



Year 4 Newsletter

10 May 2013

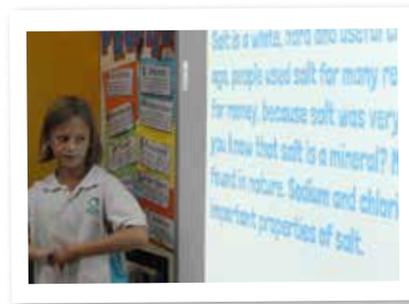


Unit Of Inquiry

The learners completed independent research on a material of their choice, based on their own set of questions. It was fun finding out about a wide range of materials, such as iron, coal, silicone, salt, gold and ruby. The children shared their discoveries through a variety of presentations, including posters, powerpoint presentations, mock TV talk shows, game shows, comic strips and i-Movies. As they made their presentations, the children showed that they were confident communicators. They also created their own superheroes, choosing appropriate materials to match the attributes of their chosen character.

The learners used Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats to think about their chosen material in different ways and they documented their ideas in the form of a concept map. It was interesting to see them reflect on why a certain material is used to make a particular object and what the benefits and disadvantages of using that material might be.





Mathematics

The learners developed their skills of multiplication, as they learnt to use the split strategy and short multiplication to multiply two digit numbers. They applied the skills to calculate the area and perimeter of walls in a plan of a house and even used these measurements to construct a model of the house. Currently the learners are looking at 3D shapes and identifying which nets can be used to construct each shape. They are also reviewing their understanding of symmetry and investigating tessellating shapes.

Literacy

The learners have been using Edward de Bono's green hat, the hat of creativity, to help them to write elaborate and detailed chapters for their mythical stories based on previously drafted plans. They have been encouraged to edit their work before they conference with the teacher.

Reminders:

Friday, 24 May Vesak Day (school closed)

Friday, 7 June 'Jungle Book' Performance by Years 2 to 6 at 6.30pm

Please send the required costumes to school by Monday, 20 May. Please help your child to practice the songs and, if they have speaking parts, to learn their lines.

Please note that PE will continue as land based PE lessons for the rest of the academic year.

Homework is emailed to learners every Monday.

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.



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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.