

WORDS OF THE MONTH

awesomesauce: extremely good, excellent

blog: a regularly updated website or web page

catastrophize: present a situation worse than it is

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FAST FACT

The original oranges from Southeast Asia were a tangerine-pomelo hybrid, and they were actually green. In fact, oranges in warmer regions like Vietnam and Thailand still stay green through maturity.

PROJECT DESIGN SPACE

This year DUNEHA participated in the DIDI Project Design Space! competition where over 70 schools, and about 4200 students came together to solve real design problems for actual clients in smart and innovative ways. There were eight homeschool teams from both Sharjah and Dubai taking part with students, participating from as far away as Fujairah and Ras Al Khaimah. Each team was tasked with coming up with a solution for one of four clients: Dubai Holding, The Dubai Mall, Centrepont, and EMEG (The Emirates Marine Environmental Group).

The Dubai Holding teams were challenged to design an educational water experience to educate the youth about water and its importance. The Dubai Mall brief included re-designing the mall kiosks to be more engaging and inviting to customers and more comfortable for sales staff. The Centrepont team brainstormed ways to make Centrepont more welcoming to the 18-25 age range. Last, but not least, the EMEG teams were tasked with re-designing the gargour, a traditional fishing trap used to protect turtle eggs from predators.

by: MANAIA BARNES (AGE 13)



Ideating/brainstorming at DIDI

In the end, with the help of our mentors, each team persevered and completed their task and let me tell you, it felt like quite an accomplishment! Going through the design process - researching, ideating/brainstorming, building prototypes and writing/shooting/editing their video pitches was a lot to do but everyone persisted! All the teams and their respective mentors worked tirelessly and I would like to congratulate all of them on their hard work!

EDITORIAL

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

"What about socialization?" is probably a question most of us hear when others ask us about homeschooling. It's a common myth that we are limiting or even denying our children the social opportunities with other children that formal schooling provides. Often we answer defensively, telling others (and perhaps guiltily reminding ourselves) that our children do indeed have friends from playgroups, study coops, and the like. But recently I've realized that the truth is in fact the reverse. For most of human history children learned social skills without the aid of a school. When formal schooling was created it's hard to imagine anyone thought "We need to build a system to better socialize our children. Let's send them to large, rectangular buildings, segregate them by age, and put them in groups of 20-30 under the care of a lone adult who has no significant long-term interest in them. That will help them socially!" Formal schooling was not developed with socialization in mind. The family and community were. By homeschooling, we are bringing our children back to this organic, homegrown method that was good for thousands of years and is still good today.

Jerry Elvey
Guest Editor for March

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MY CAT BISCUIT

by: ELIEZE-AL-ZAHRA ZAHEER (AGE 7)

My cat Biscuit loves chicken
He has a bit of a problem
He does not smile one bit
I love my cat he makes me happy
Sometimes he does not play at all
I still love him so much
He is a cute little boy

He never plays with a single toy
Despite all this he is the best
He would win any cat contest.



YO SUSHI

by: OMAR QALYUBI (AGE 11)

Yo Sushi is an awesome place filled with fun for the whole family. There are many branches for Yo Sushi in Dubai, such as in Dubai Mall, Festival City, Mirdif City Center, Marine Mall and Mall of the Emirates.

There is a conveyor belt in Yo Sushi that contains sushi dishes with different colors. Each color indicates the price of the dish. The dishes move around so you don't need to order, you just pick the dish of your choice up and enjoy.

Yo Sushi is a fun and tasty place for family and friends.



THE DRAGON WITH A CHOCOLATE HEART

BY STEPHANIE BURGIS

A Book Report by: by: LAURIANN IONESCU (AGE 7)



The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart is a long story but it is so worth reading. It took us about two weeks to finish it.

The story is about a very curious child dragon Aventurine who, her parents say, is really not ready to face the contact with human world but she sneaks out to explore the world outside the mountain, their home.

She meet with a human food mage, who cast a spell on chocolate which Aventurine ate and absolutely fell in love with. That turned her into a girl with golden eyes . As a result, her own grandfather did not recognize her and threw a fireball at her.

After meeting Silky a random girl of similar age, Aventurine comes to know about the Chocolate Heart Shop which becomes her new home. There she has the opportunity to become a dragon again but her chocolate passion is far bigger and she chooses to stay a girl. There is a magic twist to this. Mariena, the shop owner, becomes her master who teaches her the art of making chocolate.

