

THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter
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'Achieving Excellence'



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Sunday, the school joined in the celebrations for UAE Flag Day. Flag Day was initiated to celebrate the inauguration of Sheikh Khalifa as President of the United Arab Emirates in 2004, and to commemorate the work of Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid in uniting the seven emirates before him.

At 11:00am everyone met outside with great excitement and the PE court area was filled with a sea of green, white, red and black as the anthem played and the flag was raised.

This week the students have engaged in Anti-Bullying Week, featuring Odd Socks Day, which aims to recognise and celebrate differences; it is this that makes our world so vibrant! Students have learnt about types of bullying: physical, verbal, emotional and cyber-bullying plus how everyone can make the world a better place with random acts of kindness.

Mr. Mike Sommerville
Assistant Principal, Primary

KEY DATES

20th NOVEMBER

U9 Boys Football

Al Ain Academy

24th NOVEMBER

Primary and
Secondary Aquathlon

Al Ain Academy

26th NOVEMBER

Year 1 & 2 Swim Gala

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30th NOVEMBER

Commemoration Day

1st - 3rd DECEMBER

National Day Holiday

(TBC)

9th DECEMBER

U9 & 11 Girls' bench
ball

11th DECEMBER

Winter Concert

12th DECEMBER

End of term

KS1 and KS2 Reports
Home

Value Quote:

Resilience

*"My barn having
burnt down, now
I can see the
moon"*

Mizuta
Masahide

17th Century
Japanese Poet
and Samurai

AAESS News

New Staff:
Mr Jarrod Wright
Year 3 Teacher
10 Fun Facts!



1. I am South African.
2. I have been playing football for 23 years.
3. I am a massive Manchester United fan.
4. I have an older brother and a younger sister.
5. My favourite colour is blue.
6. I enjoy playing social golf and tennis.
7. I worked for a radio station, producing live on air shows.
8. I do not like peanut butter.
9. I can speak Afrikaans.
10. I studied construction studies for a year before moving into teaching.

Nursery

During the last month we have been reading Rosie's walk. We gave the children a variety of activities linked to the story, which related to positional language.

We have started with our topic of Towers and Turrets introducing them to stories with Castle's, Kings and Queens.

We have our weekly visit to the library where our children have a variety of books to look through and enhance their learning experience with reading.

We took the kids on a letter hunt where they had to walk around the playground and look for the letters their names start with and identify letters in their name. This is all part of letter recognition.

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

We have been busy these past few weeks reinforcing our children's skills using the concepts of 'one more, one less' using number lines and five frames.

We have been practicing our story of Elmer with our actions and are looking at sequencing the story. We are still learning about animals from around the world and are very excited to visit the zoo next week.

On Tuesday 12 November we wore our odd socks to school to show our support for the anti-bullying week at our school.



Year 1

Our week started with a big discovery of an egg on our playground! Where did it come from and most importantly, what was inside it? The children made lots of predictions. The next day we found that the egg has hatched, but whatever was inside...was missing!



We found some snowy footprints all over the building! The mystery was solved the next day, when we saw the CCTV footage... It was a penguin!!! It must definitely be lost!!



On Sunday everyone dressed up in the colours of the UAE flag in red, black, green and white to celebrate National Flag Day!!



Year 2

It's been a very busy week this week in Year 2, with so many different activities going on.



On Sunday, we celebrated National Flag Day. We all made a flag and waved them as the big flag was raised on top of the new building. The whole school was there! We made pinwheels and crowns in the colour of the UAE flag and iced the flag onto a biscuit. They were yummy to eat!

On Wednesday, we had our Parents open morning. Lots of parents came to visit our lessons and spend time with us during our learning time. Some parents got to see us swim.

In Geography, we are learning about maps. We became falcons and flew around our classroom looking down at the classroom. When we landed we drew a map of our classroom.



Thursday assembly now takes place in the new auditorium. It is so comfortable sitting on these plush chairs. Class 2F and 2C have already performed their assembly. It was amazing. Well done!

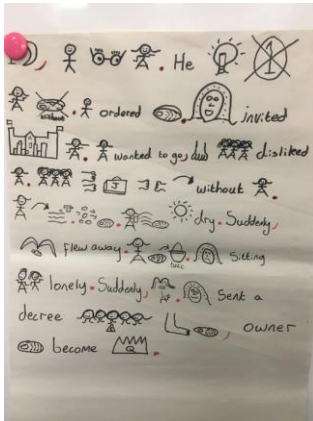
We are all looking forward to see what the next few weeks brings...

Year 3

The past few weeks we have been focusing on our new book 'The Egyptian Cinderella.' The children have been learning the story by using our talk for writing actions and creating fantastic story maps.



In maths, we have also began our new topic of 'multiplication and division.' The children have been using arrays to help them learn their times tables.



