

World Maths Day

After some intense trial runs, the children were ready to take on the World! The grade 4 to 7 pupils of Uplands Prep School could not wait for their 60 seconds of competition with another pupil somewhere out there – Russia, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium and Australia just to name a few. These were some of the countries the children made contact with during World Maths Day marked at Uplands Prep School recently.

Pupils played against each other in mental arithmetic games. All students were captivated by the fact that they were playing in real time. Each game lasted for 60 seconds, and each student could play as many games as they wished. The questions were appropriately leveled for different ages and abilities and open to school aged private individuals and homeschoolers.

World Maths Day is a unique world event that helps promote numeracy within schools. Past results show that students make significant improvements in their mental arithmetic skills and have fun in the process.

The event was highly successful and the children are looking forward to World Maths Day in 2010!

A quick overview of the event...

Total participants: 2,001,570

Number of countries: 204

Total questions answered in 48 hours: 452,681,681

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- 1) HOD of Maths at Uplands – Jane van der Merwe watches students play
- 2) Far left Eden van der Westhuizen and Skye Warrener playing a game on the computer against 3 other students from all over the world

