



# BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There has been a huge amount going on in the Junior School this week and today we had the busiest assembly we have had all year with so much to celebrate!

First up was the Inter-House Swimming competition which was a very closely fought competition. Each swimmer from each team performed brilliantly and varying houses won in different events. Overall Cambridge came out on top so an extra special well done to them.

We celebrate the arts just as much as sport at BISC and I was delighted to see the artwork produced by Year 3 and Year 4 under Ms Harvey's supervision. The theme was "Through the Eyes of Others". The multifarious ways in which the children took that theme and interpreted it was wonderful to witness. Special praise went to Hayden (Y3), Adam C (Y4) and Talia (Y4). You can view many examples of a number of children's artwork displayed in the reception area and I would strongly encourage you to do so.

Linking to our value-in-focus of Compassion (and indeed our Art theme of "Through the Eyes of Others") this week has been Anti-Bullying Week. On Wednesday, staff and children were sporting some particularly garish socks for our Odd Socks Day to celebrate the fact that we are all different but all equal. In addition, today is a day in which we have been wearing blue in order to show support for the Diana Award, a UK-based charity dedicated to preventing bullying and empowering young people.

I hope that the weather has not dampened your spirits and that you are able to enjoy a peaceful weekend with your families and friends.

With kind regards,

**Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School**

## EYFS:

### Nursery

This week in Nursery, we focused on the sounds A and B through engaging songs, flashcards, and "silly soup" activities. The children enjoyed exploring rhymes and alliteration, practised counting to five, identified simple shapes, and learned about body parts through interactive games and songs. We also celebrated **Anti-Bullying Week**. On Wednesday, the children took part in **Odd Socks Day**, celebrating individuality and uniqueness, and on Friday, they wore **blue clothes** to support **The Diana Award**. It was a wonderful week filled with creativity, learning, and kindness.



## Reception



This week in Reception we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week by talking with the children about how they can show kindness to their friends. They enjoyed sharing all the ways they are kind and caring towards one another. We have also created a beautiful Autumn display, showing the changes in the leaves as they turn orange, brown, and gold. The children are beginning to understand the changing seasons and have really enjoyed exploring the colours and signs of Autumn.

## YEAR 1

We made learning about nouns extra fun this week with exciting noun hunts around the classroom and a lively team game where students worked together to sort noun cards into the right categories: person, place, or thing. The room buzzed with energy, laughter, and wonderful 'aha' moments as everyone learned and played together. In Maths, we have been learning about addition using the part-whole model, a concept that can be quite tricky! However, our students have been showing great perseverance, using manipulatives and fun addition games to strengthen their understanding and build confidence.





## YEAR 2

This week, we loved learning all about how we will be growing our own beans in science. The children really enjoyed the demonstration on how to care for their beans and are excited to begin planting this half term. Our goal has been to be kind to each other, and we are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new phonics groups. We cannot wait to see their wonderful progress.

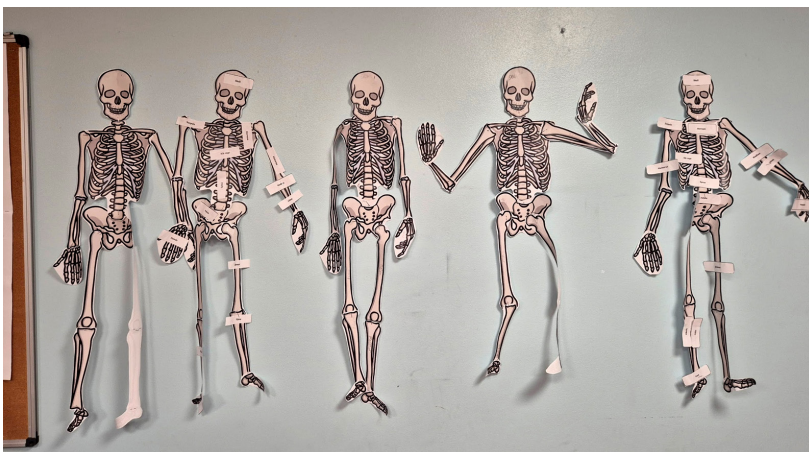


## YEAR 3



Year 3 had an amazing time at Tahiti Surf School this week! The children learned about bodyboarding techniques, water safety, and teamwork while having so much fun practising their balance on the boards. It was an excellent opportunity for them to build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and enjoy a memorable day by the sea.

## YEAR 4



Year 4 students this week have been working hard on their next chapter writing task in English.

Learning about vikings and their long ships and how they moved across the world in humanities.

In maths they did their subtraction and addition assessment.

In science they have been building skeletons and learning about the bones in the human body.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Tuesday 18th November 2025: School closed – Independence Day.**
- **Friday 5th December 2025: Winter Fair.**
- **Monday 8th December 2025 : Crazy Hair Day – a 20MAD donation is encouraged (this will be given to The Lalla Hasna Orphanage).**
- **Monday 8th December to Tuesday 16th December 2025 : No ECAs – Children to be collected at 3pm each day.**
- **Monday 15th December 2025 (morning) : Junior School Winter Shows.**
- **Wednesday 17th December 2025 : Last day of term – Children to be collected at 12pm.**

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**BISC**

**Christmas Splash**

An internal event exclusively for Elite Junior & Elite Prep.  
**Days:** Saturday, 06<sup>th</sup> Dec | **Time:** 9:30 AM / 12:00 PM  
**Location:** School Swimming Pool

*Let's make waves together, your support makes a difference!*





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# WINTER FAIR

— Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December —

TIME  
**10AM - 4PM**

LOCATION  
**SPORTS HALL**

TICKETS  
**25** DHS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL CELEBRATION!

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE JUNIOR, PREP & SENIOR SCHOOL RECEPTION



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## OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

**Nursery A** | Zayn for improvements in listening.

**Nursery B** | Zoya for her eagerness to learn and participation in group discussions.

**Reception A** | Sanad for reading words independently.

**Reception B** | Mehdi for showing excellent listening skills and behaviour. Well done Mehdi !

**Reception C** | Many for excellent effort with his writing.

**Year 1A** | Aaron for working hard to master number bonds to 10—his neat, careful number sentences show great systematic thinking!

**Year 1B** | Louay for his kind and responsible behaviour this week and detailed drawing and description of the Gruffalo!

**Year 1C** | Almas, for working really hard in English and maths and for showing excellent behaviour.

**Year 2A** | Tasnim, for showing care and kindness and offering to help other children and adults.

**Year 2B** | Laila, for effort and progress in maths.

**Year 2C** | William for showing excellent efforts in maths and challenging himself.

**Year 3A** | Adam H for supporting his classmates with their learning in a compassionate way.

**Year 3B** | Ayaat for completing extra learning in science and showing great understanding!

**Year 3C** | Hamza for showing excellent behaviour and trying his best to make good decisions throughout the week.

**Year 4A** | Lyna for her hard work and persistence through the week.

**Year 4B** | Isla for brilliant use of strong verbs and adjectives.

**Year 4C** | Ghalia for trying hard to improve herself.