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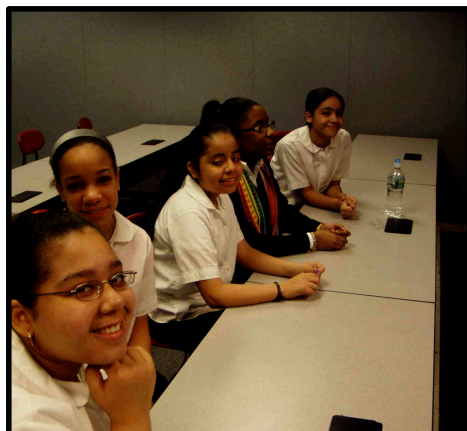
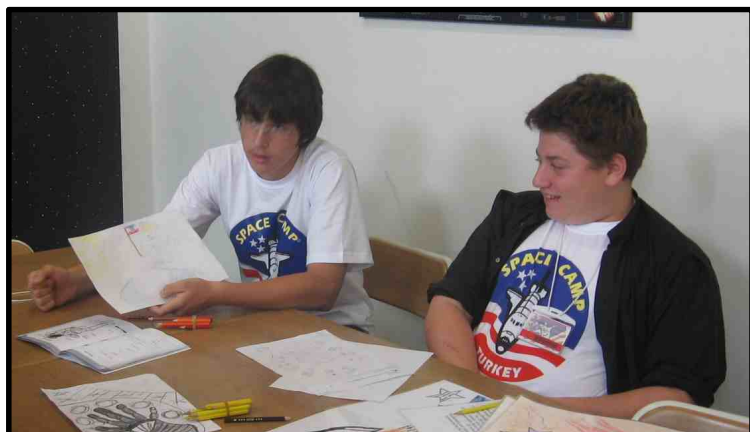
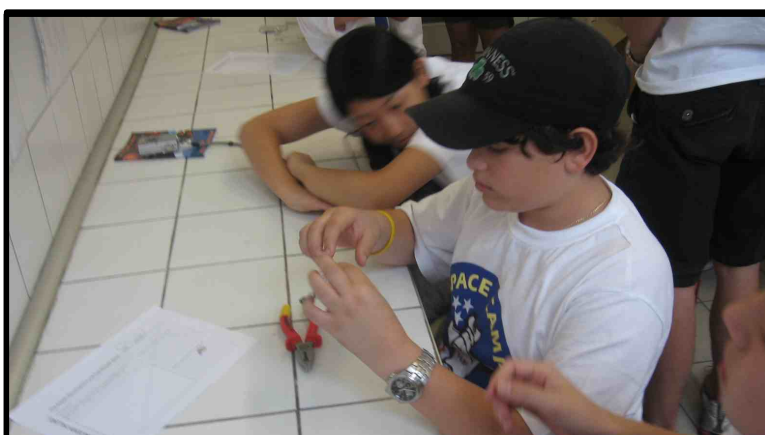
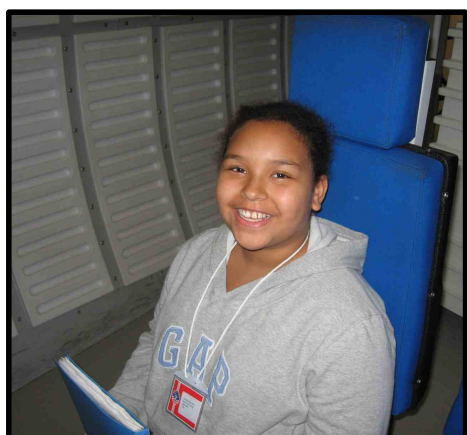
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**WELCOME TO ASTRO, THE
PARTNER SCHOOL SCIENCE
PROGRAM NEWSLETTER!**

**EACH WEEK WHEN YOU CHECK
GFTSE.ORG, YOU WILL FIND
COOL PICTURES, FUN FACTS,
SPACE NEWS, AND MORE....**

**TO GET THE MOST OUT OF
BEING IN THE PARTNER
SCHOOL SCIENCE PROGRAM,
MAKE SURE TO SEND
MESSAGES TO YOUR E-PAL AS
OFTEN AS YOU CAN!**

**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN ASTRO?
IF SO, ASK YOUR TEACHER TO
SEND AN E-MAIL TO
MATTHEW@GFTSE.ORG WITH
THE PHOTO, STORY, OR LINK.
YOU MIGHT JUST SEE IT IN
NEXT WEEK'S ASTRO!**

