

The BETT Awards 2005 for educational technology - shortlist announced!

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22nd October 2004 -The first stage of judging for the BETT Awards 2005 (www.bettawards.co.uk) is completed and the shortlist has been announced. The BETT Awards programme is renowned across the world for setting the standards in educational Information Communications Technology (ICT), and a record number of educational innovators and suppliers submitted entries for the 2005 programme.

Now in their 6th year, the BETT Awards are focused on identifying innovative hardware, software and online resources that help teachers integrate technology into their everyday classroom practice. Once again, the level of entries was consistently high from both major educational suppliers and the smaller, specialist educational firms.

Charles Clarke, Secretary of State for Education, last year set the BETT Awards a challenge to identify exemplar products in specific subjects at key stages, and to improve their effective use. In response, this year sees the introduction of six new award categories covering English, Maths and Science at both primary and secondary levels.

The Awards, one of the major highlights of the BETT 2005 education technology show (12-15 January 2005, Olympia, London, www.bettshow.co.uk), are run by EMAP Education, in association with the British Educational Suppliers Association (BESA), EC&T magazine and the British Educational Communications Technology Agency (Becta).

Ray Barker, Director of BESA and Joint Chair of the Judges, comments: "The BETT Awards provide that much needed link between the ICT industry and the teaching community. The BETT Awards also play a key role in demonstrating how ICT can be embedded into subjects across the curriculum. The year-on-year rise in entries illustrates how important the BETT Awards have become in the eyes of teachers and suppliers alike."

The BETT Awards' judges are independently selected and are made up of educational professionals, including representatives from many influential organisations such as the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and NAACE. The winner of each category will be announced at the BETT Awards 2005 dinner, which will be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, on the evening of Tuesday 11th January 2005.

The BETT Awards 2005 shortlist is as follows:

English Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- * Easiteach Literacy - RM
- * KnowledgeBox - Pearson Education
- * Pelican Interactive Big Book CD-ROMs - Pearson Education

English Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

- * Kar2ouche: Twelfth Night - Immersive Education Ltd
- * Whiteboard Workout - Nelson Thornes Ltd

Maths Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- * Easiteach Maths - RM
- * KnowledgeBox - Pearson Education

Maths Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

- * EXP Maths 7 Whiteboard CD-ROM - Nelson Thornes Ltd
- * MathsAlive - RM

Science Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- * Easiteach Science - RM Plc
- * Science Clips - BBC Schools Online

Science Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

- * LogIT eXperiment! - DCP Microdevelopments Ltd
- * Multimedia for Science: Biology Suite - Sunflower Learning

Early Years and Primary Software, Content, and Tools

- * Choose and Tell: Nursery Rhymes - Inclusive Technology Ltd
- * Focus on Mechanical Toys - Focus Educational Software Ltd
- * KnowledgeBox - Pearson Education
- * Sound Beginnings - SEMERC
- * Success for All - Hawkshead
- * Tizzy's First Tools - Softease Ltd

Secondary Software, Content, and Tools

- * Contribute 3 - Macromedia
- * LogIT eXperiment! - DCP Microdevelopments Ltd
- * Multimedia for Science: Biology Suite - Sunflower Learning
- * French: Myself, family and friends 1 - Birchfield Interactive plc
- * Sibelius Compass - Sibelius Software Ltd
- * The Earth and Beyond: Professional Edition - Birchfield Interactive plc

Early Years and Primary Hardware

- * Cache Pilot - Equinet Ltd
- * Easy Sense Q - Data Harvest Group Ltd
- * Digital Blue Mixman M2 Digital Music Mixer - TAG Learning
- * Rear Projection SMART Board 2000i Interactive Whiteboard - SMART Technologies Inc

Secondary Hardware

- * Interactive Remote Response System - Qwizdom UK Ltd
- * Rear Projection SMART Board 2000i Interactive Whiteboard - SMART Technologies Inc
- * RM One - RM

Learning and Skills Software, Hardware, Content, and Tools

- * EaseReader - Dolphin Audio Publishing
- * EasePublisher - Dolphin Audio Publishing
- * Essential Guitar, Bass, Keyboard and Drum Skills Courses for Schools - Gigajam

Early Years, Primary, and Secondary Special Educational Needs Hardware

- * SuperTalker - Inclusive Technology Ltd
- * Tech/Talk plus Environmental Control Unit - Inclusive Technology Ltd
- * USB Switch Box - Crick Software Ltd

Supporting School Management

- * Call Parents - Truancy Call Ltd
- * Kaleidos - RM
- * TALMOS - Progrid Ltd
- * Truancy Call - Truancy Call Ltd