

#edchatie Number 64



A weekly discussion by Irish educators. This week saw the first [#edchatie](#) of the new school year (2012-2013) held on Monday night, 27th August, from 8.30pm-9.30pm. This week's topic: "Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't?"



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[cvbraryman1](#) 19 hours ago



RT [@cesitweets](#): Fáilte ar ais go [#edchatie](#) anocht. Join the discussion at 8.30pm tonight. "Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't?"

[fboss](#) 19 hours ago



RT [@fboss](#): The [#edchatie](#) votes are in & tonight's discussion topic: Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't? See you online [@8.30pm](#)

[MaurMc](#) 16 hours ago



MT [@fboss](#): Share the [#edchatie](#) poster with colleagues in school by downloading it from the wiki here: <http://t.co/FWToMz61>

[levdavidovic](#) 16 hours ago



Only 20 more minutes until the very first [#edchatie](#) of the new school year - "Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't?"

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



[@fboss](#) Fred do you have a link handy to forward on to teachers new to [#edchatie](#) on twitter? Hope to be along later myself.

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 15 hours ago



• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) Try the site: <http://t.co/zA3SNLLr> and also the poster: <http://t.co/gQFjeJHg> [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• RT [@fboss](#): In 10 minutes take part in the very first [#edchatie](#) of the new school year - "Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't?"

[gravesle](#) 15 hours ago



• Will join [#edchatie](#) a bit late tonight...Kinvara U16 match just gone into extra time ;)

[catherinecronin](#) 15 hours ago



• Tea and choccy treats in hand ready for the 1st [#edchatie](#) of the new school year on "Classroom layout and organisation - What works?"

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) Chocolate, I knew I had forgotten something! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• For those who might be new OR rusty to Twitter Chats - don't forget, when you Tweet to add in the hashtag [#edchatie](#) each time

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) Start as you mean to go on. You'll need your sugar fixes for the year ahead on [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



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• [#edchatie](#) have 5th class, 30 kids can't decide what way to organise tables? Any tips?

[droghedafoodie](#) 15 hours ago



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[okeeffefiddle](#) 15 hours ago



• Welcome to the very first [#edchatie](#) of the new school year. But, as usual, before we begin, please introduce yourself to everyone

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@droghedafoodie](#) That's gas, I have 5th class with 30 kids as well! Went in today and I've done 3 groups of 6 & 3 groups of 4 [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• [@droghedafoodie](#) Dictate a different format every week for x weeks. Have them vote at end of trial. [#edchatie](#)

[saorog](#) 15 hours ago



• Hello everyone, just started back today. secondary Irish teacher [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



• Damien in Sligo, primary teacher starting back to school on Thursday [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



• Nigel, 5th class teacher (after a 4 year stint in 6th), Naas. [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• I have 28 5/6 th class- Mary here. Tiny room- cant even fit n all desks plus a Heathfield table n chair for a child. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



[#EdChatie](#) Hi all, Trevor in Dublin teaching History & English at second level. Haven't fired up tweetdeck in a while!

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 15 hours ago

- [Content from Twitter](#)



• Hi all!!Edel,Teacher of History&Rel Ed in Drogheda [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 15 hours ago



• John in Mayo [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 15 hours ago



• Use Tweetchat to follow busy [#edchatie](#) chats, just enter the hashtag and it will do the rest: <http://t.co/JNdmDQrW> [#edchatie](#)

[saorog](#) 15 hours ago



• Fred Boss, Art teacher, working in Teacher Prof. Dev in ICT with NCTE (now PDST) <- love alphabet spaghetti :-) Welcome along all [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• Bryan in Laois teaching 4th/5th/6th [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 15 hours ago



• Mary, North Wicklow, primary teacher, new to this, so will probably just listen in this week [#edchatie](#)

[merrybeau1](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) it's my first time to teach 5th and first time to teach girls, new school, amalgamation [#edchatie](#)

[droghedafoodie](#) 15 hours ago



• I've got 30 this year and went for 3 groups of 8 and one of 6 in order to free up as much space as possible for a Learning Space [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



So, anyone out there a fan of seating students in rows? [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• [@merrybeau1](#) Hi Mary- great to see someone new to twitter involved- well done:-) [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



• [@droghedafoodie](#) I've had 5th before, just one year a few years ago. it's a nice level [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NL 84 @droghedafoodie](#) have 31 couldn't decide best layout. Read b4 that boys learn best in rows , girls unaffected. [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 15 hours ago



• Maggie, Primary teacher working in resource. Will be dipping in and out tonight :) [#edchatie](#)

[MaggieMulrine](#) 15 hours ago



• hi from Kinvara - Máire starting back at end of week with 33 5th class and new classroom not ready yet so going into laptop room [#edchatie](#)

[okeeffiddle](#) 15 hours ago



• Hi all Susan here from Donegal [#edchatie](#)

[SusancMcCarthy](#) 15 hours ago



• great to see some new avatars on [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 15 hours ago



• I kept changing room last year from rows, to pairs to groups. All have their purpose, not sure which works best. Will listen in [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



• Hello all, working in Cork, art teacher second level [#edchatIE](#)

[kittyposullivan](#) 15 hours ago



[@seomraranga](#) I might try that one actually, could do with a bit more free space. I'll have tomorrow b4 the kids are back! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• When Tweeting, don't forget the [#edchatie](#) hashtag - All Tweets will be collated & available tomorrow over at: <http://t.co/i35TU65e>

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NL 84](#) had tricky all boys class b4 , rows worked [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 15 hours ago



• [#EdChatie](#) Not a fan of rows but needs must and space is at a premium with class numbers swelling. Options are limited imo.

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 15 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) If u have 8 tog, is there a lot of talking? And not n a good way! [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



• [@merrybeau1](#) Hi Mary, please feel free to add to the discussion as you want. Looking forward to hearing your ideas too [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) sorry I'm late, Evelyn, secondary teacher of English in Claremorris. I'm a fan of seating in groups but at times it's not ideal.

[evelynoconnor](#) 15 hours ago



• [@olaoinsigh](#) towards the end of last yr I had mine in rows and it worked well, all boys, 6th class. [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) I'm very strict!! [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



RT [@johnmayo](#): great to see some new avatars on [#edchatie](#) <- Have to agree with [@johnmayo](#) on that one

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) agreed! how do u manage group activities ? [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 15 hours ago



• Any second language teachers got recommendations with emphasis on oral work? [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NewEnglishIRL](#) boooooo! ;-) former PBS student here! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NL 84](#) [@olaoinsigh](#) I'm not a fan of rows - I think its anti-social! [#edchatie](#) I know they're not supposed to be socialising but !!

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



• [@kittyposullivan](#) Hi there - art teacher too - how do you lay out your calssroom - I was always experimenting during the year [#edchatie](#)

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• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) I find that I haven't a choice..its rows or nothing!! [#edchatie](#) The room is not the biggest so gotta go with it!!

[MsTumelty](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NL 84](#) I've seen classrooms where rows have worked effectively, there's space at other end of room for group activities [#edchatie](#)

[subkitem](#) 15 hours ago



• [@olaoinsigh](#) [#EdChatie](#) I don't mind rearranging for group work but would prefer another solution.

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 15 hours ago



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• [@olaoinsigh](#) [@NL_84](#) I find rows take up too much space. I have a fireplace n my room, and it's really tiny- not many options:-([#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) I agree, found groups of 6 worked best [#edchatie](#)

[SusancMcCarthy](#) 15 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) Yes, rows doesn't mean they can't be flexible. [#edchatie](#)

[NL_84](#) 15 hours ago



• Forgot [#edchatie](#) Deirdre Galway Sub

[subkiteu](#) 15 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) I teach in a mixed ability setting and find having four pupils at a group table quite effective for peer assessment and group work

[NewEnglishIRL](#) 15 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) [@NL_84](#) [@olaoinsigh](#) neither am I-but unfortunately sometimes the size of the classroom doesn't allow for anything else [#edchatie](#)

[MaggieMulrine](#) 15 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [@olaoinsigh](#) A fireplace?? [#edchatie](#)

[NL_84](#) 15 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Give kids dimensions of room and amount of desks/chairs to fit in and let them design a space to see what they'd come up with.

