



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25th September 2026

Dear parents and families of Junior School children

I have had the pleasure of spending time in Year 3 and Year 1 this week. I have been very impressed with the way in which the Year 3 students applied themselves in Maths - they were able to add and subtract 1, 10 and 100 from a number mentally and in writing. I was also pleased to see how well Year 1 were able to play and work collaboratively and respectfully - this is not always easy when you are 5 or 6.

The School Council representatives have voted on an event for this term to raise money for the Lalla Hasna Orphanage. Accordingly, the Junior School is holding a Pyjama Day on Friday 16th October. If your child wishes to wear pyjamas that day then they can. Please ensure that they have trainers on though as slippers will not be safe in school. Please also ensure that their clothes are suitable for playtime and / or PE (if they have it that day). The cost is 30MAD. School Council representatives are creating some posters to advertise this event around the Junior School.

In the meantime, I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery

This half term theme is 'All About Me'. The children enjoyed describing themselves through art and sharing their favourite foods, colours and toys. We went on a walk to listen to sounds in our environment, to start building our listening skills and we practised comparing amounts.



Reception

This week we have been learning the 's' phoneme. The children have been practising recognising 's' when listening, making the phoneme clearly and identifying 's' as a grapheme. We have enjoyed exploring all about 's' through fun activities and games.

In numeracy, we have been learning to match objects into pairs and talk about objects that are the same or different. We have also been exploring objects in a set, counting and noticing how objects can be grouped together in different ways (colour, type, size etc.). The children have enjoyed using practical resources to develop their mathematical thinking.



YEAR 1



This week, much of our learning has focused on ordering and sequencing. In English, we explored the order of events in stories, thinking carefully about what happened first, next and last. Our daily reading routines continue to strengthen children's understanding and confidence as readers. In Maths, we practised counting carefully, ordering numbers,

counting forwards and backwards, and identifying smaller groups within a larger group. Then, as young scientists, we learnt to name and label parts of the body and put our five senses to work during a learning walk around school. We used our sight, hearing and sense of smell to investigate and describe what we could see, hear and smell. Well done, Year 1, for active and enthusiastic participation!

YEAR 2



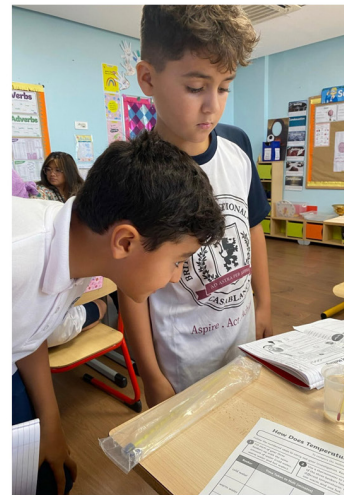
This week has been full of exciting learning. In English, we explored *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and created our own imaginative versions of the story. In maths, we challenged ourselves with numbers to 100 and partitioning. In science, we explored what makes something living, and in humanities, we became plant detectives, identifying and drawing plants around our school!

YEAR 3

In English this week, the children have developed their vocabulary and used appropriate adjectives to describe a character. They then designed and labelled their characters, with some children writing expanded noun phrases including the correct grammar.

YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy learning and exploring across the curriculum! In English, we have been learning about adjectives, adverbs, expanded noun phrases and suffixes, and practising how to use these to make our writing more detailed and engaging. We have also been enjoying reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, sharing our thoughts about the characters and events in the story. In Humanities, we explored the four layers of the rainforest: the emergent layer, canopy, understory and forest floor, and learnt about the different features of each layer. In Science, we carried out an investigation into how temperature affects the melting of ice, testing ice in hot, warm and cold conditions and discussing our observations. We also enjoyed a fun “Biscuit Bashing” experiment, where we explored solids and investigated what happens when a solid is crushed or broken into smaller pieces. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value up to 10,000, including finding numbers that are more or less than a given number. It has been a fantastic week of hands-on learning, with lots of opportunities for the children to explore, investigate and share their ideas!





INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Bath (309 points); 2nd Place: Oxford (282pts); 3rd Place: Warwick (271pts); and 4th Place: Cambridge (270 pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday 5th October: 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 | Odjack for tidying up the class so well.

Reception A | Lilya for sorting collections of objects in multiple flexible ways.

Reception B | Aaron for working hard and listening to the teacher.

Year 1A | Leyna for correct letter formation and presenting her work beautifully.

Year 1B | Meva for her impeccable behaviour, kindness and learning to sequence and write the days and the week with enthusiasm!

Year 1C | Maria, for her hard work in English and maths and for being a great role model when it comes to behaviour in class.

Year 2A | Omar has worked really hard this week, especially in maths, and has shown excellent behaviour, focus and a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done!

Year 2B | Rafa, for her positive learning attitude, effort and consideration for others.

Year 2C | Rita for always putting incredible effort into your English work and taking pride in producing your very best work.

Year 3A | Mohamed for his grammatically correct sentences using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe a character.

Year 3B | Naaya for rigour shown in the class and writing some great adjective sentences!

Year 3C | Paula for settling into her new school so well and always working with enthusiasm and positivity.

Year 4A | Ahmed for superb class work and being an excellent role model.

Year 4B | Elin for setting an example for effort and behaviour on her return to school.

Year 4C | Yahya for working hard in all curriculum lessons and completing work to a high standard.