

# Year 3 Newsletter

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## Swimming Gala

Before the last few events of the Swimming Gala were rained off, the learners put on a great demonstration of their skills and showed that the hard work put in during swimming classes had really paid off. It was wonderful to see all learners taking part and being proud of their individual achievements, as well as those of their peers.





## Sunflower Garden

During our last Unit Of Inquiry, 'Light gives life on our planet', learners investigated, hypothesised and devised a fair test to establish the ideal conditions for growing sunflowers. Using the results gathered from these observations, the learners have drawn up what they think are the ideal conditions for growing a plot of sunflowers. The facilities team have helped us by clearing some land beside the Primary football field to plant a garden of sunflowers. Learners planted and watered the seedlings, and will continue to care for them and watch them grow. Once again, the Year 3 learners demonstrated their cooperative skills, inquiring minds and reflective natures to complete a group task.



## Research

Year 3 has been busy researching a country of their choice. Mr Shaun, our librarian, has been helping the learners with strategies for successfully searching the internet. He has also helped the learners to create a folder in Google Docs to store important photos found during their research.

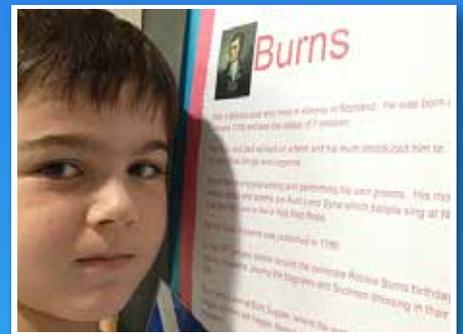
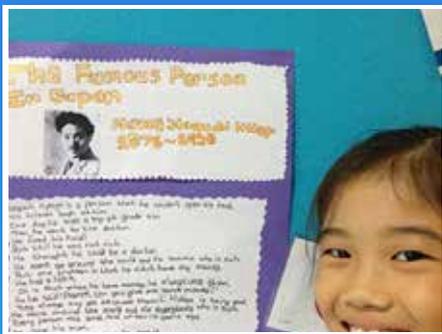
Each learner has begun to create an iBook (a multimedia presentation tool to communicate their findings). The learners have created pages in their books, added headings for each page, imported pictures and ensured that the table of contents matches to the pages they have created. This has involved a lot of hard work and concentration.



## Research Presentations

What an impressive group of public speakers we have in Year 3. As part of their research into a country of their choice, each learner had the homework assignment of finding out about a famous person from his or her chosen country and presenting them to the class. These presentations have included the use of iMovie, Prezi, Google Docs and PowerPoint. It is wonderful to see the learners using the technology introduced at school in their home learning. Some learners chose to present their learning without the support of technology. These poster presentations were equally exceptional as the learners demonstrated that they really understood the importance of layout, colour, bold headings and captioned photographs. Come and see some of these presentations that are displayed on the wall at the entrance of Block D.

We would like to thank Mr Shaun for helping the Year 3 learners gain valuable research skills. It was apparent from the presentations that the learners have applied these skills in the homework task.



## French

For the past two weeks the French learners in Year 3 have been working on a project called 'Celebrate Diversity' and joined in all the primary years to share both their mother tongue language and their culture. The results can be seen on the ground floor of block B, C and D. Come and have a look.



## Parents' Coffee Morning

The Year 3 Parents' Coffee Morning in the NPG room on Tuesday was a great success. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to mingle and get to know each other, especially those parents new to Nexus. Thank you to Deanne and Faiza for organising the morning.

## Reminders

- 1 May** Labour Day
- 24 May** Vesak Day
- 7 June** Years 3- 6 Production

Wheels Day for Year 3 will continue every Wednesday. All learners must be wearing a helmet in order to participate.

Swimming lessons will continue in PE.

Finally, please keep all reading books in the diaries. This is very important and allows us to change the books regularly.