



honeycomb
Create together...

Creative, safe, online working

Do you want your pupils to think about their audience when they write?

Would you like your pupils to be able to collaborate on projects?

Do you want to use the web but have concerns about e-safety?

Honeycomb provides an answer

Honeycomb is a web page creation tool that engages pupils by allowing them to do their work in an intuitive and flexible on-line environment. Projects can be undertaken individually or collaboratively and the output can be viewed by classmates, the school, parents or the world; all at their teacher's discretion.

Pupils can start by building basic web pages with text and pictures and can then add audio files (podcasts), video files or a range of powerful extra features with ease. Pupils gain a sense of achievement as the

simplicity of the system leads to stunning visual results, without the process getting in the way of the content of their work.

Pupils working in collaboration

Same page, same time, different location!

Pupils can work by themselves or collaboratively using a media rich toolset, including text, graphics, video editing, presentation, graphing and a range of other online widgets. These tools provide pupils with the same creative choice in an online environment as they would expect in desktop tools.

Group working can be enhanced by using Honeycomb to create a wiki or a blog that only group members can access and to which they can contribute ideas.



Teachers and Honeycomb

Teachers will also be able to assign tasks, give online feedback on pupils' work, organise project groups, and create shared resources online. Once approved by the teacher, pupils' work can be published either to the class, the school or beyond. With fine-tuned controls, teachers can determine the level to which pupils can publish; from a basic level (their class) to the highest level of publishing.

It's exciting, it's interesting, they're getting to collaborate.... I can't think of any negatives. They're all desperate to use it!

**Caroline Tribe, Teacher,
Milverton Primary School**



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Through counters on their pages, pupils can see easily how many people have viewed their published work and so begin to think about the standard of their presentation as a sense of audience develops. Comments left by peers on their pages heighten this awareness and drive pupils towards creativity and originality.

Why limit pupils to paper?

With its capacity to deal with text, photos and multimedia, Honeycomb encourages pupils to select the best tool for the task. This freedom of choice can help to create independent thinkers and learners who can express their individuality and creativity in educational projects and share these with their peers.

In this way, Honeycomb encourages a community of users who can share information across a class, a school or the Internet.

Educational benefits:

- Pupil engagement
- Facilitates writing for a particular purpose
- Fosters independent learners
- Encourages peer to peer review of written pieces
- Can improve pupil self esteem
- Helps to teach pupils the need for responsible use of the Internet
- Allows for collaboration – users working alongside each other on projects and ideas from wherever they are!

“We are often asking children to write for an audience, well what better way of getting a sense of audience than to publish your work online!”

**Vivien Bailey (ICTDS),
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