

Year 2 Newsletter

26 April 2013

Thank you very much to all of you who braved the elements to attend the Swimming Gala last Friday. We were very proud to see the children challenging themselves and supporting each other in individual and team races. Despite the stormy weather that cut the event short, the Swimming Gala was still thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Apologies to those of you who may have been attempting to use the Mathletics program at home last weekend. There was an error in the system which prevented login in some cases. The Mathletics team quickly rectified this on Monday and the learners should now be able to use Mathletics at home again. We hope you have fun exploring 'The Rainforest' with your child.

Literacy

We have continued our work on persuasive writing. In literacy the children have been learning about the importance of word choice and have been collecting "wow words" so that they have a variety of interesting adjectives which can be used to enhance their writing. The children had fun looking at different advertisements and deciding if the information given was fact or opinion. Afterwards, they put their own powers of persuasion to the test as they made an advertisement of their own.

Mathematics

Over the last couple of weeks the learners have been focusing on the operation of multiplication. We have spent time learning different strategies for multiplying, including using repeated addition, grouping, arrays and multiples. The learners have honed these skills through practical activities using manipulatives, playing matching pairs games and using the Mathletics program of study online.





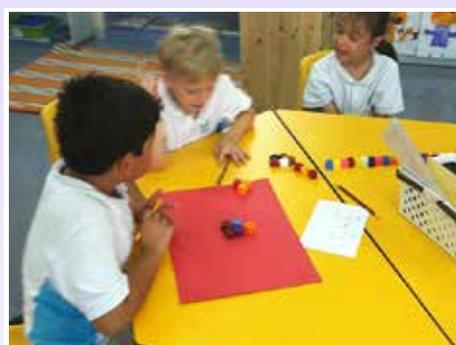
Unit of Inquiry

We have continued our learning journey investigating the roles of people in our school community with the children conducting interviews with members of staff on camera. We then turned our attention to people in our general community. We discussed how some work to meet our needs, like doctors and firemen, whilst others work to meet our wants, like hairdressers and actors.

This work was further extended as the children learned the difference between 'goods' and 'services' by discussing the different jobs they had learned about so far. This led us to think about the goods and services that are currently provided at school and those that the learners feel could be improved. The children enjoyed coming up with new ideas that they felt would make the school an even better place, and, following on from this, we hope to plan a day when Year 2 learners can offer a good or service to other students.

French

The French learners have been taking part in a big project called 'Celebrate Diversity'. The children were able to share with the school community both their language and their culture. As part of the project, the learners have created colourful displays across the school and we invite each of you to come and have a look. Our young linguists would love to share their learning with you. The main display can be found outside the admin office on the ground floor of Block C, and features work from Year 2 to Year 7.







Reminders

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| 1 May | Labour Day |
| 24 May | Vesak Day |
| 31 May | Musical Performance by Nursery, Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 |

Wheels Day for Years 1 and 2 will continue every Wednesday. All learners must be wearing a helmet in order to participate.