE MOVED FORWARD**

Introduced the tree to Middle Leaders – explained the idea behind it

Friday INSET was provided to teach staff how to produce a basic site – whole staff targeted – staff brought resources that they might put onto their Frog site

Faculty meetings hijacked – each faculty had an intense <u>three-week</u> Frog focus – naming and shaming then took place in Middle leaders meetings

### **HOW WE USE FROG**

<u>All</u> user profiles have access to faculty sites, school shared, home drives, year team sites and the library. Staff upload lessons, resources, spec info, films, audio, images, exemplars.....anything really onto their sites. This is excellent because students and parents can keep up with the curriculum.



#### **EXAMPLES**



Uploading video resources is simple and very effective



Streaming 'live' via Frog Snap – great for school trips, uploading 'live' work and of course, for parental engagement





Giving students access to past examples of other students' work is powerful

ALL Form-group notices are displayed on one simple updateable page. Next steps, we are going to get students producing their own Form pages, rather like a magazine!



This has had a tremendous impact on the reduction of whole school e-mails! As well as encouraging staff to use Frog on a more regular basis Bonus!



By embedding the Library software into the page, staff and students can check stock/availability from home or from anywhere around the school.





Our staff room messages and notices page discourages whole staff emails which were an ongoing issue. The staff room also contains Frog How-To documents providing hard copies of past Frog INSET documentation

Within our Teaching and Learning section, all past Friday INSET documentation and Friday Briefing PPT's are filed. There are also separate sites for our NQT and Student Teachers. This is an excellent CPD tool and point of reference.



We even do our auditing on Frog and options choices to get people logging on <sup>(3)</sup>

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#### We even teach Mindfulness through Frog!

The Governors have their own area, packed full of all their policies and paperwork!



## DEALING WITH THE OPPOSITION

One to one support for all staff is working for some of our most 'challenging' luddites...



...the prospect of accountability works for others...

...we also have more creative ways of making Frog fun...

## **PIRATE TREASURE HUNT**

In September, we got Frog Play. We wanted to get staff excited about it and so...



...We did a themed INSET. Mainly because we had been given the graveyard shift so it needed to be fun.... But also because we wanted maximum and memorable impact



We did a Vodcast explaining the task

It was also a great excuse to dress up (and act) like idiots

Hiding the words meant that staff had to navigate what has already been uploaded to Frog. This meant they could see what other faculties have (or haven't done) and hopefully gain inspiration for their own sites.



#### The end of the INSET involved completing a 'Frog Play' quiz



Those staff who had collected all the golden words then had an advantage over their peers when completing the quiz, therefore offering more opportunity to win a prize. Staff also got the opportunity to see Frog Play in action while completing the quiz.

## **FROG PLAY**



ask questions



The student room is easy to navigate and user friendly

We have had Frog play since September. We chose to introduce students to it through assemblies and they are already using it regularly.



The students can see how well they are doing in relation to their peers



Creating your avatar is all part of the fun!

#### Some ways in which we use Frog Play in school... so far!

We set a year 7 Christmas quiz, with prize, to encourage use in December



Form quizzes have now taken on a whole new meaning



Once our students were introduced to 'Play' our usage shot up in no time



It's great as a teacher to see how Frog Play is being used in and out of school by our students



#### **OUR NEXT STEPS**

**Governor Training – began 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** 

**Regular INSET slots tailored to individual training needs** 

Using students to present to staff or even deliver some INSET

Getting parents more engaged and involved

Maintaining momentum – particularly with regards to Frog Play – Incentives

Year group rewards - top ten play users announced monthly

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