

Monday the 31st of May to Friday 4th of June 2021

Dear WeLearn Community:

“Fail to Succeed.” “Fail fast.” “Failure mindset.” There are many quotes and expressions these days about the importance of failure.

What do these expressions mean and why is failure so important for our children? It’s all part of the growth mindset that we at WeLearn and you as parents want to instill in our Learners. The growth mindset embraces failure. The fixed mindset fears failure. Fear of failure discourages children from pursuing and overcoming challenges and makes it more difficult for them to really learn.

I really love the expression “fail to succeed”. It has two meanings. One, you need to fail many times to succeed. Two, if you don’t fail, you’re not likely to succeed (so you will “fail to succeed”)!

Elon Musk is a perfect example of the power of failure. How many times have his rockets failed? Read his biography for details, but his rockets failed many times and sometimes the failures were utterly demoralizing for his team. But he embraced failure, learned from it, and moved the team forward. Every successful entrepreneur has experiences like this.

So let’s all work with our WeLearn Coaches to continue to teach our children not to fear failure but to embrace it and grow from it.

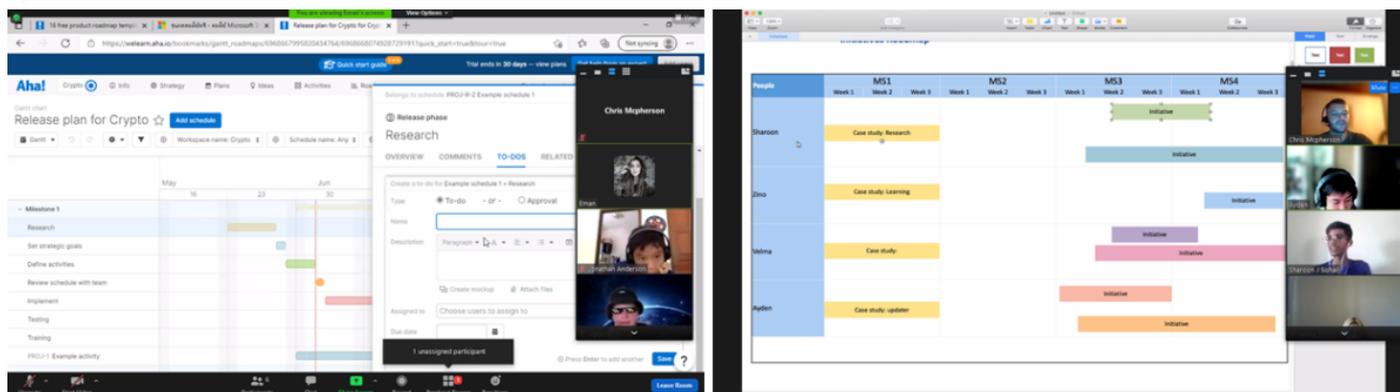
Wishing all of you a wonderful weekend.

As always, Upward and Onwards!!

CEO and Founder,
David Doran

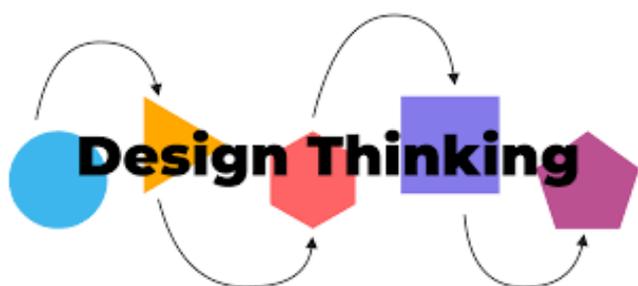
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Secondary PBL - Crypto & AI



This week the crypto PBL groups reiterated their definitions of the problems and opportunities that they are trying to tackle. This has been done together with a rough overview of possible solutions to these issues.

The groups have familiarised themselves very quickly with the fundamentals of blockchain technology and have come up with some unique perspectives of possible solutions from their student-centered point of view.



In the next week, the students will move onto how to more concretely define those solutions through their first look at "whitepapers" and "tokenomics". With a substantial first draft, they will then be in a good position to consult with experts in the field that they and the Coaches have identified together to move them to the next stage of the Design Thinking process.