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



• So, looking at the tweets on [#edchatie](#) so far, it looks like we are trying to be flexible & arrange class to suit delivery method? Thoughts?

fboss 15 hours ago



• [@nl_84](#) never liked rows myself - like getting children to suggest how tables/ chairs can be laid out sometimes they have grt ideas [#edchatie](#)

okeeffefiddle 15 hours ago



• Pam in Tipp. By next week I'll be back in routine and will make it in time :-)[#Edchatie](#)

pamelaobrien 15 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [#EdChatie](#) too many blind spots in alternative set ups for me. Great when working with smaller groups esp seniors.

ConnollyTrevor 15 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) how do you work your class library? 5th class teacher, co-ed

droghedafoodie 15 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) exactly in a group of chatters its easy 2do intro, use IWB etc then move them off 2another part of room for rest of lesson [#edchatie](#)

subkiteu 15 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Brid late , english teacher and DP heres a pic of my layout! <http://t.co/JkukY9sa>



[brigidcannon](#) 15 hours ago



• Does anyone else find themselves changing the classroom quite a bit as you get to know the children? [#edchatie](#)

[SusancMcCarthy](#) 15 hours ago



• [@NewEnglishIRL](#) Are they facing each other with the whiteboard to their side? [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



• [@SusancMcCarthy](#) [#edchatie](#) I think it's great to change a few times a year, maybe every term.

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



• [@SusancMcCarthy](#) absolutely - I change the room at least once a term [#edchatie](#)

[MaggieMulrine](#) 15 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) I like that but having different classes/ groups/ years? [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



- In my experience, groups make a better classroom & easier collaboration, but rows are sometimes necessary and/or a better choice. [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



- [@NL_84](#) [@olaoinsigh](#) School built n 1937- all 4 rooms have fireplaces! If we can't afford oil..... [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) Cormac in Cork. Dippin in n out 2nite. I try to be flexible and ask kids for ideas. Thinking of investing in big bean bags dis yr

[CosmicCork](#) 15 hours ago



- [@SusancMcCarthy](#) Change is certainly easier when you know the classes, students can get pretty excited about a new layout. [#EdChatie](#)

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 15 hours ago



- [@NL_84](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) [@olaoinsigh](#) I've subbed in some tiny rooms where no one has a choice of how talbots go. Just fit them in [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 15 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) mark glynn, iot sector

[glynnmark](#) 15 hours ago



- [@NL_84](#) sometimes it depends on the dynamics of the class [#edchatie](#)

[MaggieMulrine](#) 15 hours ago



- Things to consider - kids facing board, left handers, kids with poor sight, messers etc Any other considerations? [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



- [@fboss](#) start year in rows. Tables (large) are easy to move, train students to change layout for life drawing etc works well [#edchatIE](#)

[kittyposullivan](#) 15 hours ago



• [@SusancMcCarthy](#) Absolutely! [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) That's a great idea- I love that! A budding engineer might come up with something.... [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



• [@CosmicCork](#) I want to make sme any ideas where to get filling? [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 15 hours ago



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• Would change artroom from working in rows (trestle tables) to a circle to interlocking "C" shapes to try to make best use of room [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@brighidcannon](#) nice big room! Like the layout too! [#edchatie](#)

[evelynconnor](#) 15 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) [@MaggieMulrine](#) Phew not just me then :) [#edchatie](#)

[SusancMcCarthy](#) 15 hours ago



• I went to usual rows (still with trestle tables for "Art History" - the book learning side of the course [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@CosmicCork](#) Believe it or not large bean bags are very expensive! I think it cost me €60-70 just for a bag of filler this year! [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



[@seomraranga](#) too close to radiator, window, door... [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 15 hours ago



• [@Potuama](#) yes I would rotate pupils 3/4 times a year so class friendships can grow and so nobody feels like they have a 'bad' seat [#edchatie](#)

[NewEnglishIRL](#) 15 hours ago



• [@brighidcannon](#) God - look at the size of the room! [#edchatie](#) [#titanic](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



• [@kittyposullivan](#) Have a feeling diagrams of class layouts are needed for [#edchatie](#) tonight

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) thanks! I was lucky to have a really big room. Not so now, like to change it around a bit. [#edchatie](#)

[brighidcannon](#) 15 hours ago



• [@droghedafoodie](#) 3 levels of differentiated material, easy, medium and advanced [#edchatie](#)

[mprabb1](#) 15 hours ago



• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) [#edchatie](#) cool, it's all about the context isn't it? No one layout works for all groups, moving each class wastes time!

[evelynoconnor](#) 15 hours ago



• [@SusancMcCarthy](#) Or changing the children around too! I don't have groupings with their back to me or to IWB. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) It's a great exercise to tie in with mapping work in Geography! [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) I use pairs teach business and maths great for pairing students that will support one another brill for accounts [#edchatie](#)

[ACheeseBoard](#) 15 hours ago



- Have to say, I like the Primary idea of using stations & rotating classes - might work for doubles in secondary? [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) I'd be of your mentality. Smaller number in my room but they're infants so maximising space is NB [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 15 hours ago



- [@brighidcannon](#) [@evelynococonnor](#) wow!! Eyes agog at the size of the room! [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 15 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) what about kids who don't get on with each other or subtle bullying situations where need to keep certain kids apart [#edchatie](#)

[okeeffeffiddle](#) 15 hours ago



- [@m2thefizzle](#) Liking the thought that the kids can bring you a sod of turf :-> [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 15 hours ago



- [@brighidcannon](#) great layout!!unfortunately my room doesn't allow for that,can just about get 30desks in [#edchatie](#) so little flexibility

[MsTumelty](#) 15 hours ago



- RT [@seomraranga](#): [#edchatie](#) Give kids dimensions of room and amount of desks/chairs to fit in and let them design a space to see what they'd come up with.

[pamelaaoobrien](#) 15 hours ago



- Have people seen this site? Some ideas for various seating arrangements. Some strange ones in there! [#edchatie](#) <http://t.co/xxaJ0B9U>

[NL 84](#) 15 hours ago



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- If you have the flexibility within a space change seating, or move diff lesson to diff spaces. Alas not possible in most schools [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 15 hours ago



- [@fboss](#) Any suggestions with regard to Computers? I prefer to be able to see the screens! [#edchatie](#)

[caramcdermott](#) 15 hours ago



- [@okeeffefiddle](#) And the parent who comes in after you've spent ages arranging kids in suitable places asking for them to be moved! [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 15 hours ago



- [@NL 84](#) Agreed. I think you have to base it on the space, numbers and group dynamic you're working with. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 15 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) Chn with sp needs n the room need to b able to have direct vision of teacher- not to the side, I find. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 15 hours ago



- Not sure if he mentioned it, but [@seomraranga](#) has employed beanbags after [#ictedu](#) conference: <http://t.co/nA1nJhE6> [#edchatie](#)

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- [@SusancMcCarthy](#) I change seating plans etc everyterm for everyclass 1st to 6th yr,without fail [#edchatie](#) I find it works really well always

[MsTumelty](#) 15 hours ago



- [@NL 84](#) must look at that later! [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 15 hours ago



- RT [@m2thefizzle](#): Chn with sp needs n the room need to b able to have direct vision of teacher- not to the side [#edchatie](#) >> Agreed

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[caramcdermott](#) 15 hours ago



• At SHP this year @MrsThorne gave a great example how she uses a wardrobe as a Big Brother diary room to assist learning #edchatie

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• @caramcdermott In that case, PCs always at the back (or sides) of the room facing the teacher, I think. #edchatie

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• @ConnollyTrevor Is there an option for a combination of some groups, some rows? Best of both worlds? #edchatie

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• @okeeffiddle @seomraranga condier child with dyspraxia who needs extra space, A child who needs space, quiet... #edchatie

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• @m2thefizzle @NL_84 @olaoinsigh Thats the same with all the prim schools around me,nearest one built in 1897!! #edchatie

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• @caramcdermott Thanks for mention. I've arranged a similar space for my 6th class. Not sure how they'll react!! #edchatie

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• @MaggieMulrine @NL_84 Dynamic is vital, I find that in second level #edchatie

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• @glynnmark Hi Mark & welcome along. Can you adjust your learning environment in lecture halls @ 3rd level? #edchatie

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Wow, things are flying tonight- agree with [@evelynconnor](#) it's horses for courses at 2nd level "it's all about the context".

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 14 hours ago



• I think a room needs to be as bright as possible and a good temp. Nothing worse than a room which is too hot! [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) we've no control over that in our place... When it's on, it's on!!!! [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Ideally, you'd love to have "areas" (nature, science, writing, reading etc) but Irish classrooms are not big enough.

