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Primary Schools in the Philippines discover a new way to raise standards with Just2easy

Just2easy partnered with C&E Publishing - the second largest publishing company in the Philippines - to bring the Toolsuite to their schools. This case study is a focus on an early adopter school of Just2easy; The Integrated School of Montessori Bulacan (ISMB)

ISMB was founded in 1991, dedicated in producing well rounded achieving students, competent to meet the academic and emotional demands of modern society through a holistic and creative curriculum. Their passion for creativity led them to discover Just2easy during a seminar held in Manila in 2017. ISMB subscribed to Just2easy's Toolsuite that year and took an on-site single day of Professional Development session with the Just2easy team at their school. Principal, Mr Fortunato Nieto Jr. was keen to quickly establish and develop 21st Century digital skills for all his Primary and Secondary students.

Professional Development in Philippine Schools begins with the student, not the teacher. So when a new methodology arrives in school the students are trained first instead of the teacher. This affords teachers the time to see how students react to new methods, concepts and opportunities, in order to develop new teaching strategies. With Just2easy training, this was no exception and students began their training day with coding and algorithms from j2code .



As the training day progressed, students were introduced to another tool, j2e5, which is a limitless creativity, writing, drawing, mapping and learning program. Their first activity was to spend a 30 minute science lesson researching a chosen planet in the solar system and using j2e5 to present their facts and findings to their fellow students while teachers watched.

“ We didn't know our students were capable of research at this age, until we started using just2easy. ” *Mr. Fortunato Nieto Jr, ISMB*



With students working in pairs, they quickly produced high quality work, neatly presented in a wide variety of ways in Just2easy's j2e5:

- Newspaper reports
- Information Websites
- Blogs
- Digital Posters

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Teachers told us that they couldn't believe their students were capable of producing work of such high quality in such a short space of time. Principal Fortunato Nieto added "we just weren't aware that our students from Year 3 to 6 could produce work and learn by presenting their research. Up to now, we have been teaching students to research at Year 7 onwards' .

This was at a point in the professional development session where students had completed their j2e5 planet activity and had begun to publish their work so that other children in the class could read and comment on their work safely.

“Just2easy is where we introduce our younger students to skills in Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration Communication and Cooperation.” *Mr. Fortunato Nieto Jr, ISMB*

Mars is the *fourth planet* from the Sun and the second-smallest planet in the Solar System after Mercury.

Mars carries a name of the Roman god of war, and is often referred to as the "Red Planet" because the reddish iron oxide prevalent on its surface gives it a reddish appearance that is distinctive among the astronomical bodies visible to the naked eye.

Mars is a terrestrial planet with a thin atmosphere, having surface features reminiscent both of the impact craters of the Moon and the valleys, deserts, and polar ice caps of Earth.

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Since their day of professional development, the school has relied on the simplicity of Just2easy to enable students to write creatively for any subject on the curriculum - and beyond.

Students are encouraged to explore their digital creativity at every opportunity with all subjects including their mother tongue, Tagalog.

Just2easy continues to support young minds in the Philippines and recently provided additional resources to meet the DepEd curriculum including new art work and designs for cultural images, culturally appropriate icons and imagery that can be used by children as young as 4 years old to promote digital literacy and national identity, a key component in DepEd curriculum.

Students are now developing their digital skills and at the same time, safely exploring the internet whilst remaining in the safety of the Just2easy online environment, and simultaneously developing their digital literacy skills.

Teachers continue to support their new-found means of student engagement and their ability to research has lead to an adoption of pedagogical techniques at an earlier developmental stage , which is supporting the DepEd curriculum reform.

