

# DigiLit Leicester Briefing: Student Digital Leaders February 2014

Student Digital Leaders initiatives represent a creative and effective approach to supporting learners who are enthusiastic about technologies in playing an active role in school ICT development and use. Programmes usually involve one or more students in each class being identified as digital leaders, to create "a team of enthusiastic students who work with teachers and students on regular or one-off projects to improve learning with digital technologies." This could be through trialling of devices or techniques, making recommendations about the best technologies and apps to use for specific tasks, providing training to peers or staff members, or being able to provide basic technical support in the classroom.

Student Digital Leaders programmes are a great way to give responsibility to learners, and a non-confrontational method of embedding enhanced technology use across the whole school.

## How to get started with/run a Digital Leaders programme



### Getting Started with Digital Leaders - Practical Guide

Sheli Blackburn's comprehensive summary provides simple advice for how to get going with your digital leaders in school.

<http://www.digitalleadernetwork.co.uk/getting-started-with-digital-leaders-2/>



### Gr8ICT.com Secondary

Chris Sharples' blog of all things to do with secondary Digital Leaders, including: an ongoing diary, information about running the North Yorkshire Digital Leaders cluster and regular blog posts about using MakeWaves.

[www.gr8ict.com](http://www.gr8ict.com)



### SSAT Student Digital Leaders Secondary and Primary

This slideshare is from Glyn's talk at BETT2014 and describes how the SDL initiative is operating in schools, including the roles that students typically take on, and the design and development of the badging framework that helps define each badge/role.

<http://www.slideshare.net/glynbarritt/sdlbett14slideshare>





## Inspiring third millennium learners *Primary*

This blog reflects the work of Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Curriculum Innovation service and partners. The service has supported 49 primary and 2 secondary schools so far.

<http://bradfordschools.net/blog/lac/2013/02/08/digital-leaders-case-studies/>

## Examples of Secondary Digital Leaders Websites



### Lady Lumley's School, North Yorkshire (Makewaves)

- *how DLs can make their own content allowing the DL coordinator to take a backseat;*
- *examples of Digital Leader Badges*
- *transition between us and local junior school*

<https://www.makewav.es/ladylumleys>



### Dane Court, Kent (Weebly)

- *how DLs can run training sessions for staff*
- *how DLs can provide in lesson support*

<http://dcgsdigitalleaders.weebly.com>



### Ysgol y Preseli, Pembrokeshire (Blogger)

- *Blog posts from the school's DLs*

<http://dcgsdigitalleaders.weebly.com>

## Examples of Primary Digital Leaders Websites



### Roydon Primary School, Essex (Blogger)

- *This is the blog of the 2012-13 digital leaders at Roydon Primary school. You can read about their @nightzookeeper #DLkidsmeet adventure here*

<http://roydondigitalleaders.blogspot.co.uk/>



## Downlands Digital Leaders

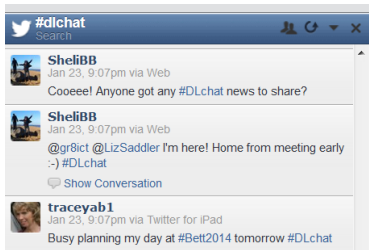


### Mozilla Festival

Posted on November 7, 2013



## The Digital Leader Network



## Downlands Digital Leaders, West Sussex (skoolshare)

- Record of some of the activities our DLs have been getting up to.
- Some tutorials and work the DLs have done.
- Photos from some of the Kidsmeets we have organised.

<http://skoolshare.com/portfolios/ddl/>

## Hertford Infant Digital Leaders, Hertford (wordpress)

- Year 1 and Year 2s
- Excellent advice on blogging guidelines

[hertforddigitalleaders.wordpress.com](http://hertforddigitalleaders.wordpress.com)

## Digital Leader Network (DLN) Blog

Set up by Sheli Blackburn and Mark Anderson, with Primary and Secondary sections by Sheli and Chris Sharples.

- Regular posts from Digital Leader Coordinators (DLCs) from around the country
- 'getting started' information for both Primary and Secondary
- Primary and Secondary Google Docs for DLCs to add contact information for each school running Digital Leaders (DLs)
- a map to add your location and see others close by
- Dropbox folder for sharing resources - contact Mark Anderson

<http://www.digitalleadernetwork.co.uk/>

## #dlchat on Twitter, 9.00-9.30pm Thursdays

A chance to catch up with other Digital Leader Coordinators via Twitter.

- share news and find out what is going on
- talk to other like-minded colleagues
- information posted to the hashtag throughout the week, not just during chat times

<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23dlchat%20&src=typd>





## Digital Leader Network (DLN) Makewaves

Digital Leaders creating stories, blogs and badges using the Makewaves social media platform - 46 sites and counting.

- *Digital Leader Coordinators join their school to the network and get to see all the projects and stories via the sites link*
- *Free version gives access to Digital Leader Network and DL badges*
- *Digital Leaders join and create profiles; create multimedia stories and share ideas and comments*
- *Access to Digital Leader Missions and Badges to motivate DLs*
- *All content, unless chosen differently, is hidden to the network level so that all student content is secure*
- *half termly projects to join in with*

<https://www.makewav.es/digitalleaders>

## Useful Digital Leaders people to follow on Twitter

[@Gr8ICT](#) – Chris Sharples

[@SheliBB](#) – Sheli Blackburn

[@ICTEvangelist](#) – Mark Anderson

[@DigitalLeaderUK](#) – Digital Leader Network

[@glynbarritt](#) – Glyn Barritt, SSAT

[@curricinnov](#) – Bradford Curriculum Innovation Team

