

Year 2 Newsletter

10 May 2013

With only 3 weeks to go, preparations for our end of year musical performance on Friday, 31 May are now well underway. The children are enjoying rehearsing and are taking their roles very seriously. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been involved in making costumes; they are almost complete and look fantastic.

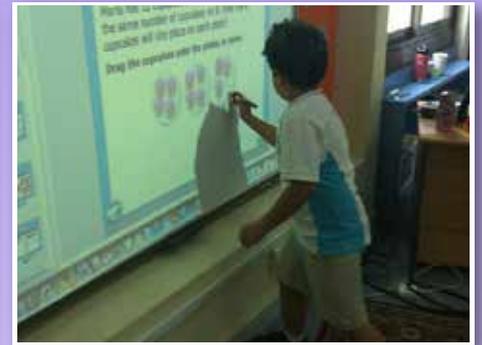
Literacy

In Literacy, the learners followed the writing process to create a story titled 'The Magic Brush'. The children learned how a storyline usually includes a conflict and they have been focusing on developing a plot that includes a problem and a resolution. The children enjoyed publishing a final illustrated version of their work and sharing this with their peers.

Mathematics

In mathematics lessons, we have continued working with numbers and the learners have been focusing on the operation of division. We have spent time learning different strategies for division, including using repeated subtraction, sharing, grouping, making arrays and 'skip counting' on a number line. We have used these newly acquired skills to solve word problems. The children have continued to reinforce their learning in this area by using Mathletics, a powerful online mathematics program.





Unit of Inquiry

Our unit about people in our community culminated in a spectacular 'Goods and Services Day', which the children planned, organised and ran. In groups, the children created advertisements for their goods or services and displayed them around the school. They certainly grabbed other learners' attention, as the response was overwhelming from all year groups. There were large crowds viewing the wide variety of stalls, including nail painting, scooter washing, massage, hairstyling, shoe shining and craft making. The learners raised a fantastic \$200 and they have decided to donate this to a member of our local community who, due to a bacterial infection, has lost both of her arms and legs and is raising money to buy prosthetics.

We have just started our final unit of the year, 'Changes in communication impact the way we express ourselves'. We have been thinking about the different types of communication and how these are important, especially if our main form of communication with each other, speaking, is taken away. We did this by setting challenges for the learners to complete without speaking to each other. We also learnt about some early forms of communication, such as cave drawings and Egyptian Hieroglyphics. We created our own cave drawings by using a crumpled paper technique to give the look of a cave wall. We had fun creating and sending hieroglyphic messages to each other using a hieroglyphic typing program on the laptops.





Reminders

Friday, 24 May
Friday, 31 May

Vesak Day (school closed)
'Minibeast Madness' performance at 9.30am

If your child is absent from school, please contact Student Services, studentservices@nexus.edu.sg, at your earliest convenience, and provide them with your child's name, class and the reason for his or her absence. Student services will then pass these details onto us. Student Services will follow up any absences that remain unexplained after 9.00am each day.