

Monday the 21st to Friday the 25th of June 2021

Dear WeLearn Community:

WeLearn continues to bring top-level community experts to share their experiences with our Learners during the PBL sessions. This week we had an expert in Natural Disaster Preparedness join Primary PBL. Next week our AI Robotics PBL will meet an expert from King Mongkut University (full details below).

Opening of Hua Hin Center. We are also pleased to announce the opening of the Hua Hin Branch. Our soft opening is scheduled for July 5, with an open house on both July 4 (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) and July 5 (9:00 to 11:00 a.m.). The learners at the open house on 5th July will join our Morning Kickstarter to meet other learners and see how they kick start their days.

I would love to invite all of you down to join the open house, but with the Covid-19 infection rate still at high levels in Bangkok, Hua Hin parents are a bit nervous about interacting with Bangkok-based families.

The location is near Cicada Market. It is a villa in a nice compound with a lovely big tree in front, outdoor space, and lots of natural lighting.

Reopening of Bangkok Center. Finally, please note again that the **WeLearn Center at Maneeya Building Center** is reopening on Monday, June 28, 2021, for self-directed learning. All courses will continue to be delivered virtually for now, but learners can come to the center to interact with their peers and continue their virtual learning under our supervision.

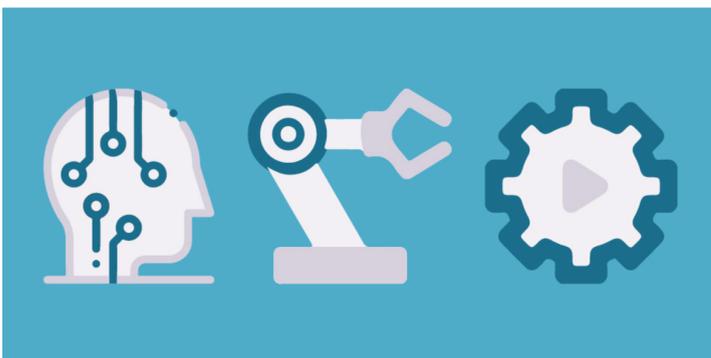
Wishing all of you a wonderful weekend.

As always, Upward and Onwards!!

CEO and Founder,
David Doran

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Secondary PBL - Crypto & AI



The Crypto PBL groups are progressing steadily through the design thinking process, particularly with reiterating design. They are following last week's feedback from Markus Bruderer, the crypto-blockchain expert based in Singapore. Some groups are revisiting and revising previous assumptions, while some are able to press ahead with starting to select the underlying blockchain technology for their solutions. The AI groups have been busy preparing interview questions for the

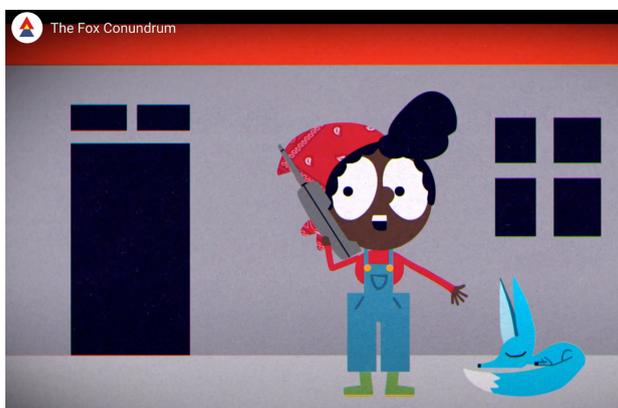
guest experts in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence for the coming week.

Primary PBL: Ready for Anything

The Learners gained valuable feedback on their projects from our Expert **Dr. Sirinon Suwanmolee**. During the week, they gathered information and brainstormed about the prevention guidelines of their Natural Disasters. The teams reviewed their research and edited information based on the expert's beneficial feedback. They prioritized ideas for how best to prepare and respond in the event of their Natural Hazard. Students listed the pros and cons of specific preparedness strategies.

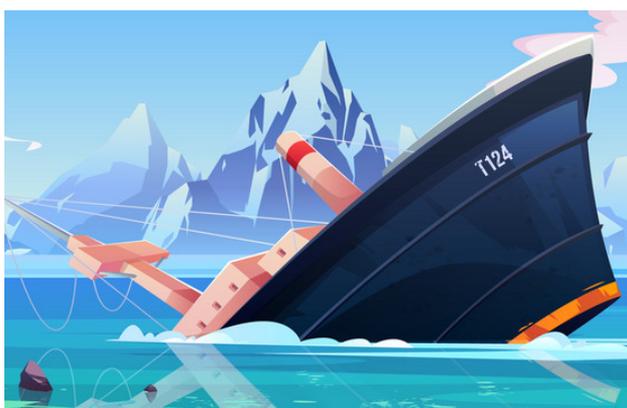


Primary (Astra Nova) Conundrum Session



This week our Learners participated in the Fox Conundrum session. This conundrum challenged their thinking as there were four difficult choices to make. They shared their ideas and reasoning of their chosen sides. We would highly encourage parents to discuss the Conundrums that our Learners have participated in. You will be surprised with their reasoning!

