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**UNSW Science Competition**

Last term some of the middle and upper primary students participated in the UNSW Science competition. I would like to congratulate all those who took the challenge and participated. We also received some outstanding results:

- Gr 6—Ganze Zeybek (credit)
- Gr 5—Faruk Ayvaz (distinction)
- Huseyin Sahin (credit)
- Gr 4—Kubra Toplu (credit)
- Ali Uluturk (credit)

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**SRC News**

This year is a first for S.R.C. One student per class has been elected and selected. The students have been given their titles as representatives of their class. These students are busy working with both Ms. Evla and Ms. Meleknur to collaborate needed changes at our school.

So far, we have had a breakfast with the principal, where students introduced themselves and spoke a little about the sorts of changes they want to see around our school.

To help set up our club financially, we started with a Footy Fever Friday, where each student was asked to wear their favorite AFL clubs colours and bring along a gold coin. This event was successful as we had a commendable amount of students come to school with their sporting teams uniform and colours. Not only was it fun for our students, but also a good beginning for the awareness of the club.

During the month of Ramadan, SRC collected roughly $300.00 for sadaka, and we sent that off to third world nations.

There will be more events coming up. We will keep the school up to date!!

Ayse Sakar
Gr 5B SRC
Eating Well & Eating Safe

The physical well being of all our students are of great importance. Lately the media has focused on the changing trends of diets and lifestyles and we are all aware the effects of foods in terms of student learning and development. At our College, we have a number of students who have different food allergies and dietary requirements. Therefore, we kindly ask parents NOT to bring cakes, goodies and lolly bags to school.

A new website to help you learn about what is in the food your family is eating is available www.eatingsafe.com. It is an Australian website with over 12000 supermarket labels designed to assist with the management of specific dietary requirements.

Grade 2C

In term 3, Grade 2s studied Fairytales, and everybody dressed up for the Character Parade. At the concert, 2C sang about the Octopus’s Garden. Emine was a fantastic octopus and all the class danced so well.

In term 4, we’re turning our classroom into an underwater scene as Grade 2s are studying Sea Animals. We’ll be learning about food chains, and lifecycles. Students will be completing projects on whales and our excursion will be to the Melbourne Aquarium.

Anger management
Time management
Stress management
Relationships
Resilience
Anxiety
Grief
Self Esteem
General Counseling

Mrs. Nurdan Ayvaz
School Welfare & Guidance Counsellor
Please make an appointment if you wish to discuss issues of concern to your child.
"Footy Fever"

On the last day of term 3 the SRC organized a uniform free day. Students and teachers came dressed to school in their favourite AFL team colours. Students cheered and sang footy team songs. We were all very proud to parade our teams. The aim of the day was to raise some funds for the SRC to help future projects and also to have some fun on the last day of term 3. We hope to continue this cool sporting tradition in the upcoming years too.

"Sports Power"

During the term 3 holiday period a number of our students were involved in sports competitions. It gives us great delight to hear of both academic and sporting achievements of our students. Congratulations to Ezgi Binici, in gr 4, who competed in the 2007 National Taekwondo Championships, held in Adelaide. Ezgi competed in three competitions which were as follows—individual poomse (technical), team poomse and sparring (fight).

On October 9th, the Isik College Wrestling team also competed in the Annual Wrestling Championships, held in Penrith, Sydney. The Isik College wrestlers made us all feel excited, returning home with 4 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals. Congratulations to Akif Canbolat, Tahir Yildirim, Omer Turkmen, Bekir Yildirim, Ridvan Altunbas, Yasir Leflef, Eray Arslan, Osman Yilmaz, Nezih Kaya, Eser Pullu, Kadir Altunbas, Ozkan Cengiz, Dogus Saydar, Ali Sait Ozcelik, Emre Tanrikulu, Gorkem Tanrikulu, Furkan Kaya, Selahattin Ustalar, Halil Erciyes & Ibrahim Akbay. We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the families and our supporters. A special thank you to Mr. Musa Ilhan.

"Special Delivery"

Congratulations to Mrs. Meryem Yalciner on the safe arrival of Azra Sadiye Yalciner.
Ramadan is always a busy and exciting time at our house. Today we invited people from another faith over to our house for iftar (Ramadan dinner). The names of the people we invited were Paul, Gabriella and their little daughter, Ganavev. This family is from the Jewish faith. They came to our house to share our food and to find out a little about our culture and Islam. It felt totally different eating with a family that was not from the same faith as ours. But in a way it was good because they saw many Turkish traditional aspects and learnt lots about our religion.

While we performed our Maghrib prayer they watched us. They commented that there were many similarities between their religion and ours, for example - the Jewish were not allowed to eat pork, like us.

The rest of the evening we spent talking. Finally, they had decided to go because they lived in Brunswick and because it was getting quite late. Before we said our goodbye’s my family and I gave them a little present. I think sharing things with people are so important. It’s what makes us come together and understand each other better. A couple of days later they mailed us saying thank you for the night and the food. Apparently, they had enjoyed their visit very much.

By Beyza Dilcan, 6A

Literacy Skills

During term 4 the grade 6 students will develop expository writing skills and have the opportunity to present some of their works during assemblies and via the newsletter. Students are already passionate about some issues of concern and have lots of opportunities to discuss certain topics, such as ‘should children be allowed to play PC games?’ or ‘is plastic fantastic?’.

Students in grade 6 have been watching weekly news reports from ABC’s Behind the News program. Many of the works the children produce each week help them to gain some awareness of local, national and international news. The media is always an important part of our life and students have the opportunity to develop critical literacy skills. We would encourage parents to watch other news programs with the family, read newspapers and have family discussions about relevant news.

Should Children Play Computer Games?

Computer games are very entertaining and fun to play. However, there also concerns, especially for young children. In my opinion computer games are not suitable and not safe for children, if unsupervised.

Computer games are very addictive. Many young children spend hours and hours “NON STOP”. This must affect their eating, sleeping, growth and learning. Therefore, computer games are not good for children. Health. It has the potential for children to gain weight if children do not have an active lifestyle. We all know obesity is a huge problem.

There are also many computer games where the content is unsuitable. Some games are very violent and some sexist. Children will certainly become affected by what they see, especially if they spend lots of time playing such games. For example, some children can try do dangerous acts such as trying to jump out of a window and fly like a super hero. THIS IS CALLED BEING BRAIN WASHED.

Computer games are not very good for young people. Children should be monitored and supervised at all times. Don’t let “DANGEROUS” games change your young child’s mind and lives before anything serious happens to their health.

By Deniz Kocaoglu 6A

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