

# Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Reading in an unusual place! Where do you like to read your favourite book?  
Can you add a photograph of yourself reading in an unusual place? Click on  
the link and look at where Ms Sandy and Miss Miller like to read! Double click  
on the padlet to add your photograph.

<https://padlet.com/headofprimary1/tj99h9v7dzwt>

**Dear families,**

This week has been all about reading, reading reading! We were delighted at the positive response by children, staff and families to the many activities provided to inspire, excite and support your children in developing a life-long love of reading.

**World Book day assembly**

We had so much fun in our world book day assembly! The teachers explained their costumes and why they had dressed up as that storybook character, then each year group entertained us with some of their learning from this week. Look at the e-book hawksbills class have created!

<https://read.bookcreator.com/5hIRa9o3UcNFp407f0iDsRmTqBj1/cd3KKp06RUevqNTmVeL69Q>

We finished with a whole-school talk 4 writing rendition of 'My friend whale,' that we learned during our Saadiyat beach trip last week.



### Book fair

As a result of family and children's support of the 'Little thinkers' book fair that was held this week, our school library now has 50 new books to entertain and inspire your children- thank you.



### Hessa Al Mazrouei – author visit

We were delighted to welcome the Emirati author Hessa Al Mazrouei to our school yesterday. She inspired our children with her stories 'When Noor became a princess', and 'My scarlet coat'. Well done to Sara in Year 4 and Mahra in Year 5 who dressed up as her 'scarlet coat' character for world book day! She left commenting on how enthusiastic, polite and positive our children are- well done Aspen Heights!

### Sarah Sallis- author visit

We were so lucky to be inundated with authors during this book week, particularly those who are writing about familiar themes and localities. Sarah Sallis read her book 'Zaroodi goes to the parade'- all



about a young Emirati boy who enjoys the National Day celebrations with his family. The children were knowledgeable, enthusiastic and respectful. We have bought some of her books for our Zayed Museum and for guided reading; families who wish to purchase these books please complete a form at reception.



**Grandparents reading in school**

Our more experienced members of our extended community took the time to visit classes to read and tell stories this week! Thank you to all who supported this initiative; we enjoyed listening to traditional tales, and favourite stories, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you all for supporting our school reading week!



**Healthy eating**

Friends of Aspen have launched an initiative to encourage Aspen children, staff and families to make healthier choices. In partnership with local organic farmers, we can order small, medium and large sized vegetable bags that are delivered to school on Thursdays. Please complete the attached order form, and submit to finance before the end of each Tuesday.



**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. Well done to Y5 Hawksbills class who has the best attendance this week, and to Y2 Oryx class who has the fewest late children!

	Attendance%	Punctuality % Late
FS1 Butterflies	95.83%	6.25%

FS1 Geckoes	91.23%	5.84%
FS2 Bulbuls	82.83%	8.08%
FS2 Doves	91.21%	16.48%
Y1 Hares	90.60%	7.69%
<b>Y2 Oryx</b>	93.65%	<b>2.38%</b>
Y3 Flamingos	93.65%	14.29%
Y4 Falcons	93.83%	9.88%
<b>Y5 Hawksbills</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	12.70%

**Next week**

We are excited that families will be attending family conferencing on Wednesday to meet with their child’s class teacher and specialist teachers to hear about the amazing progress they have been making. Please sign up for a session on the parent portal.

**Opening of the Zayed Museum**

Children, staff and families have been exceptionally busy creating artefacts and murals for our Zayed Museum, celebrating aspects of the ‘My Identity’ programme. Please come along on Wednesday before or after your meeting with teachers- on the first floor in Acacia block.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

Principal Aspen Heights British School





**Andre and Bogdan's Mom read to her family in the library this week.**

The library is now open every Tuesday after school:

