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Dear Parents,

Another very busy week at DBS, I can't believe how the time flies. Before the holidays I wrote to you about the Daily Mile that is happening in class 2B. The children go from their class every day and walk around the track for 15 minutes which promotes a positive mind-set for the rest of the day. The results have been fascinating with the majority of the class settling more quickly to the day's work and where there were previous friendship issues, these have disappeared. I would like to roll this initiative out across all of Primary over the coming months so that all the children can benefit.

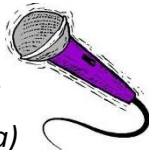


From the children:

"I can concentrate better" (Alex)

"It's fun" (Ameera)

"It makes me feel happy" (Sienna)



Talk for Writing



Talk4Writing

Across the school we are using 'Talk for Writing', developed by Pie Corbett, to develop children's writing. *'It is powerful tool based on the principles of how children learn. It is powerful because it enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version'* (<http://www.talk4writing.co.uk>)

Year 6 pupils are presently doing Talk for Writing with Greek Myths. Staff have retold a favourite Greek myth many times to make the children familiar with the plot.

Children have then learnt actions to help them remember each stage of the story, learnt different ways of planning and are improving their descriptions of characters and events in order to eventually create their own myths.



Keeping Up with the Kids

We are running five 'Keeping up with the Kids' sessions this term. More information about these plus the dates, times and sign up will be coming out early next week.

KS1 & KS2
Parents
Talk for
Writing

EYFS Parents
Squiggle while
you Wiggle

KS2 Parents
Fractions

KS1 Parents
Addition &
subtraction

All Primary
Parents
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More good news from Primary...

Year 3 Science

Yesterday in 3E the class carried out an investigation to demonstrate how light travels in straight lines.



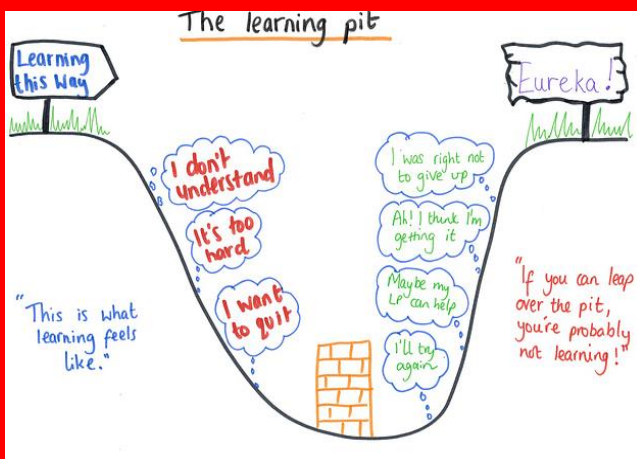
The children placed a target at the end of the table and then placed four cards 20cms apart in front of it. They shone torch light through the holes to see if they could hit the target. They soon realised unless the holes were perfectly straight in front of each other that the light would not hit the target.
Conclusion: light travels in a straight line!

Sporting Achievements

The first primary sports fixture of 2017 happened on Sunday 8th January with 40 children taking part in the Cross Country championships at Dukhan. They ran against 19 other schools in a 1.5km race (year 3&4) and a 2km race (year 5&6). There were some fantastic top 10 finishes from some of the runners and a special mention goes to Otto Bulow who came 2nd in the year 6 boys race. Well done to everyone for their effort and determination and thank you to the teaching staff and parents who attended.



Growth Mind-set



Following on from the successful 'Keeping Up with the Kids' sessions, Ms Lowe and myself this week worked with all the teachers and TAs to ensure we maintain a consistent approach. Over the next few weeks, children will be discussing mind-sets and each class will be creating their own 'pit' to illustrate how to motivate yourself when presented with a challenging task. Furthermore classes will spend time discussing the language of growth mind-set v fixed mind-set and look at how the human brain works.



Garden Project

I am delighted to say that we have produce growing in the KS2 garden! There is evidence of beans growing which has caused much excitement amongst the children. However some of the plants are being eaten by bugs so the children are planning to replant with hardier plants.



I am going to be in London for recruitment from Friday 20th January for one week, therefore no Head of Primary Newsletter will be published on Thursday, 26th January.
Kate Cliffe