

Panaga School Newsletter

Message from the Head of the Dutch Stream



Dear all,
Welcome to the April edition of the Panaga School Newsletter. A lot of activities and developments have already taken place and many more will soon take place in Term 3.

As a school, we are very keen to clearly communicate key aspects of education to parents. During this past month alone, two separate Parent Information Evenings were organised.

One session provided Dutch Stream parents with a focus on assessment; another offered International Stream parents of P2 and P3 insights into reading. The parents who attend the evenings actively participated through questions and discussion.

Over the last couple of weeks, Sports Days of the different year groups took place and were successfully organised. Children, parents and teachers participated enthusiastically.

The school is looking forward to *International Day* on Friday 6th May. The event promises to be a great opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity at Panaga School. In addition to a costume parade, international food tasting, performances from members of the community and an international quiz, the programme for the day will also include workshops based on a selection of the 38 nationalities represented across the school.

The Rampayoh and Teraja Student Councils recently organised a very successful Cake Bake Sale to raise money for the victims of Japan earthquake and tsunami. A big thank you to all parents who were busy baking the cakes.

Panaga School will be IPC Accredited next academic year. Each school using the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) is able to apply for IPC Accreditation. It does this by completing an IPC self-review and then submitting it for validation. To achieve IPC Accreditation, the school uses the *IPC Self Review/Accreditation* guidelines as a tool to monitor progress. Panaga School will aim to be accredited at a *Mastering* level. Preparations have already begun and more information about the Accreditation will be shared in due course.

Term three has been a busy and interesting term so far!

With kind regards,
Meino Meines

Super Sports Days 2011



This month, the **Early Years, Milepost 1 and Milepost 2** all took part in their own outstanding Sports Days.



Also, for every age category, a huge thanks goes to the many parent helpers who contributed by giving out place cards and assisting with teams and events.



very smoothly and highly enjoyably.



On each occasion, all around the park, there were displays of excellent athletic abilities, fierce competition, but most of all - wonderful sportspersonship.



If it wasn't for your generous support, none of this year's Sports Days would have been as rewarding for the children as they were.



Once again, Primary 8 proved to be great leaders of the future as they successfully and patiently led the events for the Early Years and Milepost 1 children.



Congratulations to the organising committees in all mileposts for each Sports Day. All three Sports Days were well prepared and ran



As Miss Liz, the chief organiser of the Teraja Sports Day commented, "It's got to be the slickest Sports Day we have done yet as a school!"



Warm ups and stretches are already underway for the 2012 Sports Days.



By Damian Brady

Cake bake sale - a huge success - helping those in need in Japan

A huge thank you goes to the **Rampayoh and Teraja Student Councils** for organising and heading up the **Cake Bake Sale** that took place on **Tuesday 26th April**.



Also thanks to IP6 who gave a helping hand to support the event and demonstrated their skills in the kitchen by baking cookies, cakes and even samosas.



There were also many parents from other year groups across the school who wanted to help and went ahead and baked delicious cakes to sell in support of this FANTASTIC event.



The combined total raised by both Rampayoh and Teraja was over a massive \$1000.

This is a tremendous response and shows a great effort from the community to support



those people who really are in need right now.

Thanks to everybody who ate and bought so many yummy cakes; without whose support this event could not have been so successful.



Again a great big thank you to ALL for their cooking, eating, massive support, generosity and kindness.

By Miss Sam, on behalf of the Student Councils.



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"Sweat plus sacrifice equals success."
- Charlie Finley

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IP7AB's Cake Sale and Animal Adoptions

IP7A have been looking at endangered species in their PSHE lessons and decided to raise money to sponsor some endangered species.

In order to do that they held their own cake sale on Thursday 3rd of March 2011. In addition to that, they had an assembly on endangered species the week before.

They raised 300 BND - enough to sponsor three endangered animals: an elephant called Naipoki, a rhino called Solio from 'The David Sheldrick Wild Life Trust' in Kenya and an orangutan (Reg) from the 'Rasa Ria' in Kota Kinabalu.

