

## Cactus points and prizes for speaking Spanish spontaneously



This term we have re-launched our cactus competition in the Languages department. Every pupil is given a card with five cactuses (or cacti!) and they get a point if they speak Spanish spontaneously and naturally in the classroom or around the school. We have gathered useful phrases such as “my turn” (me toca), “Can you help please?” (¿Puedes ayudarme?), “Do we need headphones?” (¿Necesitamos auriculares?), “I haven’t got....”, (No tengo) “I’ve finished “ he terminado), “ lo siento” ( I’m sorry), “ para” ( stop) and made posters for the classroom. At the end of the lesson, the teacher decides who has said enough to get a cactus point and pupils can also nominate each other. Once they have earned five cactus points, they win a cactus pen, with ten points they win an artificial plant and if they manage to get twenty points, they get a cactus that lights up!

Two Lower 4 pupils have already won a cactus pen, including Hamza (pictured above), and quite a few are nearly there. The pupils are very excited about the competition and I am delighted with the imaginative way they are now communicating in Spanish independently. It is great fun!

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