

THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

18th FEBRUARY

Year 2 trip to Al Ain Golf Club

20st FEBRUARY

Primary ECAs - Phase 4 begins.

21st FEBRUARY

Year 4 Trip to Al Towayya Park

22nd FEBRUARY

British Royals Day



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had our Primary School Sport's Day on Wednesday, 14th February 2018. What a special day filled with fun and laughter; thank you to our PE department for organising this wonderful day which was thoroughly enjoyed by parents, teachers and of course most importantly the students.

This week Thursday, 22nd February, we will be having our annual British Royals Day – Students can come to school dressed in their favourite member of the British Royal family. Parents are most welcome to come and join us from 8.00 – 10.00am.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Helen McCauley
Head of Primary

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Year 3

This week, we all took part in Sport's Day and it was amazing. There were so many activities to participate in and everyone was smiling continuously. Some of the favourites in Year 3 were the obstacle race, the bean bag race and the egg and spoon. Everyone had a favourite and a chance to excel.



Year 1

Year 1 had a great time at Sport's Day. The sun was shining and everyone was in the zone to win. The children really loved the different events: egg and spoon, ball throw, speed bounce, standing long jump, target throw, running race, sack race, obstacle course, stilt race and bean bag race, to mention but a few. Well done to all competing athletes.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 has been looking at the topic of Castles! It has been a very exciting week as we have been learning about different castles around the world and in the UAE. We have compared old castles like the ones in England and Scotland to the Forts here in Al Ain.

We learnt the names for the different parts of the castle and why they were built.

Some classes even got to build their own castles out of different materials.



FS2

In FS2 we are beginning to learn and practice our digraphs. Aside from forming simple words, we will also be building upon our sentence structuring, reflecting upon our chosen animals from story books. In math we are continuing with recognition and formation of numbers 1-10 and developing our understanding of various creative patterns. We will be integrating movement in music to help facilitate our learning.



Year 5

In year 5, we have had another exciting week of learning.

English

We have started the narrative genre and we have focused on setting descriptions and characters' feelings. In order to do that, we have read the story called "The Tunnel".



Maths

We have achieved a lot in Maths this week. We have deepened our knowledge of balancing fraction equations, comparing fractions using the cross method, fraction word problems, multiplying fractions by another fraction and multiplying fractions by a whole number.

Science

We have focused on how day and nights are caused by the rotation of the Earth on its axis, how the tilt and the movement of the Earth around the Sun causes the seasons and how the movement of the moon causes the lunar month.

PE

Sports day celebrations took place on Wednesday 14th. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for the whole class.



Integrated Curriculum

We are going to create our very own solar system but this is work in progress.

Year 5D gave a spectacular performance this week when performing their assembly on the Chinese New Year to the rest of KS2. The children had not practiced very much but you would never have guessed! The assembly was the final stage of our topic looking into the Far East and the children did themselves proud showcasing their learning.



FS1

In FS1 we have learnt about road safety and traffic lights. We learnt a song and made our own traffic lights, and of course we ate our traffic lights.



Year 6

The children have practised how to communicate effectively with each other by being a teacher for the week. Their objective was to learn different phrases in four different languages.

Therefore they have taken turns teaching each other phrases in some of their native languages, including Afrikaans, Chinese and Bulgarian.



Stephanie, Cathy and Avitohol were absolute superstars at teaching the rest of the class words and commonly used phrases. It has been amazing to see how well they have taught each other and how confident they have become at speaking in front of the class.



Year 4

We have been designing our very own Greek shields this week as part of our myths and legends unit. We have learnt to express our creativity through art.



Mystery Reader

Mr. Ebbinkhuysen was our mystery reader in Year 4 this past week.



He read a book about a young boy who faced his fear of the dark to become a very well-known astronaut and space traveler. The story taught us that if we want to reach for our dreams we must believe in ourselves and learn to face our fears! Mr. Ebbinkhuysen also reminded us of the Emirates Mars Mission, with the spacecraft set to arrive at Mars in 2021 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the UAE. The students found this very exciting indeed!!