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• What about computers ect... How do you handle them in a small room? [#edchatie](#) any room?

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• Tom kelley of IDEO had some great ideas on classroom change in 1 of his books ,can't remember which one though <http://t.co/kWoHBKAe> [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) hard at start of year to know all the dynamics of new class - I tend to "swap" places every 2 or 3 wks - kids love it [#edchatie](#)

[okeeffefiddle](#) 14 hours ago



• [@caramcdermott](#) [@fboss](#) zat top so they can see what I'm doing and I can see what they're doing less chance of damage too [#edchatie](#)

[ACheeseBoard](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) depends on creativity of teacher. I built a tunnel and a caravel in one of my classrooms]

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [@brighidcannon](#) Agree! It looks massive - lots of potential there [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@evelynconnor](#) [@ConnollyTrevor](#) It defo all depends on size junior sch I have 30 in most classes...easier with seniors [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) diagrams would be good! Art room is big. Tables are 2 seater classroom tables, easy to move and helps stdts to work 2gether [#edchatIE](#)

[kittyposullivan](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) what about the rich print environment. I've seen some classes overloaded with things on the wall. Confusing?

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) I've also made my teacher's desk redundant in order to try to make some more room!

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) [@susancmccarthy](#) Think this is a good idea. Keeps things fresh. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) [@MaggieMulrine](#) [@MsTumelty](#) [#edchatie](#) do ye have fixed seating for second level or do ye mix it up???

[evelynconnor](#) 14 hours ago



• [@ACheeseBoard](#) [@fboss](#) I find it's a little more reassuring to me and the student. [#edchatie](#)

[caramcdermott](#) 14 hours ago



• [@caramcdermott](#) [@fboss](#) [@seomraranga](#) B.y.o.s bring your own seat, [#edchatie](#) a new twist on byod

[glynnmark](#) 14 hours ago



I think we need images of classrooms to be shared over the [#edchatie](#) hashtag in the next week (before kids take seats). Show your classroom

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[@johnmayo](#) a tunnel! Mad [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



[@subkiteu](#) I really dislike walls that are too busy! I need it to look neat! If it's not a right angle it's a wrong angle! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



remember the nature table! anyone still have one - no room in my class at mo [#edchatie](#)

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[@fboss](#) [@glynnmark](#) sometimes hard to make changes in 3rd level unless in tutorial rooms. Labs and lecture theatres hard to change [#Edchatie](#)

[pamelaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



[@evelynconnor](#) If you mean assigned seats - I do until I know names but change it around after that. [#edchatie](#)

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) great idea Fred, could they be collated in a Flickr album or something like that? [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NL 84](#) interesting. The angle wouldn't bother me if it was off for the right topic or reason [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@ConnollyTrevor](#) I agree - all depends on the class group & dynamics & what you want to do that defines room layout [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@fboss](#): I think we need images of classrooms shared over the [#edchatie](#) hashtag in the next week (before kids take seats). Great Idea!

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) Agreed. Am spoiled by Irish standards but could easily use twice the space! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@ConnollyTrevor](#) [@MaggieMulrine](#) I always give them fixed seats for Jnr classes and change every term [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@okeeffefiddle](#) I had a nature table last year and the younger kids still love it! [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [@irasocol](#) -> we're back with [#edchatie](#) discussing a topic close to your heart = classroom layout for the new school year on [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@Potuama](#) I hear ya! All depends on the age of the building etc.. [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@ConnollyTrevor](#) [#edchatie](#) yep, that's what I meant.

[evelynoconnor](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) Good idea- I'm arranging mine tomorrow- will take a pic! [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) [@fboss](#) think we would learn so much from having a peek in others classrooms, very exciting idea!! [#edchatie](#)

[droghedafoodie](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@fboss](#): The very first [#edchatie](#) of the new school year starts in 3 mins & is on "Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't?"

[TICalculators](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) It's good to mix it up. Students get stuck in a rut too altho i know space doesnt always allow!

[brighidcannon](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) [@fboss](#) I'd be willing to put them in a Flickr album on the Seomra Ranga Flickr page [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) Everyone can add their classroom layout image/photo to [#edchatie](#) over this starting week. Would be good to see them all!

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@ConnollyTrevor](#) [@MaggieMulrine](#) I don't let them sit where they want...seniors it depends on if working or not [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) ditto [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) I think print in the environment has to serve a purpose and be age appropriate. Agree there is such a thing as too much [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• I used have teachers desk at back of room but now with smartboard and laptop that has changed with all the wiring etc now static [#edchatie](#)

[okeeffeffiddle](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) It's not just you. I know plenty who are the same [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@brighidcannon](#) "Yoga Class" - OK - officially jealous now! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Print rich.. Key words around the whiteboard can work well.

[brighidcannon](#) 14 hours ago



• pamelaaobrien [@fboss](#) [@glynnmark](#) All my classes in 1 room but shared with other teachers - difficult to instigate anything radical. [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) [#edchatie](#) Just no space with the amount of furniture needed on hand for the larger classes.

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 14 hours ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) had a number of classrooms from around the world in a link during the week [#edchatie](#)

[johnmavo](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Kathleen Byrne Teaching Principal Dublin

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



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[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) [@SusancMcCarthy](#) Defo and makes sure that everyone moves around so the same students don't get the back row etc [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@okeeffefiddle](#) there's another thing with IWBs etc being static it can be hard to change. Whiteboards on wheels r great [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• Teacher of English, teacher of History, arriving late [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



• A teacher desk is not something you hide behind but take off from [#edchatie](#)

[johnmavo](#) 14 hours ago



• big fan of sitting children in 3's but not always possible , great for co-operative groups [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 14 hours ago



• I've always changed places on the first day of each month. In June, they get to sit n a seat of their choice [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 14 hours ago



• It's not just how a classroom looks, its how a classroom feels. [#edchatie](#)

[Primary Ed](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@seomraranga](#): [@NL_84](#) [@fboss](#) I'd be willing to put them in a Flickr album on the Seomra Ranga Flickr page [#edchatie](#) <- Please all - share!

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• Everyone's having a breather after a furious start to the 1st [#edchatie](#) of the new year!!

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) [@evelynconnor](#) [@connollytrevor](#) [@maggieulrinei](#) think you have to assign seats 4junior classes. Get them used to moving [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@evelynconnor](#) unfortunately its nothing like [@brighidcannon](#) classroom [#roomenvy](#) [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) Show me your journal! :D [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) [#edchatie](#) Agree with John, most of our teachers desks now sit to the side of the room, it certainly opens things up.

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@Primary_Ed](#): It's not just how a classroom looks, its how a classroom feels. [#edchatie](#) >> +1

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) Can you give an example? I like things straight and at right angles myself but am open to new ideas! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@Primary_Ed](#) thats so true! Atmosphere can be created and enhances learning. [#edchatie](#)

[brighidcannon](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) My teacher desk was the re-inforced one we all did our printing from in Art Class. Nothing else could hold presses [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@johnmayo](#): A teacher desk is not something you hide behind but take off from [#edchatie](#)

[MrMalcontent](#) 14 hours ago



• For what it's worth, I have always alphabetised juniors and let seniors sit where they like. [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) yeah flickr thing can be easily set up for this [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#)

[glvnnmark](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@m2thefizzle](#): I've always changed places on the first day of each month. In June, they get to sit in a seat of their choice [#edchatie](#)

[subkitem](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) due to large class sizes we sit in 3 large groups. But we make great use of the outdoors - painting, drama, meditation in the garden

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) same in my daughters school except teachers and students choose on alternate months [#edchatie](#)

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [@Primary_Ed](#) true, every1 raves about new buildings but I've seen a couple of older buildings with right person can be so inspiring [#edchatie](#)

[subkitem](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) rarely sit at it which is why it was great at back of room or off to the side leaving more space for children [#edchatie](#)

[okeeffefiddle](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) Think it's important for children to sit beside as many different people as possible during year. Develops social skills [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• At the halfway stage & it looks like we've talked a lot about our classroom layouts. If space not an issue - what would you like? [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) [@evelynoconnor](#) [@ConnollyTrevor](#) Also makes them converse with students in their class outside immediate friend group [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) bbc4 have a program on now about children with dyslexia

[AnseoAMuinteoir](#) 14 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) great idea re June! [#edchatie](#) I always found as a sub if they're good I might let them swop for certain classes [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) as [@seomraranga](#) said, ideally you would have areas or centres for various subjects/topics around the class [#edchatie](#)

[NL_84](#) 14 hours ago



• This is the Flickr page for the Classroom Displays website. Most are UK-based but it gives an idea <http://t.co/8LcmKIm0> [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Hi all primary teacher senior infants arriving late!

