

## GROUP 2

You can tell we are entering the home stretch of the year when, over the past 2 weeks we have seen the last of the violin lessons (Thanks for everything Holly!), we have said temporary farewells to our Group 1 transitioners, til next year, and celebrated our school and lives with the annual Gratitude Ceremony. Last week we also experienced an amazing tinkering day with singing plants, Indian breakfasts, scribble chasing and so much more.

With end-of-year fatigue setting in, these last two weeks can be hard for many of the kids (and adults too) after a busy year. We know that there are many celebrations at this time of year on the weekends and sometimes after school. These can make it hard for us all to get the sleep we need. Where possible, see if everyone in the house can have a couple of earlier bedtimes per week and take time to see if people function better afterwards.



If you didn't already know from the excitement, the kids in Group 2 are all participating in a Secret Santa at the moment. The rules are as follows:-

- Try to keep the secret of who you are giving the present to.
- Try to make the present something that the person would like, based on your knowledge of them or the information given on the slip of paper drawn out of the hat.
- Try to make the present or re-gift something special from home (asking permission of course).
- If you must buy something, please keep the cost to a \$5 limit.
- Gifts must be in the student's pigeon-hole at school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December at the latest.

We had such a fantastic morning at the Christmas Markets on Tuesday. Kids had been planning their stalls for weeks, considering such things as, what to sell, how much to charge, what the sign would say and what table would look like.



It is such a fantastic way to get kids engaged in raising money for their school and charities and to get them using their Maths skills to calculate sums and amounts of change in real financial transactions.





Here are some of Group 2 Counting up the earnings, afterward.





But counting coins all day could be tiresome. In Group 2 we have many different fun and engaging Maths activities to keep our brains buzzing. Below are some other things that have occupying our minds these last two weeks.

Where have all the tuna gone?

*What do you notice?* Brain Boggler #7

Write your ideas below the diagrams.

**Amount of Bluefin Tuna**

Amount of Southern Bluefin Tuna (thousands of tonnes worldwide)

Year

**Annual global catches of tuna and tuna-like species**

Million tonnes

- Total: all tuna and tuna-like species
- Total: all market tunas
- Skipjack tuna
- Yellowfin tuna

*in 2011 tuna was lowest*

*it is a grid*

*1000 to 0! ITS gon up Hunter*

*many (Pearle) fish are ding for my sushi*

*all tuna and tuna like species is higele Sol*

*i notice that there are lines. heath*

## Ordering Birthdays.



This is a lovely time of year, where we have had time to welcome newcomers from Group 1 as well as bid adieu to our grandparents of Group 2 who will be moving on to Group 3.

We wish everyone peace and happiness in the months to come and hope to see you all at the Pre-High farewells on the 16th of December.

Love from Group 2