



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

NEWSLETTER

19th April 2024

Dear parents/carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I have enjoyed hearing from the children about what they did and what they enjoyed doing during the two weeks. It is good to see everyone returned safe and ready for the start of the new term.

This week the children have settled well into their classes for the start of Term 3 and I hope that you find the curriculum overviews, sent today, to be useful and informative. Also, we have spent a great deal of time working on our ECA provision for this term, listening to feedback from students and parents, and we hope that your child enjoys their choices of activities over the coming weeks.

We are also pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our Primary MFL team this term, Ms Khadija Khyar, who will be teaching MFL Arabic and Ms Fouzia Lemken, who will be teaching First Language French. Feedback from the children and other staff members has been highly positive this week.

Miss Khyar Khadija is an Arabic teacher with over 20 years of experience, having taught in several French, Belgian, and British schools. She is also a drama teacher and has a good command of music.

Miss Khadija has the skills to teach Arabic to both native speakers and foreigners. She is convinced that drama is an excellent approach to learning Arabic in a fun way. She also plans to work with her students in an Arabic choir.

Miss Fouzia Lemken is a French teacher with many years experience of teaching in French and American schools. Her approach is learner-centred, encouraging interactivity, motivation, and self-confidence. Autonomous and enthusiastic, her early experiences have enabled her to consolidate her skills and gain an understanding of the various tools and techniques used in teaching French.

Miss Fouzia is enthusiastic about supporting students in their learning process through quality teaching while adapting it to the needs of her students.

Next week is a busy one, we have Book Week, where we are starting the week with everyone coming into school dressed as their favourite book character and having a house competition and parade on Monday morning. Throughout the week there will be some activities taking place in and across classes to promote reading and a love of books.

To appreciate our Turkish families next week, we will also celebrate National Children's Day on Tuesday 23 April. Children are invited to come into school wearing colours of the Turkish flag (red and white).

On Friday 26 April, we have our school Science Fair, and students from Year 6 will be taking part, with some of the older primary students being invited to attend during the the event.

Please, as in previous terms, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I look forward to working in partnership with you further this term to support your child in achieving their targets and building on their successes and achievements last term.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Ms Claire,

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY:

What Is 'Kindness'?

Kindness is:

- being friendly, generous and considerate of others;
- showing goodwill to others;
- being concerned when others are upset or worried;
- helping people when they need you;
- doing something nice for someone else, without expecting anything in return.

What does 'kindness' mean to you?

How Can You Show Kindness?

- Smile!
- Help someone if they fall over.
- Go and sit with someone who is sitting alone (if they want you to).
- Sit next to someone at lunchtime you would not normally sit with.
- Ask someone how they are.
- Pick up litter.





KEY INFORMATION:

1. BIRTHDAYS

Please can I just remind parents about the celebration of birthdays. For EYFS children, birthdays may be celebrated throughout the week in the last period of the day. For Primary students, all birthdays are now celebrated on a Friday during the last period. All birthday celebrations now take place in the canteen. Please can parents contact Ms Alaoui for more information if required. Thank you.

2. TT ROCKSTARS

We hope that you and your children are enjoying using this programme. Please encourage your child to use this fun and interactive programme. It is a great way to learn multiplication facts, which will impact positively on your child's achievements in maths.

3. INTERNET SAFETY

There was a further incident over the holiday of children not keeping themselves safe online and being involved in cyberbullying. Once again, we are here to support you, as parents, regarding keeping your child safe online. Should you have any questions, or require assistance, please let me know and we will ensure that we provide the advice and guidance necessary.

4. HOT WEATHER

As the temperatures have started to rise, please can we ask that you ensure that your child has a sunhat and also comes to school wearing sunscreen. Alongside this, it is important that your child drinks plenty of water during the day and therefore needs a water bottle. **Please ensure that all items are labelled.**

5. SELLING ITEMS IN SCHOOL

Please note that it is NOT allowed for students to bring items to school and sell them to their peers, unless this is part of an organised school activity. We appreciate your help and support in ensuring that your children understand this and do not bring in either goods or money to school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

W/b 22 April – Book Week.

22 April – All to come into school dressed as a book character. Parade and house competition.

23 April – Turkish National Children's Day. Children are encouraged to come into school wearing red and white – the colours of the Turkish flag.

