# **Padlet**



This is an online application 'a blank sheet of paper' that allows students to express their ideas on a given topic. Padlet allows students to post content relevant to a topic e.g. images, text, video, audio.

Padlet is a great way of getting students to collaborate in a non-threatening way. There are numerous ways Padlet can be used within the classroom context. For example a discussion forum, brainstorming tool, to save ideas, to keep notes, to share useful online links, to give homework, to gather instant feedback, to write book reviews, to share success criteria, as a suggestion box, summarising student learning and expressing post points of view.

- Before class the teacher creates a Padlet using www.padlet.com. The teacher posts a question/problem/activity on the wall depending on the learning intention
- The teacher then shares this link with the class. This can be done by emailing the link to every child in the class or sharing it with them using the share feature on the Padlet wall.
- The students then access Padlet in class.
- Allow students time to respond to the question or other activity set by the teacher (10-15mins).
- While students are answering the question the teacher projects the Padlet wall on the screen to allow the students read other comments as they are entered.
- Students post to the wall as many times as they like and are encouraged to respond to posts as they appear on the wall.

## **Tips**

- The teacher can arrange students in pairs to support discussion, literacy abilities, etc.
- Search online using 'Padlet' and 'Teaching ideas' you will find a large number of ideas for using Padlet in the classroom.

# **Key Skills**

- Managing information and thinking
- Managing myself
- Communicating
- Being literate
- Being creative
- Working with others

### Resources

- IT room
- PC/Smart phone/Tablet

## **Room Layout**

If using groups, arrange students in groups of 2

## **Assessment**

Assess for understanding by observing students' responses using these for forward planning. Feedback from responses can inform future planning.

# **Supporting Homework**

Homework can be supported through the work done in class on Padlet. Alternatively Padlet can be used as a homework exercise in itself where students respond to a homework question on Padlet.





Further reading and support on implementing this strategy is available on www.jct.ie