

Report



IT Classes September 2012

The computer classes, for beginners, this term have been really good the Tuesday morning group are really keen to learn new things and really take on board the tasks that are given to them, we have had a term of emailing as it's been a while since we did this and a lot of the time they tend to forget, and also they always have questions on why they can't get access to it when they go home or they are doing something wrong. We did basic emailing, then we took pictures from the internet and put them into emails as attachments, and also typed up another word document and attached this as well, the group really enjoyed doing this and within a couple of week were able to get into email and do this

kind of task by themselves, most of them now have their own computers and they are practising more when they go home, rather than just having the once a week class.

For the last week with this group we put on Windows live messenger for them and we tried to use the laptops that had the cameras to show them how easy it is to communicate with family and friends online and also with one another, especially over the winter time when they all find it difficult to get out and about, they all loved this and thought it was the most amazing thing ever.

The Afternoon class have now started a keep fit and line

dancing session before their actual computer class. A video of the group can be seen on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151235941548552>



When they saw the film they thought it was great, and it's really good to see them all involved, even the older ones who find it hard to get around They are an inspiration to us all. I did the same with this group with the emailing as all had said that with not using it very much they had forgotten a lot of the basic steps, with this being a larger group it takes a little longer to get through things but they were all able to download pictures from the internet and attach them into an email by the end of the term which was really good, they all made one another contacts also, so that they can mail one another back and forth over the holidays to keep it fresh in their mind, even though we are of on holiday for a couple of weeks this group still attend on their day for lunch and a chat which shows that we are doing something worthwhile, and should any of them need any computing help while the classes are off, they can always pop along and I will do my best to help them out.

The Wednesday group who have been coming along for quite some time, produced good animation as part of their digital photography course. This can be seen at this location: <http://vimeo.com/44920741> They have been learning about different ways to store information both on their laptops and also in other locations, and then how to access it or let others share it on line.

