

Enhancing Students' Conceptual Understanding through WSA-EC Class Meetings

5th November 2013



HOW OUR WSA-EC JOURNEY BEGAN...

WSA-EC Champions

English

Mrs. Stella Chong

Mrs. Elicia Tay

Mrs. AnnaBelle Woo

Mdm Tinawati

Math

Ms. Theresa Lim

Mrs. Eismawati

What is the correct way to say this question?

"All the girls from the class is here."

- All the girls from the classes is here.
- All the girls from the class are here.

Science

Mrs. Pearlyn Er

Ms. Goh Meiling



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Our partnership with ELIS



Speaking Clearly in Class



WSA-EC Briefing



Language Awareness in the Primary Classroom



Speaking Clearly in Class



Grammar Flagship course

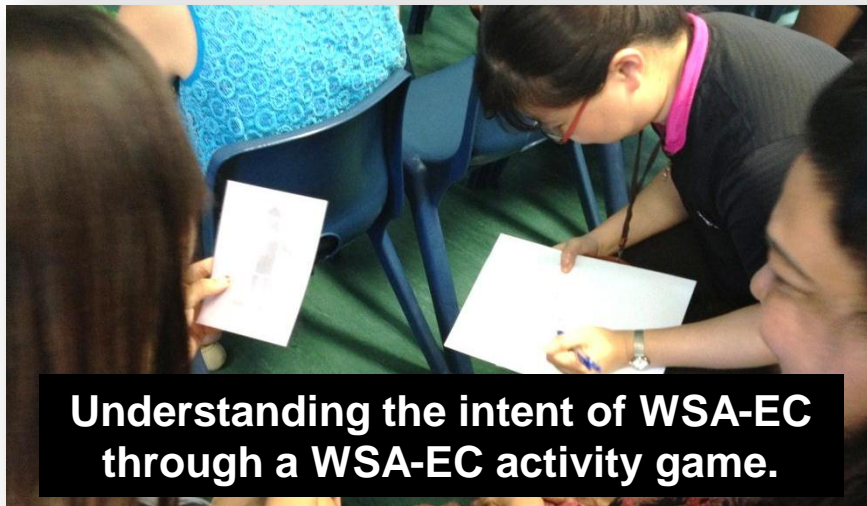
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WSA-EC sharing session with staff.



Launching our WSA-EC slogan which was created by pupils from 6 Faith.



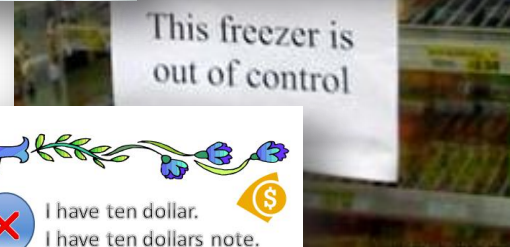
Understanding the intent of WSA-EC through a WSA-EC activity game.



WSA-EC CLASS MEETING 2012



WSA-EC Class Meeting
(English)



I have ten dollar.
 I have ten dollars note.

I have ten dollars.
 I have a ten-dollar note.

Tuition

- 'We often pronounce 'tuition' wrongly as tiew-shen.
- 'Tuition' should be pronounced as tiew-ee-shen.

The plants make oxygen during photosynthesis.

The plants give out oxygen during photosynthesis.

Cyber Wellness and Netiquette

– An Offensive Facebook post

<http://sg.news.yahoo.com/pm-lee-condemns-offensive-fb-post.html>

PM Lee reminds the public to be mindful of what we say as "thoughtless words can cause grave offence to many, and undermine our racial and religious harmony" and that we should "always uphold the mutual respect and sensitivity that holds our society together".

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION IN SCHOOL

**Basic Interpersonal
Communication Skills**

Classroom Language

**Cognitive Academic
Language
Proficiency**

**Students' use of
language to
socialise.**

**Teachers' use of language
to:**

- build rapport
- introduce new concepts in language familiar to students

**Teachers' use of
language in
classroom routines:**

- giving instructions
- questioning techniques
- classroom management

**Teachers' and
students' use of language to
understand, apply and
communicate new
concepts:**

- specific, specialised vocabulary
- functional language and specific grammatical structures to aid with specific cognitive processes

WSA-EC CLASS MEETING 2013



INTERDISCIPLINARY PLATFORM - SKYPE



“We were very impressed with the presentation the girls gave and how they answered the questions clearly.”

- Mrs Helen Hayes (Smith Deputy Headmaster, RWPS)

“It has been really nice speaking to the pupils and learning about each other.”

- Mr Richard Ludlow (Headmaster, RWPS)



INTERDISCIPLINARY PLATFORM – GSA WORKSHOP



Pupils learnt Effective Communication strategies such as S.M.I.L.E before they embarked on their overseas learning journey.



