

GOAL Assessments

Customer Update

Welcome to the GOAL Assessments Customer Update, keeping you up to date with recent news and developments. We would be delighted to hear from you if you have any comments, queries or suggested improvements. Please contact us on 02476 516560 or email your news stories to schools@ediplc.com.

New Developments

September 2008 will see some exciting new developments from EDI. In early September the interactive English National Curriculum Assessments will be launched. This will be followed by the launch of the interactive Science National Curriculum assessments at the end of September. This completes the suite of interactive assessments in English, mathematics, science and ICT.

The English assessments have been written against the Primary Literacy document and the new Secondary Framework. Two level (20 questions) and three level (30 questions) assessments are available.

The assessments have been developed in Flash enabling a wide range of assessment techniques to be used. As well as 'drag and drop facilities', pupils can highlight text, enter text and generally word process answers. Audio is available for all questions at all levels. Class reports give information on the number of questions answered correctly for the GOAL strands, the curriculum areas of reading and writing and either the literacy strands for Primary schools or the framework strands for Secondary schools.

The science assessments have been written against the primary curriculum and the new secondary curriculum and framework for science. Two level (20 questions) and three level (30 questions) assessments are available. The assessments are also Flash based. As well as 'drag and drop facilities', pupils can highlight objects, enter numbers and draw lines on graphs and extend the height of bars on bar charts. Many questions are enhanced by animation and audio is available for all questions at all levels.

Reports

In September we shall also introduce enhanced interactive reports. It will now be possible to merge two or more class reports from groups in the same year that have taken a National Curriculum Progress assessment in the same subject. Pupils can be deleted from a report and reports sorted on names, National Curriculum levels and filtered on gender.

A new reporting feature also allows teachers to view the overall performance of the whole year in each subject on a year by year basis as well as see individual pupils' results from previously taken assessments.

Teacher Administration

The teacher administration pages have been redeveloped to enable easier marking and viewing of reports. Finally there is a facility for teachers to add their school logo to the pupil reports.

