

THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th January 2018



Welcome Back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcoming you all, students and parents, back to a new term.

We have already started with a very busy two weeks which has seen the official opening of our new administration building and the celebration of the outstanding achievements of our secondary students in their exams, including the award of highest achieving student in the World for IGCSE French.

Over the coming months we have lots of activities and events planned including British Royals Day, World Book day and our annual Arabic Exhibition which we welcome you in joining us.

I look forward to another very successful term with all staff, parents and pupils.

Kind regards,

Helen McCauley



KEY DATES

21st JANUARY

FS1 Trip – The Fire Station

22nd JANUARY

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22nd JANUARY

FS1 – Year 2 Assembly – 10.40am

23rd JANUARY

FS1 Trip – The Fire Station

24th JANUARY

Year 3 Trip – Jebel Hafeet

24th JANUARY

Year 3 – Year 6 Assembly – 8am

17th JANUARY

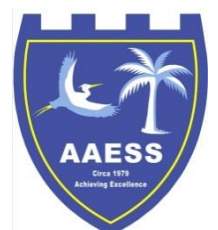
Year 3 – 6 Assembly – 8am

18th JANUARY

Foundation Stage 2 – Zoo Trip

28th & 29th JANUARY

FS1 – Year 2 – Parent Teacher Consultations



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Year 5

English

We have been studying homophones and have also started performance poetry. We looked at the features of poetry. We performed a poem considering voice projection, intonation, facial expressions and gestures. We even created our own UAE animal poems.



Maths

Multiplicative reasoning was consolidated last week. We have worked on multiplication and division problems. Moreover, we have done an assessment on multiplication and division skills.

Science

Pupils have finished our topic of the water cycle by looking at how the water changes states.

Integrated Curriculum

We have started our new topic of the "Far East". Pupils learnt new facts about China and have dedicated a slot in the computing room to research China and Japan. We have also looked at Chinese Calligraphy, how it is made and the meaning of different characters. Our students have really enjoyed creating Chinese characters in their sketch books and making Chinese lanterns.



Year 3



Tropical birds, reptiles and other wildlife have been settling into the Year 3 building this week as we began our new topic, rainforests. All around the building we have learned about the features, climate, geographic location, statistics and nature of rainforests. Some parts of the building have taken on a very wild and natural appearance and the children have taken great pride in using our learning context to create fantastic, imaginative and realistic displays!



Working in Kagan groups, there has been much emphasis on teamwork and collaboration as we have not been learning individually, but as teams, with each member of each team contributing to the overall success of the group. The children have been showing very responsible and innovative attitudes. We look forward to exploring this topic further and learning more about rainforests around the world.



Year 1



This week Year 1 has been learning about instructions. We had to follow instructions on how to make a jam sandwich and then we had to write our own set of instructions. We are learning to use bossy verbs in our writing. We had a lot of fun making our sandwiches and we wonder what we make in our next set of instructions!



Year 4

Year 4 had their spelling bee finals this week. In the finals, each student was asked to write and verbally spell out a word until only three remained. The top three did so well they had to be asked more difficult words until only one was left.

The top three places went to Avantika – 4RS, Mariam K – 4S and Aasiya – 4S with the overall winner being Aasiya.



Year 2

Did you know there is a train called a Maglev in Japan that "floats" above the rails? It travels by magnetic levitation and goes 300 miles per hour!

Did you know that cars are being designed to be driverless!

Did you know that there is a supersonic car that has been built called "The Bloodhound" that travels at 1000 miles per hour, faster than the speed of light!

These are just a few of some of the interesting facts that all Year 2 children have been learning about the future of transport. The children have been designing their own supersonic mode of transport and they have really enjoyed making their supersonic hot air balloons in art.

Lessons are loads of fun!

FS2

In FS2 we have had a great deal of fun role-playing and printing our characters' words and sounds. We are moving along quite well with phonics and are becoming more familiar with naming our 2D shapes and their properties. We are very excited about all the learning fun we will have both during and after our trip to Al Ain Zoo!

