



Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



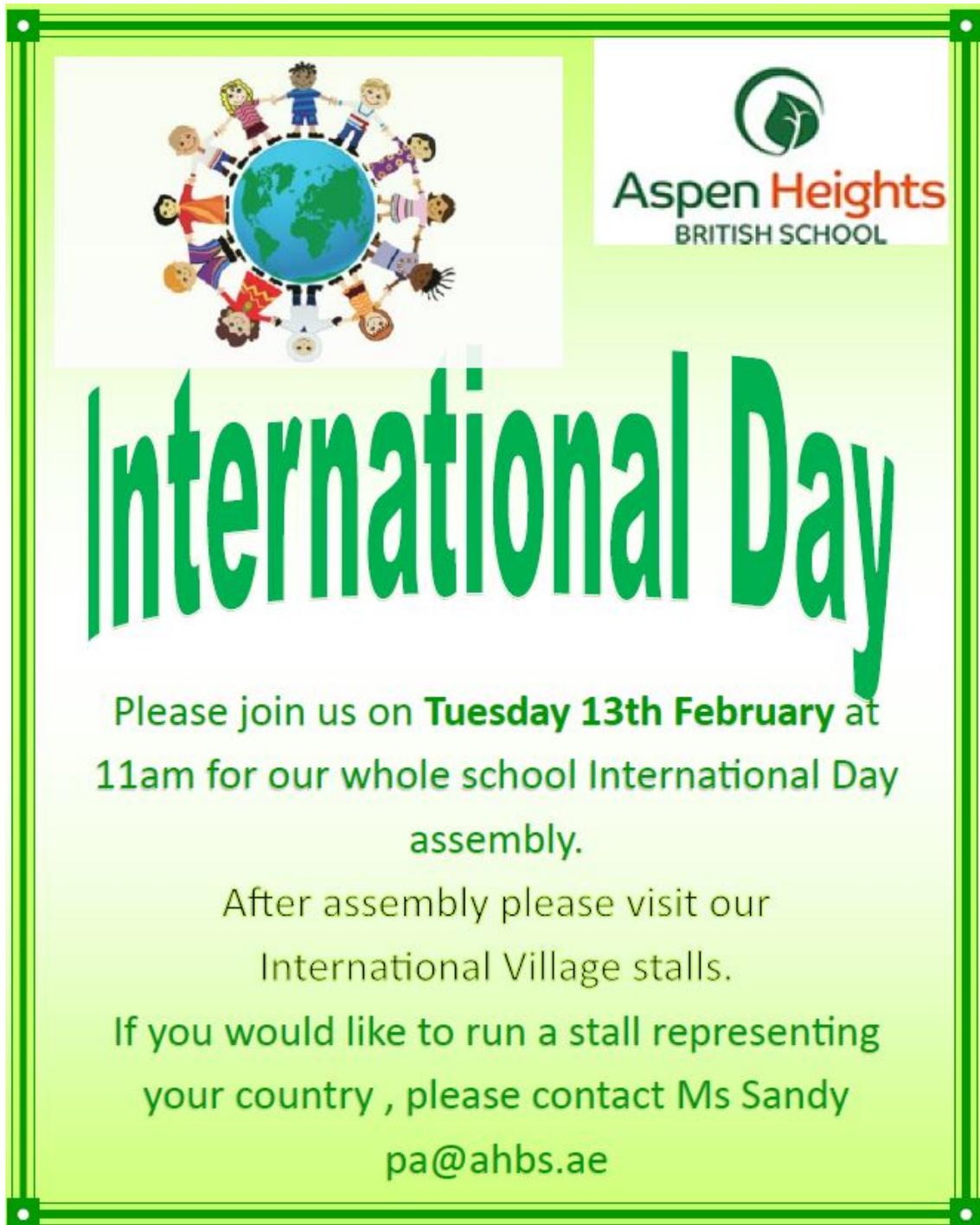
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Dear families,

International Art, Music and Dance week

During 11th-13th February Aspen Heights will celebrate International Art, Music and Dance, culminating in an International day assembly on Tuesday 13th at 11am. Learning about one another's culture and traditions promotes tolerance, understanding and a sense

of community. All families are welcome to attend, and enjoy the stalls once you have collected your children from their classroom. Families who would like to be involved in running a stall celebrating their country's traditions, please email Sandy Saadeh: pa@ahbs.ae. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.



