WeLearn Academy Newsletter



Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th of November 2021

Dear WeLearn Community:

Happy Friday! Next week will be a very busy week for WeLearn with three days of PBL showcase for all cohorts on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We look forward to seeing and hearing from all the PBL teams in our center!

Field Trips for Early December: We have received good feedback that many of your children want to join the field trips in December. We are finalizing plans for both options, and will send you the schedule, pricing, packing, and other details in a couple of days' time:

- Hua Hin December 6th to 9th to visit WeLearn Hua Hin and join the Arts and Sports Program at Patravadi School (<u>www.patravadischool.com</u>). Accommodation and meals will be provided by Patravadi School.
- 2 A mud house building adventure in Lop Buri the week of December 13th at Baan Din Mod Deng.







WeLearn Field Trip

A mud house building adventure at Bandin Moddang in Lopburi. iii 13 - 17 December 2021



We apologize for the last-minute planning, but with Covid-19 still on the prowl, we were not able to plan for these fields trips earlier.

<u>WeLearn Community Page:</u> Keep up with all the interesting activities, events, and news at WeLearn by checking the <u>WeLearn Community Page</u> on a regular basis.

<u>Reminder of MAP Assessment</u>: The Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment for **Primary** and **Secondary Learners** is scheduled *Monday, November 29, 2021, 10 am – 3pm*. The assessment will be administered at the center in Bangkok. More information may be found in the Learner Success section below!

Reminder for PBL Showcase: Learners present the PBL projects they've been working on throughout the semester to experts, peers, and parents in our PBL Showcase. The PBL Showcase will take place onsite according to the following schedule:

> *Primary Learners:* Wednesday, Dec 1st, 2021 (10 am –12 pm) *Middle Learners:* Friday, Dec 3rd, 2021 (10 am –1 pm) *Secondary Learners:* Tuesday, Nov 30th, 2021 (10 am – 12:30 pm)

As always, Upward and Onwards!! CEO & Founding Father of WeLearn David Doran +++

Project-Based Learning (PBL)

Our PBL term is drawing to a close! What an action-packed term! This week, all three cohorts had their practice rounds and did some slide editing. The middle cohort will also conduct a practice round on Wednesday next week!

On Monday, we'd like to welcome all of the learners from all cohorts to an on-site rehearsal. At 3 p.m., we will begin our rehearsal. This is to reassure our students so that they may confidently showcase their projects. On Monday, we're looking forward to meeting all of the students! Remember to take an ATK test before you come!

Onsite STEM Innovation "NASA Mission Challenge"

Primary Learners

This week, Our Primary-Explorers designed and built the ziplines to transport a large marble safely. LEGO zip line activity is truly the perfect way for kids to look at ordinary items in new ways and invent something different with them.



Middle Learners

On Tuesday, after our Middle-Engineers learned that NASA is looking for creative ideas for launching heavy payloads into orbit which inspired them to designed and built a heavy-rocket from the set of material.

On Thursday, our Middle learners discussed the possible ways to predict a volcano eruption so that human populations near volcanoes can be safely evacuated before an eruption. They worked in groups to build a dam, and test an alarm device to alert people and reduce the impact of volcano eruption.



Virtual STEM Innovation

In the primary section we got to know the 10–20–30-rule of Guy Kawasaki, who is an investor who has to judge many business pitches. In 10 slides, in 20 minutes only using font size larger then 30 points tall. We practiced using speaker notes so we don't read from the slides anymore. These are long term goals which have to be practiced and will not be achieved right away. We introduced a BAFTA awarded cooperation game "Never Walk Alone" in which an Inuit girl and her new found friend a wild young fox fight for survival against the elements.

This week in middle school we introduced basic design principles (Contrast, Balance, Emphasis, Proportion, Hierarchy, Repetition, Rhythm, Pattern, White space, Movement, Variety, Unity), let students experience how vector graphic designs is different from pixel-based designs. We used Google Drawings for the vector-based designs and tasked learners to design a 24x24 pixel--based icon in Minecraft.

Astra Nova Conundrum Session

We dug deep into the Art Conundrum this week. There were four options available. The fundamental dilemma was which artwork should be in the Lakeville Art Museum. The learners made their decisions and investigated the possibilities of the other options. We scaled the pros and cons of having the artwork. We encourage parents to discuss the Conundrums with their children!





This week we had our first sessions of MAP assessments and suffice it to say we learned a lot! Next week, MAP assessments will be on Monday, 29 November for Primary and Secondary cohorts. Our EFL learners will also be coming in on Monday for their class since they are in a separate room. Remember, these assessments are to see how WeLearn is doing, and won't be used to evaluate the learners themselves, so if your kids are getting anxious, please let them know that they should relax and try to do their best.

While there is a lot going on next week, I would like to remind you that next week's sessions are *Parent Mentoring* sessions, so please be sure to have a look at the schedule below and let us know if you will be unable to join at your scheduled time so we can reschedule.

| Day | Monday | | | | Tuesday | | | | Wednesday | | | | Thursday | | | |
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| Name | Alec | Anne | Neha | Andrew | Alec | Anne | Neha | Andrew | Alec | Anne | Neha | Andrew | Alec | Anne | Neha | Andrew |
| 10:00 | | | | | | Taemin | | | | | Pair | BeeBee | | | Ming | Evan |
| 10:20 | | | | | | Theo | | Mammoth | | | Lena | Xyza | | | Prem | Akira |
| 10:40 | | | | | | Tyra | | | | | Xander | Ruby | | | Velma | Arshi |
| 11:00 | | | | | Talay | Titan | | Punn | | | Sharoon | | | Time | Chein | Anna |
| 11:20 | | | | | Aaron | Jon | | JJ | | | Bobby | | Taylor | Hong | Stella | Liam |
| 11:40 | | | | | Diego | Kratai | Goyu | Ben | | | Aung | | Karl | | Chloe | Pup |
| 12:00 | LUNCH | | | | LUNCH | | | | LUNCH | | | | LUNCH | | | |
| 13:00 | | | | | Richie | Dylan V. | Adele | Marshall | | | Aim | | Thomas | Lucio | | Sky |
| 13:20 | | | | | PorD | Lili | Athens | Shogun | | | | | | Cheng | | Nadira |
| 13:40 | | | | | | | Pete | | | | | | | Chloe-N | | |
| 14:00 | | | | | Tayla | | Milin | | Myla | | | | | Destinee | | |
| 14:20 | | | | | | | Xrein | | | | | | | Santi | | |
| 14:40 | | | | | | | Bulan | | | | | | | Preme | | |
| 15:00 | | | | | | | | | Dylan B. | | | | Youshma | | | |
| 15:20 | | | | | | | | | Jango | | | | Elijah | | | |
| 15:40 | | Justin | | | | | | | Zino | | | | Nathalie | | | |
| 16:00 | | PingPing | | | | | | | PJ | | | | Taan | | | |
| 16:20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16:40 | | Punpun | | | | Mariane | | | | | | | | | | |
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Pfizer Vaccine for students between 12 – 18 Years Old.

The Bang Sue Vaccination Center will provide Pfizer vaccine to our children between 12-18 years old (Born between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2009, who are in or out of non-formal education.

The children should never have received any COVID-19 vaccine before and must be granted permission from their parents. The service is available for both Thai and non- Thai children.

Those who are interested may walk in to register for the vaccine at the Bang Sue Vaccination Center from 22 November to 7 December 2021, 13.00 - 17.00 hr.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact our Parents Relations Officer through **Line Official**: @parentrelations <u>https://lin.ee/cNSEUYb</u> or call 065-462-9494.