



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

06th February 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite the heavy showers, we have had another excellent week in the Junior School. I have heard some great reports and stories from Year 1's trip to the Space Exhibition at Marina Mall – a number of children specifically came to see me to say what a memorable experience it had been for them and their friends. I also heard that they behaved well and represented BISC with pride. Thank you to the Year 1 team for putting together that visit.

I had the pleasure of teaching English to 3C yesterday and I was very impressed by their ability to plan and sequence events for a newspaper report that they will write next week. Well done to 3C! I look forward to reading some of your finished reports in due course.

This Thursday is the day on which we hold our celebration of Chinese New Year so please encourage your child to dress in red and / or yellow clothes that day. There will be various related activities during the day and the canteen is creating a Chinese meal as well.

On Friday, school will finish at 12pm so your children will be ready for collection then.

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

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we read the story of the Rainbow Fish. The children thought of different sea animals and clapped out symbols for each one.

They enjoyed singing counting songs like “Baby Shark” and “Five Little Fishies,” counting groups of sea creatures with toys and pictures. The children painted ocean waves and matched sea animals to feelings such as happy, shy, angry, and calm. They played a game of “Guess the Missing Under the Sea Picture” on the whiteboard, and worked on sea animal number puzzles to develop their problem-solving skills.



Reception

This week in Reception, we have been focusing on the work of a dentist as part of our topic “People Who Help Us in the Community.” The children brought in their toothbrushes and enjoyed showing their friends how they clean their teeth. We talked about healthy foods that help keep our teeth strong and healthy. We also began our preparations for Chinese New Year – the Year of the Horse. The children enjoyed learning about the celebration and made some decorations to help us celebrate together.



YEAR 1



Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Space Exhibition in Marina Mall. Their curiosity about space, our solar system, and how it all came to be was brought to life during the visit, particularly in the planetarium. The 360° immersive experience captivated the students, who continued talking enthusiastically about it throughout the day. Museum staff carefully supported the children in small groups, taking time to explain each artefact and concept in an age-appropriate way. Students were fascinated by a detailed miniature model of an impact crater and were especially excited to touch a real meteorite. Using their scientific knowledge, they described its properties and how it felt to the touch. Back at school, the children wrote recounts of the trip, using sequencing words to describe each part of the day. We were extremely proud of the level of detail they were able to recall. Well done, Year 1!

YEAR 2

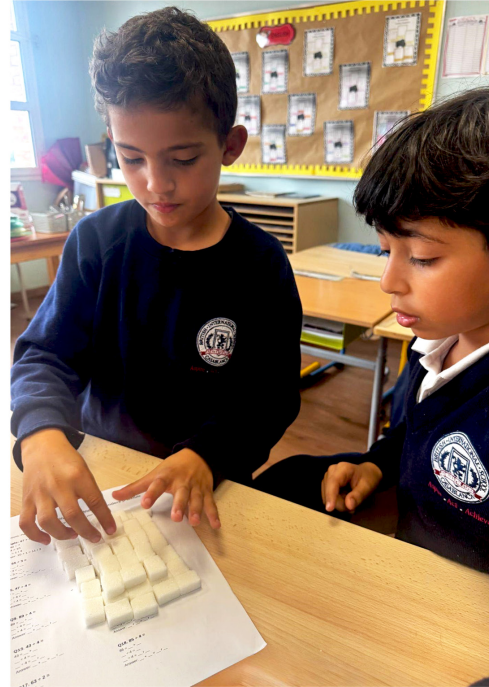
In Year 2, we have been working extremely hard and getting our research ready for our speaking and listening presentations, which will take place next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using the computers to research their chosen profession and have shown great enthusiasm and independence. In Maths, we have been learning about doubles as well as odd and even numbers, and the children have enjoyed exploring these concepts through practical activities.



In Humanities, we are continuing our learning about how to keep healthy, with a particular focus on healthy teeth. Year 2 have also been working very hard in their phonics groups, and all of the teachers are incredibly proud of their effort and progress.

YEAR 3

This week, year 3 children have been exploring solids, liquids and gases in the environment around them. In maths, they have started to look at how different objects are measured. In English, the children have been journalists and started writing their own newspaper articles. In humanities, the children created their own pyramids! A busy week!



YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been experimenting with Volcanoes: making volcanic eruptions using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and washing up liquid. The results were fun, exciting and messy. We got to experience the slow build up of pressure that happens inside a volcano, before it erupts, releasing its lava!





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**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR
TO OUR COMMUNITY**

2026

**JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENT
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**

A joyful celebration filled with
cultural activities, creativity, & festive fun.

CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR RED & GOLD



INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Cambridge (267points); 2nd Place: Oxford (264pts); 3rd Place: Warwick (207pts); and 4th Place: Bath (201pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Thursday 12th February 2026 : Celebration and activities for Chinese New Year. Children encouraged to wear red and yellow clothes.**
- **Friday 13th February 2026 : Last day of half-term. Children to be collected at 12pm.**
- **Monday 23rd February 2026: School reopens after half term holiday.**
- **Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 19th March 2026 : Ramadan – Children can be dropped off from 8.30am and lessons start at 9am. Children are to be picked up at 3pm. There are no ECAs.**
- **Monday 2nd March 2026 : Parent / Teacher meetings.**
- **Wednesday 18th March 2026: School Ramadan celebrations – Children to come to school in traditional Moroccan clothes.**
- **Friday 20th March 2026 : Eid al-Fitr – School is closed.**
- **Monday 23rd March 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026 : Children can be dropped off at school from 7.30 and lessons start at 8am. Children are to be picked up at 3pm. There are no ECAs.**
- **Friday 27th March 2026 : Last day of term. Children to be collected at 12pm.**



STAR

OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Amira for her positive attitude with all activities she tries. Well done Amira!

Nursery B | Eva for her outstanding attitude towards her peers. Excellent job, Eva!

Reception A | Jad for trying very hard in all activities this week. Well done Jad!

Reception B | Shemsi for exemplary behaviour, manners and for being so hardworking.

Reception C | Maya for excellent participation and behaviour.

Year 1A | Dina for independently recounting our trip to the planetarium. Fantastic effort!

Year 1B | Zacharie for his curiosity and stunning knowledge on our class trip to the space exhibition as well as his written recount afterwards including many details!

Year 1C | Ghait, for improving his behaviour, his focus and for coming up with creative similes.

Year 2A | Taha H, for gaining a full Golden Time. You can do it!

Year 2B | Kayla, for her consistent focus, hard work and positive learning attitude.

Year 2C | Fahd, for showing excellent independent work and supporting his friends in maths!

Year 3A | Roshna for her incredibly accurate planning of a report in English.

Year 3B | Sarah for planning a great newspaper report in English!

Year 3C | Lea for outstanding effort and teamwork across all subjects.

Year 4A | Lilia for her great display of rigour throughout her subjects, especially Maths. Well done!

Year 4B | Adam E for strong and consistent work at home.

Year 4C | Lojaine for better focus and answering questions in class.