

School Reports

This year we have put into place a new format for the end of year school reports. The aim of the new format is to really focus on think and learning. Teachers will be reporting on the actual thinking skills your child has used and acquired rather than the activities they have carried out. We want to develop the whole child and equip children for the future. To do this effectively we have to look at skills and thinking that are transferable. By teaching children to think for themselves and use a variety of skills we are equipping them to deal with any task that is set for them rather than showing them how to do a specific activity and telling them what to do. All of the work carried out in the classroom revolves around the thinking skills and as a school we feel it is important that the reports reflect this.

We would appreciate any comments or feedback that you have on the new reports when you have read through them.



Visit to Romania

AS many of you know Mr Prosser and I went to Romania last summer to volunteer in an orphanage and hospital looking after babies and children who have been taken away from their families due to abuse, abandoned due to poverty or orphaned. This summer we are going back for three weeks to care for these children again. We will be staying in a gypsy village for much of the time volunteering at a new day care centre that has opened to give the gypsy children love, attention and care. Each year in Romania at least 10,000 children are abandoned, 80% of these are Roma Gypsies. In Romania gypsies are often denied medical care and hospitalisation and lead a life of segregation and prejudice.

We are going to work with two organisations, FCE (www.fce.ro) and Forget Me Not Ministries (www.fmnministries.org). We will be giving the children the opportunity to play, know the love and affection that they have been denied and offer them experiences they have not had before such as painting, drawing, running through fields, going swimming and climbing trees!

This year we will be fundraising by holding a Sponsored Triathlon! The children will be spending twenty minutes swimming, twenty minutes dancing and twenty minutes skipping. We will send home a sponsorship form soon which will confirm the dates for the triathlon. Our aim is to raise Dhs 80,000 between Horizon and Safa. This will buy a second hand van for Forget Me Not Ministries to be able to deliver food and clothes to gypsy families in the village, allow the volunteers to check up on children who have been returned home to their families and to collect children who need to come to the centre. We would also like to buy nappies, medical supplies and toys.

Please come and see me if you have any questions, I will be showing some photos to the children in assembly and will put the Power Point on the school website for parents to view. Thank you in advance for your support and thank you once again to all parents who have contributed swimming costumes!

Mrs Angie Prosser
Early Years and Key Stage One Coordinator



Year 5L had the opportunity to sing the UAE National Anthem, at the Skiboard World Cup 2008 opening ceremony. The competition took place at Ski Dubai on the 22 of May 2008. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they represented Horizon School in a positive light. They sang the anthem beautifully without the music!

The organizers were extremely proud of their behaviour and patience throughout the day.

Nicholas Mets and Toni Spiteri had the opportunity to hold the ribbon for the opening ceremony.

Eilidh Tuckett, Gautam Sabnani and Megan Hendry were chosen to enter the Snowball Throwing competition. The children did really well and Eilidh managed to get to the Final!

Well done to all of 5L for their efforts and wonderful behaviour! You have made us all very proud!

