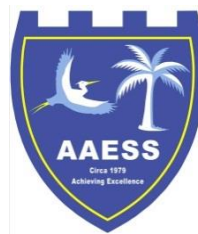


# THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Newsletter  
Term 1 Issue 2



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we welcomed parents and caregivers into our Primary School to share in the rich learning our students enjoy. We thank all of you who took the time to come and join in lessons on Monday morning. Thank you also to those parents who stayed on to share coffee and their views with the Primary Senior Leadership Team. Additionally, AAESS joined the rest of the UAE in celebrating the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Among other activities, the whole of AAESS gathered to sing the Saudi National Anthem along with the raising of their flag, in this, the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saudi Arabia's nationhood.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mike Sommerville  
Assistant Principal, Primary

#### Value Quote:

**Resilience** "The word impossible is not in the leader's dictionary. No matter how big the challenges, strong faith, determination and resolve will overcome them."

*Sheikh Mohammed  
bin Rashid Al  
Maktoum*

## KEY DATES

30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER &  
1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Foundation Stage and  
Key Stage 1 Parent –  
Teacher Consultations

1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Year 5 & 6 Boys &  
Girls' Basketball v  
Brighton College  
(Girls@ BC/ Boys @  
AAESS)

8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Year 5 & 6 Boys &  
Girls' Basketball v Al  
Ain Academy (Girls@  
AAESS/ Boys @ AAA)

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Mid-Term Break –  
School Closed

29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Primary Swimming  
Gala (Y3-6) @ Al Ain  
Academy

# AAESS News

## Foundation Stage 2

We have had a very busy start to the academic year, with many new friends joining AAESS. We have been learning so many new things—like where to keep our things and some of us have even started swimming!



We have begun our learning too, which is very exciting! We have started learning to recognise and write s, a and t and have started working on numbers 1-5.

We cannot wait to find out what we will be doing next!



## Year 2

Our topic this term is '5 a day' and we will be learning all about how to stay healthy and what food we need to do this. We made collages of our favourite meals and spoke about how healthy they were. We have also been sorting out food into 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' groups. We are learning the importance of exercise and we have been following some dance and movement videos in class each day for a few minutes to keep us active and fit!



## Islamic 2

Last week, Islamic students enjoyed working on linking their understanding of AAESS's core values into real life situations. Students worked in groups to discuss solving problems then highlighting the moral of the story by describing their meanings to show what each value looks like in action. So proud of the suggestions they put forward and their collaborative work. Congratulations to Sabrina who won the star of the week reader trophy. Keep up the good work!

Clubs ran smoothly for the first session last week, students enjoyed it and gave ideas for what they wish to learn next session.



## Year 5

We have learnt about biographies and autobiographies. We have looked at the features of these texts and we have explored the autobiographies of different famous people such as Roald Dahl. Pupils have written their own autobiographies highlighting the main events in their lives so far.



We have learnt about our local area, Al Ain. We have researched its landmarks and monuments and we have created posters to advertise it to the UAE and the rest of the world. Also, we have created UAE masks in the style of Pablo Picasso.

## Islamic 1

قمنا بقسم التربية الإسلامية بمشاركة المملكة العربية السعودية باحتفالاتها باليوم الوطني 88 وذلك من خلال رفع العلم السعودي بالصفوف وتعريف طلابنا على مكانة المملكة العربية السعودية في العالم الإسلامي واحتضانها للحرمين الشريفين وما تقدمه من خدمات جليلة لخدمة الحرمين .

## Year 5

It has been two weeks of fantastic learning in year 5.

Last week, AAESS Sixth Form came to support our students with their English lesson - helping them to redraft, edit and improve their writing. They will be supporting our pupils each week with their maths, writing or reading. During their first visit the 6th formers commented on how impressed they were with our students' writing abilities!



In science, we have learnt about the human skeleton and its function. Pupils compared the human skeleton to the skeleton of animals. We have carried a scientific investigation on bones and pupils wrote their conclusions. We have also learnt about the muscles of the human body, what muscles are involved in every day activities and we have investigated muscle fatigue with desert sand bags.



## Year 1

In Year 1, we have been reading the book *Rainbow Fish*. We discussed how *Rainbow Fish* showed kindness by sharing his beautiful, shiny scales. This made us think about how we can also show kindness at school and at home.