Primary PBL: Ready for Anything



On Wednesday, our Primary Learners were divided into their PBL groups. The groups got to choose their leaders and came up with some super cool group names. They were asked to choose four natural disasters per group that are likely to affect our community. They researched those Natural Disasters and made their own group notes.

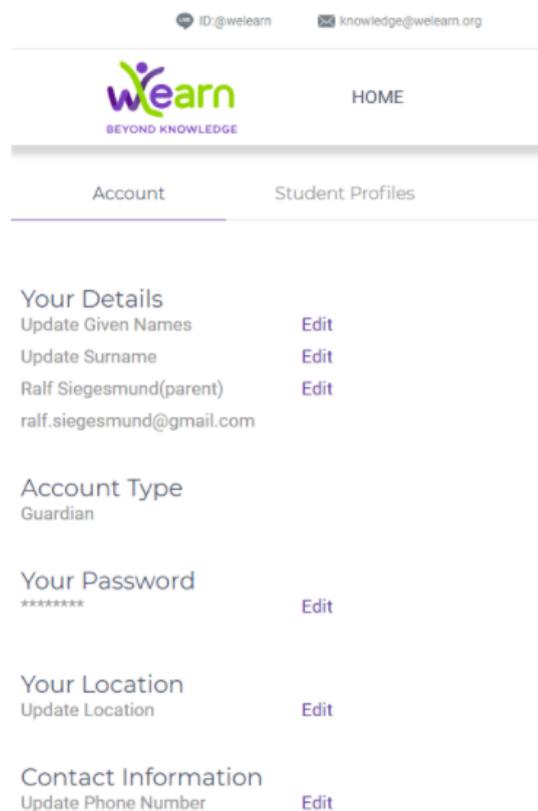
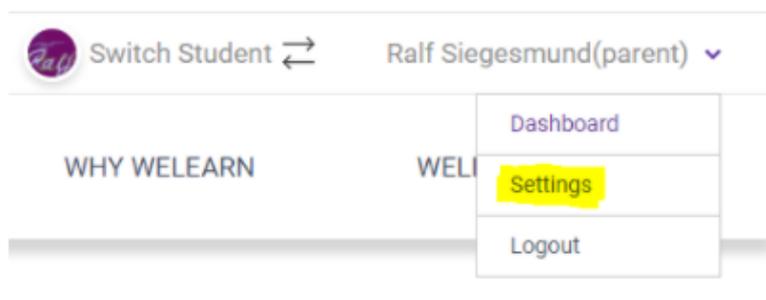
In the next session (Friday), Learners got to finish their research and discuss some of the safety measures that people use during natural disasters. They got to learn about how to take efficient notes for their research. The groups got to choose ONE natural

disaster that they want to work on for their PBL project. They came up with all the Need-to-Know questions. Super proud of our Learners!

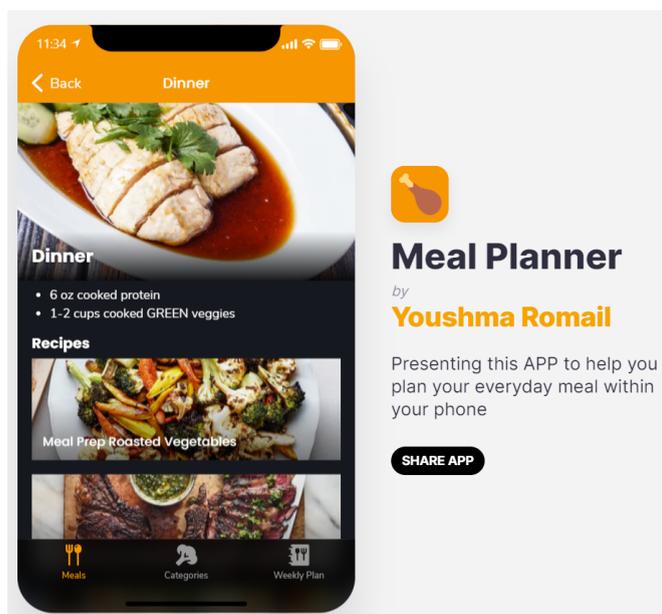
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It is great to see that many parents have already signed up for the dashboard on welearn.org. Please sign up, if you haven't already, so you can see the progress of your child/children. In order to connect some parents who signed up with an email address that can not be easily identified, we would like to kindly ask you to set your names in the settings so we know who you are. To do that please:

1. Log on to welearn.org
2. Hover over your name in the top right corner, see the menu appear, and click on settings
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STEM Innovation Program



This week, we have explored making applications from Excel or Google Sheets, as well as customising the data and connections between each data entity.

