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East End Primary School working on ICT Integration

After volunteering for a Saturday ICT workshop session (see www.buildingexcellencetogether.blogspot.com for the blog posting), teachers at East End Primary School have been getting on with it and continuing to work hard at engaging students in the classroom. Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Sealy have used the MIMIO Interactive whiteboard with their classes over the past week and the students absolutely loved it!

Mrs. Clarke's Reception class discovered all about the body and were able to use the board to drag and drop various body parts and their names in the correct locations. Mrs. Sealy's Year 3 class were exposed to a nice progressive lesson on odd and even numbers.

Both teachers were pleased with the way the sessions went and agreed that using ICT was beneficial to their students.

To the right, one of Mrs. Sealy's students uses the MIMIO to work on odd and even numbers. A video of the work done will soon be available on the blog.



All around the Cayman Islands small children have got ants crawling up their arms, but don't be alarmed, this is not a case for Environmental Health but Jolly Phonics being put into practice.

Children are learning letter sounds associated with a fun action. This multi-sensory approach helps children remember the action, the sound and the shape of the letter. Initially when children start to read, they may sound out the letter names while making the actions. Soon, this will stop and they will be able to sound out words without needing to do the actions.

By introducing Jolly Phonics in reception, Y1 & Y 2 classes, it is hoped that our youngest children will soon be discovering the joy of reading.

A Helping Hand for Haiti

Last week, we saw Prospect's Year 5 Ebanks giving assistance to our neighbours in Haiti, and this week, we look at two more schools playing their part.

Year 3 at North Side Primary School have been instrumental in organizing a collection for the people in Haiti who are in need following the hurricanes in August and September.

The class made posters to encourage other classes to bring what they could in the way of food and water supplies; basic baby needs; clothes; toys and books and medical supplies. They also held a dress down day to raise money to send for use at local level. In addition to an assembly at which they shared photos of the emergency situation and raised awareness of the plight of the people there.

A huge amount of goods were returned to school and 2 truck loads were taken into town to join a container that was being shipped by the Emslie

George Town Primary School students also played their part by filling more than 100 Digicel bags with clothing, personal hygiene items, books, crayons and coloured markers.

Led by teacher Tunisia Barnes, the students found the collection drive both motivating and satisfying.

All teachers and students must be commended for leading such a truly humanitarian effort towards our friends in Haiti.

Useful Websites

Primary resources
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.primarygames.com
www.discoverykids.org

Secondary resources
www.freewebs.com/msbarron/index.htm
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.chemcollective.org/

Sent from DES this week:

- No circulars sent this week

JGHS Student Council

This week, the students of JGHS took part in the democratic process of voting their peers onto the Student Council. The Student Council was re-launched last year and proved to be a success for all who took part, from candidates to voters.

Much of last year was spent by those elected members on setting up the framework for the future to ensure that the Student Council would become an integral part of Student life at John Gray. A Constitution was drawn up and a timetable of meetings was established with senior staff.

As of Friday 26th September 55 students registered to be candidates in the election for the 14 positions that are on the Student Council. Also, as part of the democratic process, in their Tutor Groups students have been discussing the forthcoming election and what it will mean for them.

As part of the discussion students have had to register if they want to vote as is the case in a real election. Register returns are showing approximately 90% of students registering to vote, which shows how seriously they are taking this election.

As well as the elections for the Student Council at JGHS, students will also be voting for representatives to attend the Youth Assembly this year. Mr. Atkinson, from the Youth Services Unit who is a Programme Officer for the Youth Assembly, commented on the exceptionally positive attitude shown by last year's representatives and is eagerly awaiting the results of this year's election.

Full results of the election will be published once due process has taken its course.

CEO Visits George Hicks Campus



On October 3, 2008, the Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Shirley Wahler visited PACE High School and New Horizons High School on the George Hicks Campus.

Above, students volunteer to respond to a question put forward by the CEO.



"AREN'T THERE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD ALREADY?"



The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.

Plutarch