International Day

Please join us on **Tuesday 13th February** at 11am for our whole school International Day assembly.

After assembly please visit our International Village stalls.

If you would like to run a stall representing your country, please contact Ms Sandy pa@ahbs.ae

Year 3 and 4 charity assembly

I was very impressed with the creativity and independence of our year 3 and 4 children who launched their charity initiative for animals for the next 2 weeks. Any donations of food, bowls, toys, bedding for the animal shelter, please



bring into year 3 Flamingos. We will invite a member of the animal action group to assembly to collect the donations on 22nd February.

Family workshop

Supporting families with their children's learning is one of our key objectives at Aspen Heights; we would like to invite you all to an e-safety and educational resources we use in school on Thursday 8th after assembly.

Attendance and punctuality- every lesson counts!

We know that children who come to school more regularly make better progress, and need families to support with this. I have noted that some children are regularly late into school- they are missing important learning which will mean that they make slower progress than their classmates. Well done to Y5 Hawkscills class who has the best attendance this week, and to Year 2 Oryx class who has the fewest late children!

	Attendance%	Punctuality% Late
FS1 Butterflies	86.04%	2.90%
FS1 Geckoes	86.87%	5.71%
FS2 Bulbuls	88.30%	7.60%
FS2 Doves	92.29%	10.90%
Y1 Hares	92.69%	5.57%
Y2 Oryx	93.88%	2.80%
Y3 Flamingos	96.28%	4.60%
Y4 Falcons	92.15%	6.31%
Y5 Hawkscills	95.71%	6.57%

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful weekend with your family,

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

Principal Aspen Heights British School

Great news from Ms Sonia, our Librarian!

The library will now open one day each week after school to allow parents to come with their children to explore our lovely books

Opening Times

Every Tuesday

2:00 – 2:30 FS1 and FS2 parents and children

2:20-2:45 Years 1 to 5 parents and children



FS1 Butterflies

This week the Butterflies had an amazing learning experience and they were all actively participating. The children moved to ‘Squiggle whilst we Wiggle’ and practised their fine motor skills and brain gym. The colourful napkins and the colourful squiggles with the crayons raised their level of excitement.



In Literacy, the children wanted to help ‘Dougal the Diver’ with his findings. Dougal could not remember which animals live in the sea and which do not. So the children helped him find the correct habitat and later they drew different habitats.



The children were amazed at how some of the sea animals can live in the sea and some of them can live outside the water also. We went for a learning walk to see our school aquarium and to see ‘Taylor the Tortoise’ for further exploration.



In Mathematics, we fed a very hungry shark that lives in our class. The children counted the number of fish and fed him accordingly. We also did some fishing and put the fish in the boat and sailed away. We also continued our learning outside and we did counting in the fresh breeze.



It has been a fun week filled with great learning. I hope you talk about 'Commotion in the Ocean' with your child at home and they can share some fun facts with you. Have a restful weekend.

FS1 Geckoes



It has been a very busy and exciting week in Gecko Class. It all started when Dougal sent us a letter asking us to help him investigate some more items he had found while diving. When we looked at the items we were surprised, they didn't look like things that should be in the sea.

In Literacy we drew a perfect habitat for the fish in groups. We included lots of different sea animals and seaweed. We didn't draw any rubbish!



There were plastic bags, bottles and other rubbish! We were shocked and started to think about how this rubbish came to be in the sea. We also learnt about how this would damage the sea animals home. We learnt a long word for their home – habitat.





In Science we learnt about how oil can sometimes leak into the sea from ships and damage the habitat. We conducted our own experiment with oil in water and saw how dirty it made the sea!



This week we have also been continuing our learning on being a kind friend. We each drew a picture of our friends and talked about why we liked them. We also thought about being a kind friend to the sea, and not throwing rubbish in the sea. We helped Miss Bernadette make the right choice about where she should throw her empty water bottle!

In Mathematics we have been counting fish into the shark's mouth! This was very fun, but a little scary too!

We hope you have a nice relaxing weekend, and if you visit the beach, please keep the sea nice and clean!

FS2 Bulbuls

This has been an exciting and busy week for Bulbuls. We have been continuing our learning about pirates. In literacy we have been writing the beginning of our own pirate stories. We have been remembering to use finger spaces between each word and to use a full stop at the end of a sentence.



