Students as digital leaders

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What is a digital leader?

- Digital natives vs Digital immigrants
- He has the ICT skills and competences
- A digital leader has been identified for some skills he/she has by teachers and given some time and opportunities to train himself and others
- He needs to be inspiring / motivating / creative
- He must be willing to experiment and to advance
- Teach the students and teachers as well

STEPS

- Identify the need
- Identify the students, organise them according to their expertise
- Give opportunities to everyone to become a digital leader
- Whole school approach, digital leaders accross all age groups
- Collaborative vs competitive

STEPS (cont.)

- "Logistics":
 - Finding time
 - Space
 - Designing training
 - Staff involved
- Digital leaders should have opportunities to design their own learning
- Sharing, reflecting, validating
- Recruting new digital leaders (never-ending cycle)

Challenges

- 1. "Invited learning": Do you invite the "experts" to join the lesson?
- 2. Do you have collaborative learning where they are actively involved?
- 3. Does the team identify when they will need their "experts"?
- 4. Finding time to do all these.
- 5. What do the experts gain?
- 6. Inform the parents.