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Adventi (Scotsys)

As you may be aware Adventi (formerly Scotsys) ceased trading a few weeks ago and are now in receivership. This will obviously impact on the maintenance contract for the LCD projectors that was in place for the schools in East Lothian. The IT department and the Procurement department are currently looking into the situation in order to determine the position and to establish a way forward for us with regard to our contract with the company. We will keep you updated when we hear of any further developments.

Websense

Websense is now live in all schools. Users can be tracked back to their log in name not just IP address of machine. If you are using a PC with Microsoft Windows you will **not** see any Websense login box when accessing the Internet. However, if you are using an Apple Mac or a Netbook running Linux then you will get a login box when you first try and access the internet.

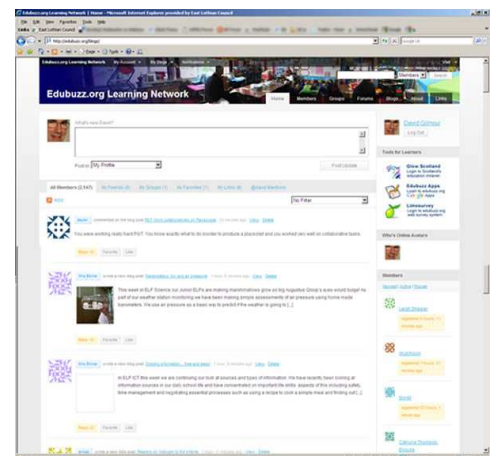
See who's learning what at Edubuzz.org!

<http://edubuzz.org> now provides a minute-by-minute stream of news from learners

around the county's schools. Catch up on all the latest posts, comments, blogs, links and more – or use the easy drop-down filter to see just the things you need.

It's easier now too to find blogs: you can browse the newest ones, the last active, or just an alphabetical list. A new search tool will take you straight to all blogs, for example, with a word, e.g. "health", in the title.

Better still, why not start connecting? You'll find a simple sign-up process, open to all EL staff and learners, makes it easier than ever to make a start. You don't need to create a blog if you don't want to, but will be able to share your own updates and questions in seconds via the "What's new?" screen, and easily reply to others.



Edubuzz was always about making it easier for people to share and collaborate across East Lothian, and with these new features we hope that's easier than ever.

What are you going to buy with your Tesco vouchers?

Here are some of our recommendations...

Easi-Speak voice recorder: **1260 vouchers**



Record voices, sounds or music on the move with this new MP3 Recorder. With a minimum capacity of 30 minutes high quality sound, Easi-Speak lets you record and playback remotely or download your files straight to your PC through the attached USB. Downloaded files are WAV format, built in battery charged through USB.

Flip video camera: **3710 vouchers**



- Capture and share video anytime, anywhere with the Flip Ultra's 120 minutes of recording time and pocket-sized portability.
- Easy-to-use, one-touch recording and digital zoom
- 4GB built-in memory; no tapes or additional memory cards required
- Flip-out USB arm plugs directly into PC to launch FlipShare software

GorillaPod Tripod: **570 vouchers**



- Highly innovative, lightweight tripod with flexible ball and socket joints and rubberised feet. Securely holds camera in any position and on almost any surface - rough or uneven or clinging to a tree branch for example on field trips.
- Quick release bush screw - fix to any standard camera tripod mounting socket
- Ideal for securely holding switch devices for SEN pupils

Talking Point: **790 vouchers**



This is an exciting new resource that records and plays back 10 seconds of sound. Why not use them for talking displays, colour coded question and answer games or taking messages? The Talking Points have a loud and very clear sound output. Replaceable LR44 batteries included. Diameter 45mm. Comes in packs of five.





Win a Flip Camera in Glow!

**Log into Glow. Go to the East Lothian page and name will be automatically registered.
Deadline for entries: Noon on May 14.
This prize draw is only open to teachers in East Lothian.**

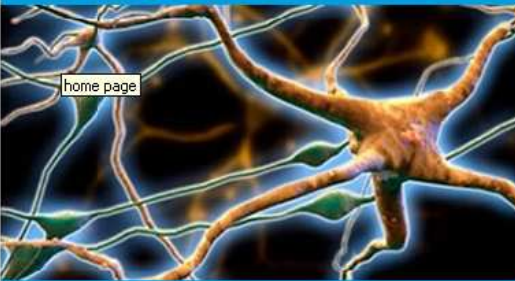
If you don't have your log in details or have forgotten your password, email stodd@eastlothian.gov.uk



Glow Science is a new video-based learning resource designed to enhance pupils' understanding of science in the modern world. Glow Science can be used in many different ways to support the Sciences experiences and outcomes as well as other areas of Curriculum for Excellence.


Log in to [Glow Science \(http://bit.ly/glowscience\)](http://bit.ly/glowscience) now and begin the experience...

Human Body



home page

80 spectacular films for a variety of lesson types




Universe




Coming in June - enjoy a sneak preview of what is in store



Intro Video



This video will tell you all you need to get started - what's on the site, and handy helpers for getting around.



For Teachers



For all online support, including lesson ideas and top tips on using the films, visit the exclusive teachers' site.



Edubuzz Google Apps improves support for collaboration

It's now 4 years since Google Docs took to the road, and its about to get a new engine! This isn't just news for geeks; many of the changes people have requested will dramatically improve support for online collaboration:

- Collaborators on a Doc will see one and other's changes instantly, character by character

- A new sidebar will let you see who's editing a Doc at the same time, and chat with them

These are currently experimental features, but if you want to find out more, or give it a try, go to <http://bit.ly/newgdocs> for details.

And of course if you'd like Google Apps logins, or to arrange a short after-school introduction session, please get in touch. Student logins are available in all secondaries, and are currently being emailed to remaining Primary schools.

Do more with your blog's pictures with NextGEN Gallery

Bored with RockYou slideshows? Edubuzz blogs now offer the NextGEN Gallery, a powerful tool for showing sets of pictures, and captions, in new ways. See it in action here: <http://bit.ly/eb-nextgen>

With NextGEN, you can:

- Make slideshows, embedded in your post, with a variety of transitions
- Create automatically arranged image galleries
- Offer full-screen slideshows
- Display "Related images" after posts, via image tagging

Other useful features include the ability to automatically resize images on upload, and upload multiple images at the same time.

The basic steps are:

- Activate the Plugin
- From the NextGen Gallery menu, click Add Gallery
- Name the gallery and upload images when prompted
- Use the "Add NextGEN Gallery" toolbar button to add images, albums or galleries to your post.

[\[Show as slideshow\]](#)

[\[View with PicLens\]](#)

