

# THE AAESS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## KEY DATES

WB 21<sup>st</sup> June

Year 6 Secondary  
Transition week

2<sup>nd</sup> July

End of Academic  
Year



Dear Parents/Guardians, Jana 4A

Eid Mubarak to all our school families! We trust you have had a restful break over the last few days and managed to enjoy some family time as we move from the holy month of Ramadan into Shawwal. Primary classes have taken the remaining two days of this Eid holiday week to take stock and revise concepts taught from throughout the year, plus to engage in independent project learning.

Regular daily timetabled subject learning will return next week, 31<sup>st</sup> May, as well as live group sessions. Regular learning hours – 7:30am - 2:30pm - will also resume.

Please take the time to peruse the great learning profiled by each Year Group in this newsletter.

Mr. Mike Sommerville  
Assistant Principal, Primary

### Value Quote: Integrity

*"The greatness of a person is not in how much wealth they acquire, but in their integrity and their ability to affect those around them positively"*

Bob Marley

## 10 Things You May Not Know About our Leaders

**Mr Poisat**  
**HOY 4**



1. I love to go fishing
2. I am an amazing cook
3. I have a little puppy called Arlo who is only 1.8kg
4. I have never played in the snow
5. I would love to one day live on an island and grow old doing nothing but relaxing
6. I had 7 other jobs before I became teacher
7. One of those jobs was doing sports on a radio station
8. My mother phones me every week to make sure I'm OK
9. Golf is something that I have gotten better at over the last 5 years (Al Ain club champion)
10. I remember everyone's names of who I have taught, even the very first student I taught 12 years ago

### Nursery

In nursery we are continuing to learn how to blend words. Children had to identify some letters and add them together to form new words.

In maths we are learning that anything can be counted, and we are using low numbers to count with. We learned to count with some building blocks, gummy bears and even our fingers and toes.

In understanding the world, we learned about mothers and their young. Like a chicken and a chick.

We took our binoculars and went on a "spot the animal hunt". We saw some tigers, ant eaters and many more jungle animals.



We also did a very cool experiment with miss Lynda using milk, food colouring and dishwashing liquid, where we learned that the dishwashing liquid made the food colouring spread over a wide area of the milk.



### FS 2

We had a wonderful week of storytelling in FS2 this week. Our little ones had to come up with their own story using Jack and the Beanstalk as a guideline. They had to draw their own stories and write some captions. We are enjoying some amazing stories with our Oxford Owl stories book collection as well.



In maths we are learning about single digit addition and played a fun number game.

We are learning that anything can be counted. As part of our science experiment of the week we had to identify objects and test if they melt in the hot UAE sun. It was so much fun to see what melts and what amount of time it takes to melt in the sun. (hint! chocolate melts really fast)



### Year 1

This week we have listened to the story: 'Dear Zoo'. As we are not able to visit the zoo and we feel that the animals must be very lonely, we decided to write letters to Al Ain Zoo, asking them to send us an animal to look after. The children came up with some very clever ideas how to look after these animals and how they will keep them safe and happy!



For our Thrilling Thursday Art activity, we had lots of fun making handprint animals!



To celebrate Eid, the children made some Eid decorations and explained what they are grateful for during this special time!



### Year 2

Year 2 have been so busy the last two weeks and have shown such amazing effort and dedication.



In maths we have been learning about money, what money the UAE has and we have been role-playing shops with it. All the classes have sent such amazing photos and videos.



In English, we have been learning about a brand new story called 'The Way Back Home' where we learnt about a little boy who travelled to space and met a friend. However, we thought it was so funny because he got there using a ladder!



In Science, we have been learning about the environment and how we can keep it safe. We learnt about the rainforest and how to keep the orangutans safe.

We hope you all had a wonderful Eid!



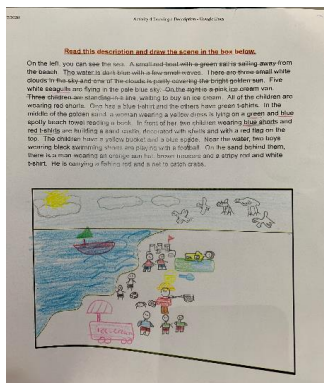
### Year 3

It has been another busy two weeks in Year 3, we have been very artistic.

In maths we have been focussing on analogue time. How to read time from an analogue clock focusing on o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have also been reading time in intervals of time.