26 April – Science Fair – Year 6 to be taking part as exhibitors.

29 April – Student Council meeting.

1 May – Labour Day – National holiday – school closed.

2 May – Primary Inter House Sports Competition.

10 May – Art exhibition.

EYFS:

Nursery

This week we have been learning about sea creatures. Our story has been the *Rainbow Fish* and we have done various activities based on this. We have learned the names of sea creatures and where they live, how they move and what they look like. We talked about which are our favourites and why. We have made ocean coloured play dough and created scenarios from under the sea and created fishes. We have made Jellyfish using different materials. In science, we have felt the texture of shells and sand using the tuff spot and looked at factual books about whales and we have observed how the sun affects ice and it melts as the temperature changes.

Reception



This week in Reception, we have started to work on our new topic 'All around the world'. It has been a great topic to start this term as the children have been happy to share their recent holiday adventures, whether that be within Morocco or to another country. In both reception classrooms we have set up an airport terminal where the children are able to gain new skills and learn the language needed for travelling. The children are using role play with each other to book holidays and flights by looking through

holiday brochures to see where they would like to travel on their next holiday and making their own boarding passes.

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, it has been lovely to see everyone back at school safe and well after some exciting holidays. We heard all about everyone's adventures this week and revised our writing skills to write recounts of what we did. In maths, it has been a pleasure to observe the children apply their multiplication skills to solve problems involving 2s, 5s and 10s. Thank you for all your support and encouraging your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars and the activities posted on Education City. It is having a great impact. In humanities, we have had lots of fun beginning our new topic about 'the stories people tell' with the myth of King Arthur. In science, we have asked questions about magnets and begun a practical investigation.

YEAR 2

Year 2 has settled back into learning after the half term break. We started this term in maths with learning, identifying and understanding fractions. In English, we enjoyed listening to different rhyming poems and some children even managed to perform a poem!



YEAR 3

During maths, we finished the 'Mass and volume measurement' unit. We went hands-on and used materials from the lab to practise concepts we have covered, such as grams and millilitres. I'm thrilled to see how much our group enjoys practical activities.



YEAR 4



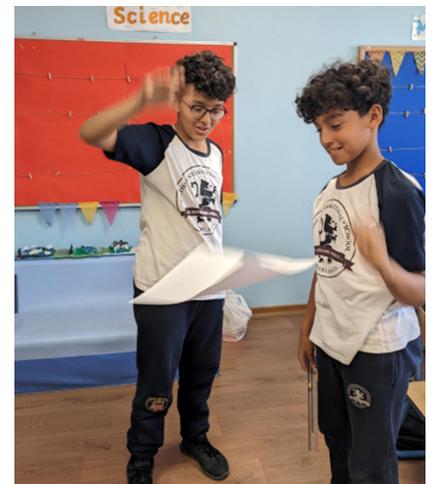
Year 4 has been learning about energy. We learnt that energy is how things work and energy comes in different forms such as light, sound and heat. We went on an energy hunt around the school to find objects that produce energy and talked about what types of energy.

YEAR 5

Year 5 has been learning about fractions in maths. We have been identifying equivalent fractions and working out how to find them. We made some fraction walls in our groups to show equivalent fraction groups and had a race to write down as many as we could.

YEAR 6

In science this week, Year 6 have started their new topic of materials and physical changes. They conducted a few experiments involving paper to test air resistance, and candles to understand the concept of oxygen and combustion. They wrote up predictions and their conclusions and also looked at how different variables affect the tests.





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OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Maria for using her words confidently and sharing her ideas in circle-time.

Nursery B | Issa for using English more confidently.

Reception A | Sophia for being kind and caring and working very hard in every lesson.

Reception B | Mohamed for being kind and always using his listening ears.

Year 1A | Dylan for having the confidence to make mistakes when drawing.

Year 1B | Liiyanna for her effort and energy to complete all tasks.

Year 2A | Jomana for making good progress with her maths learning.

Year 2B | Phoebe for her enthusiasm in our new topic on poetry.

Year 3A | Hamza, for working hard in English and for a great start of term.

Year 3B | Mirale for her work on personification this week and her kindness when helping her friends in class.

Year 4A | Sultan for his interest and effort in both maths and English class.

Year 4B | Sami for effort with learning and greatly improved handwriting.

Year 5A | Ghita for her excellent participation, her consistent effort and her positive attitude.

Year 5B | Rayane for being a self-motivated learner.

Year 6A | Adam for working independently in maths and having a keen interest in percentages.

Year 6B | Abel for having a consistently excellent learning attitude.

THIS WEEK'S "STAR OF THE WEEK":



House Points

House Point winner this week **CAMBRIDGE**