

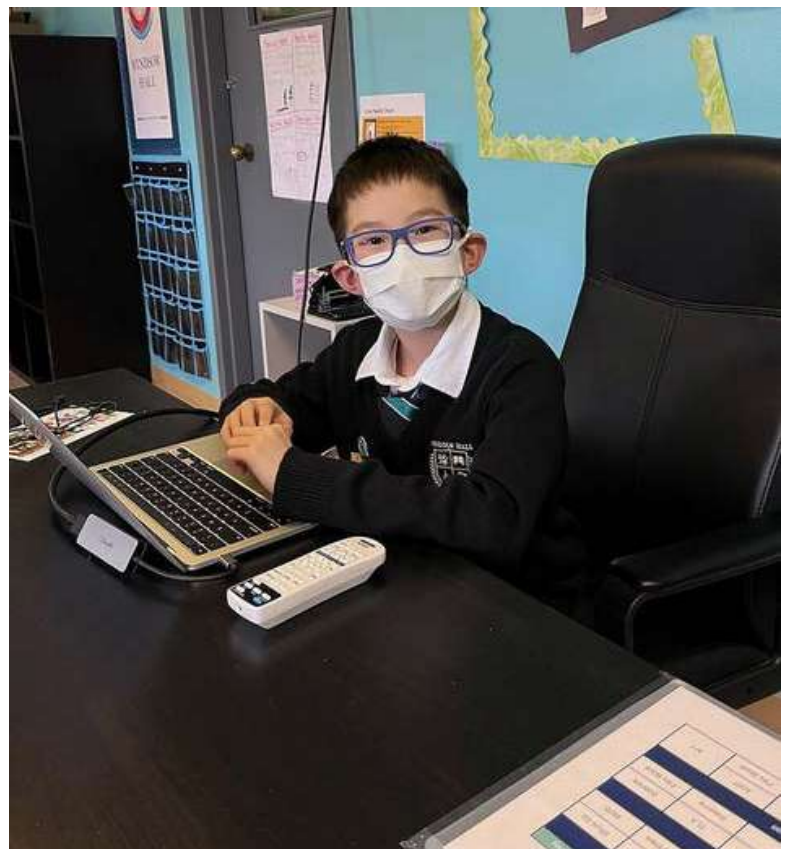


Windsor Hall's Monthly Newsletter

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Summer is Here!

The last few months have been very busy at Windsor Hall. Students excitingly partook in various field trips and in school activities. They also perfected their coding and musical skills in the after school clubs. We are so proud of how hard our students have been working over the last couple of months. We are excited to start planning our next school year and are looking forward to welcoming some new students to our campus in September. We wish everyone a wonderful and restful summer break!



Nadine Yehiya - Coordinator of Admissions

Letter from Head of School

June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers:

As the final days for this term draw to a close, I would like to acknowledge the efforts made by so very many of our students, staff, and parents in the Windsor Hall community during the course of this year. The extraordinary commitment made by everyone means that we can continue to succeed and flourish as a learning community. It has been such an incredible journey that we have taken to begin, not only the formation of a new school, but to also pursue International Baccalaureate (IB) status during our first year. Our first year has been incredibly successful and we are so very proud.

This newsletter will include the months of May and June. They have been incredibly busy months. You will see the many things that have happened in such a short time. I am particularly proud that our school joined with Canada Star Secondary to help collect 1400 boxes of cereal for The Greater Vancouver Food bank, The Richmond Food Bank, and Covenant House. This is such a huge accomplishment. The Richmond News covered the event and the story can be found here: <https://www.richmond-news.com/local-news/video-richmond-school-creates-domino-chain-with-1400-cereal-boxes-5410589>

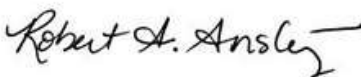
I am delighted to report that both of our incredible teachers are returning to Windsor Hall for the next academic year which ensures great stability. We will also be adding two additional experienced staff members as we will be adding grades seven and eight. These are exciting days for Windsor Hall.

The leadership team has already commenced planning for the new academic year, and we will return to the office on August 23, 2022, to put into place a smooth opening for all parts of the school.

I have forwarded my thoughts and suggestions for "Summer Reading at Windsor Hall." I would encourage you to see that your child participates in this activity.

