

# Honeycomb Case Study

## Cornwall's honeycomb pilot



### Joined Up Learning: collaboration online

ICT has long been recognised for its power to facilitate collaboration across a wider sphere. With the increased reliability of connectivity we are now able to make greater use of Web 2.0 software to extend learning outside the classroom and indeed the traditional school day.

CEDS, supported by the IMS team and Softease staff have established a project using Honeycomb from Softease in a range of contexts. This project is in its early stages teachers involved have received their training on setting up user groups and now they are ready to begin work. Teachers from Indian schools in the project were able to take part in the training session at St Levan.



Honeycomb is an integrated set of online tools that enables learners and teachers to work together online using Web 2.0 tools such as blogs and wikis. Collaboration is at its heart: users can access it anytime anywhere, producing work with a real audience and purpose in mind. It is intuitive and easy to use for both learners and teachers, and adds a real 'cool' factor for pupils in its use of up-to-date technology of a type that most of them will be familiar with. It is a tool that pupils will choose to use, rather than being directed to do so.

### Involved in the project are three different groups.

Group 2, Focus on supporting Gifted and Talented children at KS1 with writing. They are working around the notion of the Virtual Classroom. 4 schools and one PRU will work collaboratively on a story writing project, the emphasis on peer assessment. Sally Griffin, the County Gifted and



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Talented Adviser, is leading this project and is being supported Teresa Christopher-Gregory, Primary National Strategy Literacy Consultant and the creative story telling talents of Angie Butler Schools involved are Landulph, St Catherine's CE , Archbishop Benson.

Group 1. We have 4 schools in Cornwall, Upton Cross CP, St Levan CP, Torpoint and Penrice Community Colleges collaborating with 4 schools in India. We also have a lot of interest within China. Students will be creating and sharing documents with their peers as well as adding comments on each others work. The aim is to learn about life in other countries. This project is being overseen by Jacquie Ashton, Cornwall's International Co-ordinator.



The third trial is taking place by Coverack County Primary School, a very small primary on the Lizard Peninsula, led by teacher Rob Beadle.

The school will be working on the theme "Life on The Lizard" and they have three main objectives:

- To increase the writing skills of the pupils.
- To establish co operative and collaborative working skills and peer to peer learning.
- To involve the parents more in their child's learning.

There is already a great deal of enthusiasm amongst all three groups in the project, and we look forward to bringing you further news as the project develops further.

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