

# THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter  
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'Achieving Excellence'



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after what has been a relaxing mid-term. We are already approaching November, which denotes the start of celebrations in the lead up to National Day. The school will join the rest of the UAE in celebrating Flag Day at 11:00am on Sunday 3rd November. Students are encouraged to wear the UAE colours of Black, Green, Red and White for the day. As a tribute to UAE culture, the school now has its own majilis, which, along with creating an authentic cultural experience, profiles pertinent points in this fine country's history. The majilis is located on the first floor, at the far end of the secondary building, and our students were lucky enough to visit it in action, where our capable student UAE Ambassadors profiled aspects of Emirati sports such as falconry and camel racing. Pictures can be seen above.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mike Sommerville  
Assistant Principal, Primary

**Value Quote: Care:**

*"If Allah the Almighty has favoured us with wealth, our first commitment is to seek Allah's satisfaction and to express our gratitude to Him by utilizing this wealth to make this country better and to bring goodness to its people."*

**HH Sheikh Zayed  
(PBUH)**

## KEY DATES

**3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER**

UAE Flag Day

**6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Parent Open Morning

8-10am followed by  
SLT coffee morning

**10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Mouloud: Prophet's  
Birthday (TBC)

**11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

U11 Girls Basketball

**12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Year 3-6 Swim Gala

Al Ain Academy

**28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

AAESS National Day  
celebration (TBC)

**30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Commemoration

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

National Day Holiday  
(TBC)

**6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Winter Concert

**12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

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# AAESS News

## New Staff

### 10 Fun Facts!

**Mr Alex Butler**  
Associate HOY 4



1. Joined the Royal Navy at 16 and served as a communicator onboard HMS Marlborough for 5 years.
2. I was the Royal Navy light welterweight boxing champion.
3. Studied P.E. at university.
4. Been on 2 T.V. game shows (Deal or No Deal and A Minute to Win It).
5. I have 2 older brothers and 1 little niece.
6. My favourite sports are cricket and football.
7. I support Manchester United Football Club.
8. I love to play my PlayStation
9. My favourite food is pizza.
10. When I was younger I wanted to be a Formula 1 driver.

## FS1

During the last month we have read *The Enormous Turnip*. We have given the children a variety of activities linked to the story, which related to ordering characters according to size and recalling elements of the story.



We have introduced them to Talk for Writing, which is a whole school initiative designed to encourage language development.

Continuing with our People Who Help Us The theme we have been talking about is Postmen and finding out how they help us. Some of the children received letters from their parents, which were read out in class. We then explored the concept of posting and receiving a letter through the mail. We have also been talking about how the cleaners at school help us; we then went on a very successful litter pick around the school. The next book we will be reading to the children is *Rosie's Walk*, which will introduce the concept of positional language. We would love it if parents read to their children on a daily basis and then take the time to ask them questions to gather their understanding of the story.

## FS2

Some of our FS 2 students went to visit Mrs McCauley to tell her our T4W stories, which was very exciting because we went all the way to the new building to meet her and we even got to ride in the lift!

We have had a busy week back after our half term break. We had a very sneaky intruder into the FS 2 classes this week, who created such a MESS!! He tipped over tables and chairs and even threw some of our work onto the ground! We had to do a lot of investigating to see who it was. They left HUGE footprints. After some research we eventually realised it was Elmer the elephant. What a cheeky fellow!

In Maths this week we have been learning all about More and Less. We have had to be able to work out what is 1 more or 1 less than a given number. Boy is that hard work!

## Year 1

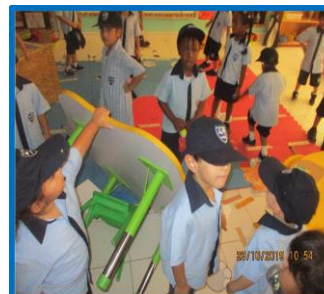
The year ones had a very enjoyable and successful Builders' Day, which was part of our theme on changes in the UAE.



All the children came to school dressed up as builders and had great fun putting their skills into use. They had to construct the Burj Khalifa out of waste materials, such as toilet rolls, boxes, plastic water bottles, paper and even paper cups. Some showed their skills, using construction materials, like bricks and Lego blocks.



The day ended with parents coming to view all the hard work done by the very proud builders!!



