BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Families of Junior School Children,

We have had an excellent week in Junior School. One with many highlights. For example, the School Council representatives came up with the idea of a Drama performance in our Values assembly in which they highlighted the do's and don'ts of crossing the road safely. They performed it with great gusto and confidence and rightly earned many rounds of applause for their stimulating and relevant show.

We have also had the finals of our Year 3 and Year 4 Basketball Tournament. After two weeks of excellent sport, skill and sporting behaviour, it was Bath that triumphed over Warwick to win the trophy. But congratulations must go to all of the teams involved across the matches - they truly did themselves proud.

Next week, assessments will start and we would like to remind parents that these are just checks of what the children know at this stage and what they need more support with. They are, hopefully, not something that children should worry about.

I wish you and your families a restful weekend.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery

In Literacy the children had lots of fun playing matching games using rhyming picture cards and singing familiar nursery rhymes, developing their listening skills and awareness of rhyming words. In Numeracy, the children have been learning about repeating patterns through actions, rhymes, stories and familiar daily routines. We encouraged the children to recognise and anticipate what comes next, using language such as "Next I will…" and "What comes next?". They enjoyed joining in with repeated sequences and beginning to identify simple patterns in their everyday experiences. We also started to practice our Christmas songs ready for the Christmas show.







Reception



This week in Reception, the children enjoyed learning the new phonics sounds 'o', 'c' and 'k', practising recognising graphemes and making their corresponding phonemes. In Maths, we began our new topic '1, 2, 3, 4, 5', exploring counting, subitising, comparing and partitioning numbers. We also celebrated Bonfire Night and Diwali with various artistic activities. Continuing our topic of 'Seasons and Celebrations' we have started practising for our Christmas show. The children have done very well learning the words and the actions.

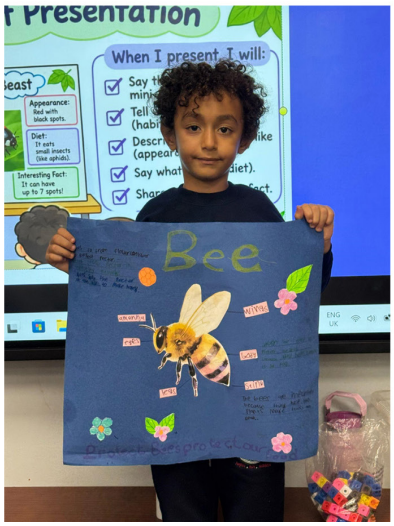
YEAR 1

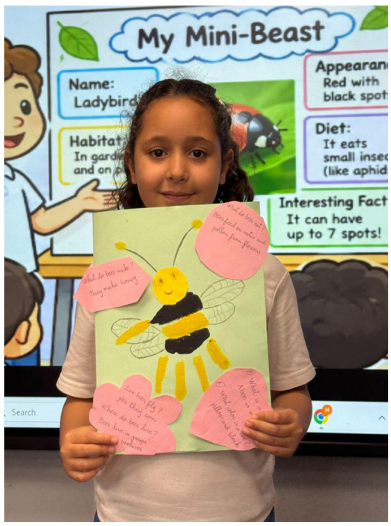
This week we practised punctuation and explored statements, questions and exclamations, and sorted nouns into people, places and things. Number bonds to 10 had us splitting numbers into two parts with part-whole models, while our investigations into materials took us from heavy and light to transparent, translucent and opaque. We learned what astronauts do and built our space vocabulary, and we talked about staying safe in hot and cold weather. We also welcomed Zayd's mum, a pharmacist, who told us about her job and reminded us to only take medicine prescribed for us, as it can look like sweets.

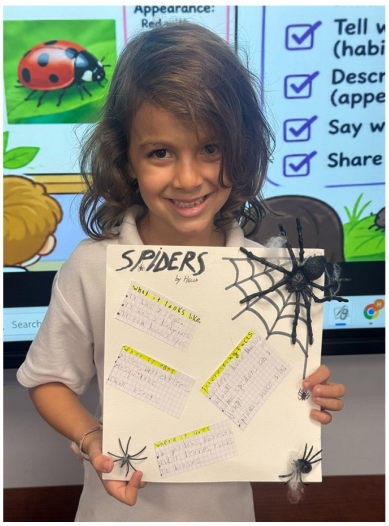


YEAR 2

What a busy week in Year 2! We visited the ICT room to research minibeasts and enjoyed the children's wonderful project presentations. In English, we practised commas in lists and labelled drawings. In maths, we tackled two-digit addition and subtraction. We also explored materials, learned about growing bean plants and discussed how to keep trying when things get difficult!