The children have been Egyptian builders this term and are creating a range of pyramids out of different materials. They have also looked at the importance of the River Nile and how farming was such a fundamental role in Egyptian times.



Year 4

We hope you are enjoying reading what we have been up to in the last couple of weeks!



This week:

Maths: Since our last newsletter we have completed our Addition and Subtraction with all of us improving our knowledge in this area and getting great results!



English: We have finished our Wishing Tales with some being very amusing to our teachers! We are now looking at diary writing. We are enjoying exploring the features of this genre of writing.

Integrated Curriculum: We have finished our topic Grand Designs with a fabulous day of building bridges! We had great fun designing them and then building them. We have now moved onto Al Ain Defenders and we look forward to sharing more with you as we explore this topic in more detail over the rest of the term.



Year 5

Writing

Pupils have described the Minotaur and a hero. They have created a text map of Theseus and the Minotaur. We have also learnt a new myth using the London Grid for Learning: "Orpheus and Eurydice". Pupils have magpied vocabulary from this website and have completed a reading comprehension to retrieve, deduct and infer information from this myth.



<https://www.lgfl.net/learning-resources/summary-page/talking-stories-3>

Maths

We have learnt about statistics focusing on line graphs. We have learnt how to interpret and draw line graphs and solve problems involving line graphs.

Integrated curriculum

We have created a Roman time line and have compared these events to UAE events. Also, we have looked at real Roman artefacts to learn about their past and what their daily life would look like. We have also established comparison with our lives nowadays and the impact of Romans inventions on our daily life. Besides, we have located on a map all the countries conquered by Romans and we have compared the way those countries were called in Latin and the way those countries are called nowadays in other languages.



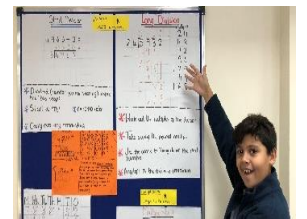
Year 6

Year Group 6

There was a lot of excitement around Anti-Bullying this week. The classes have been learning about bullying and the effects it has on others. They have shared their feelings and thoughts on the matter, and how to deal with it. Some created posters and others took to illustrating it in a cartoon style layout.



Maths: Division is a challenging task, remember when you had to face it in school. While learners chipped away at the mammoth task to build their understanding, they are working towards mastering it.



They have looked at it in different ways. The best part was seeing learners get excited about grasping the concept.

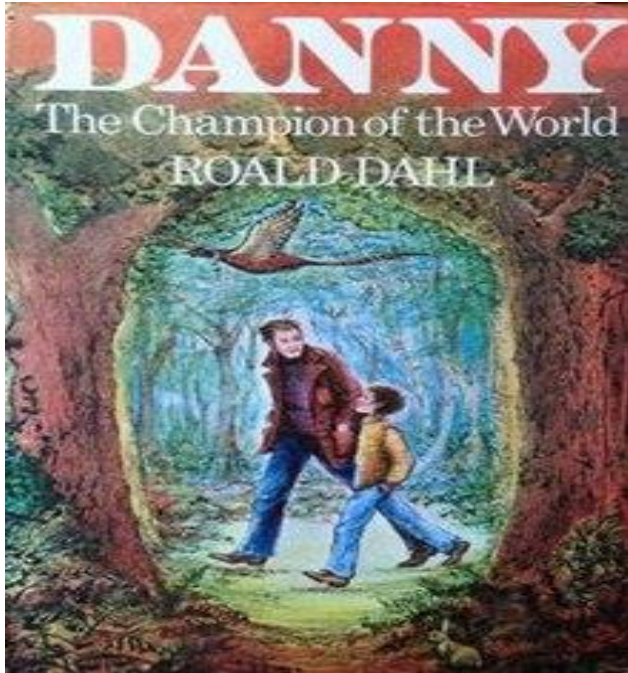


READING⁴PLEASURE

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 and staff, of books they are currently reading or have read.

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



READING⁴PLEASURE- Mr Sommerville's Favourite Childhood Book!

Danny the Champion of the World –Roald Dahl

My mother started reading to me when I was less than a month old so I was always going to love reading! This was my favourite book when I was growing up and the cover was the one I unwrapped on my 9th birthday. As you can see, it is from a time before Quentin Blake's artwork adorned the front of Roald Dahl's books. Danny is a boy who lives with his father in a caravan beside the garage and small gas station they own. By day, besides school, Danny helps his Dad fix local villagers' cars, so that one day he can be just like his father. By his seventh birthday, he can even strip down and reassemble a small motor! But one night he discovers his Dad has disappeared! When he locates him crying for help from the bottom of a hole in the nearby wood, Danny's Dad has to tell him the secret he has been harbouring for years. A great battle between the haves and the have-nots. Who will come out the champion?