[jemjem1985](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) Which is why my class is a constant work in progress on layout! Trying to find best set up for a particular group. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• I have an L shaped row backed by an L shaped row, so some students are face on to the board and some are facing me in the corner [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



• REMEMEBER - extra treat at end of this [#edchatie](#) (courtesy of [@glynmark](#)) so stick around. Could use the resource @ a staff meeting [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@MsTumelty](#) [@evelynoconnor](#) [@connollytrevor](#) yes, picking groups for group work v important socially I feel [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) [@fboss](#) That's an excellent idea. Give a great vignette into Irish classrooms at a moment in time. [#edchatie](#)

[SusancMcCarthy](#) 14 hours ago



- [@NickiNiLuain](#) Its particularly important in first year I find, helps them interact more with new classmates [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



- [@NL_84](#) grt site.I wonder which style the kids would choose. Doesn't leave a lot of space for additional learning spaces though. [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



- quick fogra [@TheHeadsOffice](#) is looking for people to take part in 100WC project <http://t.co/Mb81H2SR> [#edchatie](#) [#gooddeeddone](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



- RT [@johnmayo](#): RT [@Primary_Ed](#): It's not just how a classroom looks, its how a classroom feels. [#edchatie](#) >> +1 +another 1

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- need to head here, great hearing what everyone was saying. Looking forward to seeing everyone's pics! [#edchatie](#)

[Potuama](#) 14 hours ago



- [@brighidcannon](#) [@fboss](#) Dear God- there's ANOTHER side too! So jealous! [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 14 hours ago



- [@NL_84](#) [@fboss](#) [@seomraranga](#) even if you had one space and changed the emphasis every month or so.. [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



- RT [@creativecommons](#): European Commission wants to hear from you on “Opening Up Education” - <http://t.co/pxHYCtkf> [#OER](#) [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



- [@ConnollyTrevor](#) I hear you. Space is a big factor. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



- [@pamelaaobrien](#) If you can't change the layout - what about changing where the students sit? [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- Antonia, primary teacher, Limerick- a tad late [#edchatie](#)

[Little Toni](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) [@fboss](#) in an ideal world I'd have smaller class sizes, not easy to work with 25+ in any shape.

[ConnollyTrevor](#) 14 hours ago



- [@katzb21](#) Most classrooms don't have much extra space unfortunately. Kids would prob choose the wackiest looking layout! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) does everyone at 2nd level have their own room? Hard to create atmosphere if you're sharing with many others i'd imagine.

[brighidcannon](#) 14 hours ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) what do you mean you alphabetised juniors? [#edchatie](#)

[jemiem1985](#) 14 hours ago



- tweetdeck is really slow picking up my [#edchatie](#) tweets

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@subkiteu](#): [@NL 84](#) [@fboss](#) [@seomraranga](#) even if you had one space and changed the emphasis every month or so.. [#edchatie](#) Great idea!

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• I've found Pinterest great for organisation ideas this year [#edchatie](#)

[Little Toni](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) I'd like if stds couldn't hide behind PCs in computer labs i.e. down in furthest unreadable corner. Some layouts worse

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) I agree - I think we'll always be moving furniture to suit all classes - shows they are cared for though! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@Primary_Ed](#): It's not just how a classroom looks, its how a classroom feels. [#edchatie](#)

[Sciencematters](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Sorry I'm late... trying to catch up with this lively chat!

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) [@fboss](#) [@seomraranga](#) great idea, nice to keep it fresh and up to date. [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@m2thefizzle](#): I've always changed places on the first day of each month. In June, they get to sit n a seat of their choice [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• How many take a class out of their base classroom and teach some els e.g gym or outside [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



[@catherinecronin](#) Hi Catherine, it's been a busy one so far! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NL 84](#) [@katzb21](#) I've bruises on my legs trying to get around tables. I kid you not. Very uncomfortable. Like battery chickens [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• I do that 2 [@m2thefizzle](#) With a multi-grade grp I constantly change between segregation & mix up. Keeps things interesting!! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• I use accordion type folders great for storing assessments, they take up v little space and are v private [#edchatie](#)

[Little Toni](#) 14 hours ago



• [@olaoinsigh](#) Could be a market for desks that allow for this? Design project perhaps? [#edchatie](#) (I miss the old trapezium desks!)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• Classroom portraits via [@brainpicker](#) [#edchatie](#) (cc [@johnmayo](#)) <http://t.co/SXKSFdMX>

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) [@Primary_Ed](#) Totally agree w/this. Atmosphere is underrated in schools [#edchatie](#)

[SusancMcCarthy](#) 14 hours ago



• Before Easter when weather was fine, I went outside to learn as often as I cud- science/ reading buddies/ etc Worked really well. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Problem with older kids is the desks/chairs are bigger, kids bigger, then bags, baskets, sports gear, hurleys, helmets etc.

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



RT [@seomraranga](#): The Flickr page for the Classroom Displays website. Most are UK-based but it gives an idea <http://t.co/QChHj8vq> [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) How did you do that & for what purpose?? Sounds cool!! ;-)
[#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• [@jemjem1985](#) put them in alphabetical order [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



• [@olaoinsigh](#) Obviously not trapeziums for 3s! Should have said that! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• Developing your classroom with the right ethos and learning atmosphere. <http://t.co/2VdNCWUJ> [#edchatie](#)

[Primary Ed](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) looking forward to using our outdoor amphitheatre this year!! New school [#edchatie](#)

[droghedafoodie](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) mainly smaller schools who don't have to book the halla, if they have one. They use that space [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) agree!! Hate all the clutter that comes with them, esp in a big group! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) absolutely!! hate tripping over hurleys! [#edchatie](#)

[NL_84](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) [#edchatie](#) It's great to take kids to hall, library or just outside for a lesson. The change of scene is great and it airs the room

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



I use fancy border pages to display kids work, label them with names in Sept & replace pages with new work, parents know where to look [#edchatie](#)

[Little Toni](#) 14 hours ago



[@Potuama](#) Don't worry - if you miss anything it'll all be captured tomorrow and available at <http://t.co/kU3XgaAD> [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



[@levdavidovic](#) Might do that initially, but with little ones in my room they need to mix with different children! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



[@seomraranga](#) [@johnmayo](#) I like when we have the weather for it, nothing worse than being stuck inside for months! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



[@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) can be difficult to get them to sit in different places but definitely want to try something different this year

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



[@okeeffefiddle](#) saw that. I've been in classrooms just like them in India, nothing on the walls, floor etc.. [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



[#edchatie](#) Found this tool useful when planning layout <http://t.co/6fO56aWM> Saves me a sore back rearranging the furniture.

[merrybeau1](#) 14 hours ago



[@levdavidovic](#) I just choose randomly until I know the dynamic of the class, who works best in certain locations etc for Juniors [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• Content from Twitter

[@NL_84](#) [@katzb21](#) "Kids would prob choose wackiest looking layout! "<-worth trying for one day? Let them say why it worked/didn't [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• I arrange desks so we have enough space left for circle time, kids bring in cushions, it's great for a break from sitting at tables [#edchatie](#)

[Little Toni](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) stripped my classroom back to a tabula rasa last week. I like how a classroom's visual can grow with the pupils [#edchatie](#) pic soon!

[NewEnglishIRL](#) 14 hours ago



• [@Primary_Ed](#) very true & that comes from a class culture! No money can buy positive, motivated, inspiring atmosphere! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) Yes! Also with my infants! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@catherinecronin](#) I'm trying to catch-up too (help!) [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) I am a fan of getting out if poss, outdoor ed very big in Scandinavia. Sorry I am late btw, playing catch up as always [#edchatie](#)

[magsamond](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Here's what my 7yr olds thought about the changes I made last year <http://t.co/IPSVZB4h>

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



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[NL_84](#) 14 hours ago



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[@seomraranga](#) Imagine how it is in second level..all boys..very difficult to find space/be creative with it in small room [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• Re: [#100wc](#), here is video invitation to [#edchatie](#) recorded by [@TheHeadsOffice](#) (for [@ICTedu](#) last May). Great project!

