Too school for cool? Or a useful tool? Using points to encourage participation.





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What do other teachers say?

"I don't feel like we're making a difference."

"It takes two to tango and I'm tangoing alone"

"Teaching nowadays is like performing in a pub – some people are paying attention, some are on their phones, some are chatting, some are wandering in and out; some are even asleep."

"Foundation kills me every time. I feel like I need a term off to recover."



And ... notes to class teachers from relief teachers.

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	"16 students before the break;
	6 came back for second
0	session."



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The AR Project

- How can I encourage the behaviours I want to see?
- How can I get my students to engage and participate in class?
- Will it make a difference if I use a points system to encourage participation?









ClassDojo



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How does it work?

- Teacher creates an account:
 - Add students to a class
 - Decide on target behaviours
- Students download the app.
- Students customise their monsters (avatars).





- Students & teacher negotiate the rewards:
 - Number of points needed
 - What the rewards are







Students who participate do the following:











Rewards for 100 points (individual student)

"Short trip" "C		Candy"		"get a nice gift.				
"Sleep"	"Luna Pa	ark"	"Bring	Austr	alian fo	od"		
"Lunch wit	th teacher"	4	"Go to the	zoo "	"Ki	indle	"	
"Ra	achel bring	; me a	cake"	"No	odles!"		"Lo	uis Vui
"You coo	ok a nice f	ood f	or us "		"FOOI	D "	"le	ss clas
"Stic	ckers""	Get yu	ımmy cak	e"	"Boo	ok"		

"Spending one day having fun in class together"



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Spend time in class having fun together Rachel will cook food Lunch with teacher Noodles Australian food Listen to a song Candy Kindle A book Cake









Rewards for 1000 points (whole class)

	5"				
"Picnic" "Having lunch or diner together	. ''				
"Donuts" "McDonalds" "KFC"					
"Trip to The star" "Go to the museum"					
"having 1 hour free and eat some food together"					
"Make easy question in speaking test"					
"cheese cake" "Cinema" "More ca	ake"				
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Having lunch or dinner together Having 1 hour free and eat some food together McDonalds / KFC 3 Cake Picnic Go to the museum Cheesecake Donuts Cinema







How important is it to involve students in negotiating rewards?

- Giving students some control ... may foster feelings of ownership and agency, which may lead to greater participation (Graham 2006)
- Learner initiative, participation and involvement in instruction represent an important aspect of classroom interaction (Garton 2002)
- Learners' perceptions about their own level of participation may be shaped by the degree of control they believe they exercise over processes and outcomes in the classroom (Trent 2009)



How important is it for students to set their own goals and reflect on their progress?

- Reflection is ... a means of monitoring learning and encouraging the learner to manage themselves and their learning more effectively (Thorpe 2000)
- [Reflection] brought about a level of self-awareness and realization that laid a foundation for subsequent growth (Travers et al. 2014)
- When students study to achieve a specific goal, they become more autonomous and effective (Munezane 2015)
- When ... the goal is important and attainable, they are more likely to be committed to it (Munezane 2015)





Reflection on progress: The grid

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	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Wee
On time									
Speaking English									
Working hard									
Participating									
Phone sway									
Listening									
TOTAL:									

Name:Class:





Reflection on progress & goal setting: Journals

(neeks) got 13 points last neek in total. Four points for each phone away and listening. I have lost 2 points for being class on time. So the own of neek q is to attend class on time I think I not achieve my goal, because I often pay more attention in my phone, this will cause some Knowledge not to learn. For week 4 I got 5 pts for working hard, but 0 pt for speaking English & phone away 101. Try to get pt for this 2 in this week.





I will keep hard working in this week, and try to not be late in everydays. and "speaking". In addition, I will be more carefully as in the next quiz, , these are good goals! It's great to see it was great that you were on time to day! you making an effort to be on time for class. Revising the vocab & grammar will help you improve Do you think class Dojo points are motivating your test score i How are you feeling about your English classes? How will you get more Dojo points. you to participate more in class!

Thank you Rachol. I will focue on the vocabulary and grammar more. Yes, it always to make make the eabier, cause I'm's really care about the mark, I don't want to be the lowest mark in the class. (i) See you I consider I can fear more skills and knowledge in English classes. Additionally, we have a HD teacher teaching us. And I will be on time and improve my on Wednesday learning in the future to get none points in Bjo. Good to hear, - you're doing well. Keep it up!



In the last two weeks, I got I point on 'On time' and \$"I point "Son on 'Listoning'. Compare with onother goals, I will try to improve skill on 'On time' Listening'









AR Cycle 1 The approach:

- Keep points private (don't show on screen to whole class)
- Only give positive points The adjustments:
- Needed to clarify meaning and expectations Sometimes it's necessary to show points on the WB







AR Cycle 1

The data:

- Survey at end of week one
- Survey at end of week four (mid-course)
- Students' written reflections and goals



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- Excellent / Meaningful
- Nice / cute / Happy / I like it
- That's fantastic which is grading my class activities either is good or bad where I have to improve.
- i think it can make me more participate in
- Class dojo make the student ...more
 - consentradtion on study.... ! Make us happy when we got the full mark



Do you think Class Dojo will help you participate more in class? [Open **qu**]



Why?

