

Review - Eclipse.net in Silverlight

Ernesford Grange Community School - ICT Systems Manager:

Eclipse.net was good but this new Silverlight interface is fantastic. Micro Librarian Systems have certainly put a lot of thought and effort into producing such a wonderful product. Having used Eclipse.net within the School, I wanted to give the opportunity for pupils, teachers and parents to access the system outside school and Eclipse.net Hosted was the way forward. The transition from our existing system was very easy, painless and when I needed advice the Online Live Helpdesk feature solved all of my problems. The Hosted version gave us Silverlight web parts and this was all put together by Micro Librarian Systems, so we didn't have to worry about design or layout. We also no longer need to worry about backup or updates as these are dealt with automatically. I was delighted to discover that Eclipse.net now also links to ClickView, our multimedia library/player system, so that searches now include all of our videos, over 1800, including cine film, that we have converted to digital format, of the school in the dim and distant past! The search facility is very powerful and very easy to use and is exactly what we need to find exactly what we are looking for. With Eclipse.net Hosted and ClickView Home this means that all of our Library and multimedia resources are available from anywhere where there is Internet access. This means that teachers can plan lessons, pupils can research and parents can also use the facility from anywhere.

Our Librarian, although a mere spring chicken, will be the first to admit that she is not the most technologically advanced person in the world and she has accepted Eclipse.net with open arms and embraced the fact that it has made her more mundane tasks a breeze and has given her already well looked after and lovely Library a much wider, interactive audience. She no longer has to worry about backing up, as this is done nightly by Micro Librarian Systems. We are only in the infant stage of our development but Eclipse.net has launched us forward in leaps and bounds. We both see this as a major enhancement to our Kaleidos Portal\VLE and as it is now hosted by Micro Librarian Systems we no longer have to worry about it not being available if we have a problem with our servers.

Our next step is to give it to the readers!!!!

Ernesford Grange Community School - Librarian:

With Eclipse.net Hosted the whole home page comes alive with swirling dancing front book covers in fantastic colours. Other excellent features include Book of the Week, The Cloud, Top Ten and many more. Thus enabling the students to access all the books in the Library to read reviews, research key words, reserve books etc. Also with the very hi-tech Identikit system, there is no need for cards etc just their thumbs, students have fun looking at their prints on screen. The Library is widely used by staff and students and it is a joy to have exciting new technology at our finger tips. The hosted version now allows parents and pupils to access the system from home, and indeed anywhere in the world! I look forward to having the children review the books, be able to reserve books and see all that the Library has to offer, from the comfort of their own homes!