

UniServity cLc Case Study: Grappenhall Heys Primary School



Empowering the Learner

Grappenhall Heys School, Warrington, has approximately 240 students from the ages of 3 – 11. www.grappenhallheys.co.uk

Learners at Grappenhall Heys Primary School lead the personalisation of their own learning experiences through opportunities provided by their teachers using the UniServity cLc (connected Learning communities) Learning Platform. Matt Boot and Vicky Jones lead by example to create a dynamic and empowering learning environment.

Learners are encouraged to differentiate and explore their activities through wikis, blogs, forums, podcasts in shared areas and within their ePortfolio, with clear directed guidelines from their teachers to ensure focus on key learning objectives, progression and attainment.



Matt Boot and Grappenhall Heys students presenting their innovative and creative use of the UniServity Learning Platform at the BETT Show

Matt Boot - Teacher of the Year Award 2009

In addition to Grappenhall Heys School winning an award for their achievements, Matt Boot, an Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) at Grappenhall Heys has been awarded the UniServity Learning Platform Awards for Excellence 2009 'Teacher of the Year' Award for his tireless and outstanding innovation of the use of the Learning Platform in his own teaching and in connecting his school to others locally and worldwide, for children's learning and Teachers' Professional Development.

Matt identifies opportunities for children, families and colleagues to learn through purposeful, targeted activities using the Learning Platform; ensuring the possibilities are explored and achieved, facilitating high impact lifelong learning for all those he works with. The impact Matt has made to the way his learners learn is outstanding. His inspiration and vision has opened up new 21st Century learning opportunities for all. Congratulations!



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2009
Winner

I think the Thinking Hats have been really helpful for writing our holiday report for France. A lot of my ideas came from the Thinking Hats. They all mean different things.

The Black Hat-Judgement
The Yellow Hat-Benefits
The White Hat-Information
The Green Hat-Creativity
The Red Hat-Feelings
The Blue Hat-The Overview

We were having a debate about the water fountain and why we should put lemonade in it and the Thinking Hats really helped. We even made a mind map with ideas for the report using the Thinking Hats. I would recommend the Thinking Hats because they are really helpful!

Robin Hood



Robin Hood was an **outlaw** living in Sherwood Forest with his Merry Men. His Merry Men were:

Little John
Maid Marian
Will Scarlet
Friar Tuck

There are lots of different stories of *Robin Hood* and you may hear a few variations.

How to edit your wiki page.

Click on the link to your wiki page. The click on the button that says 'Edit This Article'. You can enter your information, pictures etc in the usual way.

Use the rubric below to evaluate your work, and give you ideas about how to improve it.

	Good	Great	Amazing
Content (What information I have used)	<input type="checkbox"/> I have written about something to do with my topic. <input type="checkbox"/> I have made up to 3 pages.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have inserted a picture. <input type="checkbox"/> I have used a caption with information about my picture. <input type="checkbox"/> My text and pictures are organised clearly so the reader can see them easily. <input type="checkbox"/> I have included a link to the place where I found all of my information.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have written in my own words a lot of pages about my topic. <input type="checkbox"/> I have used a contents page to explain to the reader what I am writing about. <input type="checkbox"/> My writing starts with a main idea, and then develops the main idea over 3 or more paragraphs. <input type="checkbox"/> I have inserted a Flash file or video clip that helps to explain the main idea.
Making links between different ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> I can create links between pages in my wiki. <input type="checkbox"/> I have created some links, but not all of my pages have wiki hyperlinks throughout them.	<input type="checkbox"/> All of my pages have wiki hyperlinks throughout them. <input type="checkbox"/> I have included links to other websites.	<input type="checkbox"/> My Main Article page has bullet points, with links to every page in my wiki. <input type="checkbox"/> This makes it easier for the reader to find information.
Presentation (Colours and the way it is set out on the screen)	<input type="checkbox"/> I can change the font, size and colour of my text. <input type="checkbox"/> I can change the background colour of my text. <input type="checkbox"/> I can align the text.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can insert a table to keep all of the information together on the page. <input type="checkbox"/> I can edit the way the table looks, using different fill colours for the cells.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can use a picture as the background for a table. <input type="checkbox"/> I can use the Cell Padding option. <input type="checkbox"/> I can use the Cell Spacing option.

Learning Platform screenshots include a Year 6 child's learning journal commenting on the 'Thinking Hats', a Robin Hood differentiated homework wiki and a Success Criteria Rubric created for learners. The Learning Platform provides a powerful combination of children's independent learning with the teacher's freedom to return to using their professionalism to extend learning rather than 'task manage', and the high levels of attainment, engagement and enthusiasm are a testament to this successful approach.

Discover more Learning Platform Awards for Excellence Winners, Highly Commended and Commended schools at www.uniservity.com