

THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th June 2019

Newsletter
Term 3 Issue 5



Dear Parents/Guardians,

And so we come to the end of another academic year! As we break for the summer, we thank you all for your support in helping us help your children learn and grow as students and as people. Exciting times are ahead, as when we return, next year's year three, four, five and six will have a brand new building to learn in, with the opening of the new upper primary building and auditorium. Check the pictures above of the interior as it enters its final stages of completion.

A nice feel-good story to finish the year also. Big congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Girls' dodgeball team who travelled to Brighton College last week to play, only to find they were pitted to compete against a secondary school team! In true AAESS style, they fronted up and played hard till the end! It was a tough game, but as you can see, they're still smiling. Happy summer holidays, everyone!

Mr. Mike Sommerville
Assistant Principal, Primary

KEY DATES

27th June
Primary Talent Show/ Reports home

30th June
Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10:20am
School Hall

4th July
End of School Year
School Closes
12:00pm



12th -15th

August
Eid Al Adha (TBC)

1st September
School re-opens for new academic year at 7:35 am.

New Segment!
10 Things You May Not Know
About...

Mrs Bavister



1. As a child, she always dreamt of becoming an F1 racing driver!
2. She enjoys watching and playing sport. She has played for different tennis, hockey and golf teams and has always been an avid Liverpool FC supporter.
3. Was hospitalised in the French Alps and then flown back to UK, after breaking her back in a skiing accident.
4. Hates flying!
5. Loves Eggs Benedict for breakfast and kept chickens to ensure there was a fresh supply of eggs each day!
6. Was once part of a crew, in a yacht race, that sailed during a storm gusting Force 8 winds.
7. Spends the summer holidays camping, sailing, paddle-boarding, kayaking and surfing with her family and friends in France
8. Played the clarinet and bass clarinet in an orchestra
9. Is scared of fish but has braved swimming with sharks, rays and a range of topical fish
10. Met Mr Bavister, while training to be a teacher, in 1989!

FS1

FS1 Team: Thank you to all our parents for attending the FS1 Celebrations.

We are very proud of our students and their progress during the Year.

Have a well-deserved Summer break!



FS2

Congratulations on finishing the school year! It has been an epic journey throughout the year with lots and lots of amazing memories.

The Graduation celebration on June 20th was a huge success and the FS2 staff would like to extend a massive 'thank you' to all parents and families who were able to join us in the celebrations, and for all the super generous food and drink donations for the buffet. Parents, teachers and children were all very impressed with the event and the children did their very best, even when a surprising confetti popper was let off in the middle of our closing song.



The FS2 team have had an amazing year teaching and supporting learning throughout the year. We hope the children have had just as much fun and will have as many great memories to cherish as we do.

Thank you all for a fantastic year and we wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday!

Good luck to all the children as they move into Year One in the next academic year – the future is bright!

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been discussing the changes that will happen in September. The children are really looking forward to meeting their new teachers and discovering what they will be learning about in Year 2.



We have created some beautiful artwork to be displayed in our new classrooms.



We can't wait to see what our new teachers think of our artistic skills. We are sure they will be very impressed.



Year 2

Year 2's current topic is 'Up, Up and away!' and we have reading the story 'Man on the Moon.' We looked at how astronauts move around on the moon and made our own moon buggies!



We collected materials from home and we had to choose the best materials to make our moon buggy move. We had lots of fun! Lots of us did manage to make our buggies move and others have learnt how they can do so next time. Overall a good investigation!



Year 3

Over the last few weeks in Year 3 we have been incredibly busy, with a lot going on. We have had a great time getting ready for the AAESS Talent show which has been great for us to see the talents that our wonderful Year 3 students have. The auditions were held on Thursday and we wanted to say huge congratulations to all that were brave and took the opportunity to audition. We were very proud of the Year 3 children who took part, we know it is a daunting thing to perform in front of your friends.



For our Integrated Curriculum unit, we continued our work on Artists, looking at artists from around the world. Artists like Kandinsky and Monet have been our favourites so far. We enjoyed painting our own versions of Kandinsky's concentric circles and then tried our hand at painting one of Monet's works. We realised that being an artist is pretty tough!



