

Malmesbury CE Primary School, Wiltshire

Malmesbury CE Primary School is a larger than average Primary school which currently has 397 pupils on roll. They recently moved into a new building which then gave them the opportunity to really think carefully about the best possible educational environment they could create in order to promote effective learning for all pupils. They pride themselves on their Art, Music and ICT Provision, and were recently notified that they were in the top 5% of schools nationally in terms of the amount of progress their pupils make.



We asked Dan Oakes, Deputy Head at Malmesbury CE Primary School, why he decided to introduce ActivExpression into the school following a demonstration from Paul Brazier, Education Consultant; “We always strive to ensure that our learners are actively involved in lessons which really grab their imagination and enthusiasm. The response systems are quickly becoming a huge part of our drive to ensure maximum pupil engagement at all times. It has been a long time since anything has come along that has had such a potential to enhance classroom practice, and assessment for learning in a way that ActivExpression promises.”



One of the places that ActivExpression has proven a hit with the pupils is within SATs revision exercises which make the children excited and engaged.

Teachers can quickly see which concepts the class have fully understood and those that need to be re-addressed, by analyzing the data the handsets provide. The great thing is that all this is done behind the scenes so the children aren't embarrassed about taking part.

Everyone is involved with the benefit that children cannot copy answers from one another. Everything can be kept – if a child creates a brilliant sentence, or a fantastic descriptive word, it can all be saved and brought back for future lessons.

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