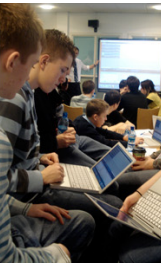


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SIMMS CROSS NEWS REPORT

SCHOOL

Simms Cross Primary School

DATES

June 2007

WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT?

Steph Lewis and Ian Pye

WHERE WAS THE PROJECT BASED?

Widnes CLC – Apple Core

WHICH OF THE CLC'S OBJECTIVES DID THE PROJECT COVER?

- *Improve access to, and use of, the latest education technology for pupils, teachers and the community;*
- *Increase attainment levels through use of technology;*
- *Improve the quality of teaching and learning; and*
- *Act as test beds for innovation and new ways of working.*



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THE PROJECT AND ITS AIMS

The aim of the project was to create a movie using video footage previously captured by pupils from the primary school.

Pupils would gain experience using Apple Mac computer technology and iMovie software.

HOW WAS THE PROJECT RUN?

At School: Pupils had created all of the video footage themselves at school using a Samsonite Case they had loaned from the CLC.

At the CLC: The day began with an introduction of the days events. The pupils were introduced to the equipment and put into small groups. A template iMovie file had been created by CLC staff prior to the days project. The raw video footage taken by Simms Cross staff and pupils was edited into the various required 'clips' that the pupils could then use themselves. The pupils were shown how to access this template file and to save and rename it.

Short demonstrations were given throughout the course of the day of the iMovie software and how to use it. Pupils were shown how to build their own movie; from adding and editing movie clips, creating titles, credits and transitions, to eventually exporting their completed movie to the computer desktop.

At the end of the day one of the groups movies was chosen by the class teacher and presented to the rest of the class on the Smartboard.

Transport, lunches, registers and computer access, i.e. logons were also arranged by CLC Project Officer. As was the loaning of video capture equipment and all correspondence prior to the days event.

OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

All pupils completed a 'Simms Cross News' movie, complete with title, credits and various effects. Following the pupils departure from the CLC, staff created iDVD files of the complete movies and burnt copies to disc. DVD labels were also created and the completed discs were passed on to the primary school pupils to take home and watch.

Teacher and pupil evaluations were positive, teacher was very keen to return to the CLC for future projects and events.

A copy of the iMovie template file the pupils used was also given to the primary class teacher, as requested, as a resource for the school to use. The school are hoping to purchase an Apple Mac computer with the related iLife software at a later date and therefore use this as resource material.

Lessons learnt:

There were problems with the projector in the Apple Mac Suite. Technical team advised and to follow up. Also, in future, class teacher to ensure all required files are put on machines prior to the day's event.