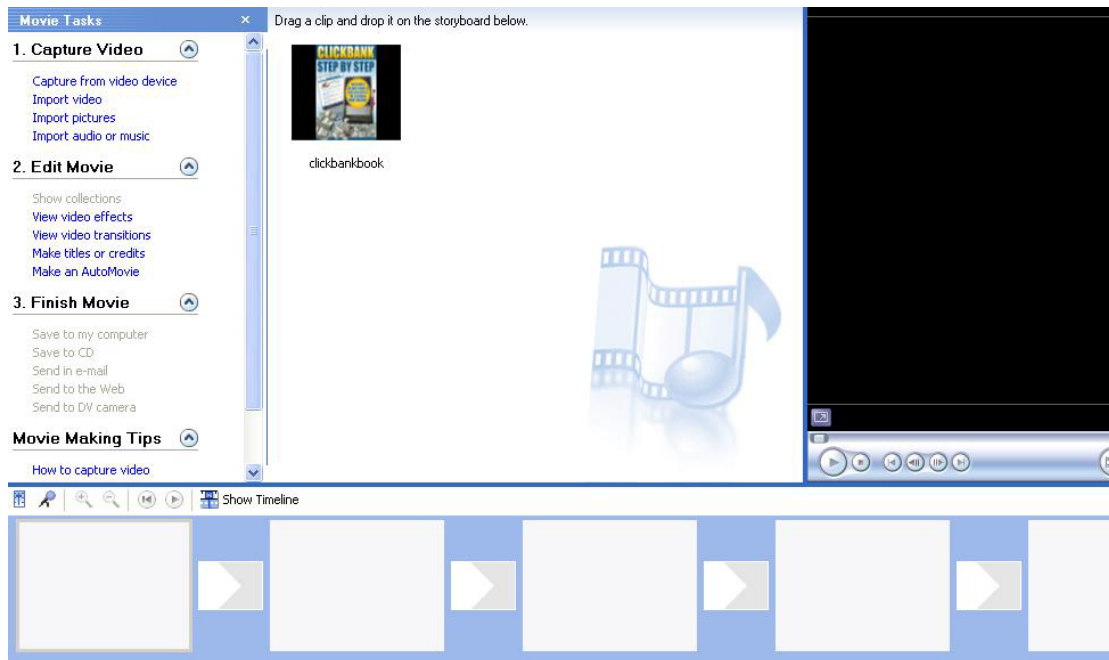




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Make A Movie 2009 Rules And Guidance



Competition Rules

1. Only one entry is permitted from any school.
We would encourage you to hold your own internal competition.
2. Children can work in groups of 4-6 or as a single class project.
3. The finished movie should preferably be in avi format – this is the movie file format used by Windows Movie Maker.
4. We will accept movies in other formats.
5. Films should be up to a maximum of 5 minutes in length.
6. In this first year we will also accept **completed storyboards** instead of movie files.
7. **Movies do not have to be made from video clips** they can be compiled using images downloaded from the web (check copyright first) or drawings scanned onto the computer.

The aim of the competition is to:

- Stimulate innovative teaching and learning.
- Develop and encourage ICT skills.
- Encourage creativity.
- Promote collaborative learning as demonstrated by models like the Critical Skills Programme.
- Foster self-esteem and confidence.
- Raise levels of aspiration.
- Celebrate good practice and student achievement.
- Have fun while learning.
- Provide a challenging focus for honing writing skills.

Working in Groups/Teams



Collaborative group work can be immensely powerful. Children need to acquire interpersonal skills and the ability to organise and manage resources, skills and time. Having been actively involved in introducing the Critical Skills Programme into schools in Wales I am absolutely convinced of the value of collaborative group work.

The ‘Make a Movie Competition’ is designed in part as a task children have to undertake together. If you want to know more about the Critical Skills programme visit www.criticalskills.co.uk

Perhaps a more exciting reason for promoting group work is that we intend hosting a BAFTA style event for the 8 winning schools at a local venue. For this to succeed we need your support. We even envisage giving our version of the Oscar – possibly called a Marcie!

'Make A Movie' Design Process.

- 1. The Idea** – The theme this year is *'My Horrible Holiday'*. Children could hold a brainstorming session in groups. Movies do not need to be rooted in reality so this is an opportunity for students to let their imagination run riot. How many Roald Dahls are waiting to be discovered? For example, what if all the waiters in the hotel were vampires or the pool was full of sharks?
- 2. The Script/Plot** – Ideas now need to be shaped into a script or storyline. The storyline will form the basis of the next and arguably, most important stage, the storyboard.
- 3. The Storyboard** – This is where the artists can excel. Most children are familiar with storyboard formats via comics and magazines. We have provided you with a sample storyboard template you may use if you wish. Storyboards should include any frame texts or caption plus the dialogue.



There are no restrictions on size, length or layout of storyboards but they must include narrative and/or dialogue.

"We do not want to restrict this competition to ICT buffs only! Art and language skills are equally as important elements. That is why we will accept completed storyboards as valid entries in this first year".

If you would like to create a completed video but ICT is not your thing then please check your email for details of a free introductory course on creating movies with Windows Movie Maker at a school near you.

Also visit:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/moviemaker/create/default.aspx> for tutorials on how to:

1. Use special features to polish your video.
2. Add transitions and special effects.
3. Add titles and credits.
4. Add music.
5. Add narration.
6. How to save your movie in different formats.

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