



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, in accordance with the School Action Plan to increase student confidence and competence in information and communication technology (ICT), we invited students in Year 4 and Year 5 to bring in their devices (tablets and laptops) and we have also arranged an additional lesson in the I.C.T suite for every class. Over the next few weeks, students will be honing their I.T skills and learning how to apply these skills across different subjects.

While the vast majority of our parents are in full support of the increased usage of I.T in our curriculum, there have been a few concerns raised about screen time and online safety. Rest assured though, a key part of the I.T education program will include teaching children how to regulate their screen time, protect their personal data, and stay safe online.

In other news, I am very happy to report that our revamped reading program is in full swing and I have been seeing more and more students now choosing to read in their spare moments between lessons. Next week, we will begin the Reading Buddies program, where students from different year groups will be reading to each other and sharing their thoughts about some of their favorite books.

Sincerely,
Jason Pegg | Head of Primary

EYFS:

Nursery

Nursery have continued to learn about living things. We have previously learned about insects and now the focus is jungle animals - beginning to learn about their habitat, be able to describe them, and pretend to move like them. We have made snake patterns and have been counting ladybird spots. In maths.

Reception

In Reception this week we have continued our topic of ‘People Who Help Us’, focusing on vets. We enjoyed a great story called ‘The Zoo Vet’ and role played some of the different animals. It has also been great fun to explore the new provision in our classroom which has supported the use of this week’s letters and sounds ‘u’ and ‘r’. We have applied our learning about the number – zero ‘0’ to create pictures in art such as “a tree with zero oranges in it” or “a beach with zero crabs”.



YEAR 1

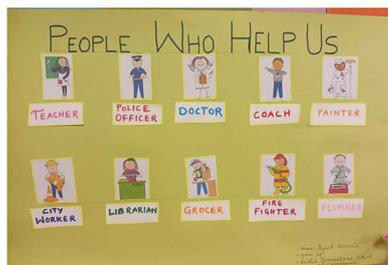
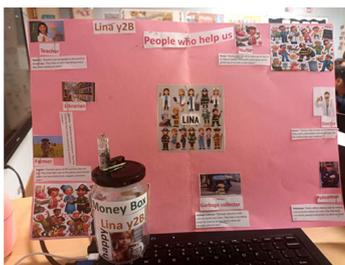
Our scientists have planted lots of seeds eagerly and looked after them with care. Their determination has paid off and we could see our first sprouts, the seeds are flourishing, happy and green.

In 1B we are working on improving our motivation for learning and trying our best by choosing a few students each week to present their work in a certain subject in other classes and year groups and receive positive feedback. This will hopefully boost everyone’s confidence in themselves and their abilities and help make the students want to strive for excellence.



YEAR 2

In Year 2, we continued our focus on People Who Help Us. There have been some lovely submitted projects this week so well done! The children also used this topic to reflect on their own futures and wishes. Well done! It was lovely to hear about their dreams and aspirations.





YEAR 3

Year 3 children enjoyed participating in this term's inter house Athletic competition. It was great to see the children's sportsmanship and hear their cheers for their teammates!

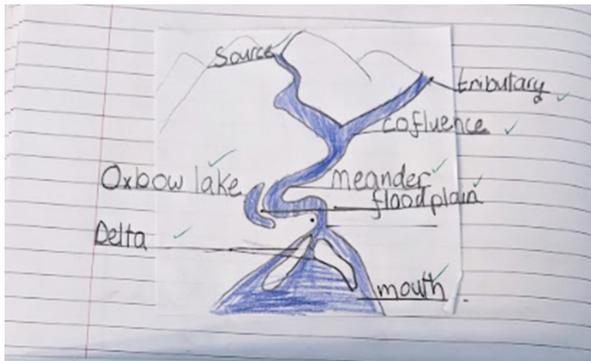
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been all over the school this exciting week. On Monday, we took a trip to the robotics lab, to put our Design and Technology work to practise, and build our very own programmable robots.



YEAR 5

This week year 5 have integrated IT into their English lessons by conducting a research project on their favourite author and the author of the current book that they are reading. They have compiled digital fact files and then emailed them to me as an attachment.



YEAR 6

In humanities this week, year 6 have been working hard to understand the features of a river. They had class discussions about different hypothetical situations (rivers being blocked, no rainfall, heavy rainfall) and were able to correctly determine how the river would flow in these situations.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - MS TRISH TIVNAN (2B)



What was your favourite lesson this week (and why)?

My favourite lesson this week was when we spoke about different occupations. The children had amazing thoughts on People Who Help Us and were so engaged during the lesson. It was wonderful to see them show appreciation for the good that people do, especially during challenging times.

What was one thing that made you laugh this week?

During our lesson on People Who Help Us, several children decided that it would be amusing to Role Play me. Watching them strut around the classroom and imitate my actions was both embarrassing and hilarious. Kudos to the ones who remembered my facial expressions!

What are you looking forward to this weekend?

This weekend I will prepare for Chinese New Year, which is happening on Wednesday the 29th. I need to ensure I follow my culture's traditions such as cleaning my house and buying fresh flowers.

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this term was won by Oxford (212 points); 2nd Place: Cambridge (190 pts); 3rd Place: Warwick (111 pts); and 4th Place: Bath (89 pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

Lunar New Year Celebration : 29/01/2025



STAR

OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Matias for a huge improvement both his learning and behaviour.

Nursery B | Aaron for settling well into the class.

Reception A | Osman for applying his phonics knowledge to read simple sentences.

Reception B | Ghali for excellent listening and phonics skills.

Year 1A | Lalla Khadija for using neat handwriting with consistent sizing!

Year 1B | May-Nour for growing her confidence and improving her English skills!

Year 1C | Itri, for always trying her best and for excelling in her projects.

Year 2A | Liam for consistently maintaining good progress with lessons and behavior.

Year 2B | Abdelaziz for class participation.

Year 3A | Jana for her excitement in reading.

Year 3B | Layane for showing many acts of kindness this week.

Year 4A | Reem for her excellent work in science lesson.

Year 4B | Noham for working very hard in English when EAL is unavailable.

Year 5A | Edin for achieving well.

Year 5B | Sheng for being a brilliant maths helper and a profound poet.

Year 6A | Salmane, for excellent contributions in class discussions.

Year 6B | Noel for always producing his best possible work.