

Jessie Younghusband School Case Study



Jessie Younghusband school produces top website using Textease

Pupils at Jessie Younghusband School, a county primary school in north Chichester, have been making the most of school projects and excursions by creating mini websites about their experiences. Children from Reception to Year 6 have produced work across all subjects using the word processing, desktop publishing and multimedia program, Textease from Softease. They converted these into HTML Internet files to make their own award-winning mini websiteson display within the main school website www.jessieyounghusband.w-sussex.sch.uk.



Rosemary Gledhill, ICT Co-ordinator at Jessie Younghusband School, has been using Textease for the past six years for word processing and desktop publishing across all subject areas. Rosemary commented, "Textease offered all the functionality for the children to produce their own mini websites. We decided to use Textease as all the pupils are familiar with the program and soon became at ease with converting the files to HTML. Creating page links with the program is

also simple."

Children at Jessie Younghusband School have created websites on various cross-curricular projects, such as art and history. Rosemary continued, "A variety of school trips, such as our visit to Petworth House, enrich the curriculum and enable the children to undertake exciting follow-up work. During their visit to the exhibition, the children took notes and captured images with digital cameras. The children decided to create a mini website on the artist Turner. They carried out further research on the Internet. This, together with their notes and digital images, provided them with the resources to create their mini website, which they planned and created using Textease."

Rosemary continued, "Building a website using Textease is so easy for children of all ages. The resource bank in the program enables children to insert their images easily whenever necessary in the creation process and the 'click and type' anywhere function makes page layout a simple task."

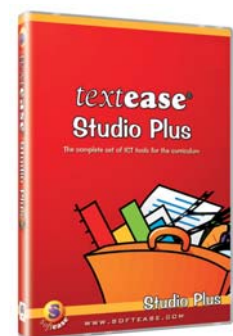
She concluded, "It is rewarding for both teachers and pupils to see their work celebrated in the school website. The children find it easy working with Textease and the results are amazing. We have received a lot of feedback from other schools who have used our website for inspiration. I have led a number of courses and workshops within the local education authority on how to produce websites and web

pages using Textease. The websites also continue to inspire new pupils at our school and other children across the country. In fact we have even had an email from one GCSE student who had been using the site for his own project."

The Jessie Younghusband School has been rewarded for its outstanding website. In 2003 the Year 5 group were awarded first prize for the Turner website in the West Sussex Grid for Learning competition "Putting West Sussex on the Map".

The Turner website isn't the only one created in Textease. Jessie Younghusband has even got the Reception class showing off their artwork, with the Year 6 pupils offering a helping hand. Year 4 has looked at the Life and Times of Henry VIII. Other children produced newspaper accounts on Harry Potter. Year 3 used Textease to produce packaging for their Design Technology work. Have a look at the web sites for yourself and see the delights created using Textease. To access the Turner mini website go to: Jessie Younghusband school's website.

Products used in this case study:



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