

Cross-Curricular Fun Day to Integrate ICT across the Curriculum

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Here's a fun-day suggestion to encourage an e-Learning Culture in your school. The day could be opened in each class with a short Morning Assembly. The Sample Fun Day Timetable below has suggestions for class activities in subject areas; all can be adapted for different age groups.

The emphasis is on having fun with ICT and doing so in a light-hearted and entertaining way across the curriculum. Encouraging varied uses of ICT to both staff and pupils will help reflect its growing importance in our everyday lives. The day should give rise to a cross-curricular approach, different groups in class or even different classes could work together to work on a theme.

Enabling our pupils to communicate, collaborate and create safely with others when using electronic networks is our aim. We need to empower and educate students to reflect on their own ICT use. This is also a theme of **Safer Internet Day**. The second Tuesday of February each year is celebrated as Safer Internet Day in over 60 countries around the globe and your school can become involved by celebrating an ICT Fun Day.

Planning for the Day

Arranging mini competitions (digital art, slideshows, digital photography, blog article, podcasting, music, digital competitions) would create a buzz in the school about the upcoming day and allow a display/exhibition of entries and winners to be another feature of the Fun Day. A [Webwise Parents](#) evening presentation could bring the day to a close.

The main teaching resources used in the Sample Fun Day Timetable are exemplar lessons from **ICT Framework Sample Activities** www.action.ncca.ie/en/ict-framework/acts and **Webwise.ie** www.webwise.ie/LearningResources

The ICT Framework sample activities provide examples from practice of effective use of ICT in curriculum and assessment using multimedia including text, video and photographs. The sample activities have been developed by teachers for the NCCA and are grouped according to the levels of the ICT Framework which they represent.

The Webwise.ie activities include **Surfwisdom**: An engaging set of interactive lessons to introduce children to the Internet with characters Niamh & Fionn. A teacher's guide and classroom-activity worksheets are included.

Chatwise: Children will learn how to be safer online by following the adventures of Niamh and Fionn. **Be WEBWISE!** Four lessons designed to be integrated into an SPHE programme for 5th and 6th class to help children stay safe online. Detailed lesson plans, classroom and take-home activity worksheets, a teacher's guide to cyberbullying and a glossary of Internet terms are included.

All available at: www.webwise.ie/LearningResources

A Sample ICT Fun Day Timetable

Morning Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short class assembly outlining the theme of the day.
Junior Infants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Phonics • Big Book
Senior Infants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Shapes Treasure Hunt • Interactive Phonics
1st & 2nd class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surfwise with Niamh & Fionn • Homes
3rd Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatwise with Niamh & Fionn • A slideshow about me
4th Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatwise with Niamh & Fionn • Printing with Paint
5th class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be WEBWISE! My Personal Safety Online • My podcast for the school blog.
6th class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be WEBWISE! -Detective Webwise Advice column. • Creating a Short Film
Exhibition-Prize Giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole school exhibition - Our Digital Work • Presentation & Award Ceremony
Webwise_Parents Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Safety Presentation by NPC speaker • Exhibition of Our Digital Work