



BLOG

JOHN PAUL II PRIMARY SCHOOL

App Library of Reading and Research



The Apple
Teacher
Training



Seesaw



Showbie



iMovie



Book
Creator



Explain
Everything



Glow

Under the headship of Mr James McShane, the school included digital learning as a key driver of the school improvement plan, aiming to embed digital technology across all stages of the school and areas of the curriculum. The aim was not only to encourage teachers and pupils to improve their skills in digital technologies and to enhance learning and teaching, but furthermore to develop creativity and to provide transformational learning experiences across the school.

To support the development of the use of digital technology, high-quality professional learning was strategically planned and delivered to staff across the school. Staff engaged in peer to peer learning, modelling lessons, peer observations and sharing ideas to support each other. Staff also engaged in personal professional learning opportunities like the Apple Teacher Programme. The skillset of staff members is now wide and varied. Frequent on-going professional learning opportunities ensure that all staff are given appropriate training, which will support pedagogy and learners' digital capability.

Teachers integrated the use of digital technology into their daily planning. They focussed on technology enhancing or transforming learning experiences in cross curricular contexts and through interdisciplinary learning experiences.

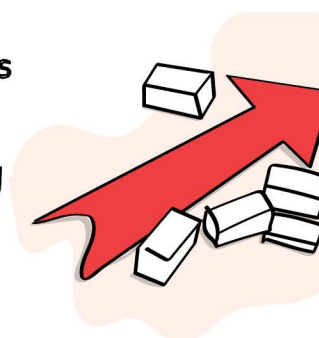
A number of pupils from primaries 6 and 7 applied, were interviewed and appointed as digital leaders. Our digital leaders work closely with the leadership team in our school to ensure that there is support for teachers, pupils, parents and the wider community in using technology in a positive way to enhance learning and teaching.

Glasgow City Council ran a competition for schools to submit an application to develop an 'inspired learning space' within their school. Using our school iPads, a group of children from our pupil council used iMovie to create a trailer and a short video as part of their application to develop an inspired learning space at St John Paul II Primary School. The judges were so bowled over by the quality of the pupil council's presentation that the school was awarded £35,000 to build an inspiring learning space called 'Nessie's Corner', which was completed in the summer of 2017. Nessie's Corner has a Health + Wellbeing Zone and a STEM zone.

Digital technologies play a huge part in the success of our new creative learning environment, and digital learning continues to be an on-going priority across the school. Children enjoy digital learning experiences including coding, using our 3D printer, Spheros, drones, robotic kits, GarageBand, creating movies using iMovie and greenscreen, and many more.

The positive impact of digital learning is evident through the increased levels of engagement, enjoyment and the wide variety of skills and excellent learning experiences that our children enjoy.

Christopher Devlin - headteacher



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