Naipoki was found in Namunyak Conservation Area, stuck in a well, hurt. She was 3 months old when she was found. Naipoki was born on Monday 4th October, 2010.

Solio was found on the Solio ranch in Kenya and was 6 months old on arrival. Her parents were poached, and she was sadly found standing next to her unfortunate, dying mother. Solio was born in April 2010.

IP7A have also chosen Reg, the orangutan. His orphan home is the Rasa Ria in K.K. The reason he is an orphan is because his mother was poached. He is the cheekiest orangutan at the Rasa Ria.

IP7A have worked exceptionally hard to raise money for these poor creatures. They would like to thank all the people that supported the cake sale and made it possible for them to adopt these animals, and to help them have a better life.

By Andrea, Chris and Joel (IP7AB)



Naipoki



Solio



Reg

IP5 and DP5/6 share their artwork

On Tuesday 19th April, the parents of the IP5 and DP5/6 children were invited to an art exhibition to celebrate all the fabulous work that had been happening during the topic, 'Inventions and Machines'.



The art work captured inventions from the past, present and future and had been based on the styles of artists Salvador Dali, Fernand Leger, Pablo Picasso, Vincent van Gogh and Karl Appel.



A range of materials had been selected by the children, ranging from clay, to paint, to pastels, to sketching and even ICT!



Miss Kathryn reported, "The children had the learning target 'To use art as a means of self-expression' and all achieved this brilliantly."



The exhibition has been a great success and everyone should be very proud of their hard work. A big WELL DONE to all in IP5 and DP5/6!
By Miss Kathryn



IP7AR's personification poems get the nod

A Nodding Donkey



A Nodding Donkey,
Slow, lazy and crazy,
Even though it's tough,
It's still lazy,
Licking at Black gold,
It's braying loudly,
But it's still HUNGRY!

By Khalil Al Buwaiqi, IP7AR

Pump Jack
*Alone and solitary,
As it grazes on the oil.
It's stubborn
It won't
Move.
Embeds itself in the soil.
It just
Nods as it brays.
Eeyore, Eeyore
Its sturdy body, unmoved as
It pulls its cart of Black Gold.*

*Alone and solitary,
As it grazes on the oil.
Doing the job it's supposed to do,
Our donkey. Forever loyal.
By Marcus Quirk*

Power

Everywhere does this creature lurk,
It knows one thing and one thing only,
Work,
Stubborn is he, taking no other job,
growing old,
Yet his hard work is earned when he
retrieves the black gold.
Around he goes,
The nodding donkey,
Dancing and swinging just like a mon-
key,
With every down he seems to gasp and
bray,
And all around he has his say.
Nodding he does,
He seemed to devour,
The earth's savior,
He creates power!

By Dustin Lebiadowski

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Seeing life from a different angle

LT: To be able to retell a story from an alternative point of view.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears; the real story



In the Bandar Courthouse, Goldilocks was in chains sitting on a chair, arrested by the police. Boos were being shouted by the audience while she was struggling pathetically to tell her point of view.

The judge slammed his hammer confidently on the table and let Goldilocks retell the story.

"My name is Goldilocks Webber and I am not a thief or a naughty little girl. I'm innocent I tell you! Everyone believes that family of bears because it's the only point of view you've heard! Well actually that's not the whole story....

I was on my way back home from my piano lesson, thus it was a long way through the woods. I got lost but managed to find a house that looked lived-in so I thought they might help me. I tried the small knocked on the

wooden door but no one answered. I heard little squeaking sounds from inside and I thought it was the people trying to ignore me so I thought I'd just go in to teach them a lesson. It was actually the pipes so it was an accident.

I entered into the kitchen and saw three chairs around a wooden table. After my long walk I was feeling a little sleepy so I sat on a child-looking chair. As it was such a small chair, it broke in two! I mean seriously! Who would be able to sit on that chair without breaking it?