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) [@johnmayo](#) We don't have a hall, library or extra room at all. I'm sure loads of small schools n same position. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@NL_84](#) well if i'm brave enough to give it a whirl with 32 of them i'll let you know the results!! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



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[ICTedu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@pamelaaobrien](#) Can you put it on them to move? Maybe give them a Lottery-style choice that they have to change every few weeks? [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) Definately the friendships/connections they make in both infants/first yr impacts the rest of their school lives [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@nl_84](#) [@katzb21](#) I think we'd b surprised, kids want 2see IWB, esp if the lesson is interesting n they knw they'll b movin [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



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[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



- [@BridCarlow](#) some I follow has done this already [@Joga5](#) might remember who has the tent in his classroom [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



- [@katzb21](#) [@NL_84](#) You're on! Can't wait to hear what they & you thought! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) feel lucky, work in a computer lab, big with an almost empty centre, we can move desks and stools at will. Great flexispace.

[magsamond](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) Not only are we spoiled with a brand new school and all that entails, but at the mo there are empty rooms at our disposal.

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) I saw a US classroom where they had room for a sofa!! [#jealous](#)

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



- [@m2thefizzle](#) [@seomraranga](#) [@johnmayo](#) yes my experience too wit small schools. I love them lots flexibility for learning in them [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



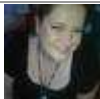
- [@fboss](#) might try something like that. Sick of having everyone right at the back of lecture hall as far away as possible [#edchatie](#)

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



- [@subkiteu](#) [@nl_84](#) [@katzb21](#) I think the kids want to "use" the IWB & not just see it - little fingers! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@magsamond](#) [@johnmayo](#) we go out all the time & we're up in the wild dub mtns. From maths/rse to tin whistle/science! Kids adore it! [#edchatie](#)

katzb21 14 hours ago



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[@pamelaobrien](#) [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) this is the Technology room that I use. Kids inspired by comfort and use of space <http://t.co/6zJFM69d>



LiamDunphy 14 hours ago



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+1 MT [@seomraranga](#): [#edchatie](#) Here's what my 7yr olds thought about New Learning Space last year <http://t.co/TznuA0Sf>

catherinecronin 14 hours ago



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wow, first time here, wish I was a fast reader! [#edchatIE](#)

kittyposullivan 14 hours ago



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[@johnmayo](#) we've timetabled laptop room + take class there once or twice a week - plan on IWB b4 going so kids know what they doing [#edchatie](#)

okeeffefiddle 14 hours ago



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[@NickiNiLuain](#) doesn't work in primary sure, know from own daughter that they're mixed and remixed regularly for socialisation etc [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



• [@LiamDunphy](#) Love the look of that technology room!! [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• [@LiamDunphy](#) [@pamelaobrien](#) That's unfair! :-) Great to hear from you again! You're making us jealous with that pic! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@LiamDunphy](#) [@fboss](#) mine are nothing like that unfortunately - hard to promote collaboration etc with rigid formats [#edchatie](#)

[pamelaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) surely this doesn't take personality or ability into account? is it not extremely restrictive? [#edchatie](#)

[jemjem1985](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) Good for their confidence too. Often pulls them out of their shells. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) brilliant!! I'm going to do that!!! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• [@magsamond](#) [@johnmayo](#) Outdoor Ed in Scandanavia - hope they dress well for those conditions :-) [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@pamelaobrien](#) [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) another view of my tech design studio. We avoid computer labs & go for innovative space <http://t.co/WK8MmPOV>



LiamDunphy 14 hours ago



• RT [@seomraranga](#): [#edchatie](#) I saw a US classroom where they had room for a sofa!! [#jealous](#)

NickiNiLuain 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) a sofa! Wow imagine having that amount of space to spare. Woooooowwwww [#edchatie](#)

subkiteu 14 hours ago



• [@sciencematters](#) agree totally atmosphere is THE most important thing in classroom [#edchatie](#)

okeefffiddle 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#): quick fogra [@TheHeadsOffice](#) is looking 4 people to take part in 100WC project <http://t.co/jm7wVFiz> [#edchatie](#) [#gooddeeddone](#)> TU!

TheHeadsOffice 14 hours ago



- [@catherinecronin](#) Hi Catherine - can you add in the link to the video invite. Think the [#100wc](#) is a great project [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@LiamDunphy](#) [@fboss](#) I'm very jealous. Would love a bit of space where you could be innovative [#edchatie](#)

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



- via [@theheadsoffice](#): If you are thinking about how to arrange furniture in the classroom ask the children! <http://t.co/3ZnVaE4C> [#edchatie](#)

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



- [@NickiNiLuain](#) 1) I find that it takes the pressure off the students too, they know where they are supposed to sit, doesn't turn [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



- RT [@redgierob](#): [#edchatie](#) my old classroom had a sofa - this was my last reading corner check out <http://t.co/Tbw4IOAI> <http://t.co/wUiLhMlz>



[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



• was with some Virginia teachers during the summer who work for [@pammoran](#) , they do seem to have more space than we do [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) 2) it into a popularity contest, with someone left by themselves with no one to sit with!! [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) if the topic is fun or u want to celebrate something which happened in class. Exploring the sea or the air displays [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@LiamDunphy](#) [@pamelaobrien](#) [@fboss](#) That's so beautiful! [#10FavouriteLyrics](#) [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) lots of talk about furniture but is there more to learning spaces than the objects in them??

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



- [@jemjem1985](#) well, it's mainly for admin purposes, only see them for 35 mins each day so have to get names fast [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



- [with link] Re: [#100wc](#), here is video invitation to [#edchatie](#) recorded by [@TheHeadsOffice](#) (for [@ICTedu](#) last May): <http://t.co/nGfq9YtL>

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



- [@pamelaaobrien](#) can you switch to a smaller venue Pam? [#edchatie](#)

[magsamond](#) 14 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) [@redgierob](#) soooooo jealous ☐ [#edchatie](#)

[Little Toni](#) 14 hours ago



- Into the final 10mins of the first [#edchatie](#) of this new school year about "Classroom layout and organisation. What works? What doesn't?"

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@jemjem1985](#) helps them socialise outside primary school groups too [#edchatie](#) Prefer not to take ability into account when seating

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) [@redgierob](#) savage! Although I know a few individuals who wouldn't use the space for reading more head locking [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



- [@jemjem1985](#) I could see the value with older kids if you want to get the measure of them without letting them sit wherever. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@magsamond](#) usually full at start of term but dwindles after a while! [#edchatie](#)
[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@johnmayo](#) yep, right thru the winter. [#edchatie](#)
[magsamond](#) 14 hours ago



• RT [@catherinecronin](#): Re: [#100wc](#), here is video invitation to [#edchatie](#) recorded by [@TheHeadsOffice](#) (for [@ICTedu](#) last May). Great project!

[TheHeadsOffice](#) 14 hours ago



• Anyone thinking about the standup classroom (like Standup office) [#edchatie](#) [@fboss](#) is an expert now I hear

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



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[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Maria in Dublin. Thought some of you might like this Fairy Themed Classroom ... <http://t.co/cCRbbaG9>

[MariaMernagh](#) 14 hours ago



• [@AnseoAMuinteoir](#) are you not on [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• [@okeeffefiddle](#) [@sciencematters](#) yes, no matter how old, new the school is atmosphere is a must [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@LiamDunphy](#) WoWWWW!! where do you teach?? Buckingham Palace! Fab U Lous!! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



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[ICTedu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) Government cut-backs! They took our chairs! :-)) Will post a photo (officially on hols at the mo) [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) ah secondary....explains a lot...was trying to imagine my junior infants sitting in alphabetical order.....lol...[#edchatie](#)

[jemjem1985](#) 14 hours ago



• [@kittyposullivan](#) Don't worry, you can catch up with the [#edchatie](#) transcript later ([@fboss](#) will post) :)

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



• [@johnmayo](#) [@fboss](#) that was a punishment when I was in school! [#edchatie](#)

[NL 84](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) Yeah. I think children respond well to consistency and boundaries. They like to know where they stand. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) [@jemjem1985](#) Even when you get to know them do you keep them in alphabetical order for the 3yrs? [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) Love it! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• Dog ate it sir! Rt [@Potuama](#): [@levdavidovic](#) Show me your journal! :D [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



- [@johnmayo](#) how does that work - may need it until new classroom ready [#edchatie](#)

[okeeffefiddle](#) 14 hours ago



- [@katzb21](#) made a science stn 1st yr nd mde conscious effort 2 keep it interesting mst popular area of clas esp wit erly finishers [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 14 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#): [#edchatie](#) Here's what my 7yr olds thought about the changes I made last year <http://t.co/Vr0gAfKP> great idea! Well done!

