

Special Education breakthrough from Heatherside Couple

Adele and Quentin Devine (a couple from Heatherside) have combined their talents to create SEN Assist (a new enterprise dedicated to improving education for children, particularly those with special educational needs and autism).

"We wanted to create something that would save teachers a lot of time but also incorporate all the training that special needs teachers have into something that teachers or parents without that training could use," says Adele (a full time SEN teacher at Freemantles in Woking).

Adele's husband Quentin, (talented artist and animator) was always making resources to help motivate Adele's students. 'I hope the hours that we have spent will save hours of teacher time and help children with special needs have access to the individual education they deserve.'

The software has had great reactions from teachers, Vanessa Whitney (Stepgates School, Surrey) says "The Three Bears has been fabulously motivational for my KS1 group of children; they loved the control of choosing their own character and the knowledge that they could make it move by completing their tasks. The children love to interact with the computer and, as the layout is so clear and concise, they are constantly learning."

So far there are six fairy stories to choose from. Adele and Quentin are now creating software for older students with learning difficulties based on Shakespeare.

'We have been overwhelmed by the worldwide reaction to SEN Assist. The software is now being sold by a major distributor in Hong Kong to teach Chinese school children English.' says Adele. Despite a busy schedule as a full time SEN teacher it is the amazing reactions and emails of thanks from across the globe that drive this couple to work non stop.

There is more information and lots of FREE resources available from the website www.senassist.com