In Science we have been scientist's investigating which objects float and sink. We recorded our results on a table. We found that the cork floated and the marble sunk. We are excited to find out more about floating and sinking at bath time at home.

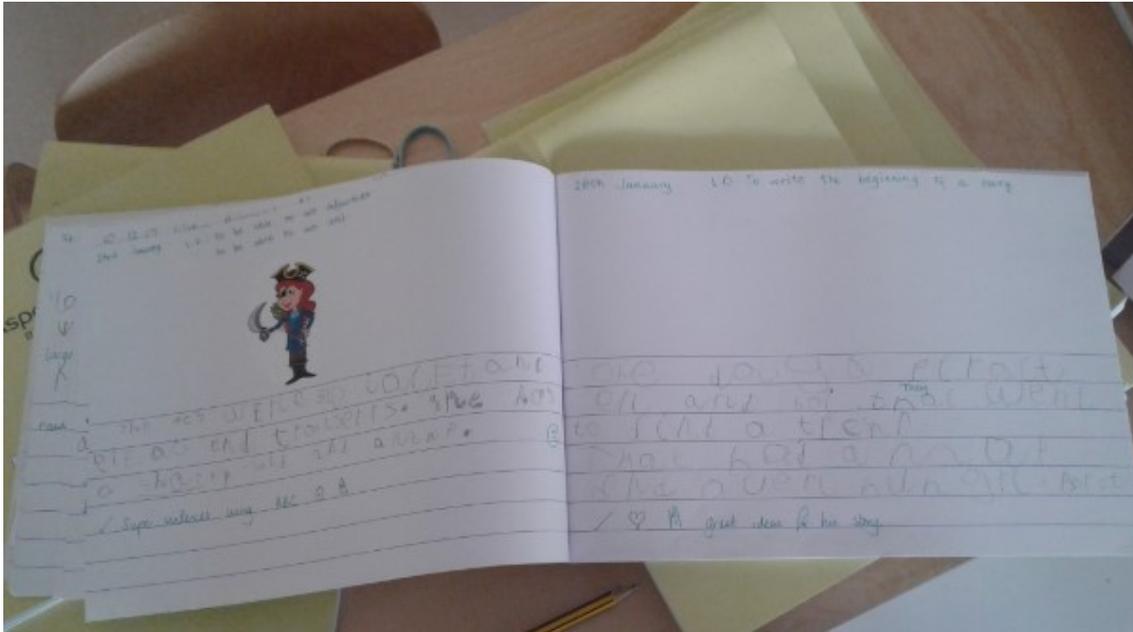


Bulbuls have also been busy cooking this week. We mixed flour, butter and sugar together to make biscuits. Pirates often made biscuits when they were at sea. I hope you all enjoyed them!

FS2 Doves

Amazing story writers!

This week, Doves have started putting their own story together about pirates. Together, we retold a short story about pirates and from there the children have planned and wrote the beginning of their own stories. Verbally, they shared great descriptive sentences.



Please ask your child about what they have included in their story and what problem their pirate might face as s/he sail to an island.