When her worried family finds her following her scent trail, she reaches all the way to the king asking him to hold any attack and allow her to sort out the situation. Through her presence something really great happens but we will leave that for you to discover.

The part i loved the most is when Erlik, Lord Mayor's son is tossed out from the Chocolate Hearth shop by the ear. I found that really funny.

MY INTERVIEW WITH MY GRANDPA

by: IKENNA COLEMAN-MBAH (AGE 8)

This is my first interview with my Grandpa who resides in Nigeria about his career option. I hope you enjoy it.

Me: First what is your career?

Grandpa: My career is Land Surveying. I am a Land Surveyor.

Me: What does that mean?

Grandpa : Land Surveyor measures land to determine its shape and size that is its area and its location. When you buy a piece of land maybe to build a house you need to know the shape and size and its location. This will help you to register the land with government and also help architect to design your house. There are a lot of other things concerning land surveying.

Me: So the next question is, how did you come about your career?

Grandpa: I went to the University to study land surveying. After university I worked for some years before I was registered as a land surveyor.

Me :What is challenging about your job?

Grandpa: The job is challenging because you measure land in the open place. It may be inside the bushes (forest) and sometimes you may work on sea. After you have got your measurements you go to the office to compute and draw.

Me: What do you love about your job?

Grandpa: My job helps me to do a lot of exercises. I could walk long distances in the bush (forest) and it also brings in good income to me.

Me: Next question, what does one need to do to be in your profession?

Grandpa: You need to study hard at school. In secondary school you need to study science subjects like mathematics, physics, chemistry and of course English. These and others are subjects you must have credit and above before you can be admitted into university to study land surveying.

Me: What is your favorite food?

Grandpa: My favorite food is Garri with a good Ogbono/ Okro soup.

Me: What is your favorite color?

Grandpa: My favorite colour is green.

Me: Thank you grandpa for your time and answering my questions.

FIELD TRIP AT D3

by: MEGHA KAPOOR (AGE 7)

We went to dubai design district (d3) for a workshop. It was about water conservation and ways of reducing water wastage. We had to make a structure/equipment that would help us in conserving water. We also visited some interesting art installations and did a painting workshop.



SAVE

SCRAP

SEW

VOLUNTEER AT SSS

by: ANANYA KAPOOR (AGE 7)

We volunteered with an organization called SSS (Save Scrap n Sew). The main aim of this group is to recycle waste cloth and save our landfills. From the scraps we make pillows, bags, sheets and dresses to give to the needy. We help in sorting, cutting and stuffing. We are making a difference by recycling fabric scraps and keeping our earth clean.

For more information visit
www.savescrapnsew.com.

MORNING CHOCOLATE SOUP

by: LAURIANN IONESCU (AGE 7)



- Nuts or seeds of your choice - 20g, we used hemp seeds
- 2 ripe bananas
- 200ml oats milk
- 25g of cacao
- 100g of mixed berries. Ours were frozen so we warmed up the milk.
- 5 dates
- Maple syrup to taste or optional
- A pinch of salt
- Spices of your choice. We used a pinch of cinnamon, all spice, ginger and nutmeg.

Put them all in a blender and enjoy! You may decorate with mint leaves for a pleasant contrast.

JOKES

by: MARIAM AL ZOUBI (AGE 7)

1. Why should you never do math in the jungle?

'cause if you add 4+4 you'll get ate!

2. Why did the bird go to the hospital?

To get tweetment.

3. KNOCK, KNOCK!

Who's there?

Amos.

Amos WHO?

A mosquito!

4. What wobbles and flies?

A jelly-copter!

