



ST. JUDE'S ACADEMY

Primary Years Programme Newsletter

May/June, 2018

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." - L. M. Montgomery

In the blink of an eye, another school year has come to an end. We have had a very busy end to the school year. May began with the Grade 6 Exhibition, which was followed by the MYP Shakespeare play, 'The Battle for Juliet.' We held our annual Spelling Bee competitions, and hosted our fantastic Arts' Night performances. We ended the month with our monthly casual day and our final bake sale of the year. In June, we hosted our Track and Field competitions, and Parent Guild held a Year-End Play Day for our students. Ms. Chin awarded Kappa the house cup, who ended up with over 2.9 million house

points! Well done, Kappa! We officially ended the school year with our Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies.

We, the staff at SJA, wish all of our families a wonderful and safe summer. We hope to see some of you at our summer camp and look forward to hearing all about your summer on Wednesday, September 5.

The SK students have been exploring the Unit of Inquiry unit, How we express ourselves. They have been working on various emotions (e.g., happy, sad, angry, scared, excited) and learning about what these emotions can look like (e.g., when you are angry you are frowning and your face may turn red). The SKs participated in an emotion guessing game where they drew a happy & sad face on a paper plate. Students were given different scenarios and had to guess if it was a sad or happy story by flipping their paper plate to the appropriate face.

In Ms. Chiappetta's Grade 3 class, they worked hard during their Plants and Soil Unit. They created soil art and have learned about the different layers of soil and the importance of soil. For example, topsoil has the most nutrients and is where most insects call home. They did an exciting soil experiment where we dug up some dirt from our playground and put it in a mason jar with some water. They had to shake it and let it rest overnight. The results were outstanding; the Grade 3s could see every

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Upcoming Events

Friday
June 15

Last Day of School
Promotion
Ceremonies at
City Church
JK-Gr. 2: 10-11
Gr. 3-6: 12-1

Monday
August 27

PYP Orientation
Night from 5-7pm

Wednesday
September 5
First Day of School

Friday
September 7

House Colour
Spirit Day
Thursday

September 20
Welcome BBQ

Wednesday
September 26

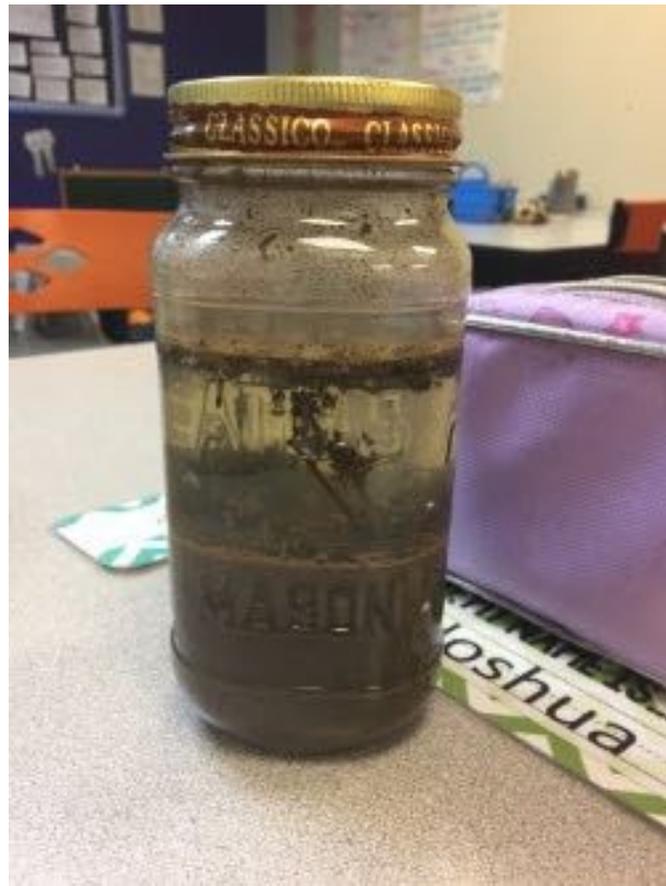
Casual Day
Thursday

September 27
Terry Fox Run

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layer of the sub-soil clearly! For their summative task, they created their own plants with the knowledge they now have about the parts of a plant, plant adaptations and how to care for plants. Overall, the Grade 3s have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the importance of plants and soil in this unit.

As part of the Unit of Inquiry, Sharing the Planet, the JKs learned all about living things and how to distinguish living from non-living. The central idea to this unit is: People interact with plants and animals in and out of their homes and take responsibility for their well-being. The JKs explored different classifications of animals and sorted the animals into these different groups based on researching their characteristics in class. They learned about their responsibility for taking care of living things and how different living things grow and change.



