



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA NEWSLETTER

13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the term comes to an end, and Winter settles in, we are presented with the opportunity to slow down a little bit, rest, reconnect, and reflect on a term well spent. There were many headlining events this term (too many to list), and still more to come with the EYFS and Primary Christmas Concerts this Monday, and of course Christmas Jumper Day next Wednesday.

I am sure all parents and students alike are also eagerly anticipating receiving class reports next week. While grades are an important indicator of your child's academic progress, it is the class teachers' comments that provide an indication of their social and emotional development – information no less important than grades.

It has been a privilege watching our students grow and thrive these past few months, and to see their progress not only in the classroom but also the playgrounds, where they must learn to navigate the myriad of social norms and expectations that every child faces in their lives.

At BISC, we do everything we can to guide your children along the way, and I am proud to say every one of our teachers are committed to looking after the wellbeing of your children. As one parent put it, "It feels like a family here."

And finally, we have had record turnouts for almost all events so far this year, from Coffee Morning to the Winter Fair, thanks to the commitment of our ever growing BISC community.

May you and your families have a restful December break, and as we say in England, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Jason Pegg | Head of Primary

EYFS:

Nursery



As part of our celebration topic and to celebrate the holiday season, Nursery made Christmas biscuits. Both Nursery classes took it in turns to add the ingredients and mix the bowl. Then each child cut a Christmas tree into the mixture. The next day when the biscuits were cooked and left to cool, the children used green and red icing to decorate their biscuits. They then took them home to eat.

Reception

This week in reception we have enjoyed lots of drama and role play activities in retelling 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. Children have stretched themselves to imagine what different characters would do and played out what they would do if a tiger came to visit their home. Our performance skills have continued to be developed through our rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Concert. It has been lovely to see all the hard work the children have put into their singing practice come together!

YEAR 1

Year 1 is immersing themselves in holiday spirit through reading, writing and making themed stories and art. Our learning environment is being enriched by sparkly snowflakes, colourful gingerbread men and frosty snowmen, all with their own unique look hinting at their little artists. We are also eagerly rehearsing for the Christmas show and writing down our wishes and hopes for next term.



YEAR 2

Year 2 had their second visit of the term on Tuesday to Fun Art at Anfa Place. This was linked to our science unit of work on "Materials". All the children had great fun creating objects from wood and clay, using specific tools and equipment to support them. . They were very proud of their pieces of work.



YEAR 3

Year 3 children have been poets this week! They ended their English unit of work on 'Poems from other cultures' by learning about the features of a Limerick and a Haiku. They then wrote and performed their own poems. Have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2025! Miss Subhan, Mrs Nasreddin, Miss Safa and Miss Sarah.

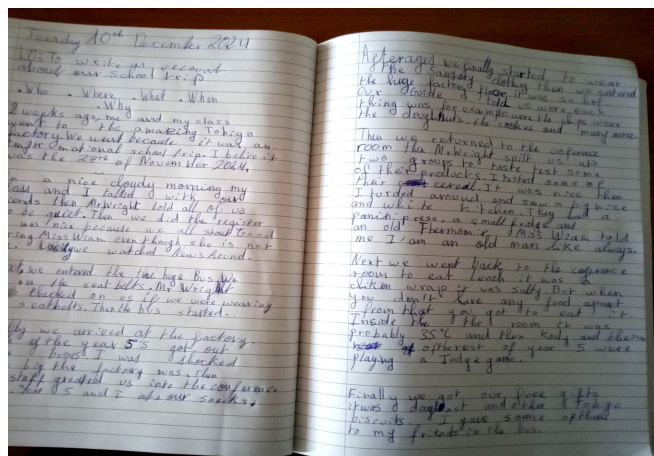


YEAR 4

As part of figurative language exploration in English this term, we have been taking some time to become actors and see how the use of devices used in fictional and fantasy writing can come alive in an active environment. We discovered two chritmassy themed play scripts, one about santa's reindeer amd the other about a gingerbread man! It was lots of fun!!