[MajellaOShea](#) 14 hours ago



- the Anseo twins ([@simonmlewis](#) & [@AnseoAMuinteoir](#)) are up for <http://t.co/ank3bjE6> [#edchatie](#) pls vote

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



- I've got to bow out soon so in case I forget go raibh míle for the chat. We're def back in business now! [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



- [@catherinecronin](#) [@kittyposullivan](#) This [#edchatie](#) transcript will be available tomorrow over at the wiki here: <http://t.co/i35TU65e>

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@MsTumelty](#) yup, they get used to it and often still sit on same order when given choice to change in senior years [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 14 hours ago



- [@glynnmark](#) [@fboss](#) now that's worth trying - with people's Maths phobias can be difficult to ask questions in Maths class! [#edchatie](#)

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



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fboss 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) Another problem if you want to get rid of some desks/chairs from your classroom is that there is no storage space in most schools!

seomraranga 14 hours ago



• The chn with sp needs need more space from a spatial viewpoint- they hate being crowded [#edchatie](#) ! We need to b mindful of this.

m2thefizzle 14 hours ago



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pamelaaobrien 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#), that previous link is to a fairy tale themed classroom, I love it and lots of kids need reminding of fairy tales.

MariaMernagh 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) yeah because the hall is the storage space. Terrible isn't it. So basic. [#edchatie](#)

subkiteu 14 hours ago



• Has any1 had an art station in their room???? how did u work it [#edchatie](#)

olaoinsigh 14 hours ago



• RT [@m2thefizzle](#): The chn with sp needs need more space from a spatial viewpoint- they hate being crowded [#edchatie](#) ! We need to b mindful of this.

subkiteu 14 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) EXACTLY! Class layout takes on so many forms & teachers always trying to make space fit kids & not other way around [#edchatie](#)

fboss 14 hours ago



• [@olaoinsigh](#) grt idea! Esp as most kids love science. do you have a photo? What sort of things did you include? [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) My seniors are like that too, can guarantee seats they sit in wed will be the same for next 2yrs [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



- [@subkiteu](#) I think it's all about putting your stamp on your class really, isn't it. What works for you is what's best. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) thanks for the chat, really looking forward to using some of your ideas :)

[droghedafoodie](#) 14 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) My Irish teacher in school seated us according to how well we knew our Briathra. Those who knew them well got the back row etc!

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



- RT [@johnmayo](#): quick fogra [@TheHeadsOffice](#) is looking 4 people to take part in [#100WC](#) project <http://t.co/i8SfgYyI> [#edchatie](#) [#gooddeeddone](#)

[Parents GortCS](#) 14 hours ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) But I think Juniors need to be changed around [#edchatie](#) Thats my opinion though.

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



- I missed tonight's [#edchatie](#) due to some late night shopping but looking forward to catching up on the transcript.

[cullej29](#) 14 hours ago



- [@seomraranga](#) it's a system! [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



- [@johnmayo](#) [@simonmlewis](#) [@AnseoAMuinteoir](#) I prefer Anseo 's Anseo... take time to vote [#edchatie](#) folks, now

[magsamond](#) 14 hours ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) I think the key point here is the enormous difference between primary and secondary. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) [#edchatie](#) I don't think I know my briathra now as well as I did that year!!

[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago

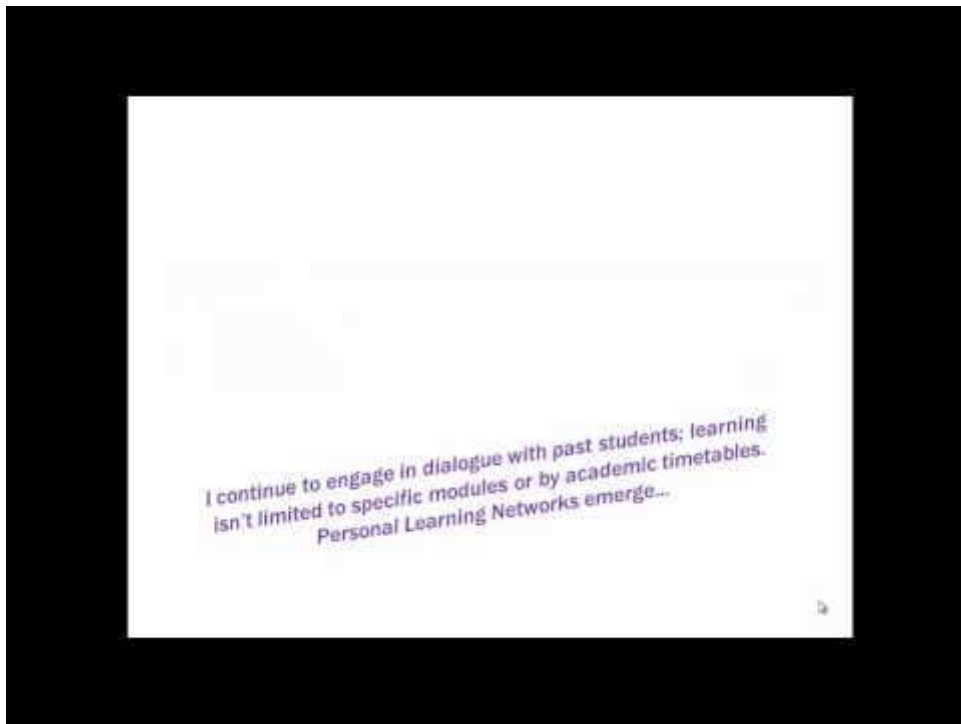


• [@katzb21](#) unfortunately dont have a photo, used activities from Discover Primary Science changed them every 2 weeks. Kids loved it [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 14 hours ago



• Thanks to [@glynnmark](#) for this great resource using Twitter in Education. Use it for staff meetings: <http://t.co/214OpAHx> [#edchatie](#)



[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) Oh that's awful imagine if you were in the front row all the time!! [#edchatie](#)

[ffarry1](#) 14 hours ago



• [@jemjem1985](#) I had a feeling that was the prob! [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) [@levdavidovic](#) I doubt there are many teachers who dont change round. Can b confusin 4a sub who returns 2find them moved [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) no major difference just mindset of teacher [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• I think everyone does what works best for their own particular classroom/class situation [#edchatie](#)

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



• We're nearly at the "official" end of the 1st [#edchatie](#) of this new school year. Thanks to you all for taking part. Feel free to add more...

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@seomraranga](#) lol [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• [@BridCarlow](#) [@MsTumelty](#) I like it! Take the revolution to the staffroom too! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



• [@MariaMernagh](#) adore this idea...as a back to school idea each child could design themselves as a charachter....thanks for link! [#edchatie](#)

[jemjem1985](#) 14 hours ago



• Tanx everyone. That was an intense hr!! I'm off to replan my learning spaces! gd luck with 1st wk bk!! [#edchatie](#)

[katzb21](#) 14 hours ago



• [@magsamond](#) [@glynmark](#) [@fboss](#) I have to look at new ideas for coming year [#edchatie](#)

[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



• [@NickiNiLuain](#) yeah I think what works for the class I find it changes depending on the class and how they interact with topics [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• +1 RT [@fboss](#): Thanks to [@glynmark](#) for this great resource using Twitter in Education... <http://t.co/pDb6PxP4> [#edchatie](#)



[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) thanks [@fboss](#) . Sorry i was in and out, my iphone twitter app playing up. Great to be back!

[brighidcannon](#) 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@catherinecronin](#) Thank you, its been a great whirlwind intro too edchat, looking forward to the next one [#edchatIE](#)

[kittyposullivan](#) 14 hours ago



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[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



• Just realised I'm sitting in the dark and I. Late. Ciao thanks again [#edchatie](#)

[subkiteu](#) 14 hours ago



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• [@olaoinsigh](#) I tend 2 teach science in stations integrating IT & hands on discovery based learning.they love moving around. [#edchatie](#)

katzb21 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) great first [#edchatie](#) for the new academic year Fred. Thanks all :-)

pamelaaobrien 14 hours ago



• just got new job as principal in two teacher sch. all tips for multigrade teaching in senior end would be most welcome this week. [#edchatie](#)

ffarry1 14 hours ago



• Thanks to [@fboss](#) & all for tonight's [#edchatie](#)... great to be learning from & with you all again :)

catherinecronin 14 hours ago



- thanks everyone plenty to think about putting class together tomorrow [#edchatie](#)

[olaoinsigh](#) 14 hours ago



- Remember [#edchatie](#) [@glynmark](#) created a gr8 resource to show Irish Educators how Twitter is used in ed now: <http://t.co/214OpAHx>



[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@fboss](#) Thanks [#edchatie](#) proved very diverting and thought provoking. I'll work on my speed reading for next week.

