

Student's got a bright future in the film world

ANIMATED ABOUT MAKING MOVIES



What gave you the idea for the film Lewis?

I thought it would be interesting to do a modern twist on a fable that everyone knows, so I decided to do The Three Billy Goats Gruff, as I would have a lot of freedom with the character designs.

How long did it take to make?

I started the character designs in December 2006 and finished the animation in September 2008.

What have you learnt from making this film?

I learnt more about how to use Adobe Flash, including a way of animating called onion-skinning which is similar to hand drawn animation. Also I learnt how to do lip-synch to dialogue to make characters talk.

A budding film-maker from Greendown has just had his new film, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, shown at the Arts Centre.

It was part of the competition Pre-loader, and Lewis Rogers, year 10, made his way to the top nine out of many other entrants from all over Wiltshire.

Faye Rogers managed to talk to Lewis after the event to find out how he felt about the experience.

How did you feel having your film shown?

I was thrilled! I felt really proud that my film had been shown to the public and that people enjoyed it. Also that my work was appreciated.

What are your plans for the future?

My film making group, Media Plus, have been given some money from Firstlight Films (a company who help

young film makers) to make a short 3D animation.

It's called Pre-historic Pet Shop and I came up with the story, create character designs and will be lead animator.

My friend, Chris Barnard, Year 11, will be the producer of the film.

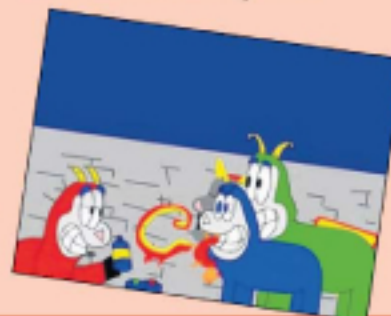
Also, I'm writing a Zombie Comedy film with my friends, Tom Joynson and Casey Singlehurst, which is inspired by Shaun of the Dead.

Thank you Lewis! The Three Billy Goats Gruff can be found on Lewis' youtube page

www.youtube.com/toonist26

It has been viewed all over the world and Lewis has even been requested to study at Vancouver film school, in Canada. You'd better watch it!

By Faye Rogers, Year 8,
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Climate's a fair cop for pupils

ON THE 21st of January the climate cops came in to do some really fun activities with us. There were five sections, the first was K'eyush's key messages, this was where a huge polar bear asks some questions about the environment.

Next was Wills world, where you had to do all sorts of exciting activities, including standby where you had to work in a pair to switch off as many lights as you can in 30 seconds.

Next was investigate with Oscar, what you had to do was go round to each table and answer the questions that you were given, they were all given different names.

Climate change was where you watched a short film about climate change, then you had to answer some questions afterwards.

Hydro-electric energy was where you watch a water pump shoot out this water that hit a hydro turbine which created electricity. Solar energy is where toys moved by the power of light; wind energy was where we had a fan and a little windmill, you had to push a button which turned the fan on and made the windmill go round creating electricity.

Climate crimes was where you had to spot all the crimes in the house as in lights being left on etc. Skye's oath was where you had to make up some promises about the environment and try to keep them.

In Charlie's conclusion all you had to do is answer the questions from the start to see if you knew them now.

By Peatmoor Primary

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