5. How do you start a cuddly toy race?

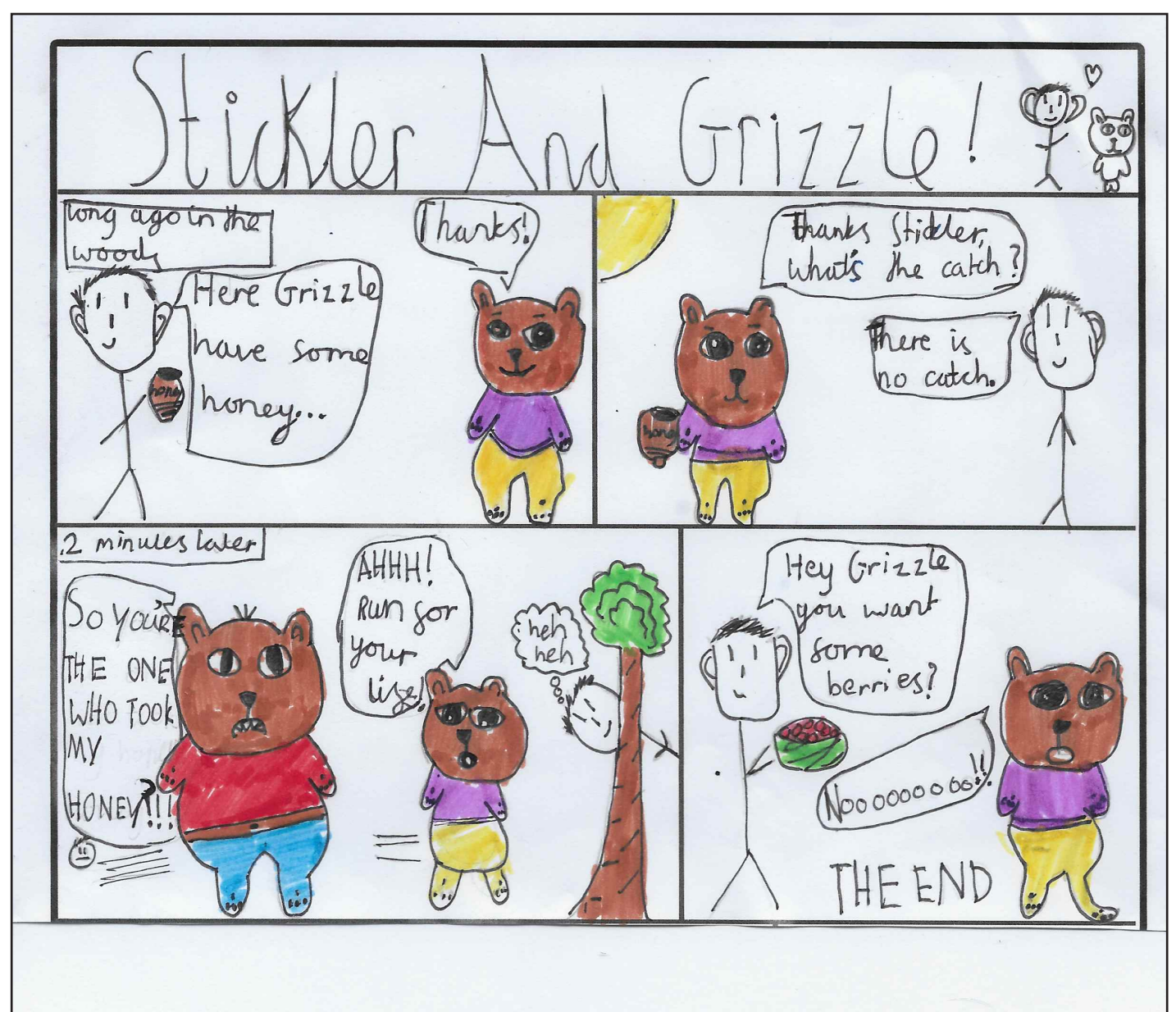
READY... TEDDY... GO!

6. What type of buttons can't you find in shops?

Belly-buttons!

COMIC STRIP

by: AZAANA-AL-ZAHRA ZAHEER (AGE 11)



WEAVING LOOMS

by: ASIYA IBRAHIM (AGE 7)



I first liked weaving loom when I saw my friend Marianna who was making pot holders. I was impressed by this hobby.