Year 4

We have learnt about Abu Dhabi's 'Grand Designs' and built our very own bridges. We have investigated conservation in the UAE and become a 'Defender of Al Ain.' We have gone back into past and had 'Eureka' moments while looking at Ancient Greece. We have gone 'Supersonic' delving into electricity and sound. We have become 'Globe Trotters' travelling across the world noticing major mountains and bodies of water. We are now finally 'Keeping Calm and Eating Cake' while learning about the Victorian Era.



Thanks to all your support in making this year memorable. We wish our year 4 students all the best moving into year 5. Have a wonderful summer break!



Year 5

Writing

We have worked on inference and deduction skills on a text about the country of Aragon. We have created a toolkit and labelled all features of non-chronological reports. Also, we have boxed up the text and we started to innovate.



Maths

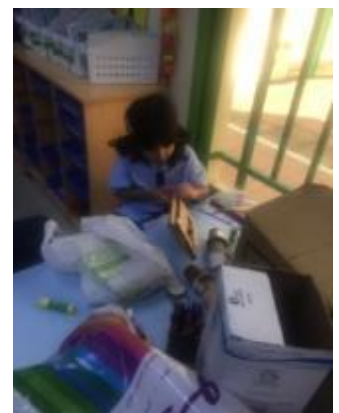
We are learning how to: identify different types of angles; read the size of a given angle; measure angles using a protractor; find missing angles on a straight line and at a point. We are also learning about properties of shape and regular and irregular polygons.



Integrated curriculum and science



We have learnt about physical and human geography of different countries in the Far East. We have researched these countries in the computing laboratory and we have rated different search engines; we tried out several strategies to narrow down our searches and make them more accurate.



Year 6

The children in year 6 have begun their transition to year 7!

Last week, they enjoyed an activity morning with the six form prefects. The sixth formers organised a treasure hunt so the children could become familiar with the secondary classrooms and some of the secondary teachers! They also took part in several team-building activities involving cones, hoops and tennis balls!

This week, each class has spent the day in secondary following their own timetable. They have been independently moving from classroom to classroom, making sure they arrive at their next lesson on time.



They experienced a variety of lessons throughout the day including, maths, chemistry, biology, ICT and history.

One child exclaimed, "It was such a great day! I am so looking forward to being in year 7 and doing all the sciences!"

Another reported that the chemistry lesson was the best because he got to mix chemicals and wear a lab coat!

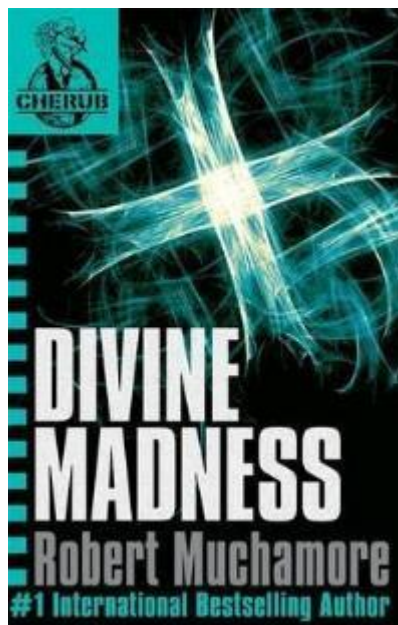
We wish all the year 6 children every success on their journey through secondary!

READING4PLEASURE

As you will already know, the benefits of reading independently for pleasure are well documented.

In each newsletter, we will include a Reading4Pleasure section with some recommended reads and book reviews written by our senior primary students of books they are currently reading or have recently read.

Our aim is to profile a range of books which we hope will encourage our students to read more.



Divine Madness

(Robert Muchamore – Cherub Series)

Reviewed by Natasha Paulucy

Divine Madness, an exciting spy adventure story, is the fifth book in the Cherub Series, written by Robert Muchamore. I started reading it after finishing the Alex Rider Series, which I also loved. I was looking for another series to get into when my teacher recommended it.

Divine Madness is about James Adams, who is a 14-year-old student. He has joined the Cherub Agency and is working as an undercover spy. In this book, he is sent to investigate the Survivor's Cult, a suspicious protest group. They are well-known for using hypnotism on people to influence them the way they want, often with very odd results. Along with his sister and a friend, he sets off on a thrilling investigation, involving danger, hypnotism and quite a few villains.

I have not been able to put this book down and read it in record time. If you like thrillers, adventures or any spy stories, this series is definitely for you! I also love how the author changes the vocabulary to make it clear where people are from...I could imagine how the characters were saying their lines. I would recommend this series to any confident reader, who is looking for an excellent series to read over the summer.

