

Monday the 14th to Friday the 18th of June 2021

Dear WeLearn Community:

Good evening! As highlighted in the newsletter below, we were so pleased to have Antler Fund partner Markus Bruderer join our Secondary PBL this week. Antler is the leading startup pre-incubator and early-stage investor in South East Asia and has nurtured 85 startup teams and projects in the last two years in our region. Globally, they receive a huge number of applications from would-be founders (50,000) and only accept 1% into their founded program.



One of WeLearn's top goals is that each of our Learners develop an innovative mindset. Many experts consider that in the future world of AI, humanity's ability to be innovative is what will truly differentiate us from AI. AI can learn to be creative, calculating, precise, and rational, but it is very difficult for AI to be innovative. Innovation requires a synthesis of so many unique human characteristics. That's why WeLearn places an innovative mindset as a top priority. Of course, an innovative mindset can only develop from a « growth mindset », which I addressed in a previous newsletter.

Please support your Learners and WeLearn by always encouraging innovative thinking! If you do, I am confident that our Learners will one day soon be able to join an Antler program in SE Asia or their home country and invent something extraordinary!

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 group was very privileged this week to have had the opportunity to pitch their project to Crypto Startup expert **Markus Bruderer** from Singapore-based startup pre-incubator Antler (antler.co).

Each group prepared a 7-minute pitch and received extensive valuable feedback from Markus. They are now in an ideal position to reiterate their designs and concepts and are well and truly on their way through the design thinking process with great potential for implementing a prototype or even a minimally viable product at the end of their PBL project.

Primary PBL: Ready for Anything



The Learners completed Milestone 3 this week. During the week, they gathered information about their chosen Natural Disaster (definition, features, causes, locations, and risks). Now they are at a stage of brainstorming the information about their Disaster Preparedness Campaign. After brainstorming, they will meet our Disaster Preparedness Expert **Dr. Sirinon Suwanmolee** to get more information about the guidelines. The students can either make a video or a website to help inform our community about the prevention measures. We can't wait to see what they do!

Primary (Astra Nova) Conundrum Session

Our Dear Learners participated in the Martian Conundrum session. 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 by their reasoning!



Secondary Mini-debate

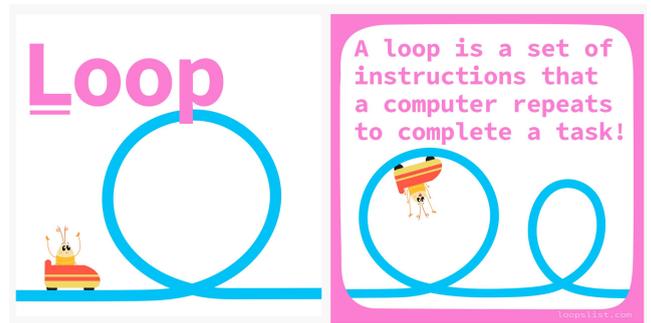
rebuttal

Our Super Learners got to participate in a game called “I couldn’t disagree more”. It is a useful game that can help students practice rebuttal techniques. One student makes a statement (this statement could be serious, silly, topical, controversial, or obvious). The next person has to reply to the statement by saying ‘I couldn’t disagree more’ and then give reasons why. After this, the person giving reasons makes his/her own statement.

STEM Innovation Program

Our beloved young Learners have shown understanding of taught core coding/development concepts such as Events, Triggers, Loops, and Conditional statements in their latest Scratch projects.

Meanwhile, our young-adult Learners are encouraged to continue creating their own applications with GlideApps from Scratch after learning the concepts of DataSets, DataRelations, Datatypes and Validation.



Guest Expert for the Primary PBL Next Week



Dr. Sirinon Suwanmolee is a visiting lecturer at King Mongkut’s University of Technology (Thonburi) and is also serving at the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior. She has long years of experience with different government agencies in Disaster Prevention. Dr. Sironon completed her Ph.D. in Social Development Administration from the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) in 2017. Her latest thesis is entitled “**Gamified Covid-19 Pandemic for Disaster Education** (2021). She also completed her dissertation on **Disaster Mitigation: The Integration of Inter-organizational Collaboration Follow Public Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Strategy Plan to Encourage Earthquake Readiness in Chiangrai Province** (2017).