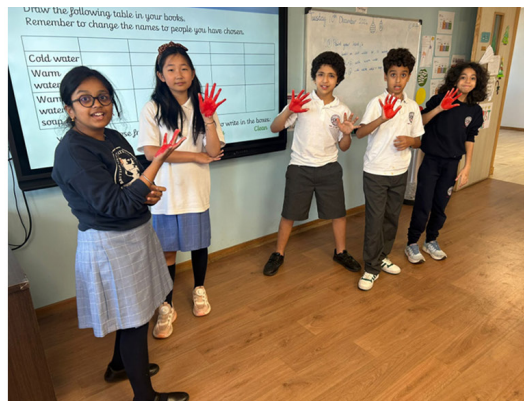
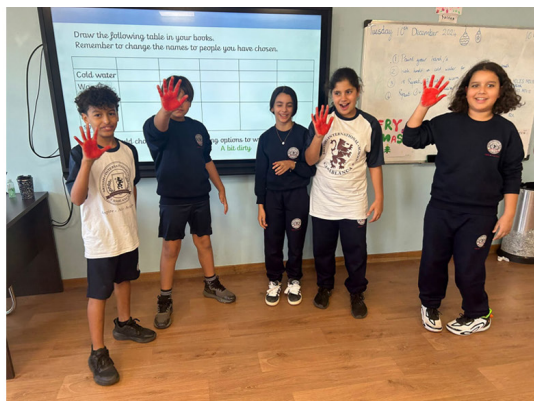
YEAR 5

This week, year 5 have perfected their recount writing skills by creating brilliant recounts of their recent school trip, ensuring that they have used all the key features of a recount. They have also begun to watch film adaptations of their class reads to make comparisons.



YEAR 6

In science, Year 6 conducted an experiment to understand how hygiene can help prevent the spread of diseases. To do this, the children painted their hands red so we could test the effectiveness of different washing types. First they washed hands with cold water, then warm water, and finally warm water with soap for 10 seconds each time. The children then observed how effective each type of water was and discussed why using warm soapy water is the best way to keep us clean.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - KODY H (Y5B)



What was your favourite lesson this week?

It's usually always maths, but this week it was P.E because we played football and my team won.

What was one thing that made you laugh this week?

When we were doing rehearsals for our Drama group, Jad fell on the ground with a big thump, and I laughed along with everyone else.

What are you looking forward to this weekend?

I'm having a cookie decorating party and I'm inviting some of my friends. We're going to decorate Christmas cookies, listen to music, dance, and make YouTube videos.



IMPORTANT DATES:

6th January 2025: Back to School

10th January 2025: Parent Curriculum Letters

17th February 2025: Parent Teacher Conferences

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this term was won by Cambridge (1301 points); 2nd Place: Oxford (1191 pts); 3rd Place: Bath (1068 pts); and 4th Place: Warwick (1021 pts).





PRIMARY ASSEMBLY:





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A S P I R E • A C T • A C H I E V E

BISC CHRISTMAS SHOW

DON'T MISS THIS MAGICAL EVENT

16th DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL THEATRE

EYFS | KS1 Performance: 09:30 AM
KS2 Performance: 11:00 AM

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO ENJOY A JOYFUL
SHOWCASE OF TALENT, MUSIC, & HOLIDAY FUN!



STAR

OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Meva for settling so well and quickly into school life.

Nursery B | Maya for her good behaviour and speaking more english.

Reception A | Maria D. for speaking English in full sentences.

Reception B | Rita for being a great role model in the classroom.

Year 1A | Layel for making steady progress in maths by counting in twos up to twenty!

Year 1B | Kinan for his impressive teamwork during our mental maths competitions and his persistence during lessons.

Year 1C | Tasnim for improving her English and trying her very best in class.

Year 2A | Ibrahim for his engagement with home learning, especially his project work.

Year 2B | Issam with his perseverance and commitment to trying his best.

Year 3A | Alfarouk for his determination and resilience.

Year 3B | Anastasiia for always doing her best in class and for always being kind to others.

Year 4A | Axel for his positive attitude and politeness.

Year 4B | Mirale for great improvement in focus and preparedness.

Year 5A | Yasmine for always doing her best.

Year 5B | Rinad for persevering through challenges.

Year 6A | Youssef for being kind towards his classmates and teachers.

Year 6B | Abdel for leading his maths group when converting metric measurements.