

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move towards the last few weeks of term the children have been as busy as ever. It has been lovely to hear the singing of festive songs around the school and the children have been eager to share stories of what they are looking forward to at the Winter Fair. They have also been working hard in lessons. Alongside learning new curriculum, they have been taking assessments and putting their best foot forward in that regard. All of this while a few coughs and colds go round has been a testament to their resilience as young people.

I am pleased to inform you that on **Friday 5th December** we will host a Winter Fair from 10am to 4pm in the Sports Hall. There will be a range of fun activities for all ages to enjoy. Tickets cost 25 dirhams and there is an additional cost for the festive activities inside. Please see Ms Alaoui for the tickets.

If you would like your child to attend there are three options:

- 1. You can collect your child from their class and take them to the Fair yourself at any time after 10am. Your class teacher will require you to sign out your child for collection. If you choose to take your child yourself early then it will not be possible to bring them back to their class and they will remain in your care for the rest of the day.
- 2. You can collect your child as usual at 3pm and take them along to the Fair (it closes at 4pm).
- 3. You can send in cash (anything between 150 and 250 dirhams in a named envelope) for your child to spend on the day and they will be taken to the Winter Fair by EYFS staff.

For all three options please buy your tickets from Ms Alaoui in advance and let your class teacher know which option you would prefer so that we can plan in advance.

In the meantime, I wish you and your families a peaceful weekend.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School



EYFS:

Nursery

This week, the children explored the initial sounds d, e, and f through listening games and silly-soup, and enjoyed colour songs and vocabulary games. In Numeracy, we worked on the Numicon puzzle to 5, matching quantities to the correct numerals and building early number confidence. For Thanksgiving, we made an apple pie together and talked about what makes us happy. The children also practised turn-taking, kindness, and recognising feelings, strengthened their physical skills through mixing and movement.







Reception

In Reception this week the children have had lots of fun exploring the fascinating world of shapes. We have gone on shape hunts around the school with a focus on triangles, circles and squares. This has linked to our art learning where children have created beautiful Christmas crafts using shapes from their maths activities. There is lots of excitement building for all the Christmas celebrations coming in December and all the children are enjoying lots of singing practice!

YEAR 1

This week, children have been adjective explorers in English, using adjectives to describe nouns and working together to create a monster, which they then wrote about independently. In Maths, they enjoyed making and solving number stories while applying their knowledge of number bonds. Highlights in Science included hands-on investigations of objects to explore transparent, translucent, and opaque materials.

Well done, Year 1! Keep up the great effort as assessments continue next week.







YEAR 2

Year 2 have been working incredibly hard this week during their assessments, and we are so proud of how they have tried their very best. In music, all the children have been practising with great effort for the Christmas show. We have also finished our unit on non chronological reports, and the children have truly worked their socks off to write and finalise their reports. Well done, Year 2!

YEAR 3

This week we started Assessment Fortnight. The children have been working calmly and confidently through their tasks, and we are very proud of their focus and effort. Thank you for your continued support at home. Outside of assessments, we also learned about the human body, looking closely at different organs like the brain, heart, lungs, stomach and intestines, and what each one does.





YEAR 4

Year 4 have worked very hard during their assessment week. Thank you for all the help and support you have shown them this week and next week. Outside of assessments, Year 4 have put their Viking knowledge to the test, by making and playing their own Viking trivia board game.







INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Oxford (420 points); 2nd Place: Bath (323pts); 3rd Place: Cambridge (302 pts); and 4th Place: Warwick (288 pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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): Winter Shows. (EYFS - 9.00 start; Y1/2 - 9.45 start; Y3/4 - 10.30 start)

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Last day of term - Children to be collected at 12pm (school transport will leave at 12pm). Reports available on School Base.









Nursery A | Nael for settling into Nursery life well.

Nursery B | Mila for her enthusiasm in all areas of learning.

Reception A | Matias for fantastic maths learning.

Reception B | Anir for his improved focus and listening skills and kindness to everyone.

Reception C | Yara for good effort and behaviour.

Year 1A | Layane for her consistent effort and enthusiasm in writing independently!

Year 1B | Khanssaa for her amazing effort this week, always being eager to help her classmates and showing kindness and compassion.

Year 1C | Iyass, for improving his focus in class and his enthusiasm in science.

Year 2A | Taha for increased kindness and support of others and always working with interest.

Year 2B | Laya, for progress in maths.

Year 2C | Maryam, for showing kindness and compassion to a new student in our class.

Year 3A | Joudia for her remarkable improvement in her approach to learning.

Year 3B | Logan for his fantastic job learning about the organs of the body!

Year 3C | Amy for fantastic effort in Maths and confidently learning the multiples of 2.

Year 4A | Sarah for her diligence and efforts to keep the school and classroom tidy. Well done!

Year 4B | Talia for great focus and improvement in Maths

Year 4C | Lylia for using her voice and confidence more in class.