



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the mid-point of this academic year it feels apposite to reflect on where we have come from and where we are headed. At BISC we aim high. We want our children to benefit from a top quality education through the acquisition of knowledge, the development of skills and critical thinking and the personal development which builds young people who are respectful and compassionate, and who show rigour and excellence.

This week there have been examples of all of these elements of education. Year 3 went to the Dinos Alive at Sela Park and returned to school brimming with enthusiasm and knowledge about dinosaurs. I was lucky enough to teach a Maths lesson in Year 2 in which the children were developing their critical thinking skills through problem solving using physical manipulatives. The children showed a deep understanding of 3-D shapes that was very admirable. I have also seen PSHE lessons in more than one year group in which the personal development of the children came to the forefront of our in-class teaching and learning.

We have had a fine first half to the academic year and I expect much more of the same for the second half as well.

There have been requests from a number of families for us to offer an optional learning challenge for children to complete at home over the holiday if they wish. This holiday's challenge is for all the children to design and make a puzzle of some kind. This could be a jigsaw, crossword, Suduko, 3D puzzle, online puzzle or any other type that inspires and motivates. There will be prizes awarded next term for those puzzles that show rigour and / or excellence!

In the meantime, I wish you and your families a peaceful half-term holiday and I look forward to welcoming the students back on **Monday 23rd February** (when our Ramadan hours timetable will commence - please see below for more details).

With kind regards,
Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School



EYFS:

Nursery

The children enjoyed a range of themed crafts and activities. We also took part in some lovely Valentine's Day activities. Alongside this, we continued our Under the Sea learning, identifying initial sounds through listening games and enjoying the story *Commotion in the Ocean*. In Maths, we counted sea creatures, sang counting songs, and practised positional language such as in, on and under. We also learned about the animals in the Chinese Zodiac and built this into our learning, including counting mandarins and putting them on the 'lucky tree'. It was a busy and enjoyable week of learning!



Reception

This week in reception we continued with our topic "People who help us" and learned about Vets. We listened to the story of the Zoo vet and discovered how Vets help animals. We talked about our own pets and what we do to care for them. We manipulated playdough to make worms of different sizes to explore the concept of longer and shorter in mathematics. Then we finished the week with a special day, celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Horse. We have been celebrating this by making crafts, wore traditional or red clothe for school and ate Chinese food. It was a fun filled day for all.

YEAR 1

The children have completed their germination experiments, learning what a healthy plant needs to grow and thrive. They then took their learning beyond the classroom with an exciting scavenger hunt around the school, where they searched for different healthy plants. As they explored, they observed, described, and wrote about the plants they found, applying what they learned in class in a real-life context.





YEAR 2



This week, Year 2 performed exceptionally well in their speaking and listening assessment. Every pupil showed great confidence, spoke clearly and demonstrated excellent listening skills. We are incredibly proud of the effort and progress shown by all the children.

We also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. It was lovely to see the children dressed in red and yellow and taking part in the celebrations with such enthusiasm. It has been a wonderful week in Year 2.

YEAR 3

Year 3 children have had another busy week, including participating in the Chinese New Year celebrations and having our school trip, too! Please check your class dojo page for photographs from the events. We hope you have a restful half term holiday.

Miss Subhan, Miss Assia, Mrs Nasreddin, Miss Safaa, Miss Bouriss and Miss Salma.



YEAR 4

In Year 4 we have completed the half term's work and are ready for a well deserved break. In Humanities we completed our projects about Megacities and we presented them to the class. Everyone spoke well and the projects showed good planning, design and presentation. Well done everybody!





LUNAR NEW YEAR





INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Bath (324 points); 2nd Place: Cambridge (312 pts); 3rd Place: Oxford (268 pts); and 4th Place: Warwick (182 pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **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 | Aaron for participating well in all activities.

Nursery B | Fati for her amazing progress in English. Well done, Fati!

Reception A | Alf for working so hard in all areas. Well done Alf!

Reception B | Safwane for showing excellent phonics skills and wonderful manners. Fabulous Safwane!

Reception C | Ayden for trying hard with talking in English.

Year 1A | Dina A for her kind and positive attitude towards her classmates and her learning.

Year 1B | Amjad for his improved behaviour and his efforts to decode and blend words with his teacher every morning!

Year 1C | Maria D, for improving her participation in class and for working confidently with verbs to make her descriptions more detailed in English.

Year 2A | May, for much improved attitudes and behaviours from the start of Year 2.

Year 2B | Dina, for her willingness and enthusiasm to help others.

Year 2C | Nacerdine, for working so hard in class and making fantastic progress!

Year 3A | Abdorrahmane for the resilience shown in his learning this week.

Year 3B | Joury for excellent behaviour all week and making wonderful choices.

Year 3C | Jannat for writing an excellent recount and trying her best to achieve a full mark on her spelling test.

Year 4A | Alae for her excellent and well thought through recount. Well done!

Year 4B | Hanna for a brilliant project on Paris as a megacity.

Year 4C | Elias for being consistent and doing well in all areas.