Information meeting on Ipad/Tablets.

5th February 2018.

Programme

- Schools experience to date and proposal for this year and the future.

- Presentation by teachers: Ms Fogarty, Mr. McGinn.
- Students View: Alex O'Farrell.

- Presentation from ICT company who have experience of rolling out computer equipment to schools and Tablets to Students.

- Details of a loan scheme from Borrisokane Credit Union

Story so far

- Introduced Ipads in Borrisokane Community College September 2013.

- Staff received training on using Ipads

- 75% of first second and third years using Ipads.

- Feedback from students:
  - Bags lighter, all books in one place.
  - Teachers can email us notes
  - Easy to put notes on books
  - Can use to look up information
  - Like using technology
  - Also like to have copy of book.

Why promote ICT

- Use of internet for research.
- Teachers Email notes to students.
- Students can email each other.
- Teachers can share resources on school online system – Sharepoint.
- Lighter School Bags.
- Use of Ebooks.
- Getting familiar with modern technology.
- More apps are becoming available all the time – Microsoft can now be used on Ipads: Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
- Can save files for use on Ipads or any other computer with Internet Access – OneDrive – cloud storage.
- All students have school email accounts.
- Students can collaborate on projects.
- Many apps can be used in class and for homework.
- Students now have text books in paper format and Ebook
- New Junior Cycle – Promotes use of Technology in all subjects.

New Junior Cycle

- Leaflet for Parents

- 8 Key Skills.

- Teaching Skills rather than content.

- Classroom Based Assessments in all subjects.

- Developing my understanding and enjoyment of words and language
- Reading for enjoyment and with critical understanding
- Writing for different purposes
- Expressing ideas clearly and accurately
- Developing my spoken language
- Exploring and creating a variety of texts, including multi-modal texts.

- Knowing myself
- Making considered decisions
- Setting and achieving personal goals
- Being able to reflect on my own learning
- Using digital technology to manage myself and my learning

- Using language
- Using number
- Listening and expressing myself
- Performing and presenting
- Discussing and debating
- Using digital technology to communicate

- Being healthy and physically active
- Being social
- Being safe
- Being spiritual
- Being confident
- Being positive about learning
- Being responsible, safe and ethical in using digital technology

- Developing good relationships and dealing with conflict
- Co-operating
- Respecting difference
- Contributing to making the world a better place
- Learning with others
- Working with others through digital technology

KEY SKILLS

COMMUNICATING

BEING LITERATE

MANAGING MYSELF

WORKING WITH OTHERS

STAYING WELL

BEING CREATIVE

MANAGING INFORMATION & THINKING

BEING NUMERATE

- Being curious
- Gathering, recording, organising and evaluating information and data
- Thinking creatively and critically
- Reflecting on and evaluating my learning
- Using digital technology to access, manage and share content

- Imagining
- Exploring options and alternatives
- Implementing ideas and taking action
- Learning creatively
- Stimulating creativity using digital technology

- Expressing ideas mathematically
- Estimating, predicting and calculating
- Developing a positive disposition towards investigating, reasoning and problem-solving
- Seeing patterns, trends and relationships
- Gathering, interpreting and representing data
- Using digital technology to develop numeracy skills and understanding

Department of Education & Skills.

- Investing in schools each year to promote the use of Technology – approx. €20,000 per year.
- **Making the announcement today, Minister Bruton said:**
- "Digital technology can transform the way people learn, encouraging curiosity, exploration and creative thinking. These are the capabilities our young people will need in the future.
- "Critical, creative thinking, problem solving skills and adaptability will be key to flourishing in this environment and we need to make sure our young people are well prepared.
- "Our Digital Strategy for Schools sets out a clear vision that is focussed on realising the potential of digital technologies to transform the learning experiences of students. While we are introducing coding and computer science into the curriculum, we must also invest in the ICT infrastructure of our schools.

Digital Technology

- Digital Learning Framework for Post Primary Schools
- http://www.pdstechnologyineducation.ie/en/Planning/Digital-Learning-Framework-and-Planning-Resources-Post-Primary/Digital-Learning-Framework-for-Post-Primary-Schools.pdf
- Inspectors when they visit expect to see Digital Technology integrated into learning.

- BCC was involved in a European Project last year to promote use of Digital Technology with students.

- Digital Excellence Fund

Advantages of ELearning.