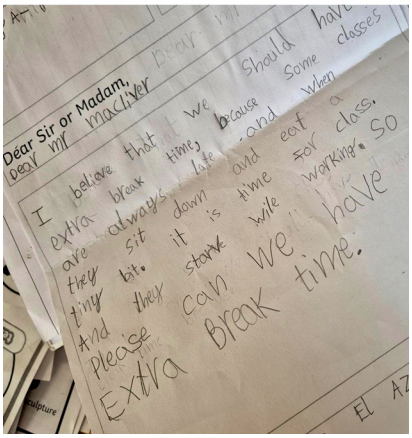






YEAR 3

This week year 3 have been exploring the world of rocks and the different forms they come in. Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. In Science, we have explored the topic of classifying animals into the 5 main categories. Mammals, Amphibians, Reptiles, Fish and Birds. In maths we have wound down our unit of addition and subtraction. And in English we wrote formal letters to Mr Maciver to ask for longer breaks! We are waiting for his reply!

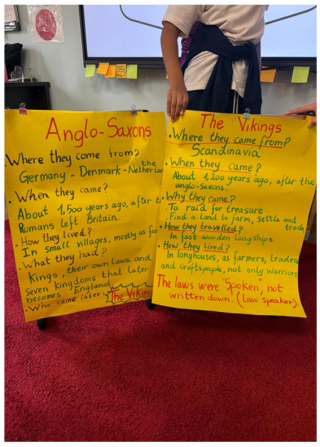


YEAR 4

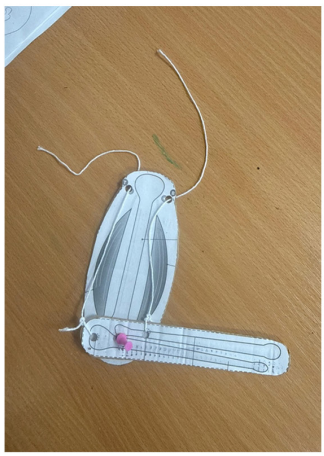
What a busy week in Year 4! In English, we explored how poems are structured, and in maths we cracked the code of Roman numerals. In science, our "floppy glove" investigation showed us just how important our bones are for support and movement. The children also learned about different types of scientific 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!









INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Oxford (642points); 2nd Place: Cambridge (625pts); 3rd Place: Bath (621pts); and 4th Place: Warwick (571pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday 16th November: Assessment period starts.**
- **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.**

STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery A | Mohammed for good listening and trying hard in the classroom.

Nursery B | Nelia for showing excellent listening skills and being kind to others.

Reception A | Mila for engaging with all her home learning activities.

Reception B | Rania for working hard and creating lovely drawings.

Year 1A | Maya for excellent work in number bonds to 10.

Year 1B | Tumininu for her fantastic drawing of number lines using a ruler in Maths and dedication to finish her work every lesson, well done!

Year 1C | Saifuddin, for always taking the right choices and his fantastic progress in English. Keep it up!

Year 2A | Khanssa, for creating a lovely project on bees and working so hard in all subjects this week. Well done!

Year 2B | Maria, for her effort and progress in maths with addition and subtraction.

Year 2C | Amir for his fantastic effort in class and always being a caring and thoughtful friend.

Year 3A | Rita, for showing excellence and rigour. Rita was consistently on task and participated greatly. Well done!

Year 3B | Milya for maintaining a great amount of focus and a positive attitude during her lessons.

Year 3C | Ali Alexander for his amazingly curious questions and contributions which promote deep thinking within the class.

Year 4A | Kamil for improved concentration and effort in class.

Year 4B | Ayaat for wonderful figurative language in her poem about Morocco.

Year 4C | Yakout for independently writing and improving a two-stanza poem full of figurative language and achieving full marks in her end-of-unit Area assessment!