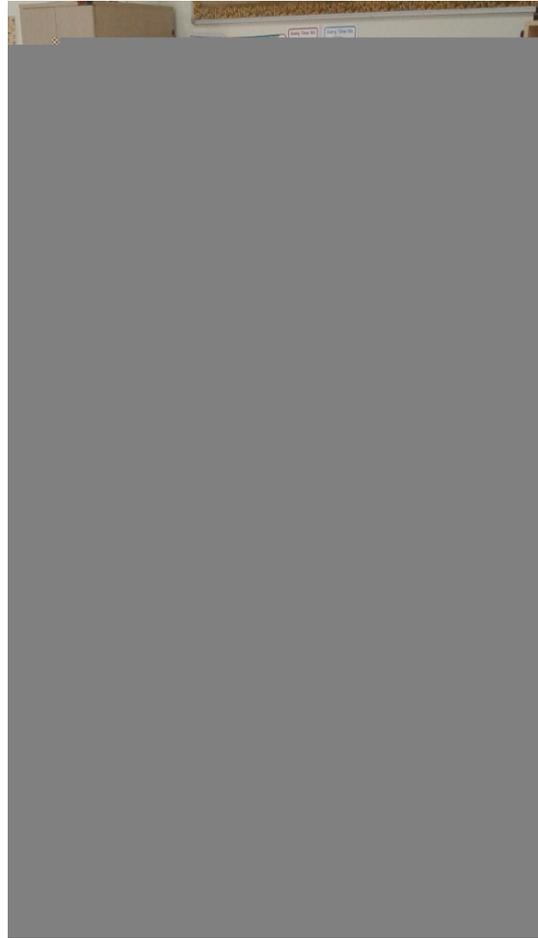
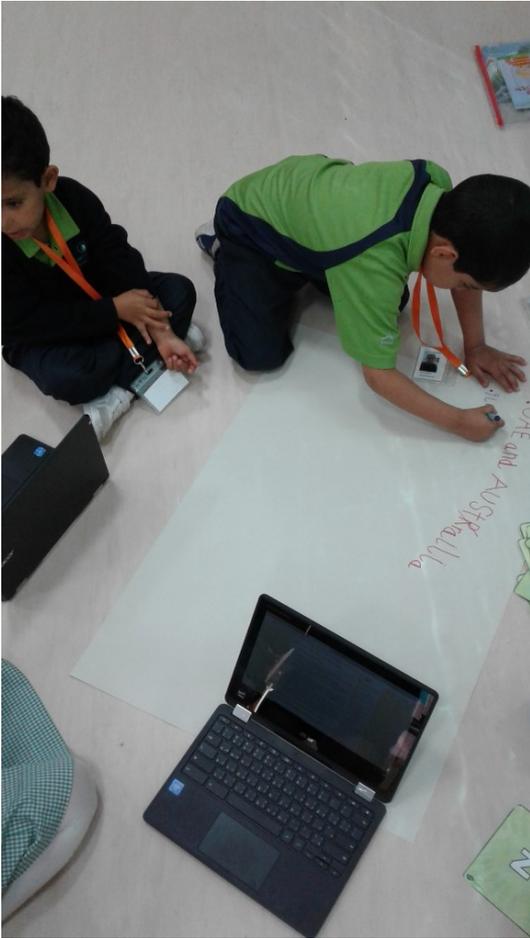
In mathematics we have started using 'add' and 'more' in addition problems.

Doves showed a great understanding of addition when they were able to give one more and they were able to count the total in two groups.

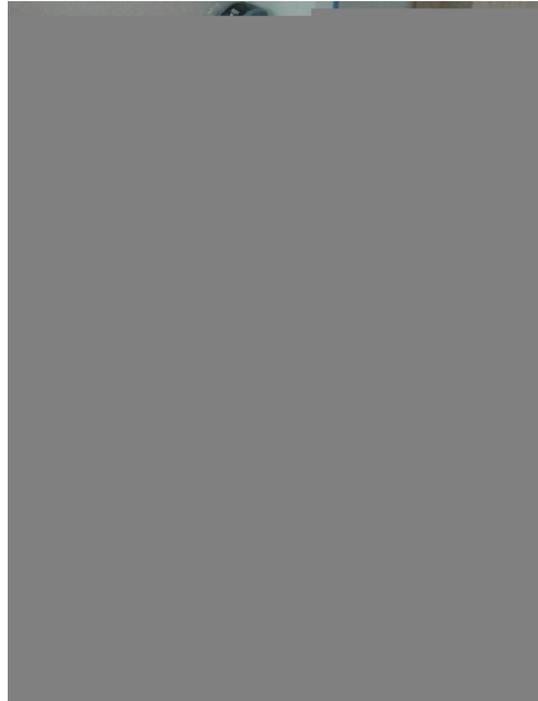
**Ask your child to add two small groups and count how many there are altogether
e.g. I have 3 strawberries on this plate and 4 on the other plate. How many
strawberries are there altogether? Your child has been shown to pull the plates next
to each other to count the objects.**

Super learning Doves!

Year 1 Hares



We have had another great week of learning in Year 1. On Sunday morning, we received an e-mail from a Scientist called 'Research Rob' who asked us to research UAE seaside animals. He also posted us 'Animal Researcher' badges! None of us knew what a 'dugong' was so we have learnt this as well as many facts about them and dolphins. Our research has been part of our Science lesson this week too.



During Mathematics we have been learning multiplication through grouping and have had lots of fun building different types of arrays.

In an Art lesson we learnt different ways to shade and then did observational drawings of shells which turned out really well and they were all unique.

We are all very much looking forward to our educational visit to 'Emirates Zoo' next Tuesday. Please ensure you have paid.

