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Promethean Help Audley Infant School *Introduce Magic Into Whole Class Teaching*

- >> Interactive teaching improves motivation
- >> Pupils can't get enough of lessons
- >> Totally captivating technology

Over my dead body...



Headteacher Sue Grimshaw

Initially opposed to the installation of interactive whiteboards in her school, head teacher Sue Grimshaw was even heard to say "Over my dead body. . ." In 1999 Sue was informed by Blackburn and Darwen EAZ that they had purchased an ACTIVboard, interactive whiteboard for the school, she asked to have the money instead. She now smiles when reminded of this folly and openly states, "the whiteboards play a fundamental part in the schools overall achievements." Her initial concerns were costs, underdeveloped software and training implications in a school facing considerable socio-economic problems. After the installation of the first board NQT Emma Turner soon became the inspiration for the rest of the staff. The missionary zeal with which she drove the rest of them forward enabled them to deliver interactive lessons almost immediately.

YR1 teacher Emma said, "The children think lessons are absolutely magic, it has improved their overall attention span, given them the confidence to participate and their levels of motivation are noticeably higher. When using the whiteboards we have very few problems with behaviour as all the children want to be involved. The whole staff are now totally committed to improving standards using this technology."

A Collaborative Partnership

Promethean has worked closely with Audley Infants School and Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone, to ensure that installation and training have been implemented properly. Most of the teaching staff have become proficient users of the intuitive ACTIVstudio software within a short space of time, which has improved lesson content and delivery and established a level of staff motivation which is directly contributing to the schools overall improved results. ACTIVboard is helping Audley to transform lessons by bringing ICT to the whole class.

"I like using the whiteboards, they are magical."

"The impact of teaching ACTIVboards is the sustained interest in the whole class."

"Children's motivation is extensively improved."

"They all want to be the one with the pen."

"I like the colours and sounds we have in our lessons."

"The whole class is involved."

"Children want to be part of the lessons using the whiteboards."

