



Facilitator Ian Campbell tallies up with one of the pupils.

# Parents and Children enjoy Izak9 Maths Challenge at Greenhaw PS

Greenhaw Primary School witnessed a fantastic turnout of pupils, parents and even grandparents for last week's exciting Izak9 Maths Challenge Night at the local school.

Izak9 is a unique, radical and innovative maths resource from Qubizm, a company which specialises in the teaching and learning of mathematics. It is an immersive, multi-media rich, active learning device designed for use by children in the primary and post-primary sector and also helps in the delivery of teachers' personal and professional development training in the curricular area of mathematics.

The event was hosted and facilitated at Greenhaw Primary School by Ian Campbell, a mathematics educationalist and professional facilitator at Qubizm.

Commenting on the success of the evening, Mr Campbell said: 'This is one of the best parent/pupil evenings I've facilitated, it was a really interactive and informative night. Everyone - parents, pupils and staff - totally enjoyed the evening's event and they were engaged and positive throughout.'

Founder of Qubizm, Franz Schlindwein, believes in the importance of "learning through play." He describes this form of learning as being "rich, shared, open ended, investigative and most importantly, fun."

The principal of Greenhaw Primary and

Nursery School, -Shaun McLaughlin, concurred with this theory after last Thursday night's event in the school: 'The staff of Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School support Mr Schlindwein's philosophy. Children will learn better when they are engaged, challenged, interested and most importantly, happy. This mathematics resource certainly provides the children and, indeed, their teachers with a fantastic teaching and learning tool, relevant to a progressive curriculum in this age of ever-changing technological advances and multi-media innovation.'

Describing the children's excitement when the big blue boxes appear, Mr McLaughlin added: 'The teachers in Greenhaw Primary School have reported a huge shift in the children's attitudes towards mathematics in general. The transferable skills acquired from using this resource will undoubtedly enhance the children's learning both now and in the future. The children are excited and enthused when they see the big, blue boxes appear- Maths lessons will never be the same again!'

Mr McLaughlin concluded by thanking Qubizm and, in particular, Ian Campbell and Franz Schlindwein for their ongoing pupil, parental and staff support with the Izak 9 resource at Greenhaw Primary School.



Facilitator Ian Campbell working with one of the families.



Parents and children enjoying the fun.



Granny Margaret Gallagher helps her granddaughter Amelia.



Teachers Jenny Martin and Colleen Gibbons helping their daughters Darcy and Jessica.



Sean McLaughlin, principal, Greenhaw Primary School, keeps an eye on proceedings.



Young Michael Serna makes good use of the cubes.



Working out the maths...



Young Jessica Martin all ready to go.



Manus McCaul and Teresa Dunne help out the young students Emily McCaul, Molly McCaul and Aoife Duffy.



Greenhaw PS pupil Kyle Kelly solves one of the problems.



Two of the younger generation enjoying the maths challenges.