



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

02nd October 2026

Dear parents and families of Junior School children

This week I have been in lessons with each year group. The respect that has been shown in class has been outstanding. That has shown itself through the children's interaction with each other (waiting their turn, listening careful and offering positive feedback). It has also been shown in the way in which they listen to and work with all of the adults in the room. It would be fantastic if you could talk with your children about always showing respect around the school grounds (towards school property and all the people in its community).

A gentle reminder that we are a completely nut-free school. Please do not give your children snacks which contain nuts as they could start a dangerous allergic reaction in certain other young students who are near your child while they eat.

Finally, another plug for our Junior School Council Pyjama Day on 16th October. We encourage children to come to school in their pyjamas and to bring 30MAD. All money raised will go towards buying gifts for the needy infants at the Lalla Khadija Orphanage.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery



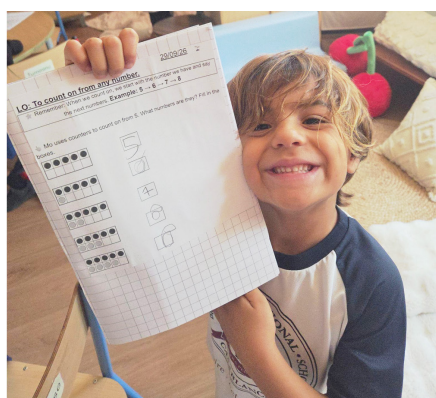
This week in phonics we explored environmental sounds through listening to musical instruments. In maths, we explored 2D and 3D shapes through construction, and sorting. In art we traced around each child and they began painting their silhouettes with rollers and their favorite colours.

Reception

In Reception this week we have enjoyed applying our growing phonics knowledge to blend and segment words for the first time! It has been amazing to see children decoding CVC words such as 'sat' and enjoying interactive phonics games together. We began work on our 'all about me' map of the world display this week too, decorating national flags and learning about our international connections. The children embedded their numeracy skills of sets and groups to lay tables for dinner with the correct numbers of cutlery and crockery and used key words 'more', 'fewer' and 'less' when playing with plasticine.



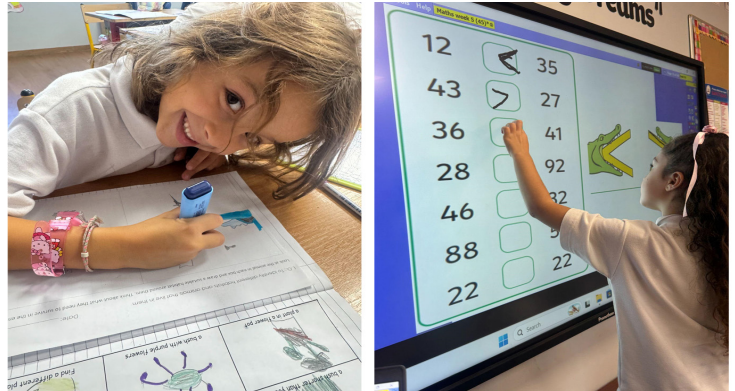
YEAR 1



It was a great week in Year 1! In English, we learned what sentences are and practised forming sentences about ourselves using the pronoun "I", sharing our likes and dislikes. This activity also helped us get to know each other even better. We also worked on sequencing sentences verbally and in writing. In Maths, we learned that numbers have both a numeral (6) and a number word (six), and practised matching them correctly. In Science, we explored our senses of touch, taste and smell through some exciting experiments, discovering different textures and surfaces and even how smells can bring back memories!

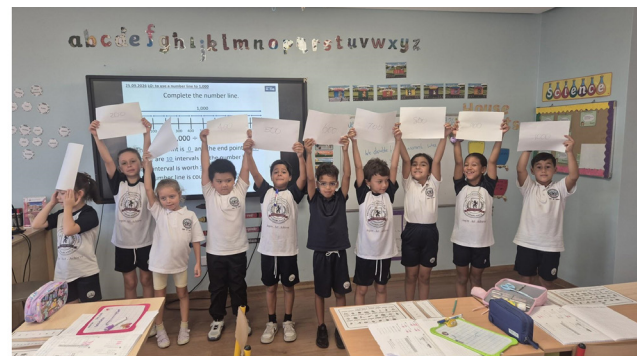
YEAR 2

This week, we have been busy bringing our own adapted story to life, developing exciting characters and settings along the way! In maths, we have been estimating and comparing numbers, while in science and humanities we have been exploring habitats and the fascinating world of plants. In PSHE, we have been learning how our feelings affect our bodies.



YEAR 3

This week, year 3 has been exploring number lines to 1,000!! We created a physical representation, to show how intervals have value and how to divide a 1000 by 10!! Great fun in Maths!!

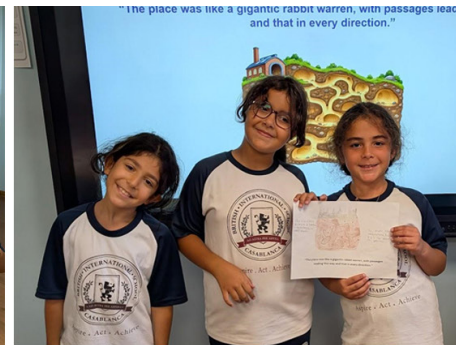


YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have worked hard and had a really interesting week!

In Science, we explored the temperatures at which different metals melt. We also carried out an evaporation experiment with tea towels, investigating how quickly the water evaporates in different conditions.

In Maths, we have been learning all about rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In English, we have been extending our noun phrases using adjectives, adverbs and prepositional phrases, and making our descriptions more vivid with similes and alliteration. Well done, Year 4!





INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Warwick (379 points); 2nd Place: Cambridge (357pts); 3rd Place: Oxford (346pts); and 4th Place: Bath (263pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday 5th October (8.30am): Junior School Coffee Morning in the Theatre.**
- **Friday 16th October (12pm): Pyjama Day. 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 | Amina for being kind and helpful.

Reception A | Cynthia for increasing in confidence and joining in more.

Reception B | Fatima for excellent behaviour and listening to the teacher.

Year 1A | Safwane for being a diligent reader!

Year 1B | Layth for his fantastic effort in phonics and decoding and blending CVC words as well as completing 3 challenges in Maths this week!

Year 1C | Safa, for showing great independence in maths this week and for always trying her best in class.

Year 2A | Rahaf for being such a kind and caring friend, always getting on with her work and showing a wonderful attitude this week.

Year 2B | Elba, for her excellent writing in English and being caring towards her classmates.

Year 2C | Aaron, for his outstanding story about the bear who came for tea and using great expanded noun phrases to describe his characters.

Year 3A | Leyth for great sentences using fronted adverbials. Great determination!

Year 3B | Oubay for a great effort this week, not only in work but in his overall attitude. Well done!

Year 3C | Hassan for his consistently excellent attitude in all aspects of the school day.

Year 4A | Hayden for always seeking to improve his work.

Year 4B | Mert for hard work and enthusiasm for literature.

Year 4C | Jannat showed great rigour when rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.