

5Th Grade Newsletter

News and a letter in one place

Introduction

So, the sailboat that isn't a sailboat, but is Grade 5, is now sailing full-steam ahead (if sail boats were to steam). Yes, we may not be getting better at metaphors, but we are getting better at behaving, studying, learning and laughing learning more.

One of the many important things we do in grade 5 is develop a positive ethos, where we treat each other and ourselves well. It's not easy, but, like a sailboat on a windy day, we're heading in the right direction at a speed that makes us go, "Yay!".

Best wishes,
Karl

English

Take punctuation. Take bingo. Put them together, and, yes, you have punctuation bingo—the most fun you can have without a balloon. We've been learning the names of punctuation marks and when we use them. Bingo!

We've also been writing about the battle of Salamis (not the sandwich filling) from the perspective of both the Greeks and the Persians to see how history is subjective and how language can be used to express opinions.



Impressive impressionists being impressed by impressionism...

Important dates

School photo day: 24th September (look smart, be smart, think smart, smile...)
Parent Day: 27th September (Come to our class and try a really mind-bogglingly-difficult fun activity.)



Maths

We have a lot to learn in maths and we've been learning a lot: the order of operations; multiplication and division to the power of 10; using partitioning to speed up mental arithmetic, ... Why? So we get better, faster, sharper and the answers right.

And not only have we been getting nimble with numbers, but we've also been calculating the areas of triangles—it's maths with many points

Social studies

As part of our democracy lessons, I gave your little Aristotelian angels a simple task—create paradise on earth: utopia. Were they fazed by the task? No. Did they write about their version of personal utopia? Yes. Was it scary? You better believe it! Would you like to live in a world ruled by robots? Or one where adults are forced to do sport? Hmm...