



GEOBYTES / ICT UPDATE

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GeoBytes Update

(Half Term Issue: Weeks Beginning 19th June 2006):

Last weeks visitors from around the world include:

- June 15, 2006 11:59 pm: Guildford, England
- June 15, 2006 6:19 pm: Singapore, Singapore
- June 15, 2006 4:34 pm: Wokingham, England
- June 14, 2006 1:52 pm: London, England
- June 14, 2006 9:54 am: London, England
- June 12, 2006 5:04 pm: London, England
- June 12, 2006 7:13 am: London, England
- June 11, 2006 12:56 pm: Watford, England
- June 11, 2006 9:04 am: Singapore, Singapore

Visitors since April 2nd - 5829

NEW THIS WEEK

BBC PLANET EARTH EXPLORER

http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/planetearth/flas_happ/

An interactive globe in flash format to explore the world – includes links to videos from the BBC's Natural History unit – to be updated frequently. (requires Flash 8 to play)



GEOGRAPHY SCHEMES OF WORK

<http://geographysow.blogspot.com/>

A new blogspot / links page for sharing schemes of work – this should build into a very useful resource – designed to encourage schools to share schemes of work – thereby sharing ideas / good practice etc.. (set up by Sarah Hack – thank you Sarah!)

HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PETITION YET?

PUT GEOGRAPHY IN ITS PLACE - ** New Geography in the Media Campaign

I know I have included this for the last two weeks – but just a quick reminder: Daniel Raven-Ellison and David Rayner, backed by other SLNers have started a new campaign to get the media to recognise Geography. [There is an article in the TES this week!](#)

If you haven't signed the online petition already go to

<http://www.passion4geography.co.uk> and just click "Sign up to the Petition"



Geography in the News

GEOGRAPHICAL NEWS STORIES FROM THE LAST WEEK:

INDIAN MONSOON (GUARDIAN)

Monsoons leave 1.5 million stranded in India and Bangladesh

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/india/story/0,,1799537,00.html>

Guardian Interactive – South Asia Monsoon 2006

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/flash/0,,1791489,00.html>

ENVIRONMENT (BBC)

Arctic Dips as Global Waters Rise <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/5076322.stm>

Action urged to protect Deep Seas <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/5086506.stm>

Homes to be energy-saving rated <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/5078200.stm>

New environment chief targets poverty <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/5053210.stm>

CITIES (BBC)

Uprooting a Capital - Burma's confusion over its Capital <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/5086056.stm>

TOURISM (BBC)

Zambia beckons new wave of tourists <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/5071788.stm>

DEVELOPMENT (BBC)

Proud Ghana still depends on Aid <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/5071788.stm>

India and China to books Africa <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/5005632.stm>

Report reveals Global Slum Crisis <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/5078654.stm>

New / Useful External Weblinks:

Many of these have been highlighted by SLNers on the Online Forum or on GeographyForum.net (thanks to all those that have contributed the following to SLN / Geography Forum).

CHILD LABOUR

- Web movie on Child Labour from the International Labour Organisation <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/wdacl/index.htm>
- Congo's Child Miner Shame (BBC) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/5071172.stm>
- Red Card given to Child Labour (BBC) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/5070452.stm>
- Child Labour – India's Cheap Commodity http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/5059106.stm
- Right foot forward for Child Labourers http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/5071040.stm
- The End of Child Labour: Within Reach (.pdf document link) – 100 page report from the International Labour Organisation (original link from BBC) <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/ilc/ilc95/pdf/rep-i-b.pdf>

CITIES / URBAN GROWTH

- Quiz: The World's Cities <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/5055574.stm>
- Interactive timeline on Urban growth from the BBC <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/world/06/urbanisation/html/urbanisation.stm>
- High Density Housing in Hong Kong http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/06/asia_pac_high_density_living_in_hong_kong/html/1.stm

COASTS

Artificial Reef created from a decommissioned aircraft carrier

<http://www.irishmansoftware.com/Oriskany.htm>

DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS / STATISTICS

UN Human Development Index http://hdr.undp.org/statistics/data/hdi_rank_map.cfm

ENVIRONMENT

- GreenPeace – Project thin Ice (Save the Polar Bear) <http://www.projectthinice.org/index.php>
- Waste / Environment – Resources <http://www.ch4.org.uk/eduarticles.php/Rubbish/Issues>