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

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

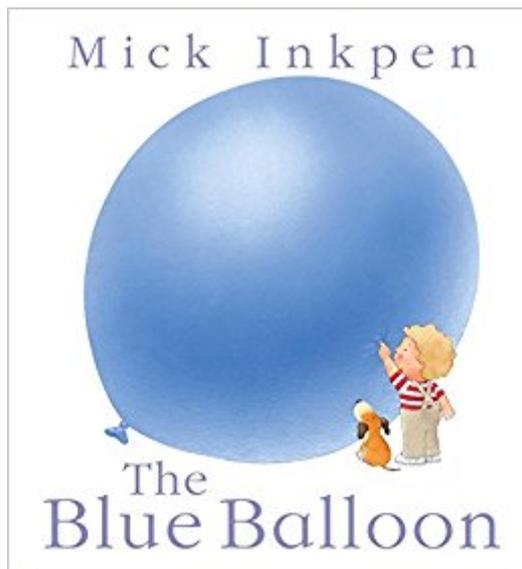


## FS1 Butterflies



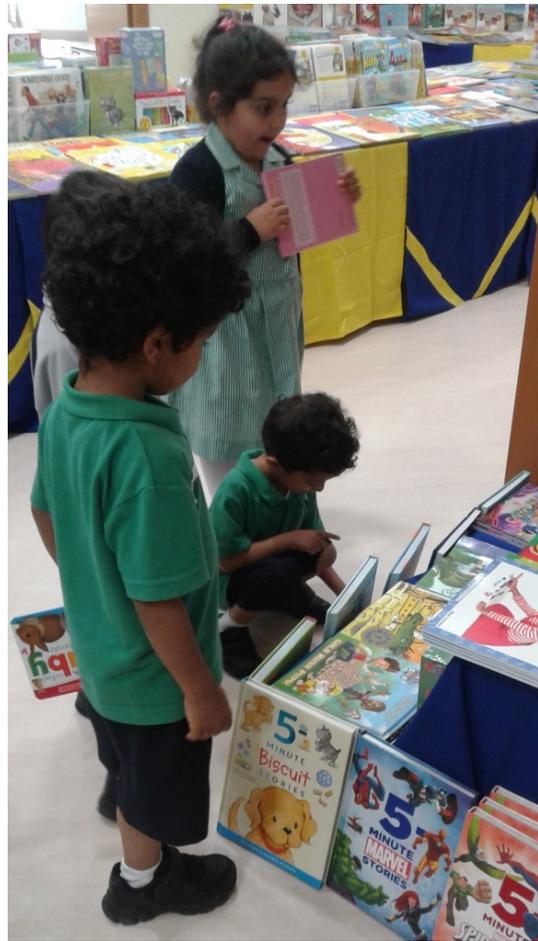
This week the children in Butterflies class got a pleasant surprise. Mrs Al Mansoori volunteered to be our 'Mystery Mum' for the book week activity and she read a story to our

learners during our library session. We thank her and appreciate her participation.



We are learning an interesting story 'The Blue Balloon' by Mick Inkpen. The children were amazed by the Blue Balloon as it was indestructible. They have wanted one ever since. You can ask your child about the magical balloon that never pops!

We also enjoyed visiting the 'Book Fair' and were happy to buy some good reads. It was a tough choice for us, not to buy all of them.



The children were excited learning about shapes and were counting the sides. The

You can ask your child to find different shapes in their home environment and

children did lots of matching and also they could sort out the shapes to put in to the right place.

surroundings.



The children enjoyed celebrating the book week and did some messy crafts to decorate our class door showcasing 'The Blue Balloon'. Keep encouraging your child to read and have a restful weekend!

## FS1 Geckoes



This has been a very busy week in Gecko class, with lots of visitors and fun!

We have been working hard with our guided reading and we have been enjoying telling the stories in our own words. Keep reading with us at home so we get better and better!



On Monday we were very lucky to have Khaled's Grandad come in to visit us! He read us a lovely story about elves who make shoes! We loved having someone different read to us.



This week is World Book Week and we have been working hard learning our story 'The Blue Balloon'. We have each made our own blue balloon and used them to turn our classroom door into a book cover! Come and have a look!



On Wednesday we had another exciting visitor. An author came to read a story with us about a little boy at National Day. We loved helping dress the boy in the correct clothes.



On Wednesday afternoon Year 2 came to read to us as well. We listened really hard to the stories the big children read to us and answered questions. Thank you Year 2 for this. We hope you have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Sunday.

