

## **Our technology projects - Dr N Kucirkova (Governor)**

We are committed to developing innovative teaching-learning practices using new technologies. We have recently purchased a pool of iPads to support pupils' learning with mobile technologies and innovative practice.

We built partnerships with several Higher Education institutions, including The Open University and University of Bedfordshire. In 2013, our research-informed practice has involved a collaboration with The Open University on a project concerning digital story-making (The [Our Story project](#)).

### **The Remembrance project**

In 2015/2016, the School was provided with free access to AirWatch mobile device security system and additional iPad hardware (through the Open University).

Participating classrooms were supported to create personalized multimodal stories on the topic of Remembrance, using the OU-developed Our Story app and additional web-based resources. [link to <http://www.idgconnect.com/blog-abstract/9889/the-remember-project-ipads-unite-local-communities>]

The theme of Remembrance was broadly conceptualised to include the topics of memory, World War II, local heritage and provided a coherent frame for children's stories.

In April, 2015. Ms Helen Woodman participated in the London Book Fair and shared her experiences of taking part in the project at a panel talk:

<http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/find-exhibitors/Documents/?coId=48241>

### **UKLA Digital Book Award**

In 2015 and in 2016, we took part in the UKLA Children's Digital Book Award ([link to <https://ukla.org/awards/ukla-digital-book-award> ]), which aims to recognise innovation, creativity and excellence in digital book publishing.

Mr McGill and Ms Howe participated in the evaluation process and discussed the use of shortlisted apps/ digital books with the children in their classrooms.

Their views contributed to the choice of the final winner and have also been incorporated into a MESH guide about digital reading in schools. [link to <http://www.meshguides.org/category/meshguides-published/literacy-mesh-guide/digital-books/>]

### **NP3 project**

In 2015, our school participated in the NP3 project run by The Open University [link to <http://edfutures.net/NP3>] which aims to find out about how children's digital practices impact on teaching and learning.

### **Hour of Code**

Every year we take part in the Hour of Code. In 2015, members of the community joined us. In addition, Foundation children shared Coding homework with their parents.

### **Kindle Books**

Foundation produce collaborative books based upon their own experiences and interests. These books use iPad photography and text typing. We share their books via Kindle Direct Publishing and invite parents and families to download the book to their technology at home to share their learning.