

THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th February 2018

Newsletter
Term 2, Issue 5

KEY DATES

25th FEBRUARY

Year 3 Science Trip to
Golf Club

26th FEBRUARY

10.20am - FS2 – Year
2 Assembly

27th FEBRUARY

Year 4 Trip to Ain
Faidah Cultural Village

28th FEBRUARY

8am – Year 3 – 6
Assembly

1ST MARCH

World Book Day



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As always, the staff and children have had a very busy week. They have been progressing well with their learning and have been preparing for some up-coming events in our calendar.

British Royals Day was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and children! Everyone is now looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 1st March 2018. As in previous years, I am sure there will be lots of excitement with one and all having great fun dressing up as their favourite book or author.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Helen McCauley

Head of Primary

AAESS News

Year 1

The Year One's have been very busy these past few weeks!! In **Science** we have been learning a lot about animals and their habitats. We have even visited the Al Ain Zoo to see these animals in real life!



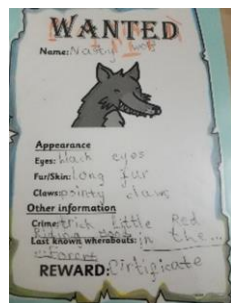
Animals living in different habitats, like the Ocean, Forest, Arctic and even our own Desert! We worked together in groups to draw these animals and enjoyed making our own dioramas to show animals in their habitats.



In **Integrated Curriculum** we made some interesting silhouette pictures with lovely sunset backgrounds!

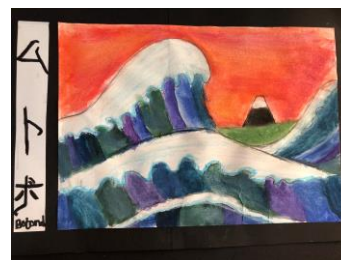


In **English** we learnt to use adjectives in our sentences, to make our writing even more interesting!! We painted and described the butterfly from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', using adjectives. We also listened to quite a few traditional tales, including 'Little Red Riding Hood' and described the characters. Wanted: The Big Bad Wolf!! Did anybody see this character? There is a reward!!



Year 6

As part of our Extreme Earth topic, we have been learning all about Tsunamis and their destructive powers. This week, we linked our topic work to our Art and looked at the famous painting of 'The Great Wave' by Hokusai. We discussed the use of cool and warm colours and how the artist used them effectively in his painting. We identified the different layers of the painting, which included the 3 waves, the landscape and the famous Mount Fuji. Then we practised sketching them, recreating his portrait to the best of our abilities. Lastly, we looked up in Google Translate how to write our names in Japanese and we will be adding that to our portraits.



Year 3

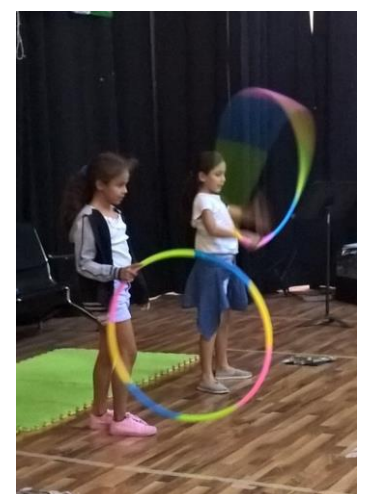
This week it was confirmed that year 3 HAS Talent! We enjoyed a variety of different arts in Round 2 of the AAESS Talent Show Auditions.

As always there was a great variety of talents on display

We applauded singers, dance groups, a ballet dancer, musicians, a street dancer, and even a gymnast. The courage that it takes to perform on the stage in front of your year group, made us all proud. In our book, they are all Winners!

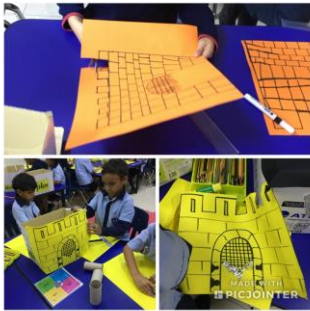
Hurray for Handwriting (H4H) is a Handwriting competition in year 3 in which the children are challenged to improve their handwriting and take pride in the presentation of their written work. At least a quarter of the year group showed their enthusiasm by designing some characters which will help promote H4H.

Year 3 definitely has Talent – lots of it!



Year 2

For the past two weeks, the Year 2's have been learning about Castles and Forts right here in Al Ain. The children have learnt about how to search for and make embankments, a portcullis, a bailey, towers and moats. This week we looked at the materials castles are made out of and we thoroughly enjoyed making our own castles. Some children were able to design and make their own draw bridges. Our theme links to our British Royal Day and we will be looking at some famous castles in England next. The children have absolutely loved this topic!



FS 2

In FS2 we are continuing with digraphs and building sentences. With our story, Handa's Surprise, we are integrating Science (the five senses) to help inspire personal and descriptive sentences about the different tastes, textures, colours and smells the fruit from our story has. In maths, along with practicing "one more & one less" we are using real scales to determine weights of various things and better understand the meaning of "lighter & heavier".



FS1

FS 1 was having fun; developing our fine and gross motor skills making stretchy slime. We also learnt all about science and what happens when we mix different substances together.



Year 4

Year 4's visited Al Towayya Park on Wednesday the 21st of February. We spent time sketching in our art books and played games which encouraged team work. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we left the park in high spirits. Well done to the overall winners (4S) and well done to all year 4's participating in our class competitions. Fun in the sun!



British Royals Day



Year 5

In year 5, we have had another exciting week of learning. English. We have continued with the narrative genre and we have been describing the setting and characters of the story "The Mousehole Cat".



Maths

We have achieved a lot in maths this week. We have finished our unit on fractions by dividing fractions by another fraction and by whole numbers. We then took a test on everything covered on the fractions block. Finally, we linked our maths work to "British Royal Day" and pupils converted prices in AED to GBP and vice versa.

Integrated Curriculum

The solar system is in its final stages and is nearly ready to be photographed and shown to all of the AAESS community.

British Royals Day

