Acer-European Schoolnet's Educational Netbook Pilot

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http://netbooks.eun.org/

Pre-pilot evaluation report available in all languages

Thanks to Acer, the pre-pilot evaluation report has been now translated into all the pilot languages. The report gives an insight into the use of netbooks during the pre-pilot and teachers' views about it.

Download the reports here:

EN: http://tinyurl.com/prepiloteval-EN

IT: http://tinyurl.com/prepiloteval-IT

ES: http://tinyurl.com/prepiloteval-ES

TR: http://tinyurl.com/prepiloteval-TR

FR and DE versions will be available soon.

Netbook pilot evaluation will start soon

Evaluation is an important part of the netbook pilot. The evaluation takes into account the feedback from all stakeholders including teachers, school heads, school ICT coordinators, learners and their parents. This will help better understand the needs of the future classroom.

The foreseen evaluation schedule for the pilot is:
- April 2011 - Questionnaire for parents
- May 2011 - Questionnaire for students
- June 2011 - Questionnaire for teachers

More information regarding practical issues and the schedule will be published in due course on the netbook pilot website: www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/evaluation

Two new scenarios

Music quiz to discuss about human rights
During a foreign language, music or citizenship class students explore different issues related to human rights. The teacher runs the music quiz where students hear different tunes from famous songs and they have to find out the performers' names as well as the song titles. The teacher encourages students to reflect on the lyrics after each of the songs.

EN, FR, DE, IT, TR: http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/musicquiz

Comics and cartoons in the classroom
Students will create their own comic strips or cartoon movies in which they express their views or things they have learned on a chosen topic in a creative way. Using free online tools the students will choose backgrounds and characters and they compose the related dialogue for their comics. Students can also be explained about the traditional forms of comic writing and newer graphic novels.

EN: http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/comics

Videos on the netbooks website

Check out our new section of videos on the website! We have gathered together videos that talk about the netbook pilot.

Do you know other videos about netbooks that you want others to see? Please send us information if your video is also published and available online.

http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/videos

Brief question to the head teachers

Earlier this week, the pilot school head teachers have been sent a letter about a changing numbre of students at the pilot classes. Acer and EUN wish to know the situation in each pilot school: the number of new and leaving students.It is important to get a reply from each school to be able to understand the scope of this issue. Note that this is only an advisory consultation and Acer cannot guarantee any number of new netbooks to be delivered to any school.

Online safety resources from the Insafe Network

The second edition of Insafe's digipack contains a wide range of educational materials from across Europe. These materials support teachers in educating pupils and colleagues to stay safe when they are using the internet and other online technologies. From handbooks for teachers to videos which support parents and children, there are 30 high quality resources which will be of great use to professionals working with children and young people.

http://tinyurl.com/insafe-resources

OpenID login at netbooks.eun.org

The netbook pilot website at www.netbooks.eun.org is using a new login system, called OpenID. Users will create their an OpenID account which can then be used on several EUN project websites.

All the people who have already an account at netbooks.eun.org are advised to create their own OpenID account and then connect the old account with the OpenID to avoid losing any member data.

Instructions on how to create your OpenID account:

EN: http://tinyurl.com/openid-EN

DE: http://tinyurl.com/openid-DE

IT: http://tinyurl.com/openid-IT

FR: http://tinyurl.com/openid-FR

TR: http://tinyurl.com/openid-TR

ES: http://tinyurl.com/openid-ES

If you have problems to login with your OpenID please send us a message: info-netbooks [AT] eun.org

Acer Classroom Manager software for the pilot schools

Acer will provide all the pilot schools with an opportunity to use freely the **Acer Classroom Manager** (ACM) software. ACM is an application of centralised instructing helping teachers and trainers improve the efficiency of teaching. With the help of ACM, the teachers can monitor application and web usage, track language lab audio activity, improve support through online help and chat requests and save time by automatically sending and collecting work files or quickly polling the class and showing instant results.

The pilot classes can use ACM freely during the 2010-11 school year.

For more information go here:
→ http://www.netbooks.eun.org/web/acer/acm

EN: http://www.acer.com/education/eng/acm.html

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