



L'Archipel's Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 3-4 Term 3 2016

What's happened

Junior Maths Week - On Monday the whole Junior school celebrated the Maths Week with a choice of great fun activities. The weather was nice and sunny and children enjoyed spending time outdoors counting, measuring and problem solving practical maths questions. One of the activities included games on i-pads organised in the Hall.



Middle Maths Week - Will happen this Thursday for Y3 and Y4 students.

Senior Maths Week - Y5 and Y6 students will have an opportunity to take part in a choice of fun games and activities this Friday.

Ruma 1 - At the end of last term children in Vesna's class have created some amazing pieces of artwork. Based on their learning about the coral reefs they wanted to paint colorful fish that will decorate their classroom and later their own rooms. We talked about the colours of the ocean in order to make a background and discussed what we can find at the bottom of the ocean. Then we watched the videos of tropical fish and



talked about their colours and patterns. Children discovered that tropical fish live in a reef area where brightly coloured coral grows and they can hide among the coral. They enjoyed creating a seabed using mixed paint and grains. They learned to emphasise strong, solid colours and

worked with glitter glue to decorate their fish. Children loved their final product and are very proud of their creations.

Ruma 13 - During week 1 and 2, children have enjoyed discovering (or rediscovering) how to tell the Time, in our Maths' measurement unit. The expert team helped the beginners team to learn how to read time on our hoop clock.

All pictures, courtesy of Mathilda Abbott and Joshua Billington.



School assembly certificate recipients

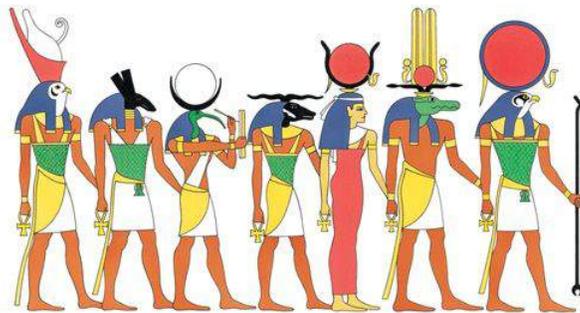
Vesna's Home Group: Theo for 'his consistent academic efforts and enthusiasm'.

Beatrice's Home Group: Saoirse for 'her for her outstanding effort and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum'.

Florence's Home Group: Jenna for 'always trying her best'.

What is happening

Ruma 1 - We are enjoying learning about ancient Egypt, in particular about the Egyptian mythology. Children were impressed with the number of gods and goddesses: they learned that the Sun isn't a simple star and the crocodile isn't a simple animal -



they belong to the world of gods. They discovered that each of them had a special skill: the god Hapy represents the river Nile, the god Bes protects the Egyptian homes, the goddess Selkis protects people from bites and stings of all animals including the scorpions and the god Osiris protects his underground kingdom of dead. Our next learning will focus on pharaohs and the mysteries that are surrounding them including Toutankhamon, Sethi 1st, Ramses II and Cleopatre VII.

Chinese - Once a week children are learning the basic Chinese with our wonderful Chinese assistant. At the moment they enjoy learning the greetings and the basic sounds.



Ruma 13 - Still in our maths unit, every Thursday, with David, is about Geometry with hands-on activities. Last week, children made their own shapes out of paper.

Hip Hop Championship - We have 3 champions with our Hip Hop team : Mathilda Abbott and Manon Gilbert (Ruma 13) and Anais Gilbert (Ruma 14). They came back with an awesome Bronze medal ! Great job !



Ruma 14 - Topic display and Art Week preparation

After recording the questions they may have had about our term 3 topic "Ancient Egypt" on our classroom Wonder Wall (questions that will lead our inquiry and will be answered as we progress in the unit), Ruma 14 have worked on decorating their learning space with Egyptian like items looking for inspiration in the many books we have



on our shelves (thank you to all the families who have lended us some) and also on the Internet (using our brand new set of Chromebooks!).



Students are thus discovering aspects of Ancient Egyptian art and the meaning and use of some of their creations. Although still a work in process, the result is so far impressive.

Over the last week, Ruma 14 have also had to focus on their individual project for Art Week "My Egyptian Profile". Using collage techniques, students are turning themselves into characters of an Egyptian fresco:



Be sure to read our next newsletter for an exclusive preview of some of the finalised work and for an exciting insight into the making of Ruma 14's collaborative masterpiece (a unique piece to be auctioned in Art Week!).

Events to come

Wk.3 - Famous Friday Bake Sale, from 2.50pm

Wk.5 - Art Week, Wednesday 24 August

Wk.5 - RRS Speech Competition

Wk.7 - Lactic Turkey orienteering race, Wednesday 7 September

Wk.7 - R14's trip to Auckland Museum, Thursday 8 September (TBC)

Wk.8 - R1 & 13 trip to Corban Estate Arts Centre, Tuesday 13 September