[merrybeau1](#) 14 hours ago



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[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



- Final call for photos of calssroom layouts to be posted to [#edchatie](#) on Twitter - let's keep sharing all!

[fboss](#) 14 hours ago



- [@katzb21](#) [@olaoinsigh](#) This works really well for maths too I am a huge advocate of it [#edchatie](#)

[jemjem1985](#) 14 hours ago



- [@fboss](#) Great first [#edchatie](#) of new school year!Thanks all!!

[MsTumelty](#) 14 hours ago



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[pamelaaobrien](#) 14 hours ago



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[seomraranga](#) 14 hours ago



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[magsamond](#) 14 hours ago



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NL 84 14 hours ago



• Fingers officially needing ice after a great & furious [#edchatie](#) discussion tonight. Transcript here tomorrow: <http://t.co/kU3XgaAD>

fboss 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) Photo will go up when the room is presentable!! [#edchatie](#) :-)

MsTumelty 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) cheers for the first [#edchatie](#) of many this year!

NL 84 14 hours ago



• Don't want to impose [#edchatie](#) but am working with [@nalairreland](#) on new family lit site and would welcome suggestions of good apps. Pls RT

MariaMernagh 14 hours ago



• [@merrybeau1](#) I agree! Think my speed-reading & speed-typing have gone rusty over the summer break :-)
[#edchatie](#)

fboss 14 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@NL 84](#) Great [#edchatie](#) tonight thanks a million!

jemiem1985 14 hours ago



• Thanks to [@fboss](#) for the 1st [#edchatie](#) of the year. A lively discussion! Gotta go.

seomraranga 14 hours ago



• [@subkiteu](#) Absolutely. The individual class and teacher (plus the space you're working in) are the most important factors. [#edchatie](#)

NickiNiLuain 14 hours ago



• Pass this on to other teachers: <http://t.co/214OpAHx> <- A great resource created by [@glynnmark](#) about Twitter in Education [#edchatie](#)



fboss [14 hours ago](#)



• this was my very first [#edchatie](#) night and I really enjoyed it - thanks to all for all the great ideas and resources - i'll be back

okeeffefiddle [14 hours ago](#)



• [@m2thefizzle](#) I'm at NBCS in Sydney Australia <http://t.co/csfPt2Zh> where we have [@SCIL](#) <http://t.co/ZFmowht1> [@pamelaaobrien](#) [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#)

LiamDunphy [14 hours ago](#)



• As a newbie, that was a great [#edchatie](#). Lots to think about - thanks all!

NickiNiLuain [14 hours ago](#)



• Bigger. Just realised I missed the first [#edchatie](#).

simonmlewis [14 hours ago](#)



• RT [@MariaMernagh](#): Don't want to impose [#edchatie](#) but am working with [@nalairland](#) on new family lit site and would welcome suggestions of good apps. Pls RT

pamelaaobrien [14 hours ago](#)



• [@johnmayo](#) Interesting perspective. Food for thought. [#edchatie](#)

[NickiNiLuain](#) 14 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) thanks to [@fboss](#) and everyone else; have some ideas now for a mixed space. Will report back with photos during the week!!

[evelynocconnor](#) 14 hours ago



• My own thoughts on classroom layout, even though they're very late coming up. [#edchatie](#)

[simonmlewis](#) 14 hours ago



• [@okeeffefiddle](#) Really glad you're here, Maire! With [#edchatie](#) you're tapped into a fantastic community of educators :)

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



• Favour: need a few people to read over a base CV for LinkedIn & other CV sites etc to see if I have missed out stuff etc [#edchatie](#) thanks

[johnmayo](#) 14 hours ago



• Classroom Layout tip. Push the teacher desk against the wall. Creates loads of extra space. [#edchatie](#)

[simonmlewis](#) 14 hours ago



• Thought I needed a hot cup of tea when I came in from that match, but I just needed speed-reading and speed-typing with [#edchatie](#) ;)

[catherinecronin](#) 14 hours ago



• Also, have as big a space as possible at the front of the room so that children can sit there for introductions to lessons [#edchatie](#)

[simonmlewis](#) 14 hours ago



• Don't forget to share a photo of your classroom when you have it set up and include the [#edchatie](#) tag!

NL 84 14 hours ago



- Draw a map of your proposed classroom layout and check for "bottlenecks" for movement [#edchatie](#)

simonmlewis 14 hours ago



- Have a variety of seating settings as some children work well in groups, others don't [#edchatie](#)

simonmlewis 14 hours ago



- [@catherinecronin](#) will take a while to get up to sapped again for [#edchatie](#)!

pamelaaobrien 14 hours ago



- [@simonmlewis](#) I usually try to do this, but hasn't always been possible for me unfortunately. [#edchatie](#)

NL 84 14 hours ago



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NickiNiLuain 14 hours ago



- Certain classroom layouts create different atmospheres. Read up on psychological layout of classrooms. Some great stuff out there! [#edchatie](#)

simonmlewis 14 hours ago



- [@fboss](#): <http://t.co/bqiEC4qr> <- A great resource created by [@glynmark](#) about Twitter in Education [#edchatie](#) I like this



EricWareham 13 hours ago



• Internet connection was sooo slow tonight. Thanks to [@fboss](#) for org of [#edchatie](#) Am looking forward to seeing classroom layouts

SusancMcCarthy 13 hours ago



• I have different colour & animal groups for English & maths (grouped by ability). Makes differentiation easier! [#edchatie](#)

HappyOrange 13 hours ago



• Pupils say a poem/sing a song/chant tables while switching groups. Must be in their seat by the end of poem [#edchatie](#)

HappyOrange 13 hours ago



• RT [@NL_84](#): Have people seen this site? Some ideas for various seating arrangements. Some strange ones in there! [#edchatie](#) <http://t.co/xxaJ0B9U>

AcademicPub 13 hours ago



• [@HappyOrange](#) do you have a particular seat changing chant, or just flavour of the week? [#edchatie](#)

aoifeblood 13 hours ago



• RT [@glynmark](#): [@caramcdermott](#) [@fboss](#) [@seomraranga](#) B.y.o.s bring your own seat, [#edchatie](#) a new twist on byod

[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• [@NL_84](#) I think [@seomraranga](#) was looking @ using Flickr too [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• [@darachk](#) No worries Darach...there's a serious amount of info in it [#edchatie](#)

[cullej29](#) 13 hours ago



• [@fboss](#) [@NL_84](#) [@seomraranga](#) [@glynmark](#) Pinterest is another option... see [@pammoran](#)'s examples: <http://t.co/JbF0PCMa> [#edchatie](#)

[catherinecronin](#) 13 hours ago



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[RMMul](#) 13 hours ago



• RT [@SusancMcCarthy](#): [@seomraranga](#) [@fboss](#) That's an excellent idea. Give a great vignette into Irish classrooms at a moment in time. [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• Teaching Places to Learning Spaces - inspiration from [@pammoran](#) :) <http://t.co/DhMO18tl> [#edchatie](#)

[catherinecronin](#) 13 hours ago



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[nollag265](#) 13 hours ago



• RT [@seomraranga](#): RT [@fboss](#): I think we need images of classrooms shared over the [#edchatie](#) hashtag in the next week (before kids take seats). Great Idea!

dmchugh675 13 hours ago



• RT [@Primary_Ed](#): Developing your classroom with the right ethos and learning atmosphere. <http://t.co/2VdNCWUJ> [#edchatie](#)

n4yn4 13 hours ago



• [@aoifeblood](#) You're welcome. Works really well. Make sure each colour group knows what they're doing before they move though! [#edchatie](#)

Happy0range 13 hours ago



• [@kittyposullivan](#) [@catherinecronin](#) Glad you enjoyed it. Next one is next Mon night with topics & voting happening from Tues for [#edchatie](#)

fboss 13 hours ago



• RT [@levdavidovic](#): Great stuff [#edchatie](#) MT [@ShellTerrell](#): 10 Simple Ideas for Transforming Your Teaching This School Year! <http://t.co/j9ziiOy6> [#edchat](#)

