



APPLE MACS in the Multimedia Room

The Multimedia Room at the Learning Lighthouse has had a make-over. We now have 17 dual boot Apple Macs linked to a macserver. Dual boot allows the user to login as a mac user or to log into the Windows environment which means that the user has access to all the available software including, Apple Logic Pro 9, GarageBand, Sibelius 4, Adobe Production and Web suites, Apple iWork 09, Microsoft Office, Comic Life, Kar2ouche (all available titles), Mission Maker, MediaStage and others.

There are new 'funky' chairs and headphones to match, which really give the room a new feel. The room has a 50 inch plasma screen and video conferencing facilities and is used for music technology (writing, recording & playing music), sound editing, podcasting, small curriculum groups and of course video conferencing (most recently to Canada and the Cabinet War Rooms).



HALF TERM HAPPENINGS!

During the October half term 2009 a number of free workshops were offered at the Learning Lighthouse CLC.

These included : GarageBand! Record and mix a tune for 10 to 13 year olds - GarageBand helps you create a sound all of your own! This session introduced students to the interface to select and place audio items into arrangements and save their first mp3!

GarageBand! Xtreme for 14 to 18 year olds - Here students were encouraged to bring out the best in your performance by enhancing timing and tuning. Students were able to then mix anmp3 once they laid down a few tracks.

Animated Christmas Card for 6 to 16 year olds - During this workshop the families created a simple animated Christmas card using Adobe Flash to e-mail out to friends and family.

Blogs & Twitters for 16 years to Adult - This included an introduction to blogging by using the on-line software called WordPress. An on-line blog can be a personal diary or commentary by an individual or it can be used as an on-line digital portfolio. 'Twitter' is a form of on-line micro blogging which like texting can only use 176 characters. Twitter can be used in a variety of different ways; from a simple diary of what you are doing, to writing about specific events in your community or even sharing ideas & research around the world.



Flashlight

BARNABY BEAR'S WORLD TOUR

Barnaby Bear has packed his bags and is going on a trip of a lifetime!



An innovative and exciting advancement in Geography & History class work.

A new workshop has been developed for Foundation and Infant classes at the Learning Lighthouse CLC. Children explore the world and other people's cultures through browsing a series of images and related sounds, weblinks and flash-based games. Barnaby visits contrasting countries such as France, Brazil, Canada, China, Russia, Australia, India and Egypt.

The sessions are packed with fun-filled activities such as 'Can the monkey collect all the rainforest animals without being caught by the snake?', sorting different sized Kangaroos and Koala Bears using a Carroll diagram and learning French vocabulary.

There are a series of practical activities, packing suitcases, jigsaws, matching games and an Interactive Mapping table which is a horizontal interactive whiteboard system to allow interaction with maps and mapping software on a table - a great teaching resource.

This workshop is combined with a geography themed downstream key activity, for example 'My Planet' using blue screen technology. For example children can be filmed planting their flag on the surface of Mars or talking about a foreign country. Each child on the tour receives a 'Pawspport' which is stamped as they complete the activities too!



Barnaby's diary is really full for this year, but if you would like to book for dates from September 2010 please contact the learning lighthouse on 678 2509 or email: admin@tll.org.uk.



Flashback

BODY MATTERS...

.....scientific journalism for secondary schools.

The Brief - Pupils, as scientific journalists, produce a comic style health information leaflet for teenagers based on the effect of the environment, lifestyle, drugs and disease on humans. Students have access to resources such as 3D digital images and they can photograph 3D anatomical models. Using scientific digital microscopes they examine healthy & diseased human cells and tissue sections to build a bank of images & facts ready for comic production

Using Comic Life students are shown how to work with layout templates, panels, backgrounds, clip art, photos and speech balloons & change page, panel, text & balloon attributes. The creation of the comic-style information leaflets is set to a deadline which makes for a fast paced and informative workshop.



PIRATES BEWARE!

Jump on board the good ship Learning Lighthouse

"Aye aye Cap'n!"
 "Avast ye landlubbers."
 "Pieces o' Eight!"
 "Yo, Ho, Ho!"

Learn to speak like a pirate, then visit us, if you dare...



Three classes of pirates and buccaneers from Year 1 at Liscard Primary School visited the good ship Learning Lighthouse to create interactive treasure maps using Magic Forest by Logotron.

In Magic Forest pupils learn to make decisions and experience the consequences of their decisions on-screen by exploring a story-based activity or creating their own 'piratical' scenario.

There is excitement and explosions aplenty as pupils use the objects and characters to cause havoc around their treasure island.

WSFF

1st July 2010 - a date for your diary!

The seventh 'Wirral Schools' Film Festival' will be held on Thursday, 1st July 2010 between 6-9pm at Weatherhead High School Media Arts College in conjunction with The Learning Lighthouse City Learning Centre, Wirral LEA and Wirral TV.

There are two strands to the event. The first strand is the celebration of all films entered into the festival. Every film is shown in its entirety during a promenade around cinemas in the school.

The competitive category is themed. The combined score from a panel of judges and the result of an online vote (on www.wirraltv.net), will decide the top three films - amazing prizes available. The only restrictions are that the films should have the theme of 'seven' and must be under five minutes long.

Make sure that your film is submitted by 14th May 2010.



Don't miss the deadline!

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY FILMING

The Learning Lighthouse has been working in conjunction with Wirral Borough Council to create a film about public perception of Equality and Diversity. A broad spectrum of people has been interviewed from around Wirral including primary school and secondary school students and people in their place of work. A community day was filmed at Wallasey Town Hall where many groups came together to celebrate the diversity of people on Wirral.

Students learned some new and interesting facts about Wirral. Did you know that over 810 people from other countries live on Wirral and they originate from 61 different countries? Did you know that the over 60 age group use the internet more than 18 to 24 year olds, spending an average of 42 hours a month online!

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.