



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

NEWSLETTER

28th June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Well, this is my final newsletter for this academic year and as Head of Primary. I find it hard to believe that the academic year is over, and it was certainly a different year to the one that I had been envisaging when I returned in September 2023.

Despite the various challenges, we should be proud of what we have achieved and everyone within our school community should take time to pause and reflect on the contributions made, support given, levels of collaboration and teamwork shown to enable the school to improve and develop further. Some of our successes are as follows:

1. The rewards and sanctions have been clarified with posters and links to Class Dojo and house points. Feedback from students is that behaviour has improved.
2. There is now a whole school approach to handwriting, phonics and spelling.
3. Levelled reading materials and a whole school approach to the assessment of reading is in place.
4. The Student Council has organised many events and raised money for various charities.
5. Playground equipment has been provided for break and lunchtime play.
6. Feedback from parents/carers states that communication has improved and there is more consistency within and across the Primary School.
7. The students have been involved in many events of which they should be proud throughout the school year.
8. The Primary staff have pulled together, as a team to ensure that there are a number of opportunities and activities for all the children from school visits, to performances, assemblies and most recently the art exhibition, graduation events and International Day.

There are obviously still areas that can be improved and developed and I wish my successor every success in building on our achievements and continuing to move the school forward.

Finally, I must thank a few key people who have gone above and beyond to support me, especially in the last few months when I was juggling Head of Primary, Phase leader for EYFS and Phase 2, with full-time class teacher and also Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Firstly, to Ms Meryeme Alaoui, our Primary co-ordinator, who has taken on more of the admin and organisational roles and also to Mr Seamus Rush, who has been an amazing colleague and support on our Primary Leadership Team. I would also like to thank those parents who have continually provided support, been positive critical friends and shown empathy and kindness over the year.

I wish you and your families best wished for a positive and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing many of you in September. For those families who are not returning, may I wish you every happiness and success in the future. I hope that you have some fond memories to look back on.

Claire Sealey
Head of Primary

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY:

Thank you to Ms Harvey who led our assembly today, with a focus on art and inspiring us to get creative over the holidays.

We also celebrated Term 3 house winners who were Oxford and also the overall house winner for this year who was Cambridge. All members of the houses will receive cupcakes with their house colour on Tuesday as a celebration of their successes.



SPECIALIST AWARDS ASSEMBLY:

Well done to all the students who received awards on Thursday in our assembly celebrating achievements across our specialist subjects. Congratulations.

KEY INFORMATION:

1. INTERNATIONAL DAY

Once again, a huge thank you to our parents who supported their child's class with International Day. The event was a huge success. We hope that you enjoyed the performances and the photos and videos posted.

2. CELEBRATION OF MUSIC EVENT

Well done and thank you to all the children in Primary who took part in the event last Friday. The event was a huge success and the standard of performance was very high. Thank you so much to Mr Castro for organizing this. It was amazing. There certainly is a great deal of talent within our school!





3. END OF YEAR REPORTS

Although Primary reports are ready, for administrative reasons they will not be sent out until next week. Please contact Mr Udy if you have any question regarding this.

4. PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR:

All class teachers will be sending home some guidance and advice as to how to support your child over the summer. We are not sending home activity booklets across the Primary School but would suggest that your child takes time to review, revise and consolidate the learning they have undertaken this year, especially in English and Maths.

Please note that, as usual practice, children will be expected to come to school with resources and materials to learn next year. Please ensure that over the summer you purchase the following equipment, and label the same, to enable your child to have the tools they require to undertake learning effectively in class.

1. **Named pencil case**
2. **HB pencil**
3. **Rubber**
4. **Pencil sharpener**
5. **Ruler**
6. **Child scissors**
7. **Glue stick**
8. **Three highlighters – different colours (including pink and green)**
9. **Pack of colour pencils**
10. **A4 whiteboard**
11. **Whiteboard markers (non-permanent)**
12. **Years 4, 5 and 6 – Geometry set – compass, protractor, set square.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

3 July – School finishes for the academic year at 12.00pm. There will be class parties during the morning. Class teachers will send more information through Class Dojo and Tapestry.