The children used a range of materials to make their very own shiny rainbow fish. Year 1 also showed off their brilliant writing skills to their teachers by becoming authors and writing their own rainbow stories about different rainbow creatures.



## FS 1

We welcome all our brave new FS1 students and parents. The children are settled and are having FUN at school!



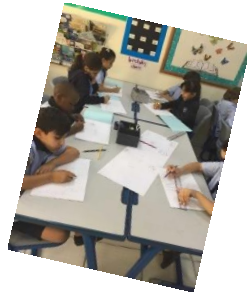
## Year 4

Maths:

We have been working hard on our place value as this acts as the building blocks needed to move forward. Rounding, finding the value, ordering and sequencing, adding and subtracting 10, 100, 1000.

English:

We have continued looking at a story setting. Looking at pictures to describe, and experimenting with adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.



Integrated Curriculum:

We are discussing the importance of pearl diving in the history of the UAE.

We are creating wanted posters for the first four Golden Ticket finders in the *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* novel.



Science:

We have been discussing the different food groups and what constitutes a balanced diet. We have had a look at the function of each food group and the importance it has for our bodies.

## Year 6

In Art, we are learning about Portraits and looking at how to sketch portraits of ourselves based on the work of famous artists. The artist we are studying is Romero Britto, a famous Brazilian artist, whose portraits combine elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti, distinctive for its vibrant colors and bold patterns. We are creating our own portraits in his style and have investigated patterns and contrasting colours. To create our portraits, we have carefully traced an A4 photograph of our faces, and then traced it onto blank paper, incorporating some of his widely used patterns: circles, lines, flowers and hearts.

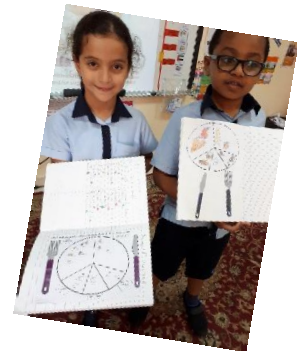


## FS 1 (Cont)



## Year 3

This week, the Year 3 children have been learning about the importance of exercise and eating the right amounts of different types of food. Learning about a balanced diet has produced some interesting conversations and will lead onto the children designing and preparing healthy sandwiches later in the term. Studying the function of the muscles in the human body saw the children experimenting with the different muscles to see how certain exercises affect them. Lots of fun and learning taking place across the classes.



Just so you know who's who in Foundation Stage and Primary, here is the list of teachers along with their respective year groups.

We will be profiling new staff over the upcoming weeks:

Helen McCauley:	Principal (Primary)
Chris Ebbinkhuysen	Deputy Principal (Primary)
Carolyn Bavister	Deputy Principal (Primary)
Emma Tapuai	Assistant Principal (Primary)
Mike Sommerville	Assistant Principal (Primary)
Year Group	Teachers
FS1	Elza De Bruyn (Head of Year) Lynda Mines Ashleigh Chalmers Kirsty Heard Leigh-Ann Pieters (now Holdt)
FS2	Charlene Van Wyk (Head of Year) Emma Quick Sandi Inkle Oscilia Mutepfa Louise Baxter Michelle Edwards Rosi Ramirez
Year 1	Brittany Everett (Head of Year) Claire Jeffries Charmaine Ebbinkhuysen Melanie Bates Sowj Hegde Emma Smith
Year 2	Emma Tapuai (Head of Year) Lucy Giles Becky Eames Chris Ebbinkhuysen Tom Hanks Chantal Barnard
Year 3	Angela Ledger (Head of Year) Ruth Cavanagh Carl Douglas Melanie Sheldon Aled Jones
Year 4	Nic Poisat (Head of Year) Tim Thorenton Clint Sacks Ruth Sheppard
Year 5	Hannah Stockley (Head of Year) Michael Jordan Carolyn Bavister Diego Aroyyo
Year 6	Judith Boyd (Head of Year) Louise Bezuidenhout Linda Hutton Mike Sommerville

### **New Staff Introductions**

**Judith Boyd**

**Head of Year 6**

I am from Scotland and have been teaching overseas now for 10 years. In the UK I taught in Newcastle and London. Overseas, I have taught in Kuwait, Slovakia, Kazakhstan and now the UAE. I love to travel to new places but also like returning to familiar cities. One of my favourite cities is Budapest, Hungary. I am looking forward to exploring more of the Middle East. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, swimming and yoga.

