

## "Shambles" Newsletter: October 2003

Designed to support International Schools in S.E.Asia

This paper copy of the termly Shambles newsletter is a one page edited summary of highlights of the original online version at <http://www.shambles.net/newsletter/October2003> .... the order and design is different to facilitate easier reading .... and if you are reading this on paper then, of course, the links are not active. ... feedback is always appreciated.

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### Subject Departments

<http://www.shambles.net>

Since the last newsletter there are been a large revision of the Shambles website ... try your own subject speciality - menu on the home page

[Mathematics](#)	[English](#)	[Science](#)	[ICT](#)	[Geog](#)
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### Special Educational Needs

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/sen/>

<http://www.shambles.net/sen/>

<http://www.fieldworkonlinetraining.com/>

If you have a Special Needs interest then you can save yourself time by having the latest UK news and updates sent to you automatically without you having to go searching ... go to the website above and click on "subscribe".

If you are interested in some online SEN training ... to be done in your own time and at your own pace then have a look at the options at "**Fieldwork Online Training**" ... part of a 'whole-school' opportunity.



### ELT Software + AuthorPlus

<http://www.clarity.com.hk>

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The Author Plus Online website is now up  
If you are a teacher with an English or ESL interest to get your free paper copy by 'snail mail' then just email [info@clarity.com.hk](mailto:info@clarity.com.hk)

I shall be running a workshop at TechEX  
<http://www.rism.ac.th/techex> in Bangkok on 7th November which will use some of these ELT software solutions.

### Shambles Tour 2004

<http://www.shambles.net/profdev/2004tour/>

Unfortunately the course planned for February in Bangkok has been **cancelled** due to lack of numbers.

### Principals and Headteachers

<http://www.shambles.net/headteacher/>

A new page is being built on the Shambles website specifically to support Principals, Headteachers and Senior Management Members .... your views and feedback would be most welcome by email.

### Virtual School : for Prof. Dev.

<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/>

Virtual School is a high-tech multiple choice game which can be used by subject heads taking part in NCSL's 'Leading from the Middle' programme which got underway in November 2002. The unique learning tool has been developed by NCSL to provide participants on the programme with a safe environment in which to practice their leadership skills .. *not available online.*

### Classroom of the Future

<http://www.shambles.net/pages/school/Ed21cent/>

<http://www.rism.ac.th/MSweb/academic/future/>

Links to relevant websites plus a project at a Bangkok school.

### Olympics 2004

<http://www.shambles.net/pages/students/Olympics>

The 2004 Olympics are just around the corner .... there are links to many related website on 'Shambles' .. be sure to visit the USA site which has a section particularly suitable for younger students.

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**Virtual BETT 2004**<http://www.virtexpo.com/bett>

7th to 10th January 2004 : is the largest exhibition in the UK related to IT and Education ... there is just no competition, it is held in early January each year in London. Now there is an option for teachers to attend online ... so the school saves on the airfares and the disruption to teaching is kept to a minimum ... click on the link above for details ... but those attending 'virtually' might not get much sleep that week.

**Virtual Education Fair 2003**<http://www.hobsons.com/vef>

27 Oct. to 2 Nov. 2003 : for students and families looking for colleges and universities .... and an essential resource for careers staff and Y12 teachers.

**NOT to be missed** - there are **six FREE scholarships** to be given away..

Everything you need to study abroad in one internet event... .. and it is **FREE** to register and participate

**International Schools Websites Showcased**<http://www.biss.com.cn/company/biss/emascots/em@scots.htm>

emascots - Beijing Int. Sch. - the goal of this site is to encourage journal writing, email writing and cross cultural correspondence with an invitation to other International Schools to participate.

**Advertising on Shambles**<http://www.shambles.net/advertising/index.htm>

'Shambles' is a free service because of sponsorship and advertising ... your support would be appreciated .. email me for more details if interested [csmith@csmith.info](mailto:csmith@csmith.info)

**ECIS Advice Booklet for Teachers**<http://www.cois.org/>

Whether you are new to teaching in International Schools or not then this A5 sized guide is packed with useful information.

contact Katherine White [KatherineWhite@ECIS.org](mailto:KatherineWhite@ECIS.org) for details

**International Education Indicators**<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/international/IntlIndicators>

'An International Perspective' is a compilation of indicators from a multitude of data sources which provides a rich array of information on the current state of education internationally.

**Webcams**<http://www.shambles.net/webcams/>

Whatever your topic or subject there is a relevant web camera online somewhere ..... use this page to find it.

This page is also designed to list any webcams that have been set up in International Schools ... so if you have one in school then please email me the details.

**e-learning**<http://www.shambles.net/elearning/>

The elearning page on Shambles has changed ... as well as the philosophy, theory and 'whole-school' perspective there is now a section specifically for classroom teachers called "**Get Your Class Online**" .. this lists online resources and tools that can be used, many free, to support teaching and learning.

**New publications:**

"Towards a Unified e-Learning Strategy"

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/elearningstrategy/>

"Learning for the 21st Century"

<http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/>**Software Suppliers - request for help**

A request for help ... I am compiling a list of (*trustworthy*) educational software suppliers and agents in S.E.Asia countries ... I should be most grateful if you would email me to let me know of any companies that you have used and who provided you with good sales and support services for educational software in your country. (not hardware)

**PDA's and portables in the Classroom**

For guidance and advice on PDA's & Mobile Devices in the Classroom – sorry .... this only works online.

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May I be the first to wish you..

**Merry Christmas**

[www.shambles.net/pages/learning/primary/Xmas](http://www.shambles.net/pages/learning/primary/Xmas)

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