



Wisewood Community Primary School, Sheffield

Wisewood Community Primary School is situated in a residential area in the north west of the city, close to both Hillsborough and open countryside towards Loxley Common and Bradfield.

We are fortunate to be a small school that has approximately 165 children and the seven classes are housed in a modernised 1930's building, which was originally opened by the Lord Mayor T.H Alderman in 1932. Our classes consist of one class per year group from foundation stage to year 6.

As a school we pride ourselves in nurturing all children's strengths and to this end we have a very creative curriculum using the expertise of the Archers project and the use of the new Sports College facilities. We are also involved in the excellence in cities project providing an additional outlet for creative and personal, social, health and citizenship education. We pride ourselves in having an ICT suite with the latest facilities and are fortunate also to have a Promethean interactive white board and two additional PC'S per classroom. We also have Promethean white boards in all our shared teaching areas. This assists all our children to reach their full potential through a very creative curriculum.

Following LEB Partnership's Year 6 lesson in our school, I quickly realised the potential of the hand sets in engaging pupils that would not normally take part in lessons. Answers can be given anonymously so only the class teacher knows who has given an answer. This enables students to answer questions without the fear of getting things wrong in front of their peers. The class teacher is able to gain a quick and accurate picture of where the students are and what is required to move them forward. Also the students feel empowered and motivated in their personalised learning.

I have found that all students in our school whether they have special educational needs or are gifted and talented are excited and enthused when using the handsets in lessons. They are engaged and motivated fully throughout periods where the ActivExpression handsets are used. The children feel a sense of achievement and feel their opinion is valued and matters. This helps build self esteem and enables all to achieve no matter what level they are working at.