Picking myself up from the floor I saw bowls on the table. My stomach was rumbling awfully hard and it was true that I was actually very, very hungry and I really needed to have something to eat. The only food I could see was a big bowl of porridge, a medium one and a small one. I tried the big bowl of porridge but it was much too hot so I accidentally spat it out on the floor. What else could I have done? I tried to eat the medium one but it was much too cold. I tried the small bowl of porridge

which was the right temperature. I felt awfully guilty having eaten the porridge without the family knowing, although if I hadn't eaten it, I would've starved to death!

After a short while I felt very dizzy; the reason being was I was very tired. I crawled upstairs, dragging my limp, sleepy body with me. I lay down on the big bed but it was too hard. I tried the medium bed, but it was way too soft. The small bed was just right so I drifted into a deep sleep.

I was woken up by a creaking noise from downstairs and I immediately knew it was the people living in this house. I heard a small squeaking voice saying, "Why has my porridge vanished and my chair been broken?" I was helplessly trying to hide myself in the room but the light turned on and the father of the three bears yelled out, "GET OUT OF HERE!!!" So I ran out of the house as quickly as I could. It was the journalists who framed me! I'm not a thief!"

The End

By Nathan
Leuranguer (IP6L)

Little Red Riding Brat and the Big Helpful Wolf



Everyone's always sorry for Little Red Riding Hood (LRRH) and her grandma, except me. I was framed! You see people always think I was the 'big bad wolf'. I don't know how this big bad thing started, actually I am quite helpful, kind and honest; unlike LRRH, that little no good brat. I'm Benjamin T. Harry you can call me Ben and this is the real story.

I was taking a stroll in the woods to get some fresh air when I spotted LRRH, who was wearing a bright red hood. She looked like she was struggling to move a huge basket full of strawberries and since I'm a helpful person I asked her, "Excuse me little girl do you need help? I must say you have a pretty bright red hood there." Do you know what she said to me?

"Yes, I do need help you fuzzy hairball, can't you see the size of my basket!?"

"Um, yes but no need to be rude," I answered, confused by her tone of voice.

"Well get on with it fur face, bring it to my grandma's house at the edge of the woods by 12 o'clock midnight, don't be late! Good riddance and tone of voice to me. I was sure she would be full of tears when she

went happily skipping along. Despite her tone of voice I had to deliver the strawberries.

When I came to LRRH's grandma's house, I politely knocked on the door and said, "Excuse me may I come in? Your granddaughter, Little Red Riding Hood, sent me here to deliver these strawberries to you.

I bet you'll never guess what she said to me! "Okay come in for heaven's sake! But don't get mud in my house you dirty brute! Also, stay away from me I have a phobia of wolves!" She just sounded like she was having a bad day so since she was an elderly woman I was really generous to her. After I had only been in the house for 5 minutes she quickly climbed up some stairs onto a long platform, with a room on the other end, and said, "You'll never get me up here you big old brainless brute!" Unfortunately she didn't notice a hole in the middle of the platform and fell right through. I tried to catch her but since it was so late and it was past my bedtime, I did what came naturally, I yawned. Do you know what? That crazy old lady fell into my mouth. Don't you find that strange? You're yawning and some old lady falls into your mouth!? I don't think so. Anyway no one eats without chewing and I started choking on that old lady. Just then LRRH came and knocked on the door. I as a guard wolf at the didn't want the girl to cry despite her language and tone of voice to me. I

was sure she would be full of tears when she

found out I swallowed her grandma. I quickly dressed up as her grandma; unfortunately her grandma's nightgown was really itchy. I jumped into the bed and called in my sweetest voice, "Come right in honey. Your grandma wants to see her most precious granddaughter." I know you expect LRRH would say, 'Oh grandma what big eyes you have.' And I'd answer, 'All the better to see you with my dear blah blah blah!'

Anyway this is what she nagged to me about. "Grandma what big eyes, teeth and ears you have and why aren't you eating those strawberries that wolf gave you and where's my present you promised to give me and.....wait a second your not grandma."

