



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

18th September 2026

Dear parents and families of Junior School children

At BISC we have four key values: Respect, Rigour, Compassion and Excellence. This term's Value-in-Focus is Respect.

Respect is essential for creating a healthy and enriching school environment. When students and staff treat each other with respect, it establishes a foundation for trust, cooperation, and mutual understanding, which are critical for a positive school culture. Respectful interactions reduce conflicts and encourage students to engage openly in classroom discussions, promoting both academic and social growth. This mutual regard fosters effective communication, empathy and collaboration, which are essential for academic achievement and emotional well-being. Respect in schools encourages empathy, self-esteem and emotional intelligence. Students learn to value diverse perspectives, manage difficult situations constructively and navigate social interactions with care. These are essential life skills which extend beyond the classroom into their future personal and professional lives.

We highlight and educate the pupils about Respect through daily interactions, PHSCE lessons and assemblies. We would encourage all families to spend time talking to your children about the importance of Respect and what it means to you in your lives.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery



We had a lovely first full week at nursery, and the children began to settle into their new routines. We introduced nap time and as the week progressed, more children adapted and enjoyed sleeping. We practised our “Hello, How Are You?” and “How’s the weather?” songs each day. We also focused on using gentle hands, sharing, saying “Sorry” if we

hurt someone, and remembering our “Please” and “Thank yous”. We’ve been role playing, dressing up, colouring and in art, we began creating face puzzles by gluing together the six pieces to make a complete face.

Reception

It has been a busy week of learning in Reception, with a big focus on developing our social, emotional and communication skills. Children have stretched themselves to suggest ideas how they can solve conflicts between each other and share fairly. It has been lovely to see the children independently apply these methods in their play and interactions throughout the week. We also enjoyed learning about how to treat books with respect and care on our visits to the library and in our classroom reading areas.



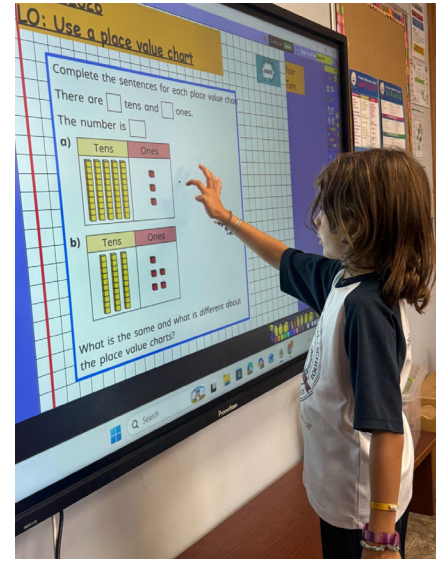
YEAR 1

This week, the students have completed our baseline assessments, but they have also been getting familiar with the concepts of characters and settings. The students have been using flashcards to create their own stories, developing their storytelling skills. Later in the year, they will use these ideas to help them put their stories onto paper.



YEAR 2

It has been a wonderful week in Year 2! We have been learning about familiar stories in English, numbers and place value in maths, and living things, flowers, and insects in science and humanities. In PSHE, we explored different feelings. We also completed our baseline assessments, helping us understand how best to support each child's learning and progress.

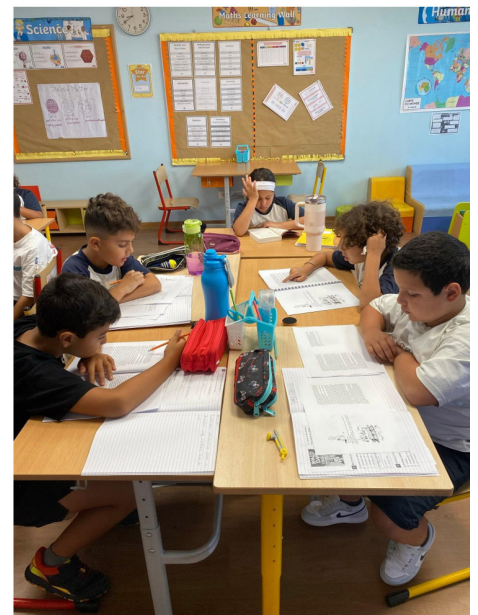


YEAR 3

This week year 3 has started to explore the world of living and non living things, they got the chance to get outside and search for things that are alive, have been alive and have never lived!! They discovered many different objects that helped them identify and understand the different forms of life.

YEAR 4

It has been a busy week in Year 4. The children have worked hard to complete their GL Assessments and have shown great effort and perseverance throughout. In English, we started reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children have been making predictions and using clues from the text to make inferences, explaining their ideas and supporting them with evidence from the story. Well done, Year 4, on a productive week of learning.





INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Oxford (236 points); 2nd Place: Cambridge (196pts); 3rd Place: Bath (165pts); and 4th Place: Warwick (162pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday 5th October: Junior School Coffee Morning in the Theatre.**
- **Friday 16th October (12pm): School closes for Half-term break. Children collected before lunch.**
- **Monday 26th October: School re-opens for 2nd half of Term 1.**
- **Friday 30th October: Halloween activities in school.**



STAR

OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery | Aziah for being helpful and tidying up when asked.

Reception A | Soulaïmane for using new English words.

Reception B | Yuqiao for a fantastic attitude to learning.

Year 1A | Elyana for listening carefully, thinking deeply and asking for help when needed. Bravo!

Year 1B | Laila Rose for her brilliant efforts in her number formation and Maths games as well as her daily kindness to everyone around her!

Year 1C | Helena, for the wonderful enthusiasm she brings to every activity and her positive attitude towards learning.

Year 2A | Dina, for using amazing adjectives to describe the caterpillar in our English activity.

Year 2B | Ilian, for setting an excellent example with good focus, behaviour and effort.

Year 2C | Zacharie, for his positive attitude in lessons and for always having a smile on his face.

Year 3A | Itri for being respectful and using her manners with everyone around her.

Year 3B | Dina for her excellence and attitude towards work.

Year 3C | Layel for her excellent positive attitude in class.

Year 4A | Kevin for consistently excellent focus and hard work in all lessons.

Year 4B | Mahdi for hard work and taking care of his new school.

Year 4C | Abdorrahmane for making thoughtful predictions and inferences in our reading lessons.