

Flashlight

ONE SMALL STEP FOR SCHOOLS ...

First Steps in Film is a very popular workshop for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Many schools expressed their interest last year and CLC staff visited 20 Primary schools to film with the children. Every member of the class learnt how to use camera equipment, working in pairs, both in front of and behind the camera. The pupils behind the camera learned how to film using close-up, wide shot, record, action and cut and how to wear a pair of headphones!

The pupils demonstrated how to plant seeds, run their classroom shop, entertain us with their class song in fact there were many other varied activities. Whatever is filmed depends on you. It's your choice!

Schools also had the opportunity to make copies of the DVDs by visiting us and using our duplicating facilities. If you would like to arrange a visit to your school please contact us for details.



“CALLING ALL FACULTIES”

We welcome visits from Secondary schools. Some held their 'Head of Faculty' meetings at the Learning Lighthouse recently. They enjoyed a tour of the facilities and were shown the specialist equipment available here and learnt of ways in which we could assist their particular curriculum needs. We have many workshops for secondary schools particularly in English, Geography, Science & Art, but we are always open to new ideas and new ways of thinking!

Would you like a tour of the CLC? Contact April or Patsi at the learning lighthouse on 678 2509.

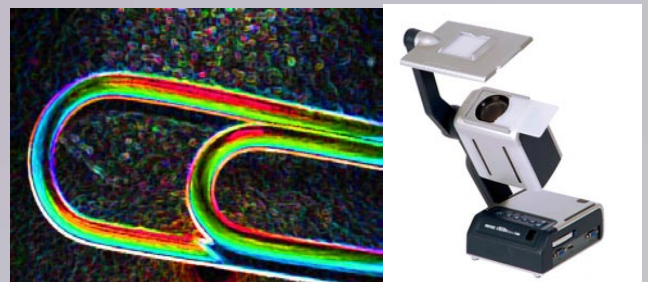
2D OR NOT 2D

All sixth formers on Wirral were invited to take part in this very special project. The offer was taken up by a number of students from Upton Hall, St Anselm's College and Pensby High School for Girls. Sixth form students from these schools enjoyed the opportunity to work with Mark Fleming, a professional animator and 3D model maker.

Students were introduced to the art, techniques and discipline of high quality animation. A specialist animation rig was developed to easily explore the capabilities of 2 ½ D Animation where a uniformly lit series of transparent layers were photographed from above to give the illusion of characters and objects moving around, behind and in front of each other. This was a unique opportunity for students to add animation to their exam portfolio!

MAGNIFICENT MAGNIFICATION

The Learning Lighthouse CLC has been able to offer support for some of the questions relating to Unit 2 of the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Examination in June this year. Year 12 students took photographs using class sets of Intel digital microscopes and a Genee Visualiser which allowed the images to be magnified and captured and then imported into Adobe Photoshop CS4 to create interesting digital art by applying filters and adjusting hue and saturation.



If you are interested in these or any other projects that we can help you with – contact April or Patsi at the learning lighthouse on 678 2509.

Flashback

LUCKY NUMBER 7

Sandbrook Primary school visited the Learning Lighthouse CLC back in March to film Snow White in German for the Wirral Schools' Film Festival. 'Schneewittchen und die 7 Zwerge' was entered as part of the competition strand of the festival.

Using our blue/green screen facilities the Year 4 pupils were transported into the fairytale surroundings and they retold their own version of the story in German.



WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FILM FESTIVAL 2010

July 1st 2010 saw the seventh Wirral Schools' Film Festival. The festival is held every year and organised by The Learning Lighthouse CLC and Weatherhead High School Media Arts College. This year proved to be another very successful year with a huge variety of entries. Held at Weatherhead High School the guest of honour was Michelle Billington, a local casting director. The theme for this year was 'Seven' and there were a very large number of entries on this theme the winner was 'Seven Scenes to Love' a traditional silent movie from Mersey Park Primary school.



COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU IN 2011:

Start preparing your entries for this year's festival on Thursday, 30th June 2011. The theme will be 'The Box'.

This can be interpreted as a prop or a theme. So come on everyone, think outside 'the Box'!!!

Wall planners 2011 – The Learning Lighthouse have recently had some large wall planners printed for your school staff rooms, you should all have a copy by now, if you have not received your copy please contact us and we will ensure that we get one to you as soon as possible.



CYBER SAFETY CEOP and THINKUKNOW

Do you think you are safe on the internet? Did you attend one of our e-safety workshops?

These workshops gave parents the opportunity to minimise the risks of cyber bullying and they were informed of the other dangers their children can be exposed to whilst online.

Primary and Secondary school children also received advice on how to keep themselves safe and learnt about the danger signs to look for when using facebook, twitter and other similar sites social networking sites.

If you are 5, 6 or 7 I bet you probably like to use the computer for fun. Visit the CEOP website and watch the Hector's World cartoons.

If you're between 8 and 10, you probably know a lot about using the internet. Visit the CEOP website and play Star Riders.

For 11 to 16 year olds there is plenty of useful advice on 'How much do you know about - How to have fun, How to stay in control, and How to report?'

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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