GEOGRAPHICAL MYSTERIES

Geography Mysteries and other Thinking Through Geography style activities (SLN)

http://www.sln.org.uk/geography/thinking_through_geography.htm

MAPPING

VISITED COUNTRIES – Mapping individual countries (thanks Val)

<http://www.world66.com/myworld66/visitedCountries>

Day and Night across the Earth <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/earthview.html>

SAO PAULO

- LANDSAT Satellite image of Sao Paulo http://landsat.usgs.gov/gallery/images/Landsat_Gallery_351_1_full.jpg
- Sao Paulo Images <http://www.hometown.aol.com/pochetti5/sampa-brazil.html>

SLUM LIFE

Life in a Slum – interactive BBC resource – based on Dharavi slum in Mumbai (Bombay), India

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/world/06/dharavi_slum/html/dharavi_slum_intro.stm

WATER

- Water Waster Calculator http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_depth/629/629/5086298.stm
- Revision Wheels – Paul Williams (SLN) has pointed out an interesting template for a “revision” wheel – this one is the water cycle – could be adapted to be made harder / for different topics? <http://www.epa.state.il.us/kids/fun-stuff/water-cycle/>
- Water Cycle Animated Diagram <http://earthguide.ucsd.edu/earthguide/diagrams/watercycle/index.html>

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

AtmoSphere – a good site for weather and climate resources (KS3/KS4/KS5)

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/kingworc/departments/geography/nottingham/atmosphere/pages/atmosphere.html>

WEBCAMS

Mount Snowdon Webcam

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/northwest/sites/webcams/pages/snowdon.shtml>

WORLD CUP

Bringing the World Cup into the Classroom

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/story/0,,1770257,00.html>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GOOGLE EARTH

Google Earth 4 beta has now been released, the navigation structure has changed with more space now available on screen, and in line with the new release a large upgrade in available high resolution satellite data is now available (although you don't have to be using Google Earth 4 to benefit from this – further information on the new data upload can be found here http://www.gearthblog.com/blog/archives/2006/06/huge_database_u.html) . Google Earth 4 is still at beta stage and there have been reports of bugs and a dramatic slow down from some – so you may wish to wait until the final version is released before downloading it. More information on the Google Earth 4 beta release and a discussion on its merits / pitfalls can be found at Noel's digital geography <http://www.digitalgeography.co.uk/archives/2006/06/google-news/> Google 4 is also being discussed on SLN, here <http://www.learningnet.co.uk/ubb/Forum5/HTML/005207.html>

Noel Jenkins in his article (see above link) has also highlighted the fact that .KML files can now be downloaded in Google Maps (<http://maps.google.co.uk/>), this is great news for those who haven't got Google Earth downloaded on their PC. Instructions for how to view KML files in Google Maps can also be found in Noel's article <http://www.digitalgeography.co.uk/archives/2006/06/google-news/>

GPS in Education (thanks for the link Little Miss)

Forum link with ideas related to the use of GPS in education

<http://forums.groundspeak.com/GC/index.php?s=e2dfdbf65bf86451737b08e0c16091f2&showforum=12>

IMAGES SOURCES

Webshots <http://www.webshots.com/> (useful images and potential images for desktop backgrounds)

GLIFFY – new online site – for creating and sharing diagrams online <http://gliffy.com/> (thanks to Alan P for pointing this out)

Capturing Video Clips from websites to be exported into Movie Maker or Similar

<http://www.learningnet.co.uk/ubb/Forum5/HTML/003467.html>

ANOTHER REMINDER:

ANDREW FIELD'S FLASH TRAINING DAY

At Neale Wade Community College – March, Cambridgeshire

THURSDAY 6th JULY

Full details, including price and registration details are available here <http://www.neale-wade.cambs.sch.uk/training/flash.html>

REMEMBER – (£75 if booked before 20th June!)



NEW RESOURCES

Hopefully new resources will appear shortly over the next few weeks as things recover from the exam period and more free time available with Year 11 and 12 gone! (Fingers crossed!)