

# New PDST Technology in Education website includes over 100 good practice videos

The Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) recently launched a new *Technology in Education* website to provide teachers and school leaders with access to the latest news, resources and courses about digital technology in teaching, learning and assessment.

As you start the new school year, we invite you to spend some time exploring our website, watching or sharing a video with a colleague, or enrolling in one of our online courses. You can access the website at [pdst.ie](http://pdst.ie).

## Navigating the website

The website has three sections:

- **Courses & Practice:** Find all our online courses, good practice videos and digital learning resources.
- **Projects & Initiatives:** Read about our key initiatives, such as *Scoilnet* and *Webwise*, as well as the latest updates on our European and other digital learning projects.
- **Technology & Infrastructure:** Learn about digital infrastructure, including broadband, Wi-Fi and how to purchase devices.

## Good practice videos

The PDST has produced many good practice videos over the years for inclusion in our online courses and as stand-alone learning resources.

In the videos, teachers and school

leaders share their experiences and advice about implementing digital technologies across a range of school settings from small rural, multigrade schools to large urban schools.

To access the good practice videos directly, scan the QR code.



## New filtering tool

As we have over 100 videos on the website, we've created a new search tool to make it easier to find what you are looking for.

To filter search results, complete the following steps:

1. Go to the website: [pdst.ie](http://pdst.ie).
2. Click **Courses & Practice**.
3. Click **Good Practice Videos**.
4. In the left pane, from the **Categories** menu, select one of the following:



Images from good practice videos

- **Teaching & Learning:** to view videos on topics such as coding, collaboration, assessment tools, digital storytelling, digital video and many more.
  - **Leadership & Management:** to view interviews with school leaders and digital learning coordinators on how they lead and support digital learning in their schools.
5. Click **SEARCH VIDEOS**.
  6. In the upper right of the results page, from the **Videos in All Languages** menu, you can select **English** or **Gaeilge**. Select **Gaeilge** to show only videos produced in Gaelscoileanna.

## Other supports

- **Online Courses:** Now available 24/7 throughout the school year. Check out our new online course on Cyberbullying designed with *Webwise*.
- **Blended Learning Toolkit:** Everything you need to know about blended learning and how to go about it.
- **Technical and Purchasing Considerations:** Information to assist schools in purchasing fit-for-purpose ICT.
- **Networking and Wi-Fi:** Information and advice about purchasing or upgrading school Wi-Fi systems.

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## marks return to school with launch of new podcasts

RTÉjr have launched a number of new podcasts and radio shows to mark the return to school. Here we look at two new shows to listen to in September:

**The Kids Are All Right!** is a show for primary school kids from 1st to 4th class that's all about health, happiness and wellness. Michelle and her puppet co-presenters, Buster and Buddy, are on a mission to help kids feel great and live happy!

They speak with experts who've the best advice and tons of experience to share, as well as hearing directly from the kids of Ireland on the topics of the day.

Covering anything and everything that affects kids' sense of happiness and

wellness from bullying to our climate, the kids learn lots of takeaway tools and techniques to deal with life's challenges and live happy in their everyday lives.

**Stop the Bus** pulls into the stop inviting children to hop on board, spin the wheel and choose a letter at random. Every letter offers a window into people, places and things that can start conversations in the classroom beyond the podcast, as well as allowing children from Senior Infants up to hear the letters come to life.



RTÉjr will post new podcasts throughout the year, including brand new Irish language content for 5th and 6th class, comedy history for 2nd to 6th class and a whole lot more.

To find these new shows, simply search **RTÉ podcasts** wherever you get your podcasts.

