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■ Pupils from Norwich Recreation Road Infant School speaking at the national Education Show in Birmingham. Picture: MATT CLARK

Youngsters give presentation at national education convention

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Youngsters from Norwich Recreation Road Infant School were invited to speak at the national Education Show in Birmingham.

Twelve pupils, aged between six and seven, gave a speech and presentation at the National Exhibition Centre on their work as digital leaders at the school.

The school is running one of the largest digital leadership programmes in the country for the Year Two age range – and the digital leadership programme website and blog have a big following.

Louise Stone, the school's ICT coordinator and digital team leader, said: "It was an honour to be asked by the Education Show to present at the event.

"The children were so excited to let people know all about the amazing work they have been doing in school, especially supporting children and teachers in the classroom with ICT.

"As a result they hope that lots more digital leader groups will be employed around the country for them to link up and share ideas."

The pupils also got the chance to meet visitors from other UK primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, further education colleges and universities at the event which attracts more than 10,000 visitors.



■ Children involved in their presentation at the Education Show in Birmingham. Picture: MATT CLARK

And they were in great company as other speakers included Olympic Gold medallist Lizzy Yarnold and television presenter and vocal coach Carrie Grant.

"It was a fantastic opportunity for our digital leaders and they really enjoyed the event," said headteacher Serena Dixon.

"Digital leadership has become a really important part of our work in Year Two and it has allowed the pupils to take on levels of responsibility across the school and also further their own digital education and that of their peers.

"Louise Stone has taken the concept, normally associated with much older pupils, and made it work for us in line with our values-led approach."

The children documented their day by taking photos and filming one another on stage so they could share their experiences back at school.

School governor Emily Papaleo and her seven-year-old son Max both attended the show. She said it was a great experience for the youngsters to present their work to a national audience.

She said: "They were excited that other schools were interested in what they are doing. Questions included what were the main benefits of being digital leaders and the parents highlighted how it had increased the children's confidence."

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