


Our virtual world

Exploring www.ncca.ie

Have you visited  www.ncca.ie lately? No doubt you've seen the many references to our website as you've read through this issue of *info@ncca* and may have clicked on some of the links in our articles to bring you to pages on the website.

You might be (pleasantly!) surprised at the range of content, resources and publications you can find if you explore a little further....

How is our website arranged?

Our homepage, with its distinctive coloured crescents, sets out the three sections of our website and lists some of what you'll find in each one.





Clicking on the blue crescent

If you click into the blue crescent, you'll access the **corporate** section of our website. Here you'll find information about current work at the NCCA, who we are, our publications and information for parents. Our 'hot topics' items will bring you quickly into new areas of work and items required by teachers at particular times of the year, such as Report Card Templates.

Useful primary school related items can be easily accessed such as a DVD about the primary curriculum, *Aistear - our Curriculum Framework for Early Learning*, or guidelines for integrating ICT into teaching and learning in your school.

A post-primary teacher or principal can read about recent developments at senior cycle, get updated information about *Project Maths* or find out more about Assessment for Learning (AfL).

A parent can find information about standardised testing, about their child's school report or get tips on how to help their young child with early literacy.

Students can find subject fact sheets which give easy-to-read information on the range of subjects available at post-primary level. They can also participate in the senior cycle consultation process.



Clicking on the red crescent

If you click into the red crescent, you'll access the **curriculumonline** section of our website.

All of the *Primary School Curriculum*, and junior cycle and senior cycle curriculums are available electronically to browse and search. As a teacher or principal, you may find this section useful for your planning.



Clicking on the orange crescent

If you click into the orange crescent, you'll access the **ACTION** part of our website. ACTION stands for *Assessment, Curriculum and Teaching Innovation on the Net*, where the focus is on showing, rather than telling; the 'how to' of teaching and learning in schools. You might be aware that our work in recent times is focusing more on working directly with schools. ACTION contains sample materials that are developed and gathered with teachers, principals and students. Here, you can access resources such as podcasts about Assessment for Learning (AfL) or reporting on standardised test results to parents. Short video clips show teachers modelling teaching methods or lessons. Samples of students' work and examples from schools of how they have integrated ICT into their teaching and learning are available to view or download.

So, have we've motivated you to become Christopher Columbus in a virtual world or Neil Armstrong in cyberspace?

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