

THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st September 2017



A Busy Week

This week has been a very busy one as the children are now more settled and work begins on the curriculum.

We have had our first assemblies this week where I had the opportunity to welcome all children back to school and share with them their best bits over the past week. The children expressed their love for maths, creative work that has been taking place in art and also what they enjoyed playing at breaktimes.

I would like to remind you in the newsletter this week that AAESS is a healthy eating school. We do not allow chocolate, chips, fried food, fizzy drinks, energy drinks, etc to be eaten in school. We encourage our children to take a healthy approach to life both

physically and emotionally. The week beginning 1st October we will be having a Health Awareness Week where children will be involved in lessons and assemblies about this important theme.

It is also with great pleasure I see many children looking really smart in their school uniforms. A gentle reminder will be posted in the children's home/school communication books next week about the primary school dress code.

Please note all the parent workshops that are going on in the primary school. We urge you to come in and join us with these events.

The After School Care Club will also restart on Sunday 24th September. If you need to

know more about this service or would like to enrol your child please speak to Ms Marwa at reception.

I hope you all have a very good week ahead.

Kind regards,

Helen McCauley
Head of Primary

KEY DATES

Week beginning 24th
SEPTEMBER

Primary ECA's begin

25th SEPTEMBER

Parent Curriculum
Workshop – Whole
Primary School –
Arabic

25th SEPTEMBER

FS2 – Year 2 Assembly
– 10.20am

26th SEPTEMBER

Parent Curriculum
Workshop – Years 1-6
– Academic Levels and
the English National
Curriculum

26th SEPTEMBER

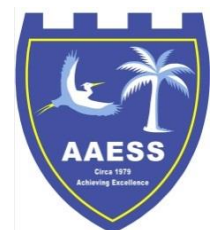
Year 6 – School
Leaders Presentations
– 10.20am

27th SEPTEMBER

Year 3 – 6 Assembly –
8am

27th SEPTEMBER

Parent Curriculum
Workshop – Years 1-6
– Raz Kids – Online
Reading Programme



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FS2



In FS2 we have been developing our Social and Emotional well-being as part of our healthy transition to formal schooling. We are learning our individual and unique qualities as equal parts of our co-operative learning environments. We are getting to know our peers and teachers, making many new learning friends and adapting quite actively to our new classroom surroundings and schedules. We look forward to developing our independence, creativity and physical development, with fun and engaging activities and as part of a learning team.

Library News



Library Grand Opening

This week we had a very special event taking place in the library: it has been renamed “the Crawford Centre” in honour of Mr James Crawford, who was one of the founding Principals of AAESS back in 1986. He was a key figure in establishing our school, and was given an OBE by the Queen of England

for his enormous contribution to education. The Crawford Centre was officially inaugurated by Dr Alex Tinson, one of the most prestigious camel vets in the UAE. Dr Tinson has just published his book “The desert vet”, a fascinating account of his experience as a vet in the UAE. He presented the library with some signed copies of his book, which we will treasure for years to come.

The event was without a doubt an all-round success!



Islamic

The Islamic New Year, also known as Arabic New Year or Hijri New Year (*Arabic*: رأس السنة الهجرية *Ra's al-Sanah al-Hijriyah*) is the day that marks the beginning of a new Islamic calendar year, and is the day on which the year count is incremented. The first day of the year is observed on the first day of Muharram, the first month in the Islamic calendar. The first Islamic year begins in 622 AD with the emigration of Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina, known as the Hijra.¹All religious duties, such as prayer, fasting in the month of Ramadan, and pilgrimage, and the dates of significant events, such as celebration of holy nights and festivals, are calculated according to the lunar calendar. Islamic Classes run different activities to enrich this information about al

Hijrah story, the value of union and they sang Hijrah Nasheed.



Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children were getting to know their teachers and new friends in their class. In Art, the children enjoyed decorating, cutting, pasting and painting. Each class is themed around a UAE animal.

Mr Douglas-The desert fox class

Mrs Barnard-The falcon class

Miss Pimm-The cow class

Miss Rose-The horse class

Mrs Bakker-The camel class



The children are now settled into Year 2 and we look forward to starting our fun curriculum with them. We are looking forward to another exciting week.

Raz Kids

Raz Kids is a reading programme we have introduced to the primary school. It is a fun, online reading programme to promote and encourage reading of fiction and non-fiction books, according to each child's reading level. A workshop for parents will be take place this week and we would like to encourage all parents to attend.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have been creating wonderful art about themselves and life in the UAE. We have used a range of mediums and tools; including our hands! Here are a few photos of our eye-catching art work.



Meet the Staff

Principal – Mr Thomas

Head of Primary – Mrs McCauley

Deputy Head of Primary – Mr Ebbinkhuysen

Head of Secondary – Mr Giles

Deputy Head of Secondary – Mr Abass

Head of Arabic and Islamic Studies - Mr Sfenjeh

Associate Principal (Arabic and Islamic Studies)

Mr Al Tahaineih

Associate Principal (Teaching and Innovation)

Mr Poisat

Associate Principal (Curriculum)

Mr Sommerville

Foundation Stage 1

Head of Year - Ms Elza de Bruyn

Ms Kirsty Heard; Ms Laura Yates; Ms Lynda Mines;
Ms Leigh An Peterson; Ms Ashleigh Chalmers

Foundation Stage 2

Head of Year - Ms Charlene van Wyk

Ms Sharon Strader; Ms Christine Lapachelle; Ms Creina
Hayes; Ms Oscillia Mutepfa; Ms Brittany Everett

Year 1

Head of Year – Ms Tapuai

Ms Hegde; Ms Ebbinkhuysen; Ms Smith; Ms Bates; Ms
Carroll

Year 2

Head of Year - Ms Bakker

Mr Douglas; Ms Rose; Ms Pimm; Ms Barnard

Year 3

Head of Year – Ms Ledger

Ms Cavanagh; Ms Sheldon; Mr Hamilton

Year 4

Head of Year – Mr Poisat

Mr Thorneton; Ms Sheppard; Mr Sacks

Year 5

Head of Year – Ms Bavister

Mr Munoz; Ms Denyer; Mr Jordan

Year 6

Head of Year – Mr Sommerville

Ms Hutton; Ms Macdonald; Ms Bezuidenhout

SENCO

Ms Horspool

Student Welfare

Ms Ahmed

Islamic Studies

Head of Primary Islamic - Ms Nour Al Saqqa

Ms Hiba Osman; Ms Alaa Mohammed

Mr Monis Al Hamaideh; Ms Zubaida Abu Hamida; Mr
Hanano Khalifa; Mr Tareq Al Kuntar

Arabic Studies

Head of Primary Arabic – Ms Hala Abu Sharkh

Ms Hanan El Houni; Ms sumaya Shehadeh; Ms Nehad

Saad; Ms Shaza Al Zakkour; Ms Amani Khalil Ghazal; Ms

Issra Hassan; Ms Hedaia Al Momani; Mr Saleh Ahameed

Arabic Social Studies

Ms Iman Mashal

Physical Education

Head of PE – Ms Eagles

Deputy Head of PE – Mr Hall

Mr Leal; Ms Mcllroy; Mr Chapman; Mr Hall; Mr

Vreugdenburg; Ms Curtis; Ms Norton

Music

Head of Music – Ms Conte

Mr Jung

Librarian

Ms Coventry

School Nurses

Mr Kent Go

Ms Faye Paulayan