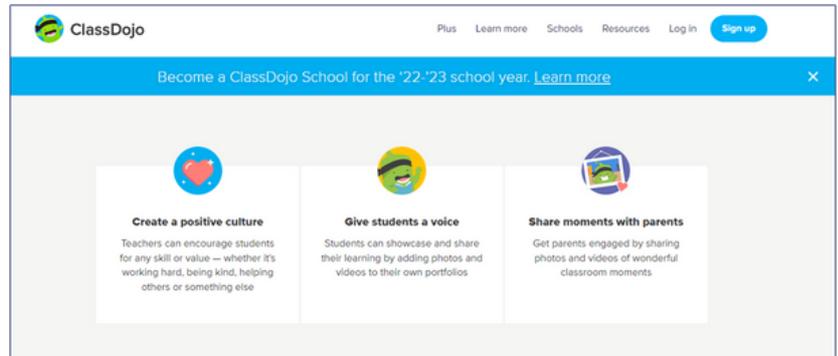




ClassDojo

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<https://classdojo.com/>



 **CATEGORY:** Tools to develop games to boost discussion and teamwork.

 **GRADE AND SUBJECT:** Primary school teachers, students and families.

 **SHORT DESCRIPTION:** ClassDojo is a digital sharing platform that allows teachers to document the day in class and share it with families via a web browser. Almost any device can access the content, from a simple smartphone to a laptop.

READING TIME: 3 minutes
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 **LEARNING GOALS:** ClassDojo is a transformational tool in its commitment to increase parental involvement. This real-time communication with students, groups or the whole class can help make behavioural and learning expectations more transparent and concrete for students and families. Translating messages into more than 30 languages allows all parents to be involved and informed. In addition, teachers can assign activities to the entire class, groups, or individual students. Overall, the programme can be a valuable way to keep education more learner-centred in its entirety, complementing the school's focus on academic skills and student assessment.

 **MOMENTS OF NEED OF THE TOOL:** Expanding on what has been learnt; plan & act upon what was learnt.

 **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY (RATING) AND AGE LEVEL:** Easy; for children under 13.

 **WHY USE THIS TOOL:** Students love ClassDojo because they can experience success in building their personal stories and digital portfolios, where they can showcase their learning from their Chromebook, iPad or computer. It is a huge confidence boost for students to interact with their success stories. Teachers notice the classroom management tool's positive effects on student behaviour. Students show more leadership skills, respond well to positive recognition, and are more actively engaged. It improves the ability of students to demonstrate their overall understanding and receive meaningful feedback in non-traditional ways that can help teachers better assess student progress.



 **TOOL DESCRIPTION:** ClassDojo is an online classroom management platform and application where teachers can record and track student behaviour, facilitate classroom activities, curate student portfolios, and communicate from school to home. Student access is with a class code, QR code or username. From the dashboard, teachers can create original activities or use the toolkit to post class announcements, assign tasks from the library, create random groups and more. Depending on how they decide to set things up, teachers can share information privately or publicly, often shown to the class on a screen or interactive whiteboard. Moreover, teachers can assign activities for students to present in video, audio, text, files, photos, or drawings in addition to points earned or deducted for individually customisable positive and negative behaviour. Once approved, these are collected in portfolios that follow students from year to year. Teachers can also choose to share class events and photos, allowing parents to feel more connected to the class. Families who wish to bring ClassDojo's features into their household can purchase an annual subscription that will enable them to set goals and award or subtract points to their children for parental-choice activities, such as completing homework or chores.

 **PREPARATION AND HOW TO USE THE TOOL:** ClassDojo is a tool teachers can use in the classroom from start to finish. Start by showing a welcome activity when students enter the room. Then, with a short reflection and sharing activity, use the timer and noise manager to keep the discussion on track and respectful. Next, assign an exercise for the students' portfolios: Let the kids draw a challenging math problem, record a video in which they discuss the novel they are reading, write a hypothesis for a science lab, or take a picture of a completed assignment to get feedback from the teacher. If you want to engage children in critical thinking, consider assigning one or more puzzle activities and using them as a basis for class discussions on questions that do not have clear answers. Finally, in the lesson, assign points to reinforce individuals or groups that meet or exceed expectations positively. Take care that individuals are not publicly pointed at negatively: consider using the app privately to monitor student behaviour if you decide to use it. Once or twice during the lesson, send a quick message or positive image to a child's parent. This could be a great way to improve the bond between school and home, celebrate class successes and record student learning over time. Don't forget to add images to your Class History to keep adults in the loop. Seeing your children in action can help them feel part of their day.

Also check: <https://classdojo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003789426-Setting-Up-ClassDojo-Schoolwide-A-Step-by-Step-Guide->

 **RESOURCES NEEDED:** Computer/Notebook – Tablet – Mobile phone – Interactive dashboard

 **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:**

- Dear DISEs, Class Dojo Remote Learning/ Tutorial for teachers
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlnkWymODNs>

 **PROS AND CONS OF USING THE TOOL:**

PROS Behaviour tracking; Resources for the teacher; Tailor-made design for primary school parents.

CONS Not suitable for older students; Communication is only customised for parents and teachers; No search function in the app; Limited coordination/organisation tools.

 **TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION RATE (SCORE): 4.7/5**