At first it was difficult. I would read the instructions carefully and after

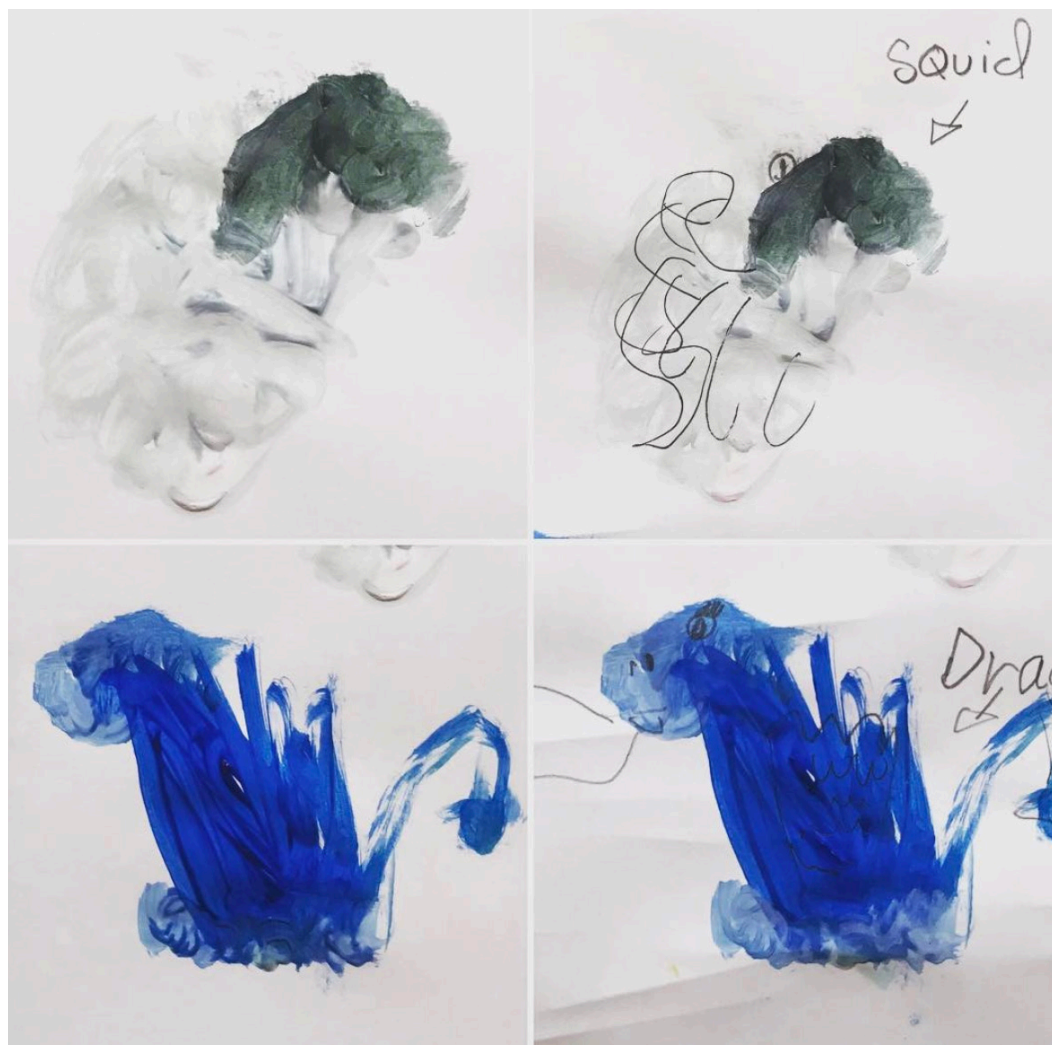
many trials I started to get a hang of it. Over and under, over and under I pulled the loops and finally I made my first pot holder.

I love weaving looms now. It's alot of fun. It's a good gift to give, my grandma loved it!!

MARK MAKING

by: LAYLA DHARSI-AMID (AGE 12)

creating meaning from random paint splodges.



BALLOON SHRINKING ART

by: MARIANNA AMIRA ELVEY (AGE 8)

A balloon doesn't seem like anything special, just rubber and air. But it can be beautiful if you combine drawing with deflating. First, blow up a balloon. Then, imagine a design you'd like to draw. Take an ink pen and draw your design on the inflated balloon. It might not look interesting at first because it's hard to draw a very beautiful picture on a balloon. Next, turn the balloon so the tied tail is facing you. Then use a pair of scissors to cut a very small hole, about the size of a pinhole, in a wrinkle next to the knot. The balloon will slowly deflate instead of popping. When it's finally deflated, look at the design and it will be look very detailed and beautiful.



