BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

05th November 2026

Dear Parents and Families of Junior School Children,

At the end of last week (after this newsletter had gone to press) we held the first half of our Year 3/4 Inter-House Basketball tournament. The children in each house had the chance to play basketball against their friends and peers in well-organised matches. The children showed great skill, determination, team-work and a sense of fair play and they were a great credit to themselves and their houses. The second half of this event is happening a week on Friday and we look forward to seeing more of these qualities, as well as crowning a winning house.

A massive well done to every child that brought in a poster celebrating one of our Traditional British Values (as their optional holiday project). The children proudly took to the theatre stage to display their work (to the whole Junior School) which highlighted the importance of Democracy, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of others.

Today, we celebrated the wonderful Green March in school. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed in Moroccan national dress or red / green clothes. They were a very proud group of students to take part in such a historic and important time in history. Thank you to all parents and families for supporting this event in school.

Finally, at BISC we recognise the importance of good attendance at school by students. There are many benefits to high levels of attendance, for example: stronger friendships with peers, better understanding in lessons, higher attainment levels in the classroom and enhanced emotional well-being. We truly value your support and partnership in ensuring that, whenever possible, your child comes to school for the full school day. We understand that children can be ill and that they cannot always attend but we believe that the more that children are in school the better they will do.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery

This week, we have continues to explore Phase 1 phonics. The children have been experimenting with different mouth sounds, such as “shh” and “pop”, combining them with hand claps to follow the rhythm. In Numeracy, we have been developing our number recognition and early counting skills. We shared a story that encouraged the children to look carefully at the pictures and recognise how many objects they could see without having to count each one. This is helping them recognise small quantities at a glance. The children also thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story “Where’s Spot?”. They were excited to explore the pictures, look for Spot’s friends and join in with the story, making predictions about where they might be hiding. It has been a lovely week full of sounds, rhythm, stories and mathematical discoveries!

Reception

In Reception this week we have had lots of fun learning about shapes and exploring the world around us to find them in real life. We also enjoyed using home made play dough (thank you Miss Maria!) to notice the 2D shapes that 3D objects can create when making an impression. In our phonics learning children have developed skills identifying and using the ‘m’ ‘d’ and ‘g’ phonemes. On Thursday we had lots of fun dressing up to commemorate the anniversary of the Green March!







YEAR 1

As part of our Humanities topics, A Day in the Life … (Occupations) and The Great Fire of London, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the local fire station!

The children learnt about fire safety, explored the firefighters’ equipment and discovered how they respond to emergencies. They also had the chance to compare modern firefighting with how fires were tackled back in 1666.

It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought our learning to life. The children had an absolute blast!

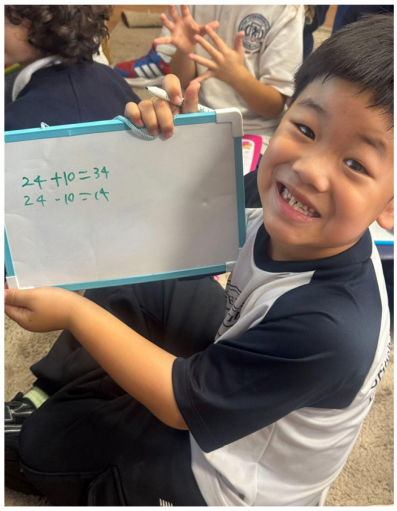




YEAR 2

It has been an exciting week in Year 2! We became minibeast explorers as we discovered the features of non-chornological reports. In maths we focused on addition and subtraction and in science we investigated the fascinating properties of different materials. In humanities we explored the wonderful world of flowers and insects and learned about growing green plants.







YEAR 3

This week year 3 students have explored the topic of archaeology and artefacts. They have found what it takes to be an archaeologist. How to use artefacts from the past to know about how people lived in the past. They also did a science experiment that saw them test how flowers or plants take water up through it's roots and stem. They did this by putting food colouring in water. Placing a spring onion in the water. Over time the water will be sucked up through the stem. They will record their findings after a short amount of time.



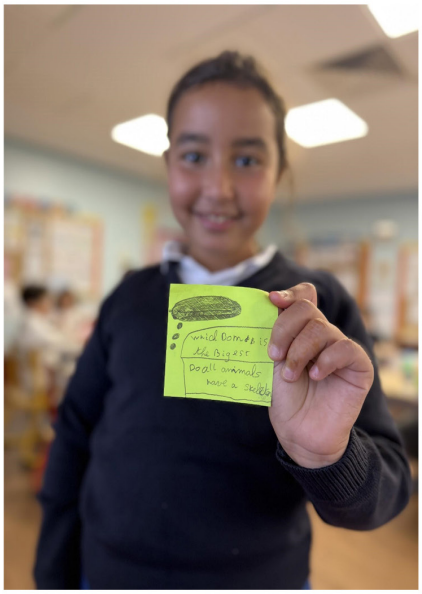
YEAR 4

What a busy week in Year 4! In English, we explored how poems are structured, and in maths we cracked the code of Roman numerals. In science, our "floppy glove" investigation showed us just how important our bones are for support and movement. The children also learned about different types of scientific enquiry, such as fair testing, observing over time and comparing, and practised asking their own scientific questions.

Wishing you all a restful long weekend and a happy Green March!







IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Friday 6th November:** **School closed for National Holiday.**
- **Wednesday 18th November:** **School closed for National Holiday.**
- **Friday 11th December:** **Winter Fair.**
- **Tuesday 15th December:** **Christmas Show (exact timings TBC).**
- **Wednesday 16th December:** **12pm School closes before lunch and children are to be collected for holidays.**

GREEN MARCH EVENT:

















STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Ghali for coming into school happy and ready to learn.

Nursery B | Yazid for listening carefully, following instructions and being kind to others.

Reception A | Youssef for showing more focus in group activities and playing nicely.

Reception B | Salman for helping the teacher and always following the rules.

Year 1A | Alf for good behaviour in class and on our school trip.

Year 1B | Alya for her outstanding writing skills and impeccable behaviour in and outside of the classroom!

Year 1C | Salma, for being a wonderful role model in our classroom, always showing respect, excellent behaviour and a positive attitude towards learning.

Year 2A | Amjad for his fantastic participation and great work during our humanities lesson growing bean plants!

Year 2B | Rayane, for his excellent research and note-taking on butterflies

Year 2C | Almas for working super hard in English and writing some fantastic sentences about mini beasts!

Year 3A | Andy for showing rigour and resilience and not giving up with his maths learning!

Year 3B | Liliana for her persistence and hard work in maths. And for bringing a positive energy to the classroom.

Year 3C | Yann for his enthusiastic participation in class in every task.

Year 4A | Elyas for consistently excellent work and contributions during lessons.

Year 4B | Jinane for mastering subtraction with exhanges.

Year 4C | Lea for her brilliant questions and examples in humanities as we learned all about the Vikings' raids and invasions.