

The Hwb Learning Platform

A Guide for Parents

What is the Hwb Learning Platform?

The Hwb Learning Platform is provided free to all pupils and teachers in Wales by the Welsh Government with the aim enabling all learners and teachers to access online resources anywhere, at any time, from any device. It also provides tools to help teachers and learners create and share their own resources, and to support collaboration.

Hwb also hosts a national collection of digital resources to support learning and teaching for learners aged 3 to 19 in Wales which will be known as the National Digital Content Repository. These resources can only be accessed when users are signed into the platform.

How will pupils log on to the platform?

The platform is password protected and only staff and pupils in Welsh schools have access to it. Pupils have their own user name and password and schools are in charge of making sure pupils receive their logon details. Pupils are automatically permissioned into their school sites and can only access their own school's Hwb+ virtual learning environment (VLE).

Digital Learning
Across the
Curriculum

E-safety for pupils,
parents and schools

Computer Science in
the Primary School

Literacy

Numeracy

Welsh 2nd Language

Learning at home

Collaboration
projects

Thinking Skills

Multimedia

Pupil Voice

Free Resources

Safe on-line research
tools

**All provided FREE by Welsh Government
for every member of staff and pupil in Wales.**

e-Safety



Children



Parents

E-safety Tools

The Hwb learning platform has an e-safety section which provides advice and information for children and parents in order to develop e-safety and good on-line practices in pupils. Parents and pupils can use the resources to keep themselves safe on-line. The resources are updated regularly.

Hwb+

Hwb+ - Virtual Learning Platform

Every school has their own Hwb+ site. It is a virtual learning environment where pupils can:

- Upload pictures, documents and videos that they can use in their learning.
- Join in discussions set by teachers/ other pupils.
- Make announcements about their achievements.
- Design surveys to help them find information for learning projects and answer surveys set by others.
- Present the results of their research and collaborate with other pupils by making Wiki Pages.
- Blog about their learning and comment on other children's blogs.
- Collaborate with other children on learning projects – both in their own schools and with children in other schools.
- Practise concepts introduced in school, at home.



Office 365

Once they are logged into the Hwb platform all pupils have access to Office 365. This provides pupils with free on-line versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Sway and One Note.

They also have access to:

- An email account (username@hwbmail.net)
- One drive cloud storage
- An on-line Calendar
- A Task list creator

Pupils can create, share and Collaborate on all projects using any of these apps including using simultaneous editing.



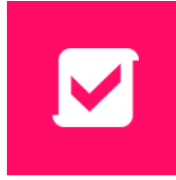
Just2easy

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J2Eis a suite of creative and flexible apps – perfect for Primary School pupils. The suite includes:

- **J2E 5** – ‘digital’ paper: embed any multimedia, photos, animations, files make presentations, websites, interactive worksheets, teacher portfolio.
- **JIT5** – Simple write, paint, programming, pictogram, graphical, branching data, animation, multimedia mix – (interactive stories, presentations websites etc) Perfect for FP pupils, Welsh at KS2, SEN/EAL at KS2/3
- **J2Code** – programming for KS2
- **J2Data** – Database for FP/ KS2

Pupils can share and collaborate on documents with other members of their school.



Playlists and Assignment Tools

Playlists:

Using playlists can bring together digital content from different sources quickly and easily. Teachers can set up playlists of digital resources to enable pupils to take control of their own learning and take their learning out of the classroom.

Assignment Tools:

Teachers can set assignments as part of playlists. When pupils answer the assignments they can receive feedback and pointers to where they might go next to improve their scores.



Encyclopedia Britannica

All pupils have free access to the encyclopaedia with their hwb log in details. This is a fabulous place to start pieces of research:

- Material is quality checked to make sure it is factual and accurate.
- It is regularly updated
- EB provides a list of the 'World's Best Sites' so children can carry on their research using vetted sites.
- There is free access to Image Quest with thousands of high definition, vetted, images on a huge range of topics