# FS2 Bulbuls

Bulbuls have had another very busy week as it has been book week. This week we read 'Our Jungle' which inspired us to turn our classroom door into a jungle. All we needed was some long grass, tall tree and lots of jungle animals. Come and have a look! Which animals can you spot on our door?



We were very lucky to have a special guest called Sarah Sillis visit us this week.



We enjoyed dressing Zayed in traditional clothes and learning the names of the

She is the Author of the 'Zaroodi' books.  
Thank you so much for sharing your story  
with us.

clothing.



Thank you also to year 5 for being our reading partners this week. We really enjoyed you all reading with us.

Have a lovely weekend and see you back in school on Sunday.

## FS2 Doves



### **Sculptors in action!**

Look at the magnificent sculptures of sea creatures! The children used salt dough and small tools to create their own sea creature for our school display. We were impressed with your children's creativity, patience and effort. Next the children will go on to make 3D sculptures of animals.

**If your child enjoyed sculpting, you can make salt dough at home by simply mixing**

**flour, water and salt. Try it and see what you can create as a family.**

We have had great fun looking at different books this week and meeting authors. Some of us are very eager to write and create books of our own.



**Ask your child what their favourite book was and why. Or maybe they could tell you about our class book, Walking in the Jungle.**

# Year 1 Hares



This week in Year 1 Hares there has been lots going on.

We have continued to learn 'My Friend Whale' after the beach trip last week and have also created sea creatures out of salt dough.



In our Mathematics lessons, we have been getting better at counting money and making different amounts in different ways. The children should now be able to count out money in the shops and apply their skills in a real life context.

During English, we have written our very own sunflower poems and started our new story 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' Each child in Year 1 has planted their own bean so let's see whose beanstalk grows the tallest.

With regards to growing, our sunflowers are making progress, most of us now have shoots. Check out the photos or have a look when you are collecting your child.

**Our class assembly is next Thursday morning and we are very much looking forward to sharing our learning with you. Have a lovely weekend.**

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## Year 2 Oryx

Year 2 Oryx have loved celebrating World Book Week. We chose the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as our focus and enjoyed reading it.

We also loved acting the story, especially being the giant who says, 'Fee Fi, Fo, Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!'

In English, we created an adventure story for Oryx which was inspired by Laura Wall's Goose stories.

In Mathematics, we continued to look at 2d and 3d shapes and describing their properties. We have learnt so much about shapes.

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## Year 3 Flamingos

Year 3 Flamingos class have loved celebrating World Book Week across their learning this week. We chose the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' as our focus and enjoyed reading it to each other at the end of the day. We also created new front covers for the book and designed our classroom door based on the story.

In English, we studied the characters in the story and created a character study for Little Red Riding Hood, Grandma and the wolf.

We used our '2A sentences' to help us describe them and worked on 'because sentences' to give reasons and explanations.

In Mathematics, we continued to look at shape by identifying lines of symmetry on 2D shapes. We used mirror lines to create reflective symmetry patterns on Education City.

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# Year 4 Falcons

The favourite week of the year - for some - happened this week. Book Week has been a fun week to celebrate all that is great about books and reading.

At the beginning of the week, each pupil from Year 4 Falcons chose a book from the library and brought it to class. They then spent one minute persuading the rest of the class to choose their book for Book Week. Saleem convinced the Falcons to pick "The Boy Who Cried Ninja", this was a very entertaining book about telling the truth, please ask your child to tell you all about it.

The children then suggested how we could decorate our classroom door based on this story, they suggested letters and envelopes, characters and props and lots more. They created the pictures and our door is now centered around "The Boy Who Cried Ninja".

Last week we'd been working on creating characters and settings (after the inspiration of Laura Wall; author of "Goose"), so this week, we've written a story to accompany these characters and settings. Next week we will type these stories into BookCreator and then they will be added to our Classroom Library.

Dress up is always fun and the Falcons were excited to discuss their favourite book characters and dress up on Thursday.

In mathematics, we've been working on fractions and decimals. We enjoyed converting fractions to decimals and look forward to learning more about decimals in the future.

