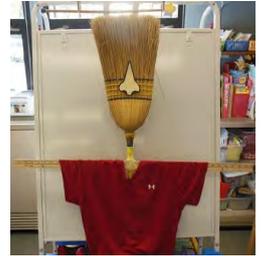




ST MARY'S SCHOOL

K/PP Classroom

Since the commencement of school the children have been learning about their senses. Mrs. Broom has been helping us to learn about each sense. She waits to greet the children each week to talk about her new grown sense. During the initial weeks Mrs Broom grew a nose.



The children experienced lots of activities that required them to use their sense of smell, learnt about how their nose works. The sense of smell tells us about our environment. We can smell good things like 'tasty' food, horrible smells like dirty socks and dangerous smells like smoke from a fire. They enjoyed participating in fun smell activities like making their own perfume and painting scratch 'n' sniff masterpieces to smell.

The children learnt how to blow their nose and we have established a nose blowing station where the children can look in the mirror and see how to wipe their noses.



Mrs. Broom grew her eyes!



Mrs. Broom had 'lovely eyelashes' she explained to us that both boys and girls have eyelashes, eyebrows, and eyelids that help keep our eyes safe and help keep dirt out of our eyes.

Since Mrs. Broom is just seeing for the first time, we showed her how she would know if we were happy, sad, grouchy, scared, cold, tired, and mad- by making faces at her to show our emotions. We learnt about the parts of the eyes and had to guess our friends eyes on our 'Who Am I' Eye board.

We talked about how some people need glasses to be able to see well and to keep your eyes safe from the sun or in the workforce.

Mrs. Broom has some glasses to help her see better sometimes, too, of course. We discussed what it means to be blind and created Sense-sational Braille painting.

The challenge for each of the children was to create a Braille painting. The children used puff paint to outline their picture and textured paint for three colours, oats in red paint, salt in blue paint, flour in yellow paint. Mrs Broom explained how people who have eye impairments depend on texture to distinguish colour. Once the paint has dried the children chose friends to see how well their fingers can read the drawings.

The children experienced lots of activities that required them to use their sense of sight and even made their own Kaleidoscope.

We are waiting eagerly to see what sense Mrs Broom will grow next.



Leadership Day

The Year Five/Six Class attended a Leadership Day Program on Tuesday 20th February 2018, held at the Geraldton Camp School. They departed from school with lots of enthusiasm, waiting in anticipation of the activities they would be participating in. Students worked in teams building a raft and then raced against each other. Due to the wind, the beach games were cancelled, but not before a quick swim! The students stayed in their teams to play, 'Survivor', cheered each other on the low ropes, and then flew high over the grounds on the Flying Fox. Everyone enjoyed themselves, even Miss Miotti and Mrs Simpson had a go on the Flying Fox! A great day learning to work together and becoming better leaders at St Mary's School.

