



St Ambrose High School

Literacy and Numeracy Newsletter November 2013

Learning Wall

The Learning Wall is now up and running with our S3 Pupil Council reps collating exemplars from depts. and organising displays on a fortnightly rota.

Pupils are looking for Literacy and Numeracy exemplars in the Junior Phase and we hope that this allows all teachers to see the work going on across depts. The displays are in the staff room.

S2 Word of the Week

In S2 Tutor Time pupils are shown a new word (often skills based words) and have to find the definitions. E.g. summarise, research, evaluate, classify etc. This helps them to be able to articulate their skills and strengths in readiness for profiling in S3. Words then displayed on the wall in the Tutor rooms once meaning has been ascertained and then examples in subject areas are suggested by pupils and teachers.



Literacy Assessment in Junior Phase

A group of 15 S2 pupils took part in literacy tasks organised by NLC on Wednesday 13/11/13. Pupils were chosen randomly in S1 and are now part of the process wherein they are tracked in Literacy development throughout their school career. This is year two of the tracking for them. This allows NLC to be able to identify levels of Literacy, how well our pupils are developing and supports which may need to be put in place for teacher Inset and training. All pupils were keen to take part again and enjoyed the tasks set.

S1 pupils in St Ambrose enjoyed a visit from the award winning author Julie Bertagna in the school library at the beginning of November. One pupil commented "It was really interesting to hear a proper author and I instantly bought a copy of Exodus"

Word Wizard in Modern Languages!



Mrs. Boyd, PT Mod Langs, has arranged for 20 junior pupils to take part in the 'Word Wizard' organised by SCILT (Scottish National Centre for Languages). The pupils will be involved in a 'Spelling Bee' where they will learn how to spell topic language from the Senior Phase contexts such as climate, environmental issues and society. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of Literacy and spelling skills in language. Two internal rounds will take place in school with the best team participating in the finals in the Scottish Parliament in May 2014. Judging panel will be made up of native Spanish speakers. Adverts for this have been on our plasma screens for the last few weeks and we have a healthy number of pupils keen to take part. ¡¡Qué tengan suerte!!



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Any good practice?

We're always open to new ideas for Literacy and Numeracy. If you're trying out any new Literacy or Numeracy techniques, please let us know!!