Year 2 Oryx

It has been a very busy week in Year 2 Oryx. In Mathematics, we have been learning how to take away and to show one less. We have used counters to work out the answer.

In Literacy, the children have worked extremely hard to write the beginning of their own story. They have used super adjectives to describe their character.

In Geography, we have been locating UAE using a globe and an Atlas. The children have enjoyed finding UAE and finding out the names of nearby countries.

In Science, we have continued to care for our plants by watering them every day. Our plants have grown so much.

Year 3 Flamingos

Enjoy the Video!

This week, Year 3 were excited to welcome a new member to Flamingos class. We have been extremely friendly and helpful, showing how we use the 4Cs in our school.

In English, we created a story map for our own original fairy-tales. We used features of traditional fairy-tales to help inspire us. We loved creating our own stories with unique, magical creatures and lots of amazing adjectives. We are going to try to use adjectives in all of our writing to keep it descriptive and interesting.

In Mathematics, we have been learning how to create our own tally charts. We chose the information that we wanted to find out and practised drawing the chart.

We filled in the table by taking a survey in some of the classes. We then used this information to create different graphs.

In computing, we are perfecting our photo taking skills and we enjoyed taking pictures of the different parts of a plant. We remembered what a lot of the functions of the plant parts were and could explain these in our own words.

Year 4 Falcons

What a fun time we've had in Year 4 learning all about time. We began by looking at am and pm. Then we started to convert times from analogue to digital and vice versa. Afterwards, we learned to read the time and write it. When we had finished that we started to look at schedules and timetables. This was an opportunity for Year 4 to use time to create schedules and work out the length of time that things lasted for. Maybe the children can use this skill to create a timeline for their explorer in their exhibition in the coming weeks.

In English, Year 4 Falcons have continued to research their explorer and write their biographies.

We have also been very busy preparing for our assembly. We joined with

In topic this week, we've been focusing on map reading and drawing skills. We even had a treasure hunt, following a map and solving clues to find the treasure.

Again, I look forward to seeing these skills being displayed with pride when we open our Museum.

Year 3 Flamingos and began to research about how animals need our help and what we can do. We thought of all of the ways that people are affecting the lives of animals around the world. Then we decided to see what we can do to help.

We have now decided to ask the children and families to donate animal food, toys, blankets and brushes to the school, so that we can donate them to animal shelters around the city and area. We are also having a bird table/house building competition. Each child is being encouraged to enter the competition by building a bird house/table at home, decorating it and then bringing it to school to enter the competition. The cost of entering is 10aed and with this money we will adopt an endangered animal.

We really hope that the entire school will support us in our charity.

Year 5 Hawksbill

This week Year 5 have learnt a lot about graphs. They have conducted their own survey to find out how environmentally friendly our school is. The children in Aspen Heights think that our school is really good at looking after animals, growing plants and recycling. We created graphs to show our data and learnt how to interpret and understand data.

In English this week we have enjoyed learning about past and present tense verbs. We have done actions to learn about verbs and worked out the rules for turning some verbs to past tense. We have also learnt that you only put speech marks around what is being said. We used speech bubbles to help us do this.

In science we concluded our experiment on evaporation and worked out that the container in the sun evaporated the quickest. We thought about water in hot countries and looked at ways we can save water. In computing we learnt about communications and how to send messages through flag signals. We really

enjoyed trying to guess what the messages were.

In art we have painted using contrasting colours to make our pictures more interesting.

Music

This week, to respect and observe the three days of mourning for Sheika Hessa Bint Mohammed Al Nahyan, we did not sing or play our instruments in Music. We focussed instead on rhythm and writing of music.

In KS1 and KS2, we learned how to write music notation and compose our own rhythms. Here are some photos of our written compositions.

In FS1 and FS2, we focussed on developing out phonics and identifying emotions.

To do this we described objects from the listening bag and practised rhythmic words, then we identified different emotions and what might cause each one.

PE

Run the World Challenge

We have now run to all of the seven Emirates. Well done Aspen Heights! Our next

challenge is to run the world!!!

For International Day 2018 each of our classes will be linked to a country. The children will learn about this country's language, traditions and cultures. As part of our Run the World Challenge, we will be running to each of the countries linked with our class groups. The first country we will run to is Oman, linked with FS1 Butterflies Class; we will run from Abu Dhabi to Muscat, Oman, a total distance is 475km. Check in to see how far we have gotten each week.

