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HOD Thinking Skills
St. Peter's School

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- Independent Anglican School in Paulshof, Rivonia, Gauteng
- Boys School – 60 years – 600 boys
- Girls School – 6 years – 360 girls (to year 6)
- Staff





St.Peter's School

- Flexibility with Curriculum (ISASA)
- A Thinking Skills History
 - 1990 - Feurstein's IE – Thinking Skills Introduced
 - 1992 de Bono's visit
 - Methodology influenced by David Perkins – Project Zero, Harvard
 - “Keys to Thinking” – UPTRAIL Trust
 - Dr Beatriz Capdevielle – workshops
 - Many torch carriers
- A Discrete Subject



Move Towards Thinking School Status

- Appointment of HOD Thinking Skills
- Strategic Planning
- Thinking Skills Thought Tank

- Whole school-focus on chosen programmes
- Discrete subject
- Papertrail!



A New Thinking Skills Curriculum

- A wide range of Tools used over the years
 - Feurstein's IE
 - Edward de Bono's "Six Hat Thinking" and CoRT
 - "Keys to Thinking" – UPTRAIL Trust
 - Philosophy for Children
 - CAME (Maths Programme)
 - Thinker's Keys
 - Etc...



A New Thinking Skills Curriculum

- Whole School Focus
 - Edward de Bono's Thinking Hats
 - CoRT Tools – Module 1
 - "HITS & HOTS" – Dr.Toni Noble
- Thinking Tools
 - Thinking Skills Lesson
 - Introduction of Tools and Concepts linking to curriculum topics
 - Infused in the Curriculum
 - Consolidation and application of Thinking Tools and Concepts across the curriculum





A New Thinking Skills Room

- Elevate the status of Thinking within the school
- Allow the boys freedom in their approach to learning





Hats Throughout the School

- Elevate the status of Thinking within the school
- Visual reminder, kinaesthetic, engaging

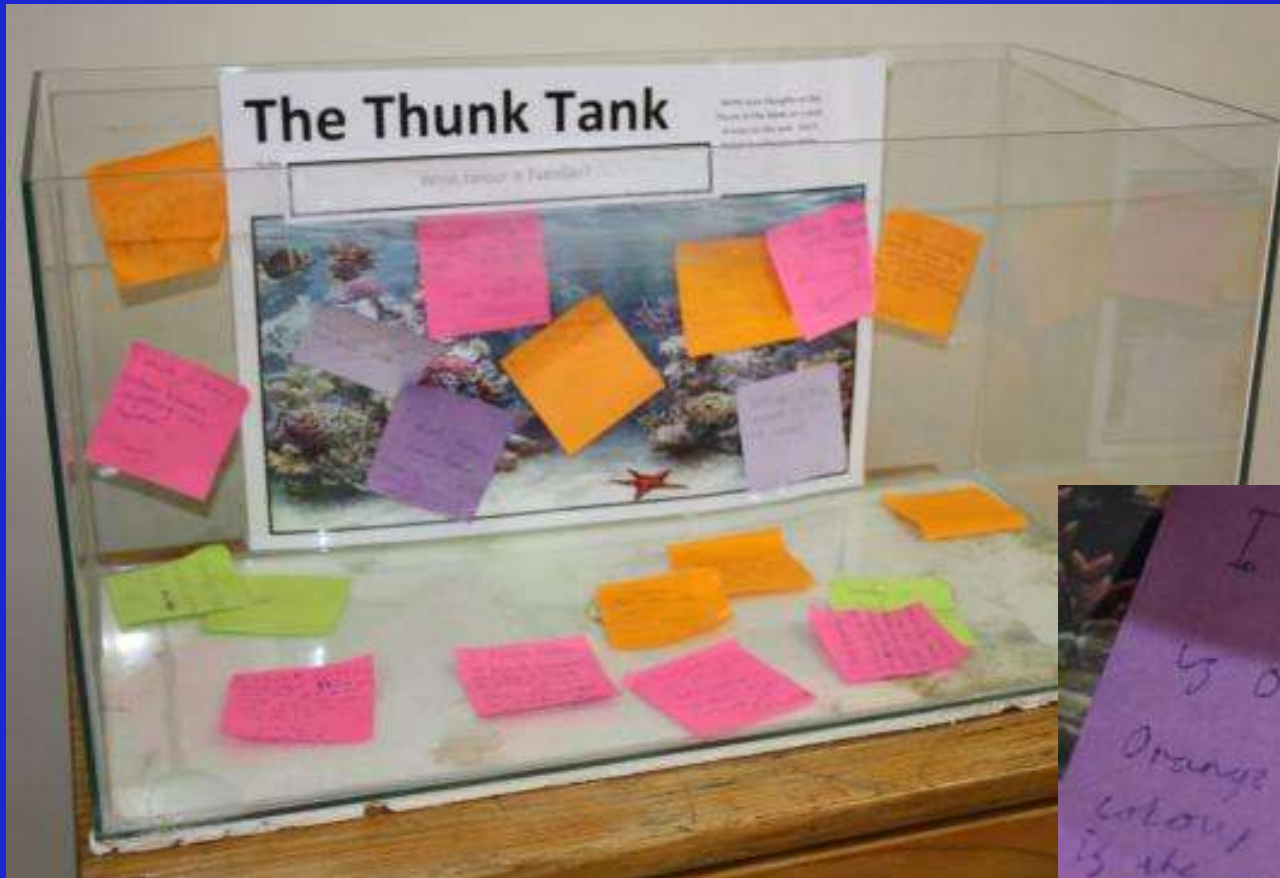


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Thunk Tanks



I think Tuesday
is Orange because
Orange is a secondary
colour and Tuesday
is the second day of the week