- I want to get a gift or reward from Rechal.
- no reason / no why just like this app
- Maybe don't like it any more
- Motivate / it's interesting
- Coz I always want to get more scores than X
- i want do best / i want got lots of star
- Reminds me on time
- Dojo can let me see what point I had get and let me know how far I achieve to the aim point.
- Because it can help me become active



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Week 4 (mid-course) Survey

Do you think Class Dojo is helping you to participate in class more? [Open qu]



How do you feel when the teacher shows everyone's points on the board? [Open qu]



Other?

take a note

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- It's okay (may feel little bit pressure)
- hope I am not to bad.
- It make me try harder to beat my opponents. exciting
- It's important for everyone
- It can help me a lot / it's helpful
- Ummm, till now not that much stisfied
- I can know someone's point that make me working hard





Are you more motivated to participate if you see your points on the board?

Are you more motivated to participate when you review your points every week?





How do you feel about reviewing your points every week and setting goals for next week?

- Actually it is a good thing it gives courage to achieve goals
- I feel that I can achieved my goals every week.
- Dynamic / interesting / fantastic / great / excited / important
- It's not motivating me that much
- pretty good / It's a good idea.
- I want get the points about on time
- That's good it being an example to move forward
- Let me recall the lack of this week and
- No







Cycle 2 - results The (revised) approach:

- Continue positive points, weekly grid and reflection notes
- Show points at start and end of class The data: each day; allow time for students to discuss these
- Be more explicit about awarding points – telling students what points are available before an activity
- Added points for "Ready to work"



- Survey at end of week eight (end of course)
- Students' written reflections and goals





Week 8 (end of course) Survey How did you feel about Class Dojo at the start of the course?

- good (x8)
- Interesting (x3)
- great (x2)
- Not bad

- happy
- fun
- nothing
- It a motivate app which make me try harder in class.
- Excited and new style of learning to motivate
- I was willing to know that how it work.

How do you feel about Class Dojo now?

- good (x14)
- Interesting (x4)
- interesting a good way to improve myself
- It still make me try studying and competite.
- Motivated
- Helpful
- Not sure it can motivate me



Do you think Class Dojo has motivated you:

to come to class on time?

to speak English in class? *

to participate in class?

to listen when others are talking to the class

to use your phone less?

to work harder in class?

to come to class ready to work?



	Yes	No
	22	6
	17	1
	26	2
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	23	5
	25	3
	26	2
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Yes	22
No	1
Not sure	5
No answer	1

Yes	22
No	2
Not sure	4
No answer	1





How many points do you have?

20-40	8	27.6%	
41- 60	4	13.8%	
<mark>61-8</mark> 0	12	41.4%	
81-99	4	13.8%	
No answer	1	3.4%	

Yes	15	51.7%
No	13	44.8%
No answer	1	3.4%





Final reflection:



This is class dojo. It way In the begin I think this is very & borning and won't bare any work. but after I & few class, I think this can improve your English attitude. You will nork hard, listening to teacher, use less phone try to use onglish to communicate with friends, when the I and wourt to seep maintain an good attitude in class.

ClassDojo What is this? How does it work? How do you feel about it?





Vojo is a good thing. It shows grade about our usual behavior. If I arrive som goal such as practicing, listening, ready work and so on. I can get a one point about it. When I get las point Rachel can give me present ~ That sounds great. I like Poju It record my behavior in class and IO can know so where trouble from me. It can let me have committed thinking with others. It caused me Ownere better than before. All in all it is a good thing. I'm really r interested it and onjoy it.





Classroom management?

- Allowed me to be explicit about my expectations
- Carrot rather than stick
- Less time spent on warning just had to say "dojo" or point to the board
- Working towards class points seemed to lead to better group cohesion
- Reflections and goals gave me more opportunity to check in with students – enhanced my relationship with them.













In week3 I got I working hard 3 phone away and 3 listening But I do not have speaking English than to, so for week 4 I should speaking English in class. And I am happy for neek 3 friday I come class on time. But it is regrettable that Rachel target give me the point for lome on time.





Issues? The is class to jo the where Rachel can add points for us. It was made to examinage us to partupate in class. However, I thank It is not really se higher because I do not care about how much point I can get "Why do we have to revert

to these things to get them to participate?"



Issues?

- Only 1 student out of 2 classes reached 100 points
- Timing exams/assessments etc
 - Time within class downloading the app, creating monsters, reviewing and reflecting
 - Much easier to manage if everyone has the app
 - Need to be clear what you mean give examples of the behaviours you want to encourage
 - Can be difficult to teach the class AND think about points
 - It's aimed at children







Wider Usage?







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