# Year 5 Hawksbill

This week year five have really enjoyed learning about all different kinds of books and writing their own character descriptions, alternative endings and creating their own interactive book. Year five loved the story 'There's a Diplodocus at the Door' so they created their own about a Hawksbill turtle. They liked the book because it told the story by asking questions and this was a new technique for them to use in their stories.

In mathematics this week we have been learning about angles. The children have identified angles in the classroom and have use their angle finders to work our acute, right and obtuse angles.

They have measured using protractors and have found missing angles in shapes.

In computing children have created their own codes for others to crack and found out how messages can be hidden by more complicated codes. In Science children have continued their research on water and how it changes states. They have learnt about particles that relate to different states and how this links to the water cycle.

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## PE

### **Enquiry-based Learning**

House Games Day preparations were in full swing this week and now all of the Houses are ready and set to go. But which House will win???? Will Earth win again, or will Fire, Water or Air be victorious this term? The Games Day will take place on Monday 12th March.

## Run the World

Term 2 Week 8: We have run 80.1 Km as a whole school this week. We are currently 1,936.55 kilometers away from Petra, Jordan.

### GoGo the PE Mascot

GoGo will go home with Abdulla Al Mheiri from Year 1 Hares this weekend. Abdulla has shown great leadership in PE, creating and teaching warm up games during lessons, and helping to demonstrate activities. Well done Abdulla! Have fun and don't forget to upload the photos of you and GoGo being active together to our padlet:

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

### Healthy Eating at Aspen Heights

Friends of Aspen are delighted to support the school healthy eating initiative by supplying organic mixed vegetable boxes from local organic farmers. Boxes will include: organic tomato round, organic cucumbers, organic marrow/koosa, organic potatoes, organic green capsicum, organic herbs (thyme, mint, parsley)-variable according to seasonal variation. Please complete orders and send to finance with payment by Tuesday afternoon to receive a vegetable box delivered to school on Thursday. Friends of Aspen are charging a nominal fee of 5aed per box to support school initiatives.

Upload a photo of your fresh organic vegetable box to our healthy eating padlet page.

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

### Exciting Additions to our ECA Programme - Sailing

We are delighted to announce that we will be offering sailing and horse riding as ECA's for Term 3. Please read the details below and, if you are interested in taking part, please email [soneill@ahbs.ae](mailto:soneill@ahbs.ae) immediately. Please note, at the moment we can only offer 4-6 places on the sailing activity; so please get in contact as soon as possible.

### Youth Sailing Course

**What:** This is a beginner's sailing course which will cover 10 hours of tuition over 4 weeks (2.5hrs per week). The course aims to teach the children how to prepare the boat for sailing and how to **organise and work as a team to successfully sail a boat.**

**When:** Starts Week of the 8th April for 4 weeks in total

Requirements: The child must be a minimum of 8 years of age and must be confident in the water

**Where:** Al Raha Beach Hotel Marina. We may be able to provide transport from the school, if not a drop off and pick up by parents will need to be arranged. This will be confirmed once interested families have signed up.

Cost: AED 900 per child

### Horse Riding:

**What:** For children between 3 and 7 years of age, 1 hour of tuition per week, for 6 weeks. For children over 7 years of age, 1 hour twice a week for 6 weeks. Students will be taught the fundamentals of how to ride a horse.

**When:** Starts the week of the 22nd April for 6 weeks in total

**Where:** Dhabian Equestrian Club, Al Shahama. We may be able to provide transport from the school, if not a drop off and pick up by parents will need to be arranged. This will be confirmed once interested families have signed up.

**Cost:** students age 3 to 7 years AED 540 per child (20% Discount for AHBS)  
students age 7 and over AED 700 per child (20% Discount for AHBS)

## مادة التربية الإسلامية

كعادتنا دائماً في مادة التربية الإسلامية تقديم كل ما هو مفيد لتغذية عقول أبنائنا الطلاب لزيادة وعيهم ضد الأفكار الهدامة التي لا تعود عليهم بالنفع ولا على مجتمعهم ووطنهم ، وتدريبهم دائماً على السلوكيات السوية والحسنة التي تُفيدهم وتفيد مجتمعهم ووطنهم دولة الإمارات الغالية ، ودائماً نربط دروسنا بالهوية الوطنية وتوعية أبنائنا الطلاب لهذا الدور وتفعيله داخل الصفوف من خلال الحصة الدراسية

