

Scholars Academy Trust

Newsletter

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This term there has been several exciting events that have taken place collaboratively between Launde Primary School, Buckminster Primary School and Stathern Primary School.

The children have had the opportunity to learn Spanish for a lesson a week this half term delivered by Señora Christopher, who is based at Launde Primary School.

As well as feedback from the children to say how much they have learnt during these sessions, it has also been a super experience for the teaching staff who have had appreciated sharing good practise together with the languages teacher.

We are planning a session at Launde at the end of the year where the children from all three schools will get together to celebrate Spanish culture and get the opportunity to use the Spanish they have learnt with other children of the same age. More details about the day will be available nearer the time.

Mrs Clarke, Headteacher at Buckminster Primary School, has been very pleased with how well the children in her school have taken to Spanish, complimenting the French language work that already takes place at the school. Mr Lee has enjoyed being spoken to in Spanish by some of his pupils too!



On 26 November, Scholars Academy Trust organised for an inspirational speaker, **Emmanuel Jal**, to visit the schools to speak with our Year 5/6 children. He shared his unique story and, through dance and hip hop, got the children thinking about the importance of being courageous and determined to achieve their goals. Y5/6 pupils from Stathern Primary School joined Launde Primary School pupils for the morning session. Buckminster Primary School Y5/6 pupils joined Glenfield Primary School in the afternoon.



Emmanuel Jal is a UN Ambassador and a hip hop music artist who speaks and performs with a strong message of peace, travelling to many countries to work with pupils and leaders. He has experienced a very challenging childhood as a child soldier in the war-torn region of Southern Sudan. He describes how he was rescued by British aid worker Emma McCune and, through education, was able to achieve success. He shared his life story at an age appropriate level for children.

Emmanuel has released six award nominated studio albums. His live appearances have included Live 8, Nelson Mandela's 90th Birthday Concert. He has collaborated and performed alongside artists such as Lauryn Hill, Xavier Rudd, Peter Gabriel, Nelly Furtado, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, Joss Stone, Ed Sheeran, Nile Rodgers and Alicia Keys. Emmanuel Jal has addressed the UN, US Congress, the Carter and has been involved with a number of global charity organisations



including the British Council, the Child Soldiers Initiative, Amnesty International and Oxfam. He has spoken alongside major players in the world of global humanitarianism. For his outstanding commitment to peace building, Emmanuel Jal has been given many awards.

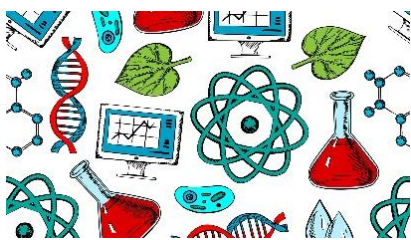
Emmanuel Jal spoke and performed songs and poems with the children, encouraging them to think about their future jobs and the powerful meaning of words such as 'courage', 'belief' and 'understanding'. He encouraged the children to think about a person they were grateful for, the children coming up with superb messages of gratitude for all their parents do to support them and recognised how lucky they were to receive the toys and gadgets they have been given. The children demonstrated their thoughtful and caring nature through the responses they gave.



At Glenfield Primary School, Glenfield and Buckminster pupils thought about the challenges of failing and how this helps us learn. The children from Launde and Stathern then went on to work with him on some 'belief statements'. They made us feel very proud with the ideas that they put forward. Here are some of the ideas the children gave:

I believe in love
I believe in happiness and freedom
I believe the world belongs to animals and humans
I believe I can become what I want to be
I believe in friendship
I believe everyone should have a chance to do what they want to do
I believe in bravery
I believe in peace

He explained to the children that all the beliefs can only work if we work together and respect each other, a message we are continually delivering to our pupils, so it was pleasing that this was reiterated in such a memorable way. Mr Lee, Headteacher at Stathern Primary School, gave a closing thanks to Emmanuel Jal on behalf of the schools. Emmanuel Jal was very inspiring and we feel very grateful to him to have taken time out of his busy schedule to speak to our pupils.



Next term, we are planning some exciting, collaborative science work with our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. The teachers from the three primary schools have met together, sharing good practice and working alongside Mr Mukadam, a leading science practitioner and STEM facilitator – more will be revealed at the beginning of next term!

We are really looking forward to continuing our associate school programme next term.
Wishing you all a very happy holiday time and best wishes for the new year.

From Scholars Academy Trust

