

All Saints' Primary School, Thurlestone took up our challenge to design a new display for their school foyer



Last issue we showed how we had designed a simple digital signage presentation that an estate agent might use, taking us 15 minutes (once the signage was installed on our computer). We invited a 10-year junior school girl to follow the screen shots and instructions and 25 minutes later her design was finished. Then we left her to design her own creation which she said was great fun. You can read the article on line at www.teachingtechnology.co.uk/RepeatSignageSchoolChallenge.pdf. Details of our school challenge www.teachingtechnology.co.uk/repeat-signage-challenge.htm

All Saints' Primary School, Thurlestone, is a thriving village school set in a breathtaking position overlooking fields and the sea, for children age 2 to 11. Year 6 children took up our school challenge to design a new display for their school foyer...

Project: The Foyer Team

Report to: Repeat Software as part of the Partnership work with All Saint's Primary School, Thurlestone, IQ7 3NB.

The Brief: To prepare a new display for the school foyer.

The Scene (Presented by Mr Haysom)

A small team gathered from Year 6 following their return from a successful Activities Week in July 2013. We were asked to prepare a suitable foyer message for the new school year. The team who volunteered were Gemma, Rosie, Milo and Tommy - aided by Mr Haysom (ICT).

We brainstormed what the theme should be. Various ideas were tried and discussed - the for and against - all the different possibilities being carefully considered. It was agreed we would use the pictures from the various events and the many activities we have enjoyed in this school year as this shows the like in our brilliant school. The team felt they would like to use PowerPoint (we needed to check this was feasible). An email to the supplier (Independent Products Ltd) established it was possible to convert and insert a PowerPoint into the display. This pleased the group as it was easy to pull together (as we are short of time this last week of term!) and we needed to meet the Friday 19th deadline.

Planning and paper roughs were used to finalise and improve layout and the Mark I paper thoughts and planning. Revisions agreed and Repeat Signage software was used to build the draft Mark IV using signage. Pupils saying, "easy to use as it is much like using the normal MicroSoft programmes". A latest news item came in - that new school websites are ready, so the Stop Press Text was added to the bottom of the screen. The team making real progress now!



Work in progress by Year 6 children



Proud of their achievement

Brainstorming and discussions about clear fonts and speeds of scrolling text were tried and tested on the software. We applied these to Mark IV to test on the monitor. Then came an issue. The logo for the school did not have a blue green background, but because we shared and demonstrated the display plan, a solution was found. The school administrator showed us how to use Paint to fill the white background. The colour pallet we found was the same in Repeat Signage as it was in Paint, "what a bonus we all said!"

Back to the final tweaks to ensure PowerPoint was ready for conversion. We all decided that the "fancy" transitions were best taken out to make it clearer. These done and all put together, we were able to convert - but the software support team came to our rescue and we now have a quality picture display on the foyer screen for the welcome of the new school year in September.

The team's request for help was how to get the background of the logo to blue green to

match the rest of the background colour. How do we get the PowerPoint to work in place of our cottage picture.

Comments on the software:

Fun and easy to use, online videos helped. It worked on our standard school laptops and PCs, looks professional, has many great tools which we were not able to explore. We had a couple of freezes during build but by saving at each step nothing was lost.

The team liked the clocks, analogue for the little ones in the school and backed up by a digital clock, we also liked the date being built in too.

We shall extend the use of Repeat Signage software to Year 5 and Year 6 in the 2013/2014 school year and know it will serve the school well. It was a good, fun task in a busy week with a good outcome. *Richard Haysom (ICT)*.

Thank you All Saints'

Thank you to Mr Haysom and his Year 6 team - Gemma, Rosie, Milo and Tommy. You did an excellent job and did your school proud. All Saints' have received a complimentary Repeat Signage digital signage software licence as a thank you for taking part in our [School Challenge](http://www.allstaintthurlestone.co.uk) to design a digital signage presentation. <http://www.allstaintthurlestone.co.uk>

Is your school up to the challenge?

Children and students from primary, secondary and further education are invited to send in their report and pictures of their digital signage presentation. Published features will earn their school a licence for Repeat Signage Standard digital signage software for Windows. The Standard licence covers one computer that is playing Repeat Signage onto one or two display screens. You can schedule your presentations to run at various times of the day or week. It also supports remote updating and touch screen support. Online help, training videos, free RSS creation. [School Challenge](http://www.repeatsoftware.com/downloads.aspx) Download www.repeatsoftware.com/downloads.aspx

Teaching resource

Repeat Signage can be downloaded and installed on a school's server, and used as a teaching resource. Students can learn a new skill - how to design digital signage presentations. Their presentation can then be 'played' onto their laptop or PC screen. After 10 minutes, a 'trial version' message is displayed. However, this is long enough for students to view their work and teachers to mark it. If you then want to display your presentation on a large screen in your foyer/reception area, then purchasing a licence key will remove the trial message. [Download Repeat Signage](http://www.repeatsoftware.com/downloads.aspx)