The unit of study for the Prep students this term has been Toys. As part of this study, the students this week spent some time focusing on games from around the World. The students have learnt the origins and rules of a number of international games including hopscotch, tunnel ball, hula hoops, egg-and-spoon races, sack races, jump rope, musical statues and musical chairs, tug of war and limbo. Discussions were held about what students knew about these games, whether they had played these before and what different versions of the games they knew. Although most of the students had heard of these games, it was interesting to note the different interpretations which each had for these games. All Prep students enjoyed participating in the discussions about these games and the opportunity to practice them prior to introducing them to their peers.
A number of Prep students volunteered to introduce and present the games that they had learnt about to the Junior Primary students and instructed them on the rules. These Prep students did a fantastic job in their role as presenters and demonstrators of these games!

“I liked the musical statues, skipping and the jumping thing … the sack race” Rihanna
“I liked the racing … the sack racing with Ahmad” AJ
“I liked the limbo and everything” Brock

“I liked the musical statues and the sack race and the hula-hoops” Sheldon
“I liked the racing … with the egg and then I like the hopping and skipping” Saima
“I liked the jumping … the sack race” Omed
The Grade 1’s and 2’s listened intently to the descriptions of the games as described by the prep students this demonstrated great mutual respect between the students. And when it came time to play the grade 1’s and 2’s enjoyed the games as much as the preps... some of the students showed a healthy competitive nature urging each other on in the various races!!!

“I like the tunnel ball because you can roll the ball and the person at the back runs to the front” Zadok
“Wednesday at PMP all the grade 1’s and preps played skipping. We loved it because some got 9 or 7” Jazmin

“At PMP we played hop scotch you had to throw a bean bag on to a number then you had to hop on all the other numbers ” Marie
“I liked skipping rope because I jumped over it lots of times…” Alex
The students demonstrated patience while waiting between turns and interacted positively with their peers, actively encouraging and supporting one another in their game-play.

“I liked the fantastic sack race because people fell over, you have to jump in the sacks and RACE!” **Ashlee**

“I really enjoyed doing the egg race...” **Chanindi**

“The egg and spoon race is where we put the egg on the spoon. Three people stand up and they race. Everyone is a winner” **Zane**
Even the teachers and some of the grade 6 leaders got involved in the games...

"the awesome thing with the Preps, 1/2A and 1/2B was when we did the sack race because two fantastic people put their foot in the red bag and raced" **Danish**

"I liked the limbo and the hula hoops" **Iman**

"I liked the musical statues, tug-of-war, egg race and everything" **Tariq**

“I liked the hopscotch and sack race ... when I versed Sheldon” **Muzakkir**

"I liked the skipping and I jumped and jumped and jumped” **Massie**

“I liked everything.” **Zahra**