

Talking book designed by pupils wins award



Ian Massey rights respecting officer at Hampshire County Council Brian Stickley from Talking Products Teacher Stacey Barnes narrator Hannah Taylor yr 2 narrator Owen Shue yr 2 Teacher Hannah Marie

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AN INFANT school which designed and created a talking pen and digital book has won a digital media competition.

Schools across Hampshire were asked to submit entries to showcase how their school used digital media in its curriculum.

Entries included Powerpoint presentations, iPad apps, slideshows, digital photo albums and animated tours of the school, but the clear winner was Ranville Infant's digital book *Walter Who Wanted Everything*.

Teacher Stacey Barnes helped to bring the story together. She said: 'At our school we really value the Rights Respect and Responsibility initiative and all our years are involved with learning those disciplines.'

'We wanted to make something which all of our children could get involved in. Year 2 came up with the story and Year 1 came up with all the artwork.'

A hard copy of the book is available around the school, which pupils can touch with a talking pen to hear sound effects and narration.

The digital book, which also has sound linked to each page, is available for parents of children at the Fareham school to download.

The school received the RRR Digital Media Award.

This is the first year the award has been run. The winner was picked by a panel of 14 children and four adults, who judged the entries on their relation to the RRR initiative – Rights Respect Responsibility – on behalf on Hampshire County Council.

The school was presented with their prize – £75 of vouchers – by Ian Massey, rights respecting programme manager at Hampshire County Council.

Mr Massey said: 'It was clear from simply looking at the book that the children have had a lot of input and that they have got a lot out of it. It is a good example of how children enjoy reading a book and interacting with it.'

The prize presentation, sponsored by Talking Products, was made at the beginning of the school's end of year show.

Miss Barnes said: 'It's important for the children to have experiences of using media products as in the future they will be using those types of media everyday.'