

## News story: Gosforth youngsters prepare for Lego League challenge with LLWR presentation

Pupils from Gosforth Primary School were given the chance to hone their presentation skills in front of an audience at LLW Repository Ltd (LLWR) ahead of their appearance in a major science and technology challenge.

LLWR are in the middle of a five-year sponsorship of the First Lego League, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) initiative, and Gosforth are one of three local schools supported by the organisation.

Youngsters were keen to rehearse their presentation before delivering it for real in front of a panel of judges later this month in the regional final.

The theme of this year's challenge is 'Into Orbit' with pupils asked to consider a problem that astronauts may face in space.

Gosforth came up with loneliness as a key issue and youngsters have devised a robot dog companion as a solution.

Marc Goodwin, one of the LLWR volunteers assisting the nine to 11 year olds at Gosforth, said: "They got some constructive feedback from the LLWR audience and took away some good ideas that they may be able to incorporate into their presentation in the regional final.

"In addition, they really enjoyed the experience, which was great to see. Thanks go to LLWR for making it possible."

Marc is one of four volunteers assisting Gosforth and additional colleagues are giving their time to work with pupils at Seascale Primary and St James' Primary, in Millom, who will also compete in the regional final at Energus, Lillyhall.