## مادة اللغة العربية

أما فيما بطلاب الروضة الثانية فقد تم التدريب على قراءة وكتابة بعض الكلمات البصرية التي تم توزيعها على الطلاب من قبل وكذلك التركيز على التمييز بين الأرقام وإيجاد العد باللغة العربية ويرجى العلم باننا نقوم خلال هذه الأيام بمساعدة طلاب الروضة الثانية على محاولة قراءة وكتابة

مارس طلاب الروضة خلال هذا الاسبوع العديد من الانشطة اليدوية التي سهلت عليهم عملية إتقان العمليات الحسابية التي تم العمل عليها خلال هذا الأسبوع في مادتنا . فيما يخص بطلاب الروضة الاولى فقد تم التركيز على عد الأرقام من (1-10) ومساعدتهم في التمييز بين الأعداد

ومحاولة كتابة بعض الاعداد فى نفس الوقت تم توزيع ورقة  
تحتوى على الحروف العربية لهم ليتمكنوا من التدريب عليها  
فى المنزل وإعادتها مع الطالب بشكل مستمر للمدرسة

كان أسبوع رائع حيث استمتع الطلاب فى مختلف الصفوف بالقراءة لقصص متنوعة كما أنهم استمتعوا كثيراً حين استمعوا لقصة  
( معطفي القرمزي ) من الكاتبة الإماراتية (حصه المزروعى ) وكانت فرحتهم غامرة وقت تنفيذ نشاط مرتبط بالقصة  
وحرصاً منا على تطوير مهارات طلابنا فقد بدأت معهم بناء أحداث قصة وكتابة بعض الجمل البسيطة انطلاقاً لكتابة قصة جميلة  
تعبّر عن اهتمامات طلابنا . واستخدمنا بعض الوسائل والمعدات التي يستمتع الطالب باستخدامها والتعلم من خلالها وكانت الوسيلة  
هي ( الليجو ) فظهرت روح التعاون والتفاعل المبدع وخرجنا بقصة بسيطة  
متمنية تطوير مهارات طلابي الى ما يتمنوه

فى الصف الثانى قمنا بدراسة قصة الطاووس طريف وتعرفنا على كلمات من  
القصة تحوي حرف الطاء وقام الطلاب بقراءة جمل وكلمات الدرس كما قاموا  
بعمل أنشطة متنوعة لتمييز حرف الطاء

## مادة الدراسات الإجتماعية والتربية الأخلاقية

أسبوع تتجدد فيه الهوية الوطنية عند الطلاب من خلال الموضوعات المتعدده التي درسها طلابنا خلال هذا  
الأسبوع . حيث تعلم طلاب الصف الثانى والثالث من خلال درس زايد الوالد والمؤسس العديد من الصفات التي  
تحلى بها الشيخ زايد والتي كان لها النثر فى نهضته ومشواره التاريخى وحين نتكلم عن التراث ودورنا فى  
المحافظة عليه لاننسى جهود الصف الرابع فى تقديم العديد من الإقتراحات للمحافظة على تراثنا الإماراتى . أما  
حين نتحدث عن القيادة والمسؤولية فى شخصية الطالب وهى أحد أهم الكفاءات الطلابية التي عمل عليها طلاب  
الصف الخامس عند درست موضوع بعنوان (بطولات وأمجاد ) وربطه بالواقع الحالى بشخصية الشيخ محمد  
بن زايد آل نهيان

ومازال إهتمامنا ومتابعة طلابنا فى مادة التربية الأخلاقية يزداد يوماً بعد يوماً ويسعدنا التغيير الإيجابى فى سلوك طلابنا ومدى  
استجابتهم للقيم التي تعمل عليها مادة التربية الأخلاقية

ومازال فريق (أسعد شعب التطوعى ) يمارس نشاطه داخل وخارج المدرسة بهدف إسعاد الآخرين وأشكر جميع طلابى الذين بادروا بمساعده الآخرين وحرصهم على كونهم عضو فعال بالفريق

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