In English it was all about the innovation of the story The Tunnel by Anthony Browne. The students have been very creative in changing the story and we cannot wait to read the final product. In reading they had to write a descriptive paragraph describing a character from a story they read and had to read information very carefully to complete a picture.



For Integrated Curriculum, the students were focussing on famous artists around the world. The past two weeks they looked at Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso.

### Year 4

Hello and welcome back to our Year 4 Newsletter! We have been busy over the last two weeks becoming teachers and learning more about the Victorians! We have also been getting in tune with our scary side in English!

#### This week:

**Maths:** We have become teachers! We chose a topic and then gave a short lesson to help our classmates! We had a lot of fun doing it and our teachers also enjoyed watching them!



**English:** We have been continuing our suspense writing! We have started looking at characters and how we can add more details to our characters using their traits. We are now able to distinguish between good characters and bad characters!



**Integrated Curriculum:** We have been continuing our project on the Victorians and have also been creating some great artwork!

#### In other news:

We are still missing school, but we have been enjoying time at home; we were able to celebrate Eid with our families.

### Year 5

#### Writing

We have continued to learn about Aragon, a non-chronological report. Pupils can now talk the text with actions. Also, we have learnt about semicolons, identifying their uses and constructing sentences that match all three uses of semicolons learnt. Furthermore, pupils have provided examples of the features of non-chronological reports in a grid and in "save it" boxes.



#### Maths

We have continued learning about decimals. First, we learnt about decimal complements to 1 and then, we have worked on adding and subtracting decimals with regrouping. We have also learnt how to apply those skills to problem solving and deeper thinking questions.

#### Integrated curriculum

We continued to learn about our topic "The Far East". We have studied the landmarks of different countries in the Far East. Besides, we have gone on a virtual trip to Japan. We visited different areas of the city of Tokyo, a castle and parks in the countryside and a festival. We did some observational drawing at different stages of our trip. Moreover, we also watched a street band performing their repertoire.



### Year 6

Eid Mubarak from all of us in Year 6!

In English, we are beginning to take our understanding of discussion texts and apply our ideas to another topic. This means understanding the structure and order as well as the language features.

In maths, we have learnt and applied our understanding of areas and volume, solving problems involving 2D shapes such as triangles and parallelograms, and various 3D cuboid-based shapes.



In integrated curriculum, we are just about to move on to one of our highly anticipated topics – Formula 1- At Home this time! First tasks involve creating a team name and mission statement as well as a logo.



In Art we have been dabbling in the performing arts, by making our own puppet show theatres and plays!

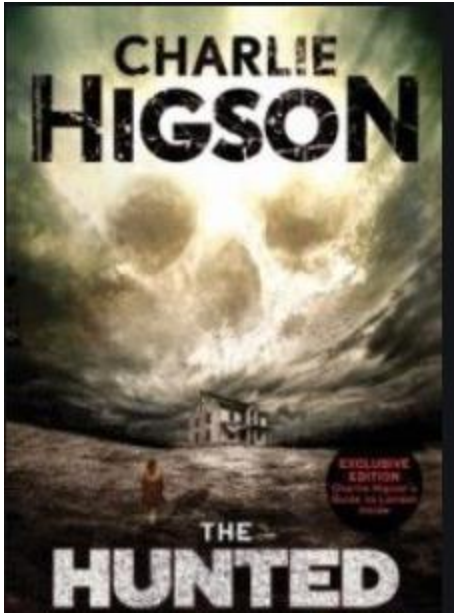


## READING4PLEASURE

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.



### The Hunted

Charlie Higson

Reviewed by Basel Abdelmalak – Year 6

Deputy Head Boy

The Hunted is Charlie Higson's sixth terrifying installment in the thrilling "The Enemy" series.

A sickness has struck everyone over the age of fourteen. First it twists their minds, then ravages their bodies. Now those affected wander the streets cold and hungry.

The main character, Ella, untouched by the disease, believes the words of her friends and escapes the town she lives in for the countryside. What they don't realise though is that the countryside is far more dangerous than any city and soon she disappears.

Another character in the book, Ed wants to assemble a search crew to find her, even though they don't know where to start looking or what they will meet out there.

As they begin looking, "the sickos" – those affected by the disease - continue to move towards the city, which Ella's rescuers are trying to escape, and will destroy anything in their path!

Recommended for upper primary readers.