"Uh umm err, Okay I'm the wolf!" I ripped off grandma's night cap and took off the nightgown. LRRH climbed up the same stairs her brainless granny ran on. She tried to jump over the hole but her jump wasn't far enough so as I yawned again she also fell into my mouth! Now that was twice in a row; imagine two people falling into your mouth. Don't you find that even stranger? Anyway, a little while later I vomited LRRH and grandma. Then both of them ran into the police who brought grandma to the mental hospital and LRRH to a juvenile ward. I got a job as a guard wolf at the king's palace. So you see, I was framed by those two. That's the real story.

By James Emmanuel (IP6L)

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P3 learn how to build strong structures

This month P3 had a special guest to help with their IPC learning of 'Buildings'.

All the P3 classes were there!



We found out about:

L L shape connections,
O Like a cylinder, and
T A T connection makes things firm.



Some even put the 2 ways of building together.

We found out that when you roll up a piece of paper, it becomes really strong and can hold a book!



In the end we asked all sorts of questions about buildings and building platforms in the sea.

We made a zig-zag out of another piece of paper and it could also hold up a book!



It was really interesting!

By Mr Robert Jan

All aboard with P1's little treasures

The Primary One children, dressed as pirates, had a fantastic time when they climbed on board a 'pirate ship' for their latest IPC Exit Pont.

vided his boat for the children to use during the pirate fun day. Everyone had lots of fun exploring the boat!

By Miss Sarah



The pirate fun day was a great opportunity for the children to celebrate what they had learnt during the 'Treasure' IPC unit. They listened to pirate stories and sang songs.

Some children even tried following maps in search of treasure!



Literacy and Maths skills were needed for the pirate role play games and for counting the gold coins in the treasure chest.



We would like to say a big thank you to Francis Alphonse, who kindly pro-



Mr John (Tristan's father) who builds oil platforms came to tell us about how to build things really strong.



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P4s make a splash!



On the first Tuesday of the term, the P4 children had a huge amount of fun playing water games as the Entry Point to: Clean Water, Dirty Water – their next IPC unit.

water slide, “don’t burst the water balloons” obstacle course and a “water gun” target.



Their teachers organised “water carrying” races, “fill a bucket of water using a sponge” races, a really long

The children had an ‘awesome’ time and agreed it was the ‘best Entry Point ever.’ Most of the children spent the end of the session playing in the giant puddles created by the vast amounts of rain that fell earlier in the day. **By the P4 team (who took a while to dry out).**



P2 enjoy some clowning around

On Wednesday 6th April, P2 had a surprise visitor for their Circus Entry Point.



He rode a unicycle while juggling, made balloon animals, showed them magic tricks and introduced his puppet friend.

The children had a wonderful afternoon watching the clown and they each left with their own balloon and a big smile on their faces.



By the P2 Team

A clown came to meet the children and demonstrated some of his wonderful circus skills.

International Day - update ID2011 Banner Winner

International Day will be held next Friday 6th May, 2011!

This month, children in Ram-payoh and Teraja were invited to enter a *Poster Painting Competition* for Panaga School's upcoming International Day.

The event will celebrate the rich cultural diversity at the school through costume, food, art/craft, music and dance.

Children were asked to design a logo representing the international qualities and spirit that exist in Panaga, to promote this very important day for the school. The winner was Aarushi Vardhan (IP5K). Aarushi was shocked to hear she was the winner. Below is her fabulous logo:

On the Friday morning, parents are requested to send to school a plate of food typical of their child's home country.

Each child's contribution will form part of a spread of international food for classmates to sample at first break within the classroom.



Please place with the food a label bearing the name of the food, country and a small flag for information/decoration. *Please note:* the food should not contain pork; foods with nuts should be clearly labeled.

The runner up was Preksha Shubham (IP2D). Here is her wonderful effort:

All children, parents and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed in national costume or in the colours of their home country!



International Day once again is shaping up to be one of the most exciting events on the school year. We look forward to your attendance and support.

You may have already driven past Aarushi's design, now blown up as a huge banner to promote International Day. Congratulations! I am sure you'll agree, both designs wonderfully depict the great international atmosphere of Panaga School.



By Richard White, Principal

By Damian Brady