BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th November 2026

Dear Parents and Families of Junior School Children,

This week, many of our students have been taking their end of term assessments. I have heard very positive feedback from class teachers about the hard work and excellent demonstration of understanding from the children this term. Of course, we are not even one term into the year so far, and there is plenty more time to revisit and consolidate learning over the rest of the academic year, but it has been a very positive start.

Today, in our weekly Values Assembly, we talked about Respect and Compassion and highlighted a number of children that have stood out for showing those two values in daily life in the school. Well done to them and to all of our students that make the extra effort to truly live our school Values of Respect, Compassion, Rigour and Excellence.

We are just over a fortnight away from the Christmas show and it has been lovely to hear the children rehearsing their class song in the classrooms recently. If there is a chance, please support your child to practise their song at home as well.

Finally, it has been good to see so many children with excellent attendance at school this term. Being at school helps children learn more, have better friendships and improves their life chances. We are holding a special assembly in a couple of weeks' time to celebrate children whose attendance at school has been outstanding. Will your child be one of our inaugural Attendance Stars?

With kind regards,

**Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School**

# EYFS:

## Nursery





This week in Nursery, the children have enjoyed exploring initial sounds. We filled a box with objects beginning with the phoneme 'b', such as a ball, butterfly etc.. We then added objects beginning with different sounds, and the children listened carefully to each word to see if they could identify whether it started with a different sound. We have also been singing lots of new nursery rhymes, helping the children to develop their listening skills and memory as they learn the words and actions. We used a drum to tap out the sounds in the children's names and simple words, such as c-a-t and b-all. The children thoroughly enjoyed tapping out the sounds on the drum and on their knees, developing their listening and early phonological awareness skills. Finally, we have been busy making Christmas decorations and learning our songs in preparation for the Christmas Show. The children are very excited and are enjoying getting into the festive spirit! Well done, Nursery!

## Reception



This week, the Reception children have enjoyed a variety of exciting learning activities. In Maths, we have been identifying and combining 4-sided shapes, spotting them in our environment and sequencing familiar daily routines. In Phonics, we have focused on the sounds 'u' and 'e', practising letter recognition, formation and identifying words containing these sounds. The children have also been busy creating lovely Christmas crafts and decorations, using their creativity and imagination. Alongside this, we have been practising our Christmas songs, actions and performances in preparation for our festive celebrations. Everyone has shown great enthusiasm and excitement as we get into the Christmas spirit!

# YEAR 1

As part of our Humanities topic, A Day in the Life of..., we have had some parents over to talk to the kids about their jobs.

Our last visitor, Ms Zaineb, Neil's mum, kindly came to talk to us about her job as a dentist. She shared some useful tips and answered lots of questions from our curious little ones!

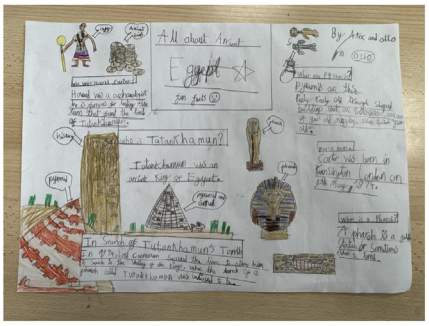
The children also learnt some new vocabulary and talked about the importance of looking after our teeth.

We are very grateful to Ms Zaineb for taking the time to share her knowledge and experience with us.



## YEAR 2




This week has been a busy and productive one in Year 2. Alongside completing their assessments, the children planned and wrote non-chronological reports about minibeasts and explored questions and statements in English. In maths, we completed our Addition and Subtraction unit and began exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We also learnt about minibeasts and their minihabitats in humanities and discussed the importance of expressing our feelings in PSCE. Well done to everyone for this hard work this week!

## YEAR 3

It has been a busy and productive week in Year 3! Our pupils worked brilliantly to complete their English, Science, and Maths assessments, approaching every task with maturity and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of the focus and determination they demonstrated throughout the week. In Humanities, we dived into our Ancient Egypt topic. Working in pairs, the children used brilliant discussion and enquiry skills to investigate Howard Carter's groundbreaking discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb before creating eye-catching posters to share what they learned. A huge thank you to our parents for your ongoing encouragement and support this week.

## YEAR 4



This week, Year 4 worked very hard to complete their reading, writing, science and maths assessments, including arithmetic and problem solving. We are really proud of the effort and focus they showed. In science, the children explored the different groups of vertebrates (animals with a backbone), comparing mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish and looking at what makes each group unique.

## INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Oxford (395pts); 2nd Place: Warwick (394pts); 3rd Place: Cambridge (383pts); and 4th Place: Bath (365pts).

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **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 | Illy For trying so hard in school, great listening and being kind to others.

Nursery B | Yanis for good listening and following instructions.

Reception A | Noor for being a good role model and always playing nicely.

Reception B | Narjis for trying hard in all areas of learning.

Year 1A | Shemsi for great behaviour and good understanding of nouns and adjectives!

Year 1B | Joumana for her fantastic behaviour and creative adjectives to describe the Gruffalo!

Year 1C | Zayd, for his improved focus in class and for working hard on blending CVC words and learning number bonds to 10 in maths. Well done, superstar!

Year 2A | Ishaq for his hard word, consistent effort and excellent behaviour throughout the week.

Year 2B | Noor, for her progress and understanding in science this term.

Year 2C | Osman for producing an excellent non chronological report on butterflies, demonstrating fantastic writing and a great understanding of the topic!

Year 3A | Yasmine for recognising a challenge and thinking positively about the outcome. Great job!

Year 3B | Lalla Khadija for being very responsible and not needing to be reminded to read her book in the morning. Well done!

Year 3C | Taha H for his enthusiasm for writing at home and sharing with the class.

Year 4A | Asiya for always producing her best work in class.

Year 4B | Sultan for working on self-regulation and compassion.

Year 4C | Dina for her compassion and growing confidence to ask questions and join in class discussions.