- Students more interested in lessons.
- Preparation for Digital World.
- Internet is a huge resource for project work.
- Students have access to Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Bring real live experiences into learning.
- More collaboration between students.
- Reduction in photocopying and students can manage handouts easier.
- Huge reduction in weight of school bags.
- Students embrace technology.
- Ipad is the preferred system currently.

Presentations

- Teachers
  - Ms. Fogarty – Irish and Maths teacher
  - Mr. McGinn – Materials Technology Wood/Construction Studies and Technical Graphics teacher

- Compu b – Katelyn Galvin.

Costs

Payable to Ipad Company	
Ipad including setup – approx.	€ 400.00
Total	€ 400.00
Ipad cover approximately €50 will be supplied by school.	
Payable to Borrisokane Community College	
Books and Ebooks	€ 300.00
Ipad Insurance Year 1	€ 25.00
Brennan Personal Accident Insurance Year 1	€ 9.00
Locker – 1st yr. Refund €10 when lock returned.	€ 20.00
CAT - Ability Test for Target Setting	€ 23.00
Photocopying Charge	€ 23.00
Total	€ 400.00

Year 2 & Year 3 Payments

Payment in Year 2 and 3 for Ipad Insurance, Brennan Personal Accident Insurance, Journal and Photocopying   €50/yr

Excluded: Copies, pens, drawing equipment, art equipment, plays, novels, etc.

With Ipad – All exam Papers can be downloaded from State Exams website.

Tablet Insurance

- €25 per year – no cover if not paid.

- School Insurance Policy

- Covers accidental Breakage, Malicious Damage,

- Covers theft following a break in to premises or from boot of car.

- Ipad should be stored in locker in school

- Any claims are subject to an excess of €50 which must be paid before the Ipad is sent for repair.

Loan Scheme Borrisokane Credit Union

Amount of Loan €	No. of years	Payment per week €	Interest over term €
900	3	7	170
900	2	10	112
900	1	19	55
750	3	6	
750	2	9	
750	1	16	
600	3	5	
600	2	7	
600	1	13	

Loan Scheme Borrisokane Credit Union

- APR for Credit Union Loans – 12%

- Interest on a reducing balance.

Loan Scheme Borrisokane Credit Union

- **<u>To Open an Account</u>**
- PPS No.
- Photo ID – Passport or Driving Licence
- Proof of Address – Utility bill from last 6 months. Child's Account Parents Utility bill.
- Over 16's to join is 40 cent. U16's - free.
- Member for12 weeks before you can take out a loan.
- Must have savings – approx. €100.
- If child is taking out loan then parent must be Guarantor

Relevant School Policies

- Social Media Policy.
- IPad Acceptable Usage Policy
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- All available on school website in the School Plan – www.borrisokanecc.ie

Payment Schedule

- Purchase Ipad from online store.

- Payment to school of €200 by June 30th 2018. Can be paid in instalments on electronic payment system

- Payment to school of €100 by August 15th 2018. Can be paid in instalments on electronic payment system

- Payment to school of €100 in December 2018.

- Payments for Year 2 and Year 3 by end of June 2019 and 2020.

Looking Forward

- Further training for teachers.

- Students need their own device to maximise integration of Digital Skills – investigated other schools.

- Every classroom needs to be a Digital Learning Space.

- We need parents on board to support this programme.

Concerns with Technology

- Education is the Key.
- Work with your children. Set ground rules.

- Will Goodbody article on RTE website: https://www.rte.ie/news/analysis-and-comment/2018/0127/936460-parents-online-safety/
- Useful websites:
- **Internet safety resources for parents:**
- www.webwise.ie
- www.cybersafeireland.org
- www.internetsafety.ie
- www.facebook.com/safety/parents
- www.hotline.ie/

Electronic Payments

- www.way2pay.org

- Texts will be sent requesting payments

- Details on using the system on school website – www.borrisokanecc.ie

- Any difficulties – contact the Way2Pay helpline 353 1 804 1269

Other Tablet Options

- Other Windows or Android Tablets
  - From €250 approx.
  - Need to have minimum of 32GB Storage.

  Advantages/Disadvantages
  - Cheaper
  - Does not have the same protection as Ipad - virus and apps download
  - No technical support.

Access to Schools Record System for your child

- Eportal system
- Records
  - Attendance
  - Exam Results and reports
  - Events – behaviour and positive comments.
  - Target Setting.

- You will be given username and password, web address to access this in a letter in June 2018. Access will be available from August 2018.
- Link from School website.

Questions & Answers