LANDFORMS OF EARTH DIORAMA

by: SANAA (AGE 8) & SUHAA (AGE 4)



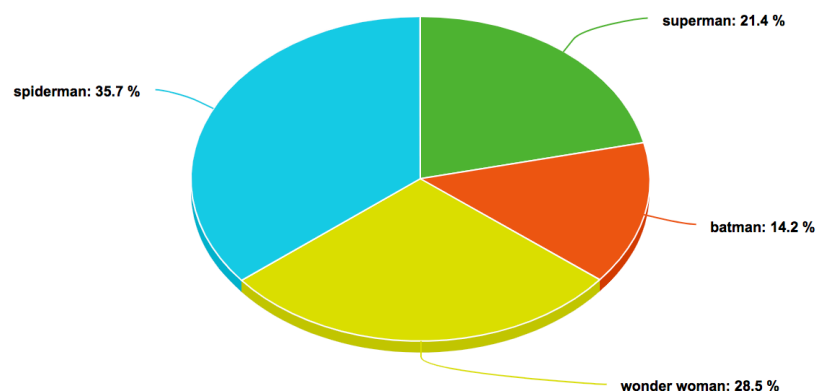
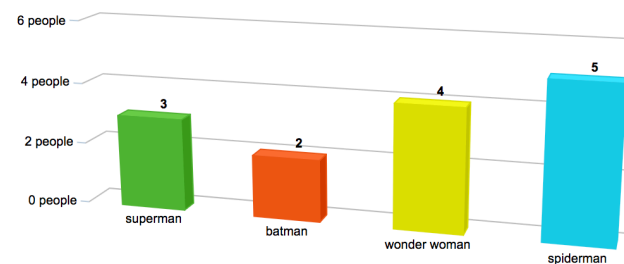
We learnt about the major landforms of the earth.

We observed and compared the difference in the landforms.

SUPER HERO SURVEY

by: CHIAMAKA COLEMAN-MBAH (AGE 10)

I did a survey in my community to see how much super heroes people like. I choose only 4 super heroes because my sample size was small. I asked 14 people in total and 35.7% of them picked spider man as their favourite superhero and Batman had only 14.2%. Some kids I asked didn't have their favourite superheroes on the list, so chose their next best superheroes.



TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE CARS

by: AMMAR QALYOUNI (AGE 13)



10. Zenvo ST1 (\$1.2M)

Kicking off our list is less of a car and more of an unchained animal in the ST1. Everything about this car seems out of this world. It's more like a UFO because of it's 6.8-liter V8 with both a supercharger and turbochargers. Yes, Turbochargers.



9. Ferrari LaFerrari (\$1.4M)

The Ferrari has to be on this list. With it's staggering light red color and it's immense speed, it's a beast. It can accelerate 0 to 60 mph in less than 3.0 seconds, and it'll reach 124 mph in under 7 seconds. Flat out, it'll top 217 mph. Now that's fast.



8. Pagani Huayra (\$1.4M)

Talk about UFO's, this car seems out of this world. The Pagani Huayro is famous for it's unusual name and it's face-melting performance. With it's AMG-sourced 6.0-liter V12 with two turbochargers, resulting in 620 hp and and a massive 740 lb-ft.



7. Aston Martin One-77 (\$1.4M)

Although this car seems to be a sport's car, it doesn't have to be. This car seems like a normal family car. All Aston martin's are fast and luxurious, as well as this one. From a stop, it'll do 0 to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds.



6. Koenigsegg One:1 (\$2.0M)

Moving on to the Koenigsegg One:1. This car is personally my favourite. It'll go from 0-100km/h in 2.8 seconds and its top speed is around 273mph. I like this car because it seems from the future. It is clean, deluxe and fast.



5. Ferrari F60 America (\$2.5M)

What a surprise! Another Ferrari. This Ferrari can do 0 to 60 mph in only 3.1 seconds. It is the only convertible on this list and it has a v12 engine. It deserves to be 2.5M.



4. Mansory Vivere Bugatti Veyron (\$3.4M)

This list wouldn't be complete without some version of the mighty Bugatti Veyron. I personally like it because of it's curves. The chassis of this car is so round and so clean, it deserves to be expensive.



3. W Motors Lykan Hypersport (\$3.4M)

The Lykan Hypersport also comes under the UFO cars. You may recognise it from Fast and Furios 7. This car can do 0 to 60 mph in 2.8 seconds and it's top speed is 245 mph. That's Insane.



2. Lamborghini Veneno (\$4.5M)

Im sure everyone has heard of a Lamborghini. But have your heard about the Lamborghini Veneno? This car definitely comes under UFO cars. It can do 0 to 60 mph in 2.8 seconds. It's top speed is 221 mph.



1. Koenigsegg CCXR Trevita (\$4.8M)

Finishing off our list, it the one and only, Koenigsegg CCXR Trevita. This car can go 0 to 60 mph in in 2.9 seconds. It's top speed is over 249 mph making it the most expensive car on this list.