Term 2 Week 4: We have run 95.25km as a whole school this week. We are currently 379.75km away from Muscat, Oman

GoGo the PE Mascot

GoGo will go home with Matilda Taylor from FS1 Geckoes this weekend. Matilda has been displaying immense enthusiasm for running and has been clocking up some serious mileage on the outdoor running track this week. She even led her whole class around the track single handily. Well done Matilda! Have fun and don't forget to upload the photos to our padlet of you and GoGo being active together:

<https://padlet.com/soneill8/gogo>

Healthy Eating at Aspen Heights

Our healthy eating padlet page has seen a bit more action this week. Well done to everyone who has been eating healthily and uploading their photos and recipes to the page. The FS1 Geckoes' class were also giving us some healthy eating inspiration at snack time this week. Thank you Geckoes!

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مادة التربية الإسلامية

كما اعتدنا مع أبنائنا الطلاب اندماج دروسنا وتفاعلها مع الهوية الوطنية ودرسنا هذا الأسبوع بعض الدروس. مثل:

التسامح، وأخلاق المتقين، وآداب الطعام، والتي قمنا بربطها
أيضاً بالواقع المعاصر الذي نعيشه في حياتنا اليومية
وبهويتنا الوطنية، وأيضاً أكدنا على أبنائنا الأعراف بأهمية هذا
العام لتسميته بعام زايد الخير، وغرس القيم التي أرساها
سمو الشيخ زايد رحمه الله تعالى في نفوس أبناء شعب دولة
الإمارات

مادة اللغة العربية

بدأ طلاب الصف الأول في حفظ سورة
الناس وفهم تفسيرها حفظهم الله
ورعاهم

لتنمية مهارة القراءة عند طلابنا تحمس طلاب الصف الثالث لقراءة قصة (بلا قبعة) وترتيب أحداث القصة

حافظ طلاب الصف الرابع على عرض أهمية العمل
التطوعي بعد قراءة قصة (حلا) واختاروا شعارها (بقايا
طعامك وليمة للآخرين) شعار للصف

بعد قراءة طلاب الصف الخامس قصة سقف الاحلام رسمنا
مخطط للقصة لتوضيح سير القصة واستطاع الطلاب سرد
الأحداث كاملة ومقارنة المدينة المنسية بالإمارات الحبيبة

مادة الدراسات الإجتماعية والتربية الأخلاقية

تتوالى الأسابيع وتتنوع الموضوعات والانشطة فقد ناقش طلابنا خلال هذا الاسبوع الكثير من الموضوعات حيث ناقش طلاب
الصف الثاني درس بعنوان : مهن اجدادى حيث تعرف الطلاب على مهن الاجداد وعبروا عن هويتهم الوطنية بضرورة المحافظة
على مهن الأجداد اما فى ما يخص بطلاب الصف الثالث فقد تعرف الطلاب على مصادر الطاقة فى دولة الإمارات بشكل عملى
أما طلاب الصف الرابع تعرفوا على عناصر الخريطة ونهى بطلاب الصف الخامس فقد استنتج الطلاب الأنشطة الاقتصادية
لدولة الإمارات

وربطاً مع مادة التربية الأخلاقية التي تتعدد وتنوع قيمها الاخلاقية أسبوعاً تلو اسبوع لإعداد جيل واعى يتحلى بالقيم الاخلاقية وممارستها مع الجميع دون النظر للجنس واللون . يعمل طلاب الصف الثانى خلال هذا الاسبوع على قيمة الصداقة والتعبير عن تقديرهم لاصدقائهم أما فيما يخص القيمة التي يعمل عليها طلابنا بالصف الثالث وهى قيمة الإنسجام اما طلاب الصف الرابع يقومون بتطبيق قيمة المواطنة الايجابية

أما فيما يخص الهوية الوطنية : الرجاء من جميع الطلاب المشاركة فى المعرض التراثى الذى يتم تحضيره خلال هذا الاسبوع ليعرض ثقافة دولتنا ويهدف الى ترسيخ المواطنة الإيجابية عند الطلاب ونشر الهوية الوطنية بين جميع الطلاب لذلك يرجى مشاركتنا ببعض الاعمال التراثية التي تميز دولتنا وتظهر ثقافتنا امام الثقافات الأخرى

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