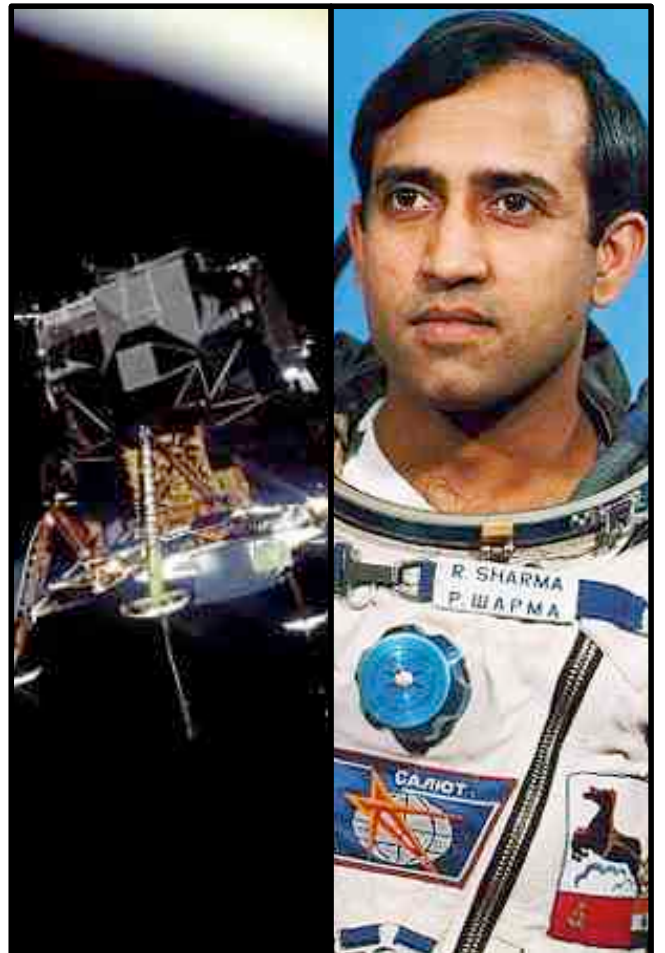
**TEACHERS CAN SUBMIT
PICTURES AND STORIES OF
THEIR CLASS TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE PARTNER SCHOOL
SPOTLIGHT SECTION!**

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PSSP SPOTLIGHT: VIDEO CONFERENCES

Sanko College from Gaziantep, Turkey, and MS324 from New York City, USA, recently had their first video conference with NASA.

Kennedy Space Center in Florida hosted the one hour and twenty minute lesson. Students at both schools were very excited about the opportunity and worked hard to prepare their presentations.

The many impressive posters made by the students featured topics such as: the Mars Global Surveyor, 2001 Mars Odyssey, European Space Agency robotic lander Beagle 2, and the Mars Exploration Rover.

Global Friendship congratulates the students at both schools for doing such a great job!

Has your class been working on Global Friendship projects too? Send an e-mail to matthew@gftse.org to let us know all about it!

To learn more about Sanko College, visit <http://www.sanko.k12.tr>

To learn more about MS324, visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/06/M324/>



Mr. Eyup Uygun and students Bengin and Ipek explain how the Beagle 2 Mars rover from the European Space Agency failed to land.



MS 324 students during their video conference with Sanko College.



Students at Sanko College prepare for their video conference.

NASA NEWS: SPORTS IN SPACE



Astronaut Garrett Reisman on board the International Space Station throws the first pitch in last week's game.



Alan Shepard plays golf on the moon during Apollo 14's Lunar EVA.

Sports in space is a familiar topic at NASA because many astronauts are fans and players at several different sports.

Last week, the first pitch in the Yankees - Red Sox American baseball game was thrown by astronaut Garrett Reisman.

The first pitch of game five of the 1995 World Series (a series of baseball games played at the end of each season) was also thrown in space. Other examples of participating in sporting events back home include Sunni Williams running the Boston Marathon from the treadmill used on the Space Station.

Some sports are actually played on the International Space Station. Astronauts have been known to race each other from one side to the other, as well as play catch with footballs and frisbees.

During the Apollo era, astronaut Alan Shepard was the first person to hit a golf ball in space, and still holds a record for how far it traveled!

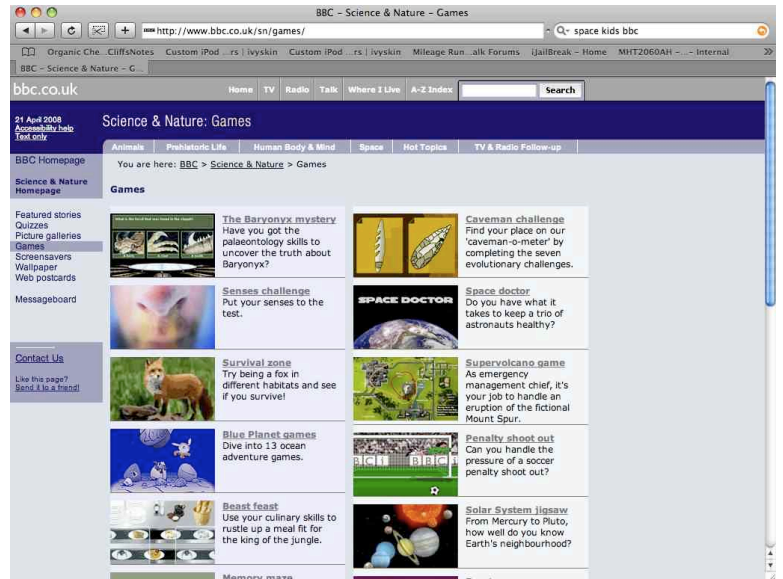
Some astronauts have been talking about trying to make their own sport that is only playable in space, similar to "Quidditch" from J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books.

SPACE WEBSITES

BBC For Kids!

Check out this great science website by BBC, the British Broadcasting Channel.

Here you will find many cool games relating to not only space flight, but many other exciting aspects of science as well!



Open a browser and go to:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/games/>

Check back next week for more!



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