Finally, I wish all our Windsor Hall families all the very best for the summer holidays and look forward to welcoming you all back, relaxed and refreshed for what promises to be an enjoyable and productive year.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Anstey
Head of School



In the classroom

ELA

In the last two months, students have been working on independent inquiry projects in order to become the "Teacher for the Day". Students practiced doing informational research, as well as their planning and organizational skills. Students learned a lot about the structure and function of the BC Curriculum, as well as how to incorporate the First Peoples Principles of Learning into their lessons. Going forward, students will do a critical analysis of Goldilocks and the Three Bears leading to a mock trial which will test their persuasive, argumentative, and informational writing and presenting skills!



MATH

In math, students have been working on their geometry skills and understanding. They have practiced calculating the area of composite shapes, triangles, trapezoids, and parallelograms. Students demonstrated their mastery of these skills by creating a floorplan for their dream house, including specialty rooms and exterior renderings. In the next few weeks, students will be practicing their probability skills through the creation of a roleplay "Casino" wherein students will have a chance to run their own probability game centers for their peers!



LEARNER PROFILE

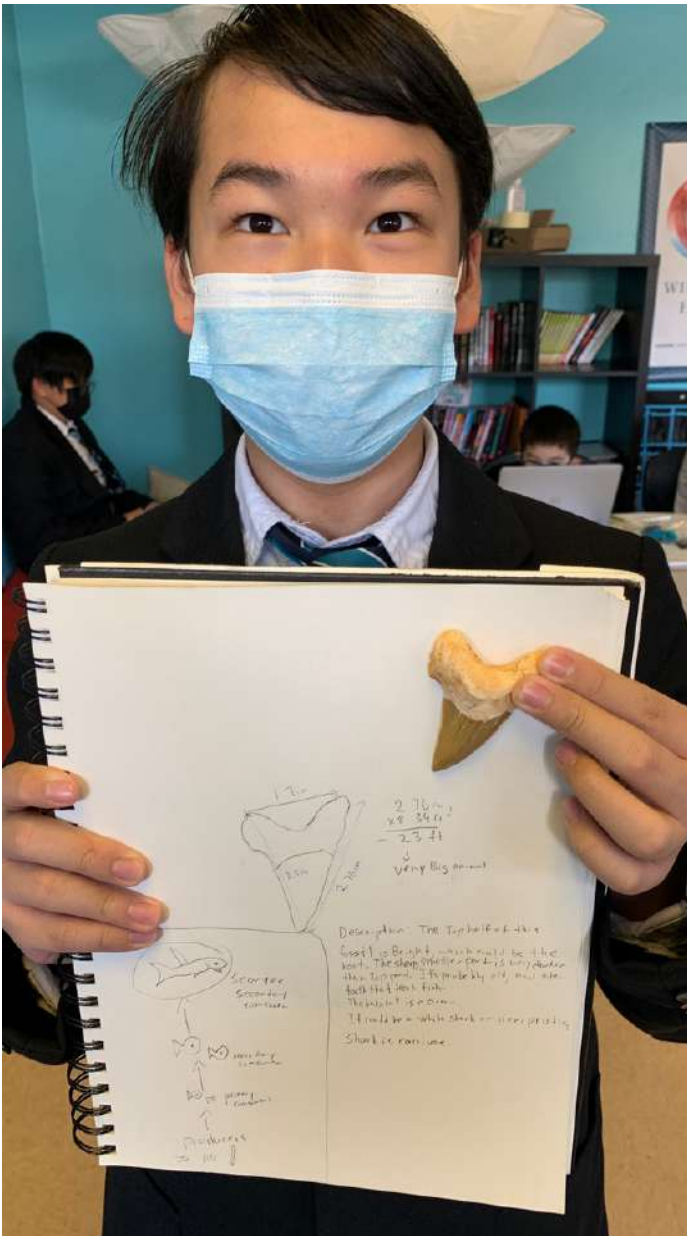
As part of the IB curriculum, students are encouraged to exemplify ten characteristics, known as learner profiles. These are traits that are considered to be the blueprint of a successful IB student. Each month, we will select a learner profile trait as our focus. The trait for the month of May was 'knowledgeable' and June is 'reflective'. Students demonstrated these traits by sharing their learning through presentations, teaching their own lessons and activities, writing self-reflections, and participating in student council elections!

