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Sue Sentance
HE Academic
Teacher Trainer

Aug 29 2017, 22:20

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for a box of Bebras cards to use in KS2 (in return for filling in a quick questionnaire please!).

There are still some left so sign up here if you would like your own pack. Each pack contains 48 full colour A5 Laminated cards with a puzzle - and each puzzle relates to an area of computer science/computational thinking.

If you are not familiar with Bebras it's a free challenge that takes place online in November - sign up for that at http://bebras.uk. The cards are Bebras-like puzzles that you can do all year round.

They have just arrived and will be sent out next week (hopefully!). A PDF of all the cards will be on the Bebras site (http://bebras.uk) and also the answers to all the puzzles will be there too.

We really hope you like them and spread the word to other colleagues at other schools while there are still some left!

Sue Sentance

King's College London (the Bebras cards have been funded by Google).

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Phil Jackson
Master Teacher
FE Teacher

Aug 30 2017, 06:54

Hi Sue,

Thanks for the pdf, great idea.

Is there anyone around who could develop the pdf into a simple app or web app? I'd love to attempt these with my daughter but you know what they're like, they love that element of interactivity on a tablet.

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Gill Stables
Teacher (4-11)

Aug 30 2017, 06:54

I have applied!Thank you.

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Alison Phillips

Aug 30 2017, 06:54

Hope I can still get mine for our SEND secondary students, as requested?

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Claire Kuczma
Master Teacher
Teacher (11-18)

Aug 30 2017, 07:11

This is the kind of thing that I am working on for my BCS project - I am integrating tkinker - I am having a collection of puzzles and then timing how long it takes for the students to complete on of them Every lesson as a starter activity to engage them etc.

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Claire Kuczma
Master Teacher
Teacher (11-18)

Aug 30 2017, 07:14

I absolutely adore the Bebras programme and concept behind it - it's exactly what I think computational thinkng should be about. Ashe - are there any secondary versions of these cards or can these cards be used in a secondary classroom - Would add this to part three of my BCS as I am focusing on engaging "Do it now" learning and embedding computational thinking into every lesson.

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Claire Kuczma
Master Teacher
Teacher (11-18)

Aug 30 2017, 07:16

If I could ah w some for our low ability of there are any spare would very much appreciate it :)

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Sue Sentance
HE Academic
Teacher Trainer

Aug 30 2017, 07:50

Chris Roffey (who leads on Bebras in UK) is working on other ideas for the classroom so do watch out for these on the Bebras website. For example, soon teachers will be able to make your own self-marking quizzes.

Sue

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Claire Kuczma
Master Teacher
Teacher (11-18)

Aug 31 2017, 03:28

Ah this is fab. Thanks Sue :)

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Piers Casimir-

Sep 09 2017, 16:50

Can anyone share how it has worked for them at their school, please?

I am very interested in running it this year at our school...but don't feel I know much about it.

Mrowczynski
Teacher (4-11)
IT Professional

Sep 09 2017, 17:26

We ran Bebras for the first time last year at college. The students really enjoyed it. But they were 16!

...so I tried it out with my 5 year old and she loved it too. She wasn't amazing but I explained the problems and she pointed out the answers, it all helps :)

I'd definitely recommend it

Phil Jackson
Master Teacher
FE Teacher

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Sep 10 2017, 09:32

I tried it with one year 4 class last year. No preparation. Mixed ability (in all aspects - lit, math, computer, social skills). I asked the children to group themselves into 2s and 3s. One child with SEN worked on a different activity with Teaching assistant- tried it then moved on).

Lise Bosher
Teacher (4-11)

Showed them one puzzle from a previous year so chn could see how to look around, read, what sort of puzzling involved.

They loved it. I had never seen that class so engaged. Chn who would usually lose focus and find a reason to fall out with their group were managing to rise above whatever usually stopped them working.

A great big 'aww' when it was time to stop. I didn't help with any answers, just lots of encouragement and I did help with mechanics e.g. Scrolling down to read rest of question.

During the year subsequently I used past challenges a few times. Still engagement. But I found that the weaker students gave up more easily because they didn't know how to problem solve. Not my class so passed observation on but couldn't address it holistically, only in my Cs along with everything else!

So Bebras cards (download them if can't get a set) and promised interactive stepping-stone problems are great.

The children who scored highest were the children most brave (not knowledgeable) at having a go and using logic and own experience.

I did check with the school technician as recommended by Bebras. It was fine and the whole thing much easier to manage than I had imagined. Enormous interest for the kids. And it did encourage quite a few to be braver about experimenting in other computer activities.

Do it!

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Sep 10 2017, 10:28

Thank you for a brilliant post. Piers.

Piers Casimir-Mrowczynski
Teacher (4-11)
IT Professional

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Sep 11 2017, 05:49

Got our pack last week and just planning which we're going to use where with yr 7 and 8 as starters and home learning tasks - thank you!

Alison Phillips

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Sep 12 2017, 07:52

I am planning to use mine in the hall with groups or pairs around tables, with an answer sheet for them to fill in. I intend to leave a mixture of levels of cards on each table and let them know the scoring method (as per the online version). Judging by the enthusiasm I have from my whole school (I put year 3 - 6 in for this competition every year and have done since it started) this will be a very well received lesson and a good reminder of the style of questions used online. Thanks for the cards!

Barbara Thompson
Teacher (4-11)

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Sep 12 2017, 08:06

That's excellent Barbara thank you. We hope the rest of the cards will be sent out by the end of this week if you are still waiting - there was a little delay, sorry :(

Sue

NB - not too late to sign up to the competition from 6-17 November http://bebras.uk

Sue Sentance
HE Academic
Teacher Trainer

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Sep 12 2017, 18:30

Hi there!

Quick plea - I need a password to download the PDF of answers for the cards and I think I threw away the letter! Can anyone help me?

Many Thanks in advance! Amy

Amy Box
Teacher (4-11)
IT Professional

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Sep 13 2017, 14:22

Hi Amy

The password you require is Algorithm

Chris

Chris Roffey
Teacher (11-18)
Author

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Sep 24 2017, 08:22

Looking forward to using mine too. Going to try them with my top set Maths in year 6 to consolidate mastery skills as excellent for problem solving.

Jo Hodge
Master Teacher
Hub Leader
2 more

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