



MANOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Motivation, Joy, Success!

DeBono theories are the pedagogical theory that we base our curriculum on here at MJS. It provides children with a systematic method of thinking in a completely new and different way that provides them with the skills and tools to think independently, be inspired to apply their learning and think innovatively.

Children have been learning how to separate thinking into six distinct categories. Each category is identified with its own coloured metaphorical "thinking hat." By mentally wearing and switching "hats," our children learn to easily focus or redirect their thoughts, their learning discussions, or the entire lesson.

Our children are learning to work as teams and to develop a collective mental capacity that enables them to tap into the collective wisdom of their classmates and function well together.

Our learning theory of de Bono's Six thinking hats applied across the curriculum helps children to:

- Discuss and debate issues in a considered way without emotions or egos making bad decisions
- Avoid the easy but mediocre decisions by knowing how to dig deeper
- Increase learning and even more important -- be more effective
- Make creative solutions the norm
- Maximize and organise their thoughts and ideas
- Get to the right solution quickly and with a shared vision

The Six Thinking Hats are:



The White Hat calls for questioning and detective (fact finding).



The Red Hat signifies feelings, hunches and intuition.



The Black Hat is cautions



The Yellow Hat symbolizes positives/advantages.



The Green Hat focuses on creativity: the possibilities, alternatives and new ideas.



The Blue Hat is used to manage the thinking process.