Mx. Braydee Procillo -
Grade 6 Teacher



HUMANITIES

We have been learning about the Apartheid era in South Africa and the injustices and inequalities suffered by the South African People at the time. We spent time reading about and watching documentary videos about the struggles and victories of Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa. Most recently we have focused our attention on heroes of history where each student has selected one person they consider their hero and why. This has been an opportunity to cross over curriculum with English Language Arts and introduce essay writing to the students. Each student has written a short essay about their hero and will construct a visual presentation to share with the class.



SCIENCE

We are exploring ecosystems for our final unit in Science class. Illustrating complex relationships between living and non living things in the environment. Students have been creating food chains and food webs for different ecosystems following the flow of energy from the sun all the way up to apex predators. We were fortunate to be able to give out fossil shark teeth to each student as a focus of investigation and a keepsake. Many students expressed an interest in learning more about sharks so we engaged in a shark profile investigation where every student selected a shark for independent study and taught the rest of the class about their shark. Each presentation was followed by a Kahoot online quiz as a way to assess the information shared by each student. We just wrapped up a viewing of Biggest Little Farm, a documentary on a multi-year farm project that focused on biodiversity and working with wildlife and farmlife to create a balanced working farm environment.

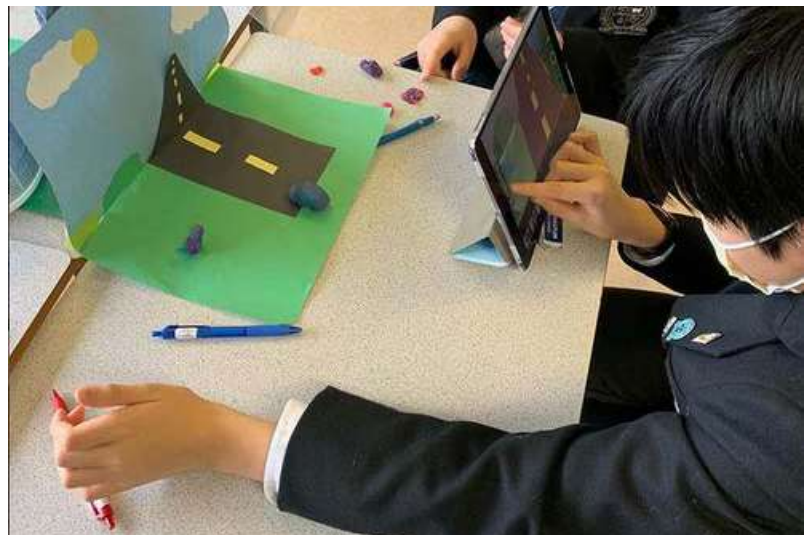
ART

Our final unit in art class has been portraits. We started off with a cross curricular opportunity and created portraits of Nelson Mandela using pastel and pencil. We moved on to science based subjects and created insect portraits using pastel and pencil. Then we turned our gaze inside the classroom and created portraits of our fellow classmates! In our final days of class we have been focused on gratitude and creating thank you cards for people in our lives who have made a positive impression. Our first round of thank you cards were delivered to Mrs Ellis who does so much for us every day including driving the school bus!



Applied Design Science and Technology

In ADST we finalized our stop motion animation project and viewed the final results of our efforts. The short films came out very well and a lot of time and effort went into the production. Our final project is designing an air pollution filter for industrial use. Our final design will include a graphic design using TinkerCad and a google slide presentation showcasing our designs in a competition for the best solution.



SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



The Windsor Hall students enjoyed a visit to Trout Lake. They got to explore the environment and have a picnic in the park. They ended their field trip with some gelato from La Casa Gelato.

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The students visited the Museum of Vancouver and explored numerous exhibits pertaining to indigenous culture. It was a very fun and educational activity for the students!



The students took part in raising money to purchase 1400 cereal boxes to donate to the local food bank. They built a giant game of dominos with the cereal boxes! It was very exciting to see the finished product.

Two of our Windsor Hall students also raised money to donate to the local SPCA. Their generous donations will be going towards taking care of rescued animals! We are so proud of them!