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 Success Stories

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The Wirral

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Gill Jones, Head Teacher, and Paul Checkley (pictured), Deputy Head Teacher and ICT co-ordinator, explain how Espresso is helping the pupils at Woodchurch CofE Aided Primary School look forward to a brighter future.

Woodchurch CofE Aided Primary is a well-established school on the outskirts of Birkenhead. We take most of our children from a local council estate and a percentage come from dysfunctional backgrounds. Many children have very low expectations and narrow horizons. We see it as a vital part of our role to immerse the children in an exciting learning experience, thus encouraging them to become enthusiastic and positive about their futures. We are committed to providing a broad, balanced, creative curriculum in which Espresso is now playing a vital part.

Getting the most out of Espresso

Espresso is used extensively throughout the school to fulfill the necessary QCA and national curriculum requirements. We have recently had the entire school networked, enabling us to introduce Espresso into all the classrooms. This will make it even easier for the whole school to make the most of the service by utilising its excellent news clips and video, not just in ICT lessons but in all areas of the curriculum. It is already being used on a daily basis to support science, history and geography.

The teachers have found the resource incredibly easy to use from the start and regularly refer to Espresso's teaching resources for use in non-ICT lessons.



Setting the Scene

**Woodchurch CofE Aided Primary School
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Number of pupils: 224

Number of teachers: 10

Number of Learning Support Assistants: 5

Espresso products within the school:
Espresso for Primary Schools service

Of the 224 pupils at the school:

- 33% receive free school meals
- 50 children are on the register for special educational needs

Espresso is fantastic value for money

We feel that Espresso is fantastic value for money because it is so accessible and suitable for such a wide range of ages and abilities. It's an extensive resource that children are able to interrogate independently whilst also offering teachers a broad variation of materials to use as stimulus.

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Increasing world awareness with Espresso

Espresso has enabled teachers to be more cross-curricular in their approach to teaching. It has made them more reactive to news items and increased creativity in their approach to teaching pupils about general social issues and world events. Espresso has encouraged teachers to refer to news stories and apply them to the classroom with relevant activities and video clips that have been dubbed so they are suitable for the pupils.

Because the Espresso service 'caches' all of the resources, including relevant web sites, it grants pupils the freedom to research for themselves within a learning environment that is totally safe. It is this freedom that the pupils really love. The service look and feels like the Internet, teaching pupils valuable skills for locating information, but teachers can be 100% confident that pupils will only be looking through educational material.

What is 'caching'?

Espresso is stored on a dedicated 'cache' - or espresso box - at your school. When pupils look at websites that have been delivered as part of the Espresso service, they are not venturing onto the World Wide Web, but are staying within the school's network. This has two advantages: 1) web pages download extremely quickly and 2) pupils can only visit relevant web sites - often referred to as a 'walled garden'.



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Espresso - Improving results , improving knowledge

Espresso has helped improve standards in all curriculum areas at Woodchurch CofE Primary School, but its biggest impact has been in current affairs and general knowledge. Weekly updates of relevant news events that can be applied to other subject areas have been invaluable and have also helped improve the children’s reading and writing skills.

We have been delighted with the service, and can’t imagine being without it.



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