BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CASABLANCA

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30th October 2026

Dear families and parents of Junior School students

Thank you to so many of our parents and guardians for coming to the Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday. It is so important to us and to our students that the partnership between teaching staff and families is a strong and lasting one.

We had a wonderful Halloween experience yesterday with the costumes truly being the best we have ever seen at BISC. The variety and creativity shown in the outfits was outstanding and the various activities that we held were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Our school value-in-focus for this term is Compassion and I would very much appreciate it if you could take the time at home to discuss what it means to be compassionate in your family's setting. It might be towards each other, pets or people outside your family circle. It might even be towards the world as a whole. The discussion is the important part.

Finally, please can we remind parents not to give glass bottles to their children for drinking out of while they are at school. There is a real health and safety issue as the glass can smash and cause injury to children.

With kind regards,

Mr Nick MacIver | Head of Junior School

EYFS:

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we've settled back in well after the holiday and enjoyed chatting about what we got up to while we were away. We've been practising whispering and talking loudly to patterns, moving to animated giant steps, and stomping our feet heavily along to our Halloween songs. We've also been counting numbers to 3 and making Halloween spiders.





Reception

In Reception this week we had lots of fun embracing our creative side for our new topic 'Seasons and Celebrations'. All the children's art work and craft skills were on display in decorating our areas for the big halloween party on Thursday. We enjoyed a wide variety of spooky costumes and the children developed their speaking and listening skills when showing off their disguises. Thank you for all your support at home in putting their Halloween clothes together!




YEAR 1

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the half-term break! We have loved hearing all about their exciting holidays and the many adventures they got up to. The children have also been busy little scientists this week, exploring a variety of materials through some hands-on experiments. They used their senses to investigate how different materials, such as wood, metal, plastic, fabric and rubber, feel, describing their properties using words such as smooth, rough, hard, soft and stretchy. In English we have learnt to identify and sort rhyming words in a Halloweeny fun way such as: cat, rat, bat, hat. And, of course, the most spooktacular part of all… Halloween! The children had a fantastic time showing off their amazing costumes in our Halloween costume contest. There were plenty of spooky surprises, Halloween treats, tricks and lots of laughter along the way! We also enjoyed sharing a fun and spooky senses-experience with a blind-box touch experience!



YEAR 2

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back after the half-term break! It was lovely to see so many parents on Monday, and we had a fantastic time celebrating Halloween together. The children looked amazing in their costumes and thoroughly enjoyed the spooky activities and treats. It has been a lovely week full of fun, excitement and learning!



YEAR 3

It was lovely to see and hear the children sharing their learning, and their books, with their parents during Monday's parent teacher conferences. This week, the children in Year 3 have learnt how to use speech punctuation in English and incorporated a short burst of acting and drama into their learning, too! In maths, the children have used different methods to subtract three digit numbers. In humanities, the children explored Scottish history by researching about the Loch Ness Monster. They showed great sportsmanship at the Inter House basketball competition on Friday, too!

YEAR 4

We began on Monday with our parent–teacher conferences, and it was lovely to see so many of you and to talk about your child's progress, so thank you for coming. In science, we started our new Science topic on the human skeleton, learning how our bones support our body, protect our organs and help us move. Halloween skeletons gave us a fun chance to spot the bones we had learned, and our basketball tournament showed our skeletons and muscles in action. Well done to all our players for their teamwork and effort.

At home, ask your child to name a few bones and explain what they do.





INTERHOUSE COMPETITION:

The House Points competition this week was won by Cambridge (307points); 2nd Place: Oxford (293 pts); 3rd Place: Bath (256pts); and 4th Place: Warwick (235pts).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Thursday 5th November: Green March celebration. Please come dressed in Moroccan colours or national dress.**
- **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.**

STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

Nursery | Youssef A for improved behaviour.

Reception A | Khadija for a fantastic attitude to learning and excelling in phonics.

Reception B | Rodina for an excellent attitude in school.

Year 1A | Ghita for spelling independently.

Year 1B | Bobby for completing a challenge by comparing numbers up to 50 and his amazing efforts in Phonics!

Year 1C | Yahya A, for being really respectful towards others, always making the right choices and improving his English very much due to his hard work in class.

Year 2A | Layane has done a wonderful job this week and has consistently tried her very best!

Year 2B | Naya, for mastering adding across ten and managing emotions well.

Year 2C | Alia for her fantastic improvement in phonics and her consistent hard work across all subjects!

Year 3A | Sayfedine for writing grammatically correct speech sentences in his English learning.

Year 3B | Elias for his great ability to recall some tricky science words and use them in his lessons.

Year 3C | Otto for his consistently diligent and respectful attitude to his learning and others.

Year 4A | Jana for working hard to improve her concentration and task readiness.

Year 4B | Diana for constant respectfulness and great manners.

Year 4C | Jad for confidently labelling all the important bones in the human body.