THE FACTORY skatepark REPORT

IT CLASS WINTER TERM 2014

The Tuesday IT Class were working on family trees this term. We used a website called Family Echo where you can input basic information such as life dates, names, and relationships, but also more in depth things such as adding photos, key life moments and biographical anecdotes, and nicknames.

Using this website helped the members of the class practice using the mouse to navigate around the website and using the keyboard for inputting information. At the end of the term each person had a whole screen full of their family tree which could then be printed out. The website used a login system so that it can be accessed from their home computers or the laptops used at the class. This allowed the group to work on their family tree at home if the wished to and several of the group too advantage of this.

It was good to see them work away on something which they were interested in, helped them practice key IT skills and gave them a tangible paper copy of their work over the term.

Attendance was regularly at 6 with several people from the group missing different weeks through illness. The group have chosen online shopping as their next topic and will start on this when they return in the new year.

The Photography Class on Wednesdays continue to work away on their sketchbooks. These are being made on Microsoft word and will be printed out once they are finished and put together as a book. The sketchbooks are a mixture of photos and text providing additional information about the stories behind the photos.

Over this term the class focused on learning specific techniques for use when making their sketchbooks, such as cropping, adjusting brightness and colour, making text boxes and page backgrounds. Attendance has been good as there are 8 who attend the class and nearly everyone has been there nearly every week. We will be looking to finish the sketchbooks in the spring term up to Easter and then will move onto a new project for the Summer term.