



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

11th September 2026

Dear parents and families of Junior School children

A very warm welcome back to life at BISC to all of our children and to all of our families. I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and invigorating summer holiday. We have had a busy start to the term but it has been wonderful to see a focus and calmness to so much of school life even at this early stage of the academic year. I am excited to see what progress and success is achieved by the end of the year!

After some close votes in Year 4, we have our House Captains for the year – a fine upstanding group of young leaders. They are:

- **Warwick – Joury & Dylan**
- **Bath – Adam A & Hajar**
- **Oxford – Taha & Ghita**
- **Cambridge – Roshna & Adam H**

We also have our School Council Representatives who are chomping at the bit to make wider pupil voice heard in the running of the school. They are:

- **3A – Andy**
- **3B – Sophie**
- **3C – A Alexander**
- **4A – Jenna**
- **4B – Luofan**
- **4C – Yakout**

We hope that you enjoyed and learned much during our Meet The Teacher events today. It was fantastic to see so many parents and to hear such positive feedback from them. If you have follow-up questions for your child's teacher then of course please take the opportunity to email them or, if needed, arrange a meeting or a call.

Unfortunately, a couple of children have brought nuts into school this week as part of their snack. We are a nut-free school as we have a number of children with very severe nut allergies. Please do not allow your child to bring nuts or nut-based products into school. Please can you explain the reasons for this to your child (as we have in school already) as education is better than prevention.

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

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery

We've had a wonderful start to nursery over these first two weeks! We've been busy learning our new routines, getting to know our friends and teachers, finding our way around the classroom and communal spaces, and practising walking safely to different areas around school. We've enjoyed painting handprints and had great fun playing with the parachute and drawing with chalk outside, with lots of laughter along the way! It's been a joy to watch everyone settle in so well!



Reception



It's been a busy week getting to know our new classrooms, teachers and making new friends (as well as reuniting with old ones!). There has been a lovely calm atmosphere and I am delighted to see how well all Reception children are adjusting to their new challenges and expectations. Through continuous provision this week the Reception children have been introduced to all areas of learning with an overall focus on social and emotional development. We have also had lots of opportunities for creative activities, such as constructing some beautiful flowers out of paper!

YEAR 1

What a fantastic first week we have had! We have made new friendships, enjoyed various games to build our class community and settled into our new routines. In Maths, we have been developing our counting and numeracy skills, while in English we have been practising decoding and blending in Phonics, as well as enjoying speaking and listening games with our partners and using Partner Talk and reading circles to share skills and opinions.



In Humanities and Science, we used the interactive smartboard to travel around the world, visiting all the different countries our classmates come from and looking at the weather and animals that exist there. We are already excited to become global travellers and explore different cultures one day!

YEAR 2



What a wonderful start to Year 2! It has been a busy and exciting first official week back, as we have been getting to know one another, settling into our routines and completing our baseline assessments. In English, we have enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and have been developing our phonics skills through fun activities and games. In maths, we have been building our mathematical thinking through a variety of interactive maths games and activities. In humanities, we explored maps of the world and located Morocco, thinking about where we are in the world. It has been lovely getting to know the children and seeing them settle into Year 2, and we are looking forward to all the learning and adventures ahead this term.

YEAR 3

Mr Sheild, Ms Curtis and Mr MacIver have all been very impressed with the hard work and energy of the Year 3 children this week. We have been learning about a wide variety of subjects across the curriculum. This has ranged from investigations and place value in Maths, to reading and creative writing in English, to the children's hopes and dreams for this academic year. We have had very positive feedback from



our specialist teachers about the children's application in the broader curriculum as well. Well done to each child in Year 3 - you have started the year exactly as we would have hoped!

YEAR 4



It has been a fantastic start to Year 4, and it has been lovely to see the children settling in so well. In English, we have begun reading the wonderful *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, making predictions and sharing our ideas about the story. They have also begun to visit the library to continue developing their love of reading. In Humanities, we have started exploring Rainforests, while in Science we have been learning about materials and their properties. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and working with numbers up to 1,000. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead this term.



INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Warwick (221 points); 2nd Place: Cambridge (180pts); 3rd Place: Bath (144pts); and 4th Place: Oxford (141pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday 14th September: Afternoon drop-offs by School transport restart.**
- **Tuesday 15th September: Morning pick-ups by School transport restart.**
- **Monday 5th October: Junior School Coffee Morning in the Theatre.**
- **Friday 23rd October: Halloween activities in school.**



STAR

OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery | Aliaa for listening so well in class.

Reception A | Leah for solving some very challenging puzzles of 50+ pieces!

Reception B | Hoor for her all round fantastic attitude and brilliant start.

Year 1A | Zehra – for being sensible, kind and calm. You have settled into Yr1 seamlessly!

Year 1B | Yara for her daily acts of kindness and amazing efforts in her Phonics and Numeracy lessons!

Year 1C | Taha, for showing great determination and challenged himself to do more.

Year 2A | Santiago for being such a cheerful member of our class. You always try your best with your work.

Year 2B | Sohan, for great participation and always raising his hand to contribute.

Year 2C | Tameem, for his enthusiasm and respect in class. For also being a kind friend to everyone in 2C.

Year 3A | Maryam for her enthusiasm and energy across the curriculum.

Year 3B | Ruosen for great application in every lesson.

Year 3C | Ali for embracing and rising to the class expectations.

Year 4A | Jannat for quickly and expertly learning all the new class routines.

Year 4B | Caila for bravery and politeness.

Year 4C | Ghita for showing respect and kindness by warmly welcoming and helping our new students settle into Year 4..