## Year 2

It has been an awesome first few weeks in Year 2, with so much exciting learning going on.



We have been learning many writing techniques based on our class story, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Mr and Mrs Grinling even came to visit us!



Year 2 have also been learning about different types of food that help our bodies and how important it is to have a balanced diet. Before the holidays, we had a picnic; we have never seen so much food in one place!

In Maths, we have learned about place value and developed our problem solving skills that will let us bring Maths into our everyday lives.



After the break, we were visited by Humphrey the Camel...we will soon be learning about his travels and further developing our writing skills.

We are all looking forward to see what the next few weeks bring.



### Year 3



Over the last few weeks, we have been focussing a great deal around healthy eating and creating our exploded sandwich. The time had finally come to have our Green Ship picnic. The children had a fantastic time creating and evaluating their own sandwiches, in which I'm sure, would have seen a place in one of Jamie Oliver's restaurants.



Following the new term, we are beginning our focus on a new story called 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. In which the children are extremely excited about.



In maths, we are continuing with addition and subtraction and furthermore rounding and estimation. Many of the children have shown a great understating of using the column method for addition and subtraction, in which we are very proud of them for doing so.



### Year 4

This week:

Maths: We have finished off Place Value with our hot test and are now moving onto Addition and Subtraction. We have started with mental maths and will be building up to using the column method.



English: We are well on our way with our Talk4Writing text maps. We have been busy practicing in our classrooms. We are getting ready to start writing our own versions!



Integrated Curriculum: We have started with our Grand Designs module and we are looking at the history of Abu Dhabi! We have found out some amazing facts about our nation's capital including what it looked like not that long ago!

In other news: We had the opportunity to create a little bit of green outside our new building. We have been planting and will continue to watch our plants grow.

### Year 5

#### Writing

Pupils have started a new topic on myths. We have read part 1 of "Theseus and the Minotaur" and we have guessed what would happen in part 2. They have also shown their understanding of the myth by freeze-framing the reactions of Theseus to King Minos' demands. We will start learning the text and story mapping it. You could use this website for further support.

<http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/playstory563-theseus-and-the-minotaur.html>



#### Maths

We have revisited mental addition and subtraction. Pupils have taken an assessment on addition and subtraction and we will start our new unit on multiplication and division.



#### Integrated curriculum

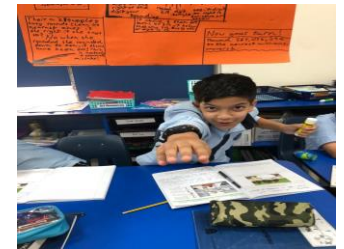
We will start our new topic called "Night at the museum". Pupils will be learning about Romans. They will place events on a timeline and will explore the geographical areas covered by the Roman Empire. Our topic will finish with an exposition of our learning throughout the term.



### Year 6

On Sunday, the year 6 playground pals were formally announced. Twenty students from across the year group were elected. The students have already shown very good leadership skills when working with the younger year groups. They are introducing new outdoor games to the year twos during break times.

Playground Pals aim to teach social skills that will be useful as they move up the primary school, and to enable the children to enjoy a comfortable, safe and fun play environment.



Congratulations to all the newly appointed Playground Pals.

Our competence for the rest of this term is **Creativity** and the value is **Resilience**. These will be incorporated across the areas of study. We will start Maths with calculations using the four operations. iMaths is up and running and tasks have been set for students as of Sunday for Topic, there will be research based projects and presentations about selected European countries. In Science, the area of study is classification. We will continue to use Talk for Writing to develop persuasive writing skills. Art will focus on perspective and landscape drawings.



Congratulations to our Playground  
Pals!

Fakhra Al Yasi  
Mariam Al Essa  
Laiba Alif  
Sarah Alkoteesh  
Ela Daw  
Lina Yassin  
Asnaa Khan  
Chayma Nemmar  
Lucy Forrester  
Noor Murshad  
Aisha Al Dhaheri  
Maryam Tawfik  
AlGhala Al Nuaimi  
Meera Al Mashgouri  
Mayamuna Ghazali  
Saleh Al Dhaheri  
Mohammed Hasabo  
Yasir Alla  
Thinon Ratnayake  
Aysha Al Qubaisi