PEACE



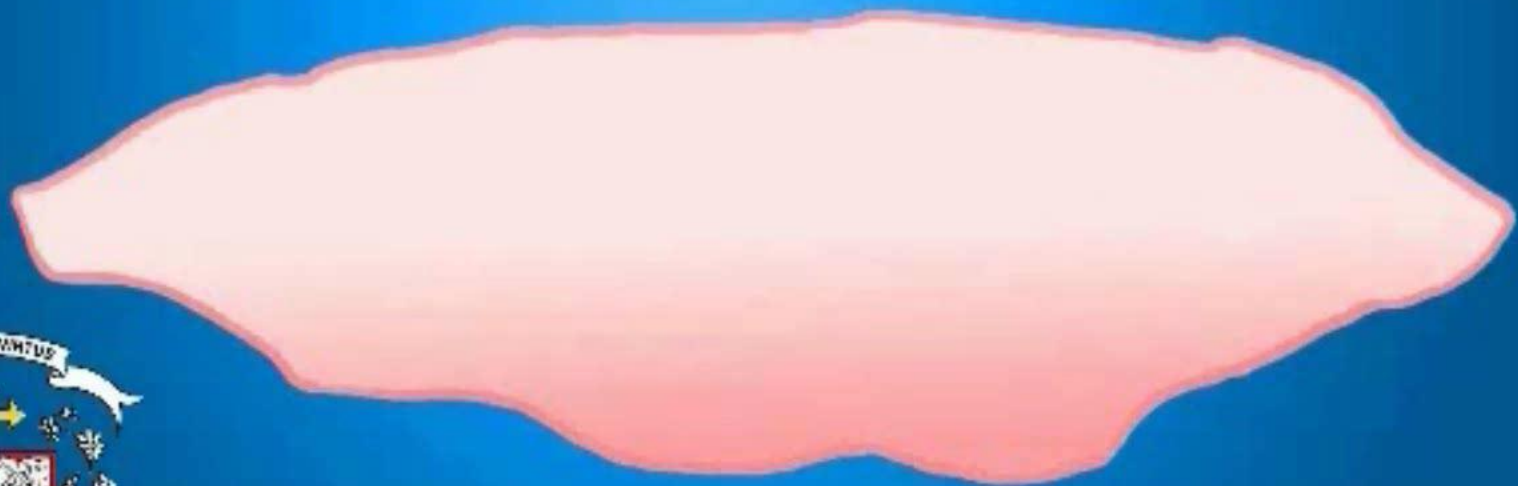
INTERDISCIPLINARY PLATFORM - NEWSMAKER



Pupils worked together to introduce different countries in the world.



Pupils worked cohesively as a team to create their own unique video production on 'Speak Good English'.



STUDENT VOICES



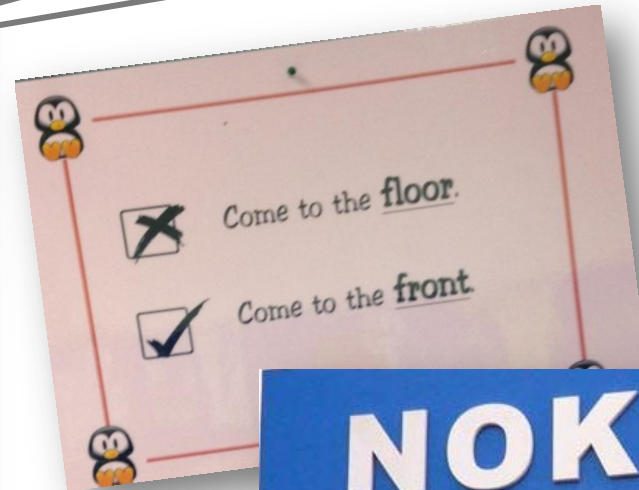
I enjoy the WSA-EL class meetings.
Dr. Jia Jia speaks Singlish very well but we
should not learn from him because others
might not know what he's saying.
- Lee Leen (4 Love, 2012)



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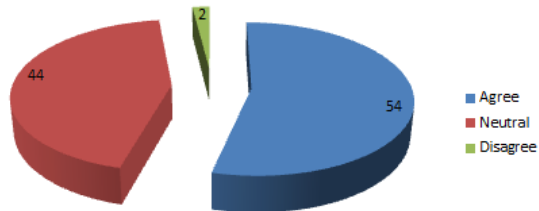
WSA-EL class meetings are useful. Common mistakes are pointed out and they teach us to change our bad habits. Learning is fun because the Singlish are funny.
- Moira (6 Hope, 2012)



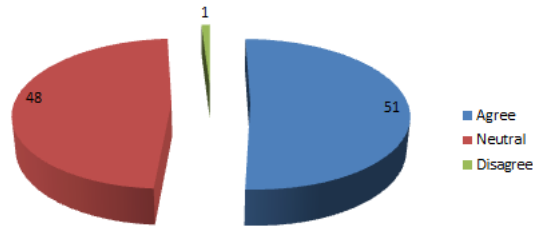
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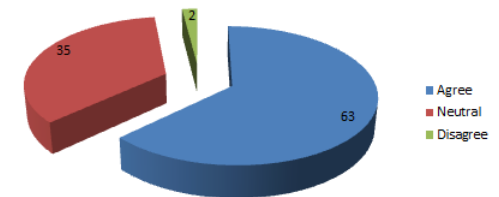
Q1:
I enjoyed the WSA-EC class meetings.



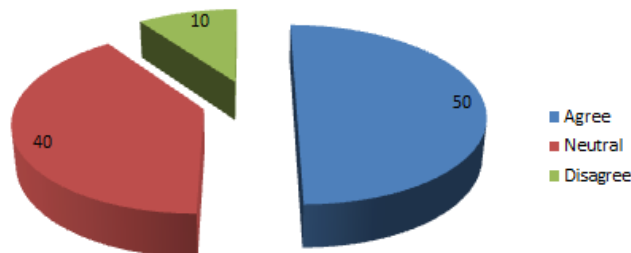
Q2:
I learned how to communicate effectively in English from the WSA-EC slides shared during the WSA-EC class meetings.



Q3:
The information shared during the WSA-EC meetings was useful.



Q4:
I would like the school to continue WSA-EC class meetings in 2014.



Q5:
Suggest one way in which we can improve the WSA-EC class meeting.

- Have more games
- Have more videos
- Have more slides
- Have hands-on activities
- Have more quizzes
- Will like to have WSA-WC class meetings on more days
- Differentiated activities for lower and upper primary pupils

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THANK YOU



PRESENTERS

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