

Danni the champion of the computer-generated world

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A YOUNG West Belfast girl's artwork has beaten off stiff competition from around the world to appear in the 2008 'Computer Clubhouse Calendar'.

Eleven-year-old Danni Curley – a pupil at St Clare's Primary School – will reach a worldwide audience after her artwork, 'Funky Face', was chosen to appear in the calendar.

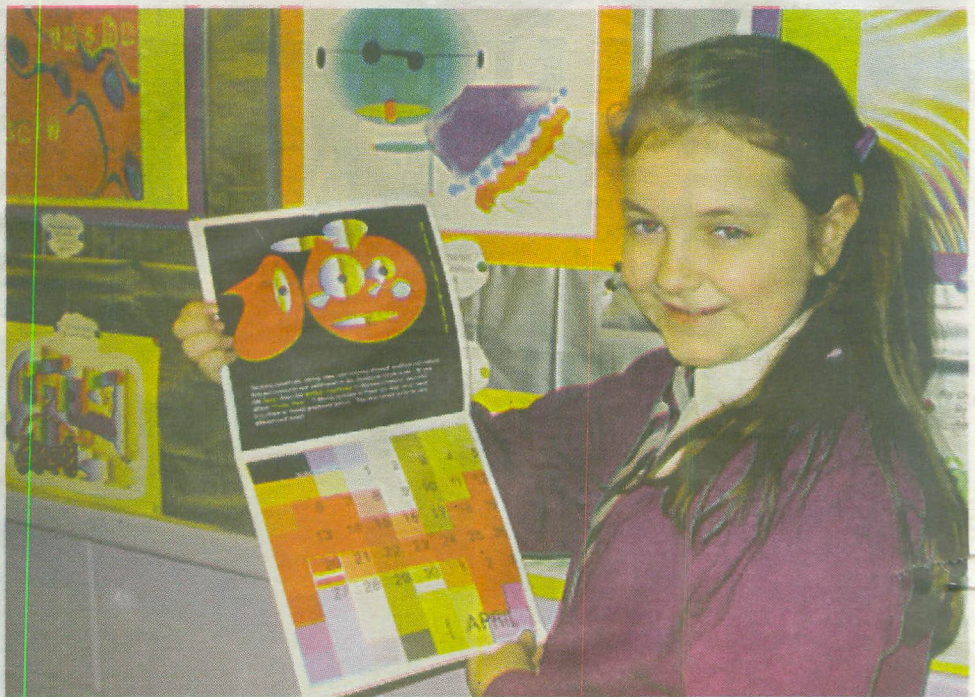
Competition this year was fierce, with pupils from over 100 Computer Clubhouses – the Belfast branch of which is situated at Springvale – competing in the calendar competition.

Candidates from all over the world were considered, including Mexico, Israel, New Zealand and America, but our Danni came top of the bunch for her computer talents.

The Belfast Computer Clubhouse is part of the worldwide Intel Computer Clubhouse Network, and was developed with a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The innovative project, which targets the creative potential of young people in West Belfast, focuses on learning-by-doing through multimedia.

Speaking about the moment she found out she had won,



TALENTED: Danni Curley's designs have gone global in the Computer Clubhouse Calendar

Danni said: "When I walked in the door everyone shouted congratulations!"

"My mum showed it to me and I squealed because nothing I ever do is in anything people see.

"It's very funky," she added.

Clubhouse co-ordinator Louise Feeney added: "Danni is a girl who has a quiet and gentle manner, yet grows in confidence each time she vis-

its the Belfast Computer Clubhouse.

"Danni's 'Funky Face' was designed in Macromedia Flash software, which is used today by working professionals.

"I am extremely proud of Danni for receiving global recognition," she added.

A representative of the Clubhouse added: "Danni's artwork sits comfortably in the month of April alongside

the work of some truly gifted young people from across the globe.

"Danni is a valued member of the Clubhouse and she has proved we are on par with the rest of the world when it comes to creativity in our young people. We are very proud of her, and we would like to thank the Big Lottery Fund for their continued support."