Staff Training

- Training Courses
 - Effective dissemination to staff of information learned
- Start of Term Whole Staff Training
 - January kick off – Tool Boxes!
- Weekly Training Sessions
 - Consolidation
 - Misconceptions
- Workshops
- Planning Support



Staff Training - Resourcing

- Staff Thinking Tool Boxes
- Thinking Skills Teachers for each grade – infuses into curriculum through grade planning sessions





Doesn't Stop with the Students!

- Whole School Language
- Applied in the Staff Room
- Applied in Chapel/Assembly
- Staff Training using Thinking Tools
- Management Meetings use Thinking Tools
- The Keyhole – our weekly newsletter





Doesn't Stop with the Students!

Ticket out the Door!

- Something you have learnt or feel inspired by
- The Gaps - What else would help you?
 - Training in a tool I've mentioned? - be specific
 - Resources
 - Planning sessions



Infusion Examples

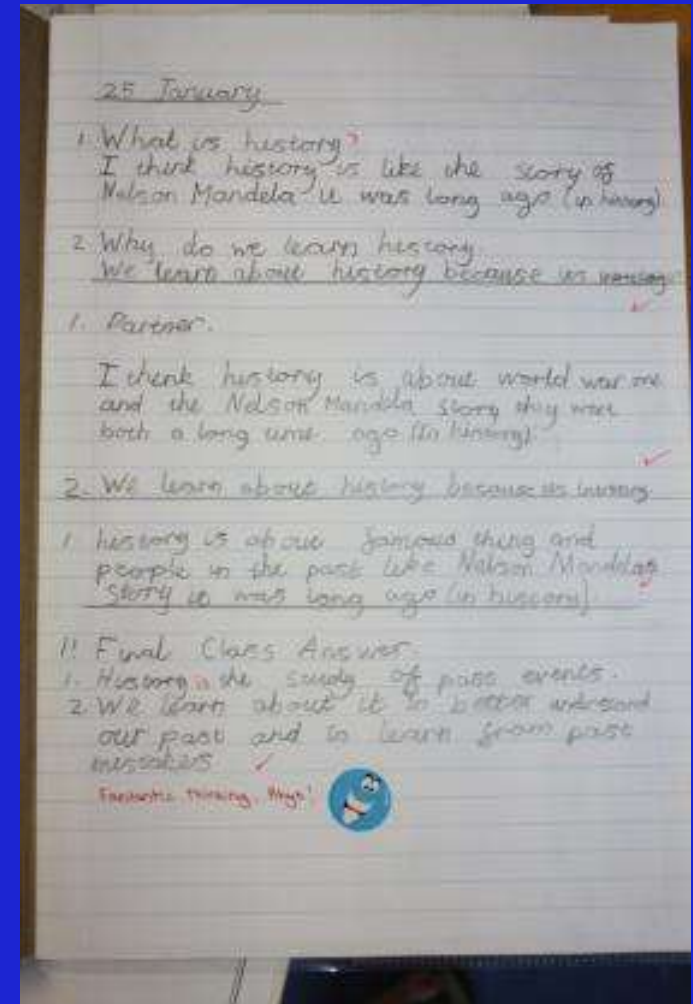
- Creative Writing
 - Using the Green Hat to link disparate newspaper headlines to create a new story.





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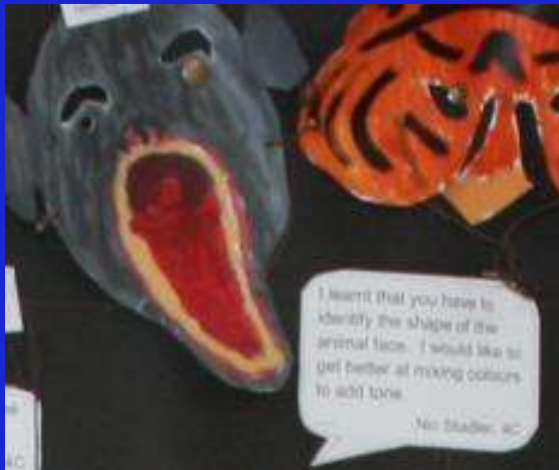
- Multiply and Merge
 - Collaborative learning experience
 - Involves decision making, prioritising and critical thinking





Infusion Examples

- Ten Thinking Tracks for Book Review
- LO – OPV, CAF – Cooperation
- Art – reflection on learning
- EMS/IT - Game of Life





Challenges!

- Resistance to Change
 - Lead by example
 - One-to-one discussions
 - Sharing good ideas and experiences
- Assessment
- Momentum and Sustainability