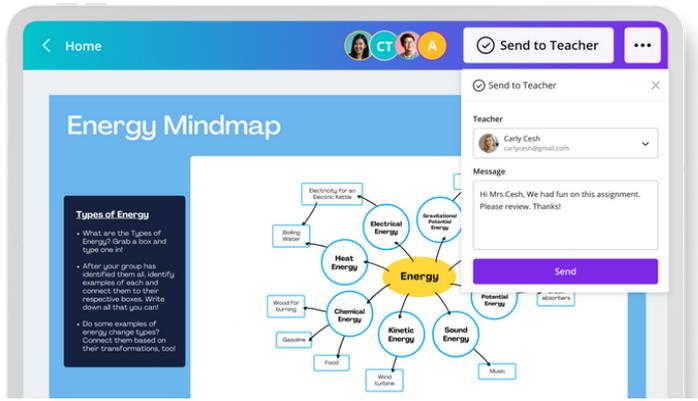
In the following few weeks, our beloved learners will be able to turn their creative ideas into actual projects we all can use on any smart device or computer.

Check out Youshma Romail's Meal Planner application

More applications are being added to the WeLearn apps team page, and soon you will be able to use them.

We are getting ready to introduce our primary learners to one of the industry-leading solutions for media creation and presentations for any of our engaging projects or to get ready for university.

[Click here to check out the Canva solution](#)
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To protect our students and to meet the legal requirements needed for our primary students to use Canva education, we need parents and guardians to help by signing the consent document which can be downloaded [here](#). Please sign the document and send it back to us at: joy@welearn.org

WLA Essay Writing & Mini Debate



This week's Secondary Writing Class had a super interesting mini-debate session. Learners were assigned a topic and a position to defend their assigned stance. They did an amazing job of coming up with their claims. We are working on finding more evidence to support their assertions.

The Primary Essay Writing students worked on famous conundrums from Elon Musk's Astra Nova School. This time the students were asked to write their own claims about the Blue Comet and the Treasure Conundrum. They came up with great reasons to defend their stance.

Welfare and Wellbeing of our Learners

Happy Friday and Happy International Pride Month!

Each June is the month in which we celebrate every person's right to be and love as their spirits dictate. As educators, parents, and allies, this is an especially important time to let our learners know that they are loved and accepted. We thought we would kick off Pride Month with a quick discussion about the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity, something that can be quite confusing.



Basically, our sexual orientation involves what attracts us romantically to someone else, or what we see when we look outward. Gender identity is how we understand ourselves when we look in the mirror; who we are when we look inward. While often grouped together, these are two very different experiences, each deserving understanding, and acceptance.

Whether you are LGBTQ+ or a parent/ally, any time you feel the need to have a confidential conversation you can contact us for an appointment.

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Guest Speaker for Secondary PBL: Dr. Edward Roy Krishnan



Dr. Roy is the originator of LOL Token of the European Intl University (Paris). He initiated for the EIU Education System to be tokenized and to leverage the power of blockchain technology. Next week, Thursday, June 10, 2021, he will be talking about the “Applied Blockchain and its Essence to Educational Institutions”. Students will be given time to ask specific questions in relation to their group topics.

Currently, Dr. Krishnan is the Director-General of European International University (Paris), Associate provost, and Global Business Development Director of the California Metropolitan University (California), CEO of Pedagog.ac, UK. - Blockchain-powered digital learning platform, FOUNDER and Originator of LOLToken, Founding Chairman of IKON Psychological and Education Consultancy (Malaysia), and the Managing director of Bangkok School of Management.