MsTumelty 13 hours ago



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pamelaaobrien 13 hours ago



• [@SusancMcCarthy](#) Absolutely Susan! Any blockades of any kind, chn or hurleys cud spell disaster! [#speakingfromexperience](#) [#edchatie](#)

m2thefizzle 13 hours ago



• [@glynnmark](#) [@pamelaaobrien](#) [@fboss](#) I always start with the back row too for qs or anyone who is not looking while I'm talking [#edchatie](#)

MsTumelty 13 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) Yeah. Really enjoyed tonight's [#edchatie](#) - as usual very fast, but a great conversation

fboss 13 hours ago



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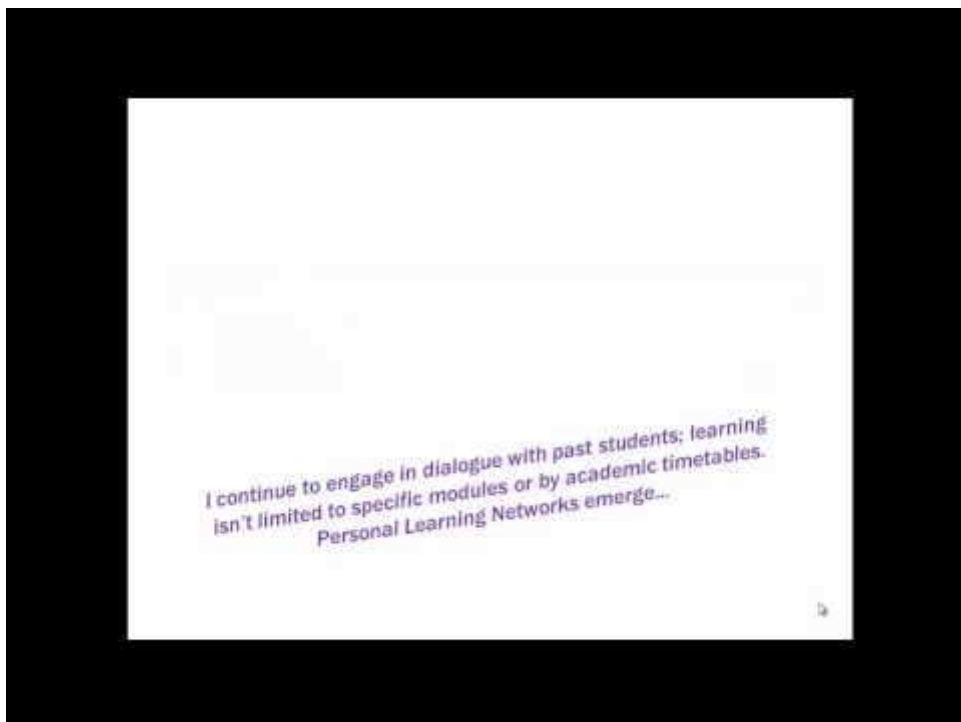
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[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• [@MsTumelty](#) Lucky you, my Art Room never was :-) [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• [@jemjem1985](#) [@NL_84](#) Great to have you on board for tonight's [#edchatie](#) too

[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) Looking forward to setting those views of your classroom/s [#edchatie](#) & everyone else's too

[fboss](#) 13 hours ago



• [@EricWareham](#) Feel free to use the Twitter in Education resource as created by [@glynnmark](#) [#edchatie](#) (it's out there to be used!)

[fboss](#) 12 hours ago



• [#edchatie](#) "[@nick_chater](#): The Nerdy Teacher: Using My iPad in the Classroom This Year (Redux) [#edchat](#) <http://t.co/J1F97irr>"

[MoloneyKing](#) 12 hours ago



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[m2thefizzle](#) 12 hours ago



• Been a busy evening welcoming our new students - 'hope to catch up with [#edchatie](#) 2moro. Good luck to everyone for the new academic year :)

[marloft](#) 12 hours ago



• RT [@cullej29](#) [@darachk](#) It's available from <http://t.co/w75Xw6jZ> tomorrow Just add [#edchatie](#) to your tweets to reach a host of Irish educators

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[fboss](#) 12 hours ago



• RT [@catherinecronin](#): Teaching Places to Learning Spaces - inspiration from [@pammoran](#) :) <http://t.co/DhMO18tl> [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 12 hours ago



• RT [@marloft](#): Been a busy evening welcoming our new students - 'hope to catch up with [#edchatie](#) 2moro. Good luck to everyone for the new academic year :)

[fboss](#) 12 hours ago



• RT [@seomraranga](#): RT [@fboss](#): I think we need images of classrooms shared over the [#edchatie](#) hashtag in the next week (before kids take seats). Great Idea!

[pammoran](#) 12 hours ago



• <http://t.co/F0qHYVfp> [#historyteacher](#) [#NeilArmstrong](#) [#edchatie](#) He DID say "a"

[MsTumelty](#) 12 hours ago



• [@fboss](#): Pass this on to other teachers: <http://t.co/24T0YVem> <- A great resource created by [@glynmark](#) about Twitter in Education [#edchatie](#)



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- I bashed hard earth with my pickax instead of listening to [#edchatie](#) tonight. <https://t.co/5FWaToRV>

[educast](#) 12 hours ago



- I bought window markers in Lidl today. Now I've got another classroom surface to write on!! [#edchatie](#) [#bunscoile](#)

[seomraranga](#) 12 hours ago



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[Starrynight2507](#) 12 hours ago



- [@educast](#) My daughter kinda did the same in Minecraft tonight too! [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 11 hours ago



- Heard David Puttnam on radio today. Would love him to do a Guest Post. Anyone know how to contact him? [#edchatie](#)

[seomraranga](#) 11 hours ago



- + 1!! "[@simonmlewis](#): Bugger. Just realised I missed the first [#edchatie](#)."

[emernowlan](#) 11 hours ago



- Hi [#EdChatie](#)! Hope a few of you can join our weekly [#StuVoice](#) chat tonight 830 ET. Q. "What do you expect out of your education?" [#students](#)

[stu_voice](#) 11 hours ago



- Education. The Third Teacher philosophy-physical environment-best video example! [#edchatie](#) [@fboss](#) <http://t.co/fC6e9n63> ► [@drmcgettigan](#)



[luisalfonsobes](#) 11 hours ago



- [#edchatie](#) is a trend today! Teachers putting students first not the gov't. Let's make [#rally4ed](#) a trend [#ETFO](#) [#CUPE](#) [#OSSTF](#) we rally tomorrow

[NancyMcKay6](#) 9 hours ago



- RT [@domaho](#) eLearningIsland New Blog Post (at last!) ...empowered builders <http://t.co/9kSbLJxw> [#edchatie](#) [#ebshare](#) [@IrishCompSoc](#)

[PcCleanComputer](#) 9 hours ago



- [@fboss](#) After last night's [#edchatie](#) discussion, check out these art room photos <http://t.co/jXjPM4aS>

[seomraranga](#) 3 hours ago



- Great layout for conversation. Similar to TEFL class
RT [@brighidcannon](#): [#edchatie](#) heres a pic of my layout! <http://t.co/v5r5x3Gb>



[simonmlewis](#) 2 hours ago



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[subkiteu](#) 2 hours ago



• Agree RT [@seomraranga](#): [@SusancMcCarthy](#) [#edchatie](#) I think it's great to change a few times a year, maybe every term.

[simonmlewis](#) 2 hours ago



• What makes a great lesson? The teacher, student and environment. <http://t.co/FE4CpdXp> [#edchat](#) [#edchatie](#) [#education](#)

[dandesignthink](#) 1 hour ago



• Post pics of your classroom set-up to [#edchatie](#) and we'll gather them together for all to view.

[seomraranga](#) 1 hour ago



- Must be [#backtoschool](#) time. Visitors to the site just doubled in the last two days!! [#edchatie](#) [#bunscoile](#)

[seomraranga](#) 1 hour ago



- Welcome to all new followers since an engaging [#edchatie](#) last night. Thanks all for RTs also - too many to mention!

[seomraranga](#) 59 minutes ago



- <http://t.co/4KY2GLBb> Short video: what are twitter hashtags ? [#edchatie](#)



[glynnmark](#) 41 minutes ago