



Year 4 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here is a little news from Art and French. Year 4 learners have been working with clay during Visual Arts. They have been observing and discussing the properties of the material and the changes it goes through in the process. They are developing their skills in rolling clay to an even thickness, scoring and using slip to create ceramic tiles, pencil holders, name boards and cups.

The learners have been working really hard on a shared project called 'Celebrate Diversity'. The project is about international awareness and the learners were able to share both their language and their culture. Doga, Benji, Gary and Matthew are offering us a trip to Turkey, Holland, China and Wales; please go and have a look their presentations on the ground floor of blocks B, C and D.

Friendship Essential Agreement

1. Use kind, polite and positive words that you choose carefully.
2. Be fair and include everyone.
3. Be honest and show integrity.
4. Be tolerant and have a good attitude.
5. Be respectful and gentle to other people and their belongings.



Reminders:

- 1 May** Labour Day (school closed)
- 4 May** NISS Beach Clean Up
- 24 May** Vesak Day (school closed)
- 7 June** Years 3 - 6 Production

The CCA programme has now finished for the year.



Mathematics

Last week, Year 4 learners explored the difference between mass and weight, how to convert between grams and kilograms, and how to write the mass of an object in decimal numbers and fractions. This week, the learners have been learning strategies to solve problems involving the area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. They have been challenged with algebraic equations; being given some of the information regarding the width, height, perimeter and area of a shape and asked to solve the equation to find the missing measurements.



Unit Of Inquiry

The Year 4 learners are very engrossed with their current unit about 'Materials'. Last week they observed several experiments to learn about physical and chemical changes. They have begun their personal inquiry into a material of their own choice. They used the key concepts to help them develop questions. Mr Shaun, our librarian, showed the children how to search online encyclopaedias as they carried out their research. Our homework focus for the current and upcoming week will be to continue with the research.



Literacy

The Year 4 learners have been reading, analysing and evaluating Greek Myths and have been learning to make inferences about what they read. Currently they are busy planning their own myths which they plan to publish in a few weeks time.

