



Bright Stars Newsletter No.1 & 2 (26th January 2018)

WEEK ONE:

Thinking up ideas can be quite difficult. AECOM have a slogan - **Imagine it. Delivered.**

This whole competition is about having an idea and turning into reality - **AND** having fun along the way.

Dave from AECOM spoke about examples that we see on TV - racing cars, fabulous dresses, stunning houses, aeroplanes, computer games. These all started with someone sitting down and thinking about ideas on what would be fun and interesting to do. Teams of people then work together to make those ideas become real.

Thinking creatively can be challenging, however The "Ennerdale Bright Stars" rose to the challenge and showed how our small group could grow the £50 seed as large as possible - no idea was too big or small!!

After discussing the objectives of the competition, the "Ennerdale Bright Stars" spent some quiet time thinking of ideas and writing them down on paper. These were then shared amongst the group with each child explaining their thoughts. Lots of common ideas emerged, some were quite different. All were fabulous!!

Later in the week the team voted on which they thought were the best. 4-6 Business Cases were then drafted (by the whole of the group years 2 - 6 working in mixed aged groups) Selected ideas will be for development in Week 2.

Ideas chosen by the group: Car Washing at AECOM's workplace and a Talent Show to be held at school.

WEEK TWO:

This week we worked in two groups. (7 and 8 children.) Taking the business cases for the Talent Show and the Car Wash. These cases were completed in parallel – Great work - as these are the first events to go live.

Working together, the groups also looked at poster design to let people know what's happening. Dave from AECOM cannot believe how good the children are on computers!

Super teamwork is happening. Activities are being progressed through the After School Club and day time learning activities involving around 20 children. All children are equally involved. The older children are taking

leadership roles but the younger ones are very much rising to the challenge and doing some great work too!!

We also discussed roles in the team and how everyone had a key part to play for the Bright Stars competition.

Skill and associated roles and activities discussed were:

- Those good at organising things: Team Leader, Deputies, Document Controllers etc
- Those good with words: Advertising people, writers for the Progress Update etc
- Those good with numbers: Finance Manager - what we spend, profit levels etc
- Those good with graphics or drawing: advertising, design Logo, photography etc.

Using the above we used our skills and children's preferences to decide who did what for the Business Cases and starting to do the things that are required.

We have an exciting schedule with the first events to take place on 8th and 9th of February. This doesn't leave long for a lot of planning and organising!!

Our events are:

Ennerdale Has Talent - Whole School Talent Show – 50p per talent entry, £1.00 to watch. This will create money through entrance fee, raffle, coffee and cakes etc. **DATE THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

Car washing at AECOM work place - To be carried out on two Fridays 3 weeks apart. **DATE FRIDAYS 9TH FEBRUARY AND FRIDAY 2ND MARCH**

Ennerdale Bright Stars letter - where we sell advertising space to local businesses **£20 for advertising space in 6 ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER. Don't forget to support us and get your advert in by February 2nd!**

Table Top Sale at School - Local produce, coffee, cake shop, photo stall - sell school "produce" (cakes, paintings, crafts etc.) - **DATE TBC**

Other events in the pipeline are: a Pancake Day event and After School Movie night(s) with popcorn and hotdogs!