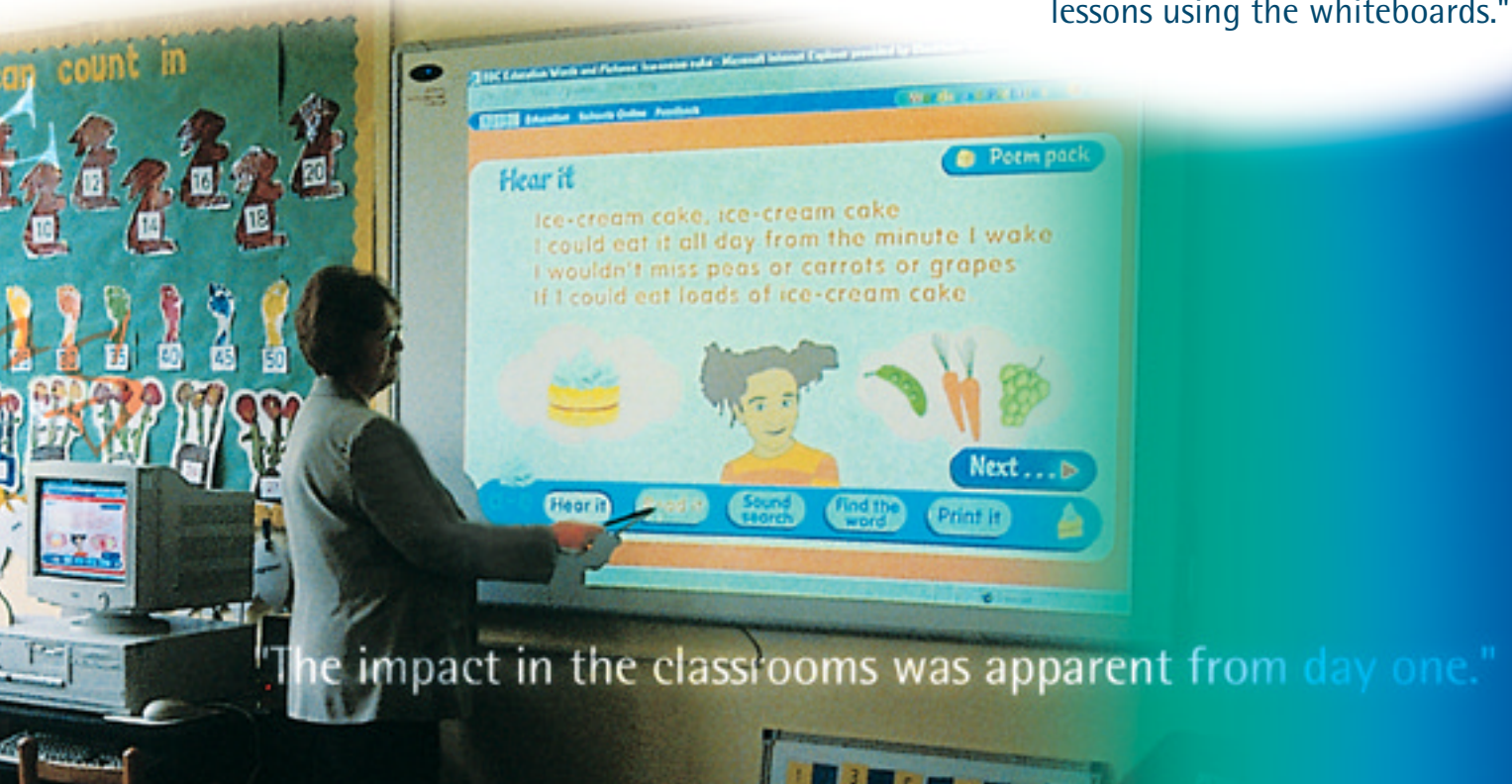
A Powerful Teaching tool

Each ACTIVboard is supplied with the intuitive ACTIVstudio software, which transforms it into a powerful group teaching system. At the simplest level ACTIVstudio's flipchart exactly simulates working with a dry wipe marker or chalkboard, with the extra ability to use multiple colours and variable line thickness. ACTIVstudio also controls delivery of both web and other digital resources from the PC, enabling material to be enhanced with annotations, highlighting and special effects. Flipchart content can be created or retrieved from disk, adding to versatility and spontaneity. ACTIVstudio's toolbox can be custom configured to enable each user to work comfortably at their individual level of ICT competence. The latest release of software includes handwriting recognition and cross-curricular resources.

Head teacher, Sue Grimshaw said. "We have since installed a further 8 Promethean ACTIVboards, which has motivated both teachers and pupils beyond any expectations I originally had. It has enabled us to take an ordinary PC and integrate it into the whole class environment. This technology has improved both teaching and learning substantially. The impact in the classrooms was apparent from day one as the ACTIVboards became the fundamental tool for delivering literacy and numeracy."



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About Audley Infants School

Built in the 1930's Audley Infants was originally an elementary school. During the 1970's the Secondary School section moved to what is now Queens Park High and the school then became a through Primary. In the infant school there are 315 pupils between the ages of 4 - 7 with a 90% Asian heritage. In 1993 the Infants block suffered a severe fire and had to be rebuilt in keeping with the rest of the school. In 1995 the appointment of Head Teacher, Sue Grimshaw, meant that ICT became a prominent feature of developing the KS1 curriculum. Since the early 1990's they have truly risen from the ashes and gone from strength to strength by achieving a DfES award for overall improvement over the last 3 years, and they have just been awarded Investors In People. Audley is committed to further expansion and in the near future will begin building a completely new IT suite, which will facilitate ICT learning to the whole community.



About Promethean

Promethean is dedicated to the development and supply of ICT solutions that can be used as teaching tools in the classroom to accelerate learning gains across the whole curriculum. Based around the world's most advanced whiteboard/software combination, which is designed and manufactured in the UK, Promethean's systems create an interactive teaching environment that enables multimedia delivery to whole class groups.

Solutions include: **ACTIVboard (Interactive Whiteboards), Videoconferencing (codecs and peripherals), wide format displays for data and video, multimedia software, all encompassing solutions for presentations, education, training, collaborative working, distance and flexible learning.**

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