IT PHOTO CLASS APRIL 2014

The Wednesday Photography Class has a set plan for this whole year. They will be making sketchbooks which will be finished by December.

The sketchbooks will be made up of photos they have taken accompanied by a short description of why they took the photo and why they have included it. In making these sketchbooks they will not only have physical evidence of their work this year but they will also learn all the skills needed to take photos, store them, write about them and how to present them together.

Due to the weather here and the fact the class are all going away on holiday over the summer we have not focused on the taking of photos. This will happen over the summer months. Instead we have done the groundwork as it were. The class have been introduced to the Dropbox online storage website. They have their own accounts with a folder each for their sketchbook, which allows them to upload photos and stories about photos any time they wish. There is also a shared folder for myself and everyone in the group to upload to, useful for me uploading handouts and photos. Each member of the group knows how to log into Dropbox and upload

photos and documents to their sketchbook folder and the shared folder. We have also covered how to insert a photo into a blank document on Microsoft Word and then arrange the document so they can write about the photo on the same page. This will help the elderly people get into the habit of thinking about the photos they take and why they are important to them.

The objectives for the next term are for me to see the elderly people adding photos and writing about them, so they have a wide range of content that they can put in their sketchbooks. They are not restricted to just new photos but can use older ones as well. The group all have a good grasp of how to use Dropbox and how to do the basics on Microsoft Word that they need. They have made good progress this term and I have seen a clear increase in their confidence levels in terms of using their laptops.