4 September – School starts.

EYFS:

Nursery

This week, we reviewed all the phonics, numbers, and shapes we have learned so far, reinforcing our understanding and skills. Additionally, we had a fantastic Pyjama Day, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, making it a fun and memorable experience for all.



Reception



As part of our topic All Around the World, we have been learning about Morocco, its culture and the traditional greetings. Both classes come together to greet each other with 'as-salaam-alaikum'. We then talked about Morocco and its famous landmarks using Google Maps to spot their location and looked at famous landmarks in Casablanca, Marrakesh, the desert and Rabat. The children worked in groups and were allocated a city, and drew some famous buildings and locations in that city.

YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have had a lovely time reflecting on our favourite events and activities from this academic year. There has been so much to choose from, whether it was our trips around the city of Casablanca or the range of fantastic dress-up days. We have also worked hard to revise areas of learning in English and maths through a range of fun games and activities. Well done to all in Year 1 for their hard work this year and thank you dear parents for all your support at home

YEAR 2

Year 2 children have had a lovely time consolidating and revising their learning from this academic year with activities, problem-solving and group tasks. A huge well done to all children for a successful year and we wish you a safe summer holiday!

With love from Miss Subhan, Mrs Nasreddin, Ms Zakia and Ms Sarah.



YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been making questionnaires in maths and have been conducting our own surveys throughout the primary school to construct bar charts with the information we collected. We have also been writing and acting out some of our own fables, which the children have really enjoyed. On behalf of the Year 3 team, we would like to say a huge well done to all the children and we wish them every success in Year 4! In the meantime have a fantastic summer holiday!

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have been writing persuasive letters. Students have used this activity as a chance to express their creative voices. For example, Sheng Yun Wang in 4B in his letter to headteacher Mr Udy, suggested that he would like a video games console in each class. He believes that this would boost the morale of the class and ultimately help them to work harder during class time. Do you agree?

YEAR 5

In Year 5A this week we have been exploring sound. We have identified what we already know, researched answers to our questions in the IT suite and developed our knowledge and understanding through a range of activities. 5A definitely enjoyed their music sessions with Mr Castro, where they experimented with pitch and volume, using a variety of musical instruments and their voices. It was also wonderful to see the various musical instruments that they created at home to show the application of their understanding and knowledge. Well done 5A. Great learning this week.



YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time in Dar Bouazza this week at the surf school. They had fun rotating activities such as beach ball games, bodyboarding and surf boarding. Once they had been prepared, they took to the waves and had a great time learning how to stand up safely and use the tide to help them. It has been a great year and we wish everyone a happy summer holiday!



INTERNATIONAL DAY





EYFS & YEAR 6 GRADUATION





STAR

OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Khansaa for being exceptionally kind and showing great intuition in sharing with her friends.

Nursery B | Alia for very good behaviour and kindness.

Reception A | Rita for always giving 100 percent for everything she does.

Reception B | Laya for always doing her best.

Year 1A | Liam for challenging himself in maths.

Year 1B | Bayane for using phonics to read more challenging words.

Year 2A | Eyup for his resilience and improved attitude to learning and Isla for being helpful.

Year 2B | Elias for his amazing performance on International Day and Yanis for his effort.

Year 3A | Ilyas for his positive contribution to the class community and his hard work.

Year 3B | Lina for always showing kindness and consideration to her fellow students.

Year 4A | Matyas for his consistently good attitude to school.

Year 4B | Meryem for helping her friends, and excelling in the numbers game.

Year 5A | Hamza for good progress in maths and improved attitude to learning.

Year 5B | Padmaja for her excellent effort, behaviour and participation throughout all lessons.

Year 6A | Ghita for always being respectful and working hard in lessons.

Year 6B | Cyrine for showing enthusiasm in all aspects of the surf trip.

THIS WEEK'S "STAR OF THE WEEK":