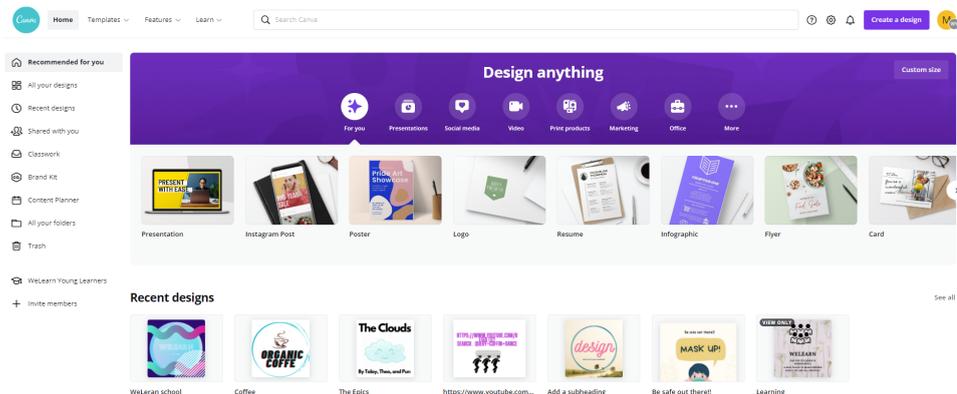
Secondary Mini-debate



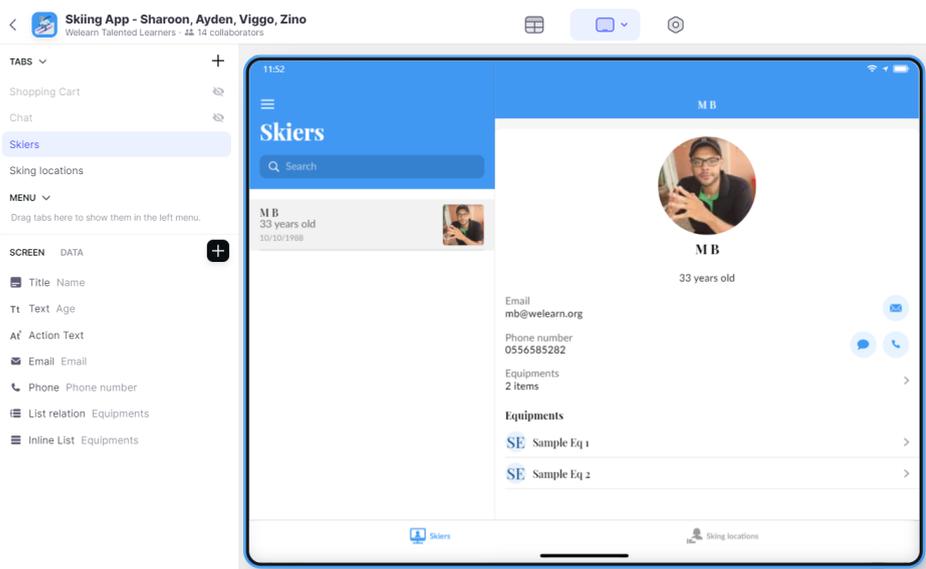
This week our Learners got to participate in a debate game called "Who should we throw out of the Sinking Ship?". It is a useful activity that helps students practice rebuttal techniques. Students are asked to choose their favorite profession or any famous person to impersonate. They imagined that they were the VIPs traveling on the ship. The ship starts sinking and one person had to be thrown into the water to save the rest. They defended themselves of why they shouldn't be the ones to get thrown into the water by describing their qualities which will have positive changes in the world if they stay safe. Students had a lot of fun and great points of defense!

STEM Innovation Program

Our Young Learners have all been given full access to Canva through the Education Programme. They surprise us with their creative designs in the WeLearn Young Learners' class in Canva.



Meanwhile, the Secondary Young-Adult Learners are working in groups on their different interpretations of a Skiing Tracking App each based on their vision for the app.



Guest Expert for the Secondary AI- PBL Next Week



Mr. Worawit Panpanyatop has a master's degree in Computer Science at the University of Southern California, USA, and has been a researcher at the Algorithmic Robotics Lab, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA. Currently, Mr. Worawit is also a researcher at the Institute of Field of Robotics, in King Mongkut's University of Technology, Thonburi. Our guest expert has worked with Western Digital for a project on Visual Inspection and Machine Learning on HSA Auto-stacker, and also a Model Scheme on Information Technology of the National Health Security Office.

Student Welfare and Wellbeing

Happy Pride Month! Last Thoughts: Not So Different

For many parents, knowing how to help children navigate friendships with LGBTQ+ peers can be challenging. To help with that, here are some suggested questions to pose:



1. Did your friend just become LGBTQ+, or did they just share it with you?
2. What makes you friends? Have those things changed or disappeared?
3. Is being straight/cisgender the only thing that defines you? If not, isn't it the same for your LGBTQ+ friend?
4. Does your friend only want you to focus on their being LGBTQ+ or do they just want you to be their friend, same as always?
5. Have you asked your friend what support they need, or are you making assumptions?

Though the answers may be difficult, I hope families exploring how to be allies find these questions helpful. If you or your children have more questions, please let us know. We will make time to talk!