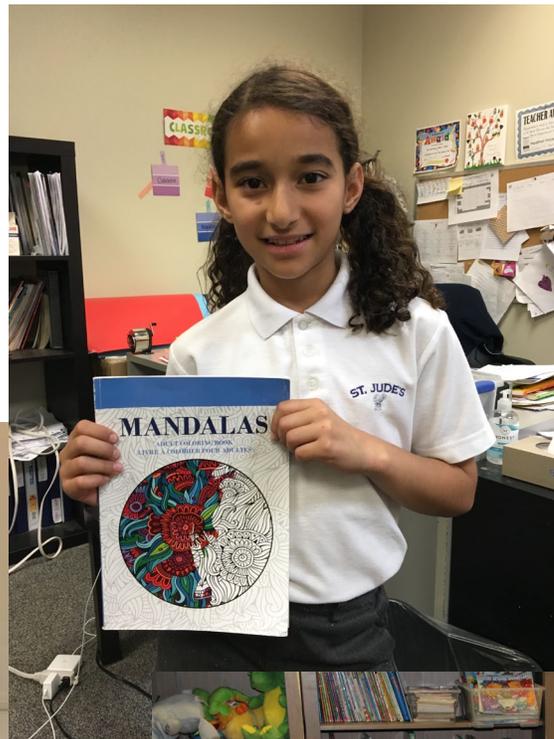
Unit of Inquiry pictures. from top: Grade 3 (soil jar), Grade 3 (collecting soil sample), SK (emotions), JK (animal classifications).

Action Stars

Mrs. Hocevar's Grade 4 Class – **Vishva** brought in a necklace that had a mineral on it and books on rocks and minerals from her local library. **Kasen** brought in some minerals to share with the class. **Daniel** brought in extra copies of our novel study book, Frindle. **Eva** shared with the class her rock and mineral collections. **Sophia** shared with the class a rock from a volcano. **Liliana** shared with us her Mandala art book. **Elina** showed us her mandala iPad case.

Ms. Hung's Grade 4 Class – **Manny** shared his experience of his father volunteering at a children's hospital in India. He asked the class to help make cards for these kids and mail it to them. He also wrote his own poem to encourage students to bring in their cards!
Noah shared with the class a picture of his sister's rose tattoo.

Ms. Ramcharan's Grade 2 Class – **Rayna, Alister, Charlotte, Aryana, Jad, Rayen, Esha, Urvi, Aashyra,** and **Quinntin** donated money to WWF and sponsored a White-Handed Gibbon named Booga. **Rayna** also did independent research about an endangered animal called the Cotton-Top Tamarin and presented it to the class
Esha and **Roha** researched and presented to the class about ways to help endangered animals.
Alexa set up posters and presented in her neighbourhood about raising awareness for endangered animals.



Library Corner

It has definitely been a very busy first year as St. Jude's Academy's Librarian. I have undertaken the big job of Collection Development, which has included "weeding" the library, the acquisition of new books, and the creation of (a very long) list of books we'd like to add to our collection in the near future. I am in the process of cataloging the thousands of books into a computer system. By next year we should be scanning our books for check in and check outs! The grades 9-12 had a field trip to the UTM Library to learn how to use their online databases (which they have access to at any time for their research). We had a fantastic Book Fair in December and raised over \$3,000 Scholastic Dollars for new books and things. Our Student Book Fair Crew were a huge help and great workers. We've had classroom visits and story times. We've had Recess Readers for grades 1 to 6 this year. They library is often full of wonderful readers! We've had several interactive bulletin boards where students and staff have shared different ways to say "Peace" (November), counted down to the holidays (December), shared their goals for the New Year (January), learned about some notable women in history (March), shared ideas to help the environment (April), and tried to identify teachers from their baby pictures (June). It sure has been a busy year (with still lots more to do).

Principled Award Winners for May

Junior K:	William Porterfield Wolfe Bernal Tanisha Sharma
Senior K:	Simrin Chawla Ronan Bhagwandin Victoria Kouzmenok
Grade 1:	Gianna Ianerio Srikaran Valluru
Grade 2:	Charlotte Lewis Honor Meneses
Grade 3:	Vyas Satish Aarsh Bajaj
Grade 4:	Ali Rangwala Vanshi Soni Krina Rathod
Grade 5:	Ramsey Ali David Schmider
Grade 6:	Nicole Wishlitzky
Primary French:	Damien Ahuja
Junior French:	Bianca Johnson Taran Binning
The Arts: PYP:	Ayen Bhargava
Phys Ed: PYP:	Rohan Malhotra Joshua Armogan Alexandra Lewis
Music: PYP:	Karina Kalsey

Reflective Award Winners for June

Junior K:	Angelica McPherson Hridhaan Tailor Ishaan Singh
Senior K:	Aayan Merchant Armaan Moyez Sidi Kaysha Mistry
Grade 1:	Aayush Rao Gurbani Bedi
Grade 2:	Jordan Bennett Nathan Ho
Grade 3:	Kaitlyn Co Jorvin Ghimery
Grade 4:	Aamna Arshia Iyaad Rizvi Munira Leila
Grade 5:	Lillian (Ting Yu) Hua Rashad Huq
Grade 6:	Zane Bassaragh
Primary French:	Adeline D'Souza
Junior French:	Teni Kasumu Ali Rangwala
The Arts: PYP:	Aiden Juma
Phys Ed: PYP:	Saraya Juma Daniel DeFrancesco Alexandra Lewis
Music: PYP:	Kaitlyn Co

House Points FINAL



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