



# BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day - a moment to honour the stories that shape us, the ideas that challenge us and the imagination that carries us beyond borders. Books are more than words on a page. They are doorways into new worlds, reflections of our own lives and bridges that connect cultures and generations. Our children and staff entered into the spirit of the day by dressing up as a character from a book they knew. The pupils also took great delight in having the chance to be paired up with children from another year group and to share a book with them in a friendly atmosphere of collaborative learning and joy. At home, we would encourage you to celebrate books with your children and also to celebrate the habit of reading. Even a few pages a day can open up new ideas, perspectives and possibilities.

I have had the pleasure of teaching in Years 1 to 4 this week. I have been very impressed with the artistic skills shown in Year 1 and Year 4, the understanding of figurative language in Year 3 and the SPAG knowledge of children in Year 2. It has been a very useful insight into the progress that the children have made across the curriculum in different parts of the school since September.

Today, we held the first part of our Year 3 / 4 Inter-House Football Tournament. The teams played with skill and passion on the astro pitch and there were many moments of excellence (our School Value-in-focus this term) and teamwork. Well played to each House! The finals are on Thursday and we are all looking forward to them.

With kind regards,

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

## EYFS:

### Nursery

It was a delight to see the children arrive in such impressive costumes to celebrate World Book Day. The children took great pride in sharing their chosen characters and discussing their favourite stories with their peers. Our phonics focus this week centred on the letters s and t, which we explored through a variety of engaging interactive games. To conclude our week and further our exploration of fairytales, we enjoyed a lovely Teddy Bear's Picnic, providing a wonderful end to our recent learning adventures.



### Reception

This week we have been learning about the spring season. We went on a nature walk and used our senses of smell and sight to observe the changes in the environment, such as flowers, buds and leaves on trees. We have discussed which months of the year are in each season and the usual weather. We have been using various artistic styles to create different flowers and insects and we have been singing spring songs.

## YEAR 1

This week, children have celebrated learning across the curriculum. In English, they retold and wrote the traditional tale of Rapunzel, building confidence in storytelling, sentence structure, and writing skills. We also celebrated World Book Day. Children read for pleasure, shared favourite books, and dressed as their favourite characters, showing clear enthusiasm for reading and storytelling. For Earth Day, children reflected on why Earth is unique and important. They explored practical ways to care for the planet, linking to prior learning about planets and famous scientists. In Maths, children developed their understanding of division by making equal groups and creating arrays. This has supported fluency in 2, 5 and 10 times tables and early division concepts.

Well done Year 1 for a focused and productive week of learning.



## YEAR 2

It was truly wonderful to celebrate World Book Day together today; we absolutely loved seeing the children arrive in such creative outfits and hearing them enthusiastically share stories about their favorite book characters. In our English lessons this week, we have been sharpening our grammar skills by learning how to transform statements into questions and diving into the features of explanation texts. Meanwhile, in Maths, the children have been working incredibly hard on their time-telling skills, mastering o'clock, half past, quarter past, and even the tricky quarter to! We are so proud of all their progress and the vibrant energy they brought to school this week.



## YEAR 3

Well done to the year 3 children for celebrating World Book Day with Reception children this week. It was lovely to see and hear the children share stories and ask questions to the younger children. The children's costumes were great and it was great to hear children discussing their favourite parts of their chosen stories.



## YEAR 4

The Year 4 classes have had a busy week going to Amuzeum on a field trip and also having Book Day on Thursday. On the fieldtrip the classes were grouped into small groups and then did various activities that helped support the Humanities topics of Robots and the PSHE topic of Online Safety. On Book Day the Year 4 classes listened to students in Year 1 reading to them and all reported having a good time. We may even do it again sometime.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Thursday 30th April: Year 3/4 Inter-House Football Tournament (part 2).**
- **Friday 1st May: National holiday - school closed.**
- **Friday 22nd May: 12pm - children to be collected and half term break starts.**
- **Monday 1st June: Junior School Assessment period starts (please note the change to the date in the school calendar).**



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# BISC

## SWIMMING ACADEMY

### 2 SESSIONS PER WEEK PROGRAMME

The programme will start after the holidays on **22<sup>nd</sup> April** and includes a total of **13 sessions over 3 months**.

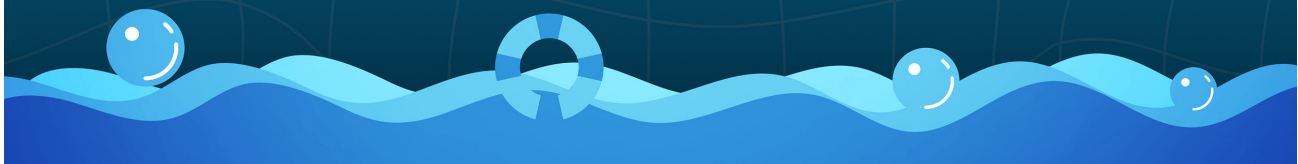
Session Schedule:

- 🕒 Wednesday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 🕒 Friday: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Programme Fee:

**2,150** MAD  
(2 sessions per week)

**Limited places available | register early.**





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## OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

**Nursery A** | Narjiss for good listening and doing well in all activities.

**Nursery B** | Salman for outstanding effort. Well done, Salman!

**Reception A** | Arinass for showing excellent number recognition and numeracy skills.

**Reception B** | Joumana for showing improved numeracy skills and wonderful manners.

**Reception C** | Yaqub for great contributions to class discussions . Well done!

**Year 1A** | Lydia for creating a fantastic pop-up book, which she confidently shared with the class.

**Year 1B** | Osman for challenging himself in the new Maths topic: division, equal and unequal groups as well as retelling the tale of Rapunzel in detail using story language!

**Year 1C** | Oubay, for showing a positive attitude towards learning and working hard in English this week.

**Year 2A** | Rita for working hard and always showing interest and effort.

**Year 2B** | Hassan, for his focus, effort, hard work and positive attitude in every lesson, every day.

**Year 2C** | Lalla Khadija, for working incredibly hard and becoming more independent.

**Year 3A** | Kamil for his excellent maths work and reasoning skills.

**Year 3B** | Diana for her amazing behaviour this week! Keep it up!

**Year 3C** | Jad for staying focused in Maths throughout the week.

**Year 4A** | Sarah, for her constant effort, going above and beyond in her work!! Well done .

**Year 4B** | Isla for incredible enthusiasm for learning and participation.

**Year 4C** | Lylia for sharing her knowledge on the field trip often.