

## Girls Math competition

In November, Kharis, Joy, Shania and Mya went to the Girl's Maths Moves competition. Our group name was, 'R U 2 squared of us?' We had to answer questions with cuisenaire, write an observation that we made, find a pattern and ask a question to do with the work we had to do. After 4 rounds of this, we had been given 12 green stickers that we had to put on other people's work that we liked and that would be how you win.

During the voting, people brought out their best Anime drawings to try and make us vote for them. Some people were even giving us all looks as we walked by, trying to scare us into voting for them. When the voting was over, there were many math games to do whilst counting up the votes. We had certificates with stickers that showed how much we did and all of ours were full, some even hanging a tad off.

Before they said who won what, a mathematician came to answer all of our questions. She was really interesting and I think we all enjoyed it.

When the votes were counted, we saw a green sheet with a piece of paper hanging off, and we all realised that it was ours. First, they said that they were going to do the piece for the best questions asked, and the team they called out was... R U 2 squared of us? Our team had won for the best questions asked out of everyone there (18 teams competed.) They called us all up and gave a diamond trophy, a Rubik's cube and a Tarsia puzzle.

We were all so proud and grateful to have won and Mr Gordon - and the whole of our school - were so proud of us.

## Year 6 basketball competition

On Tuesday 14th January, our class went to London Thunderdome to compete in a basketball competition. There were 8 teams in total and very tall children against us; we were the oldest year group but we were still a bit nervous.

First, we started off by practising different moves with the basketballs, also getting used to the higher basketball hoops than in our school. When we were taking part in one of the exercises, everyone got separated into groups of four/five with the other schools. We had to race up and down the course three times: one with the ball in the middle of

our legs and jumping to the other side and back, one dribbling with our dominant hand and back with our non-dominant hand and switching between both hands to and from. When we had finished all of the exercises, we ran like maniacs to our lunches (we were so hungry!). We had 10 minutes to eat and 20 minutes to play some more.

The time we had all been waiting for: the tournament! Miss Tremlet split us up into two groups (team A and team B). We had to compete in rounds against the other schools. There were 12 teams in total. Each match was 4 minutes with 5 players on each team. We changed the players each time so everyone had a go in a match.

Then, the semi-finals came only one group made it (team B). We mixed up the players and we won! Finally, the most nerve-wracking part of the day - it was the final. We put forward our best team: Love, Mohamed N, Kyle, Kately and Joy. Everyone came to the sidelines to cheer us on. It was so close and with just 20 seconds to go, a penalty shot was awarded... but as the whistle blew, the score was 4 - 2... to us! We were victorious!

They presented us with a basketball each and the school also got a trophy. Now we have to get a trophy cabinet for all of Year 6's awards!