



Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Dear families,

We have come back refreshed and energised after our lovely Eid break, ready to continue learning right up to the very last day of school! Attendance is still buoyant as clearly the children are busy, learning and active in our school- thank you families for your continued support.



Active Aspen

We took part in our first ever whole school orienteering house challenge on Wednesday. Every single child and member of staff was assigned a team, read a map and travelled around the school finding numbers. It was exceptionally well organised, lots of fun, and kept us healthy and active in the heat. Thank you to our wonderful PE team for your endless energy ideas and inspiration!

Manarat Al Saadiyat

At Aspen we commit to providing exciting and memorable learning experiences, and year 3,4and 5 will certainly remember their visit to the Manarat for many years to come. In addition to exploring the exhibits, they had a printmaking workshop. They explored how to mix oil paints to create different colours and selected a photo to paint. We had an email from the co-

ordinator of the Art Studio at the Manarat complimenting the children, saying 'Their creativity and excellent behaviour make them ideal representatives of Aspen Heights School'. Thank you years 3,4 and 5- we are very proud of you.



Next week is the penultimate week of term, but it exceptionally busy as always! We are starting our 'Mantle of the expert' week, where every class has a different problem to solve! Please join us for our assembly next Thursday where classes and year groups will share their resolutions to the problems posed. We know what independent, creative and collaborative learners we have at Aspen Heights so we are sure they will have some remarkable ideas, and learn a lot through the process.



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Family workshop

Our final family workshop of the year is a very important one- 'How to keep your children learning over the summer!' Your children have made such remarkable progress this academic year; many of them are speaking English for the first time, and have made significant leaps in their learning. We all want this to be maintained over the long summer break, so come to the workshop on **Thursday 28th June**. It will be very practical and hands-on, and you will go away equipped with activities, ideas and games to keep learning over the vacation!

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 Year 5 Hawksbills 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	71.43%	3.97%
FS1 Geckoes	53.97%	4.76%
FS2 Bulbuls	81.32%	5.49%
FS2 Doves	81.82%	14.29%
Y1 Hares	73.21%	2.68%
Y2 Oryx	71.43%	1.10%
Y3 Flamingos	79.59%	10.20%
Y4 Falcons	74.29%	2.86%
Y5 Hawksbills	87.76%	12.24%

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful weekend with your family, and we look forward to seeing you next week for another busy week of learning!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

Principal Aspen Heights British School

FS1 Butterflies

It was lovely to see the children after the Eid weekend. The children were excited to share their Eid experience with their friends during our circle time and they were happy to receive lots of presents from family and friends.



In literacy, we continued to learn about 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children were asked about their favourite object from the story that they would like to possess.

In mathematics, we focused on counting a certain number of objects and name the numeral correctly. The children counted by using various resources and enjoyed the counting activities.



After a quick discussion 'golden eggs' seemed to be the most desired one. We made some of our own and decorated them.

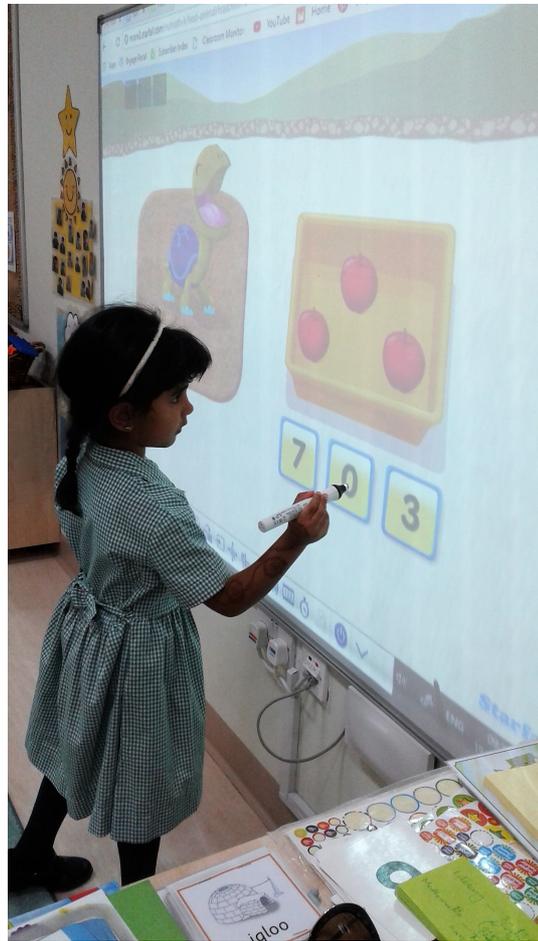




In phonics, we were trying to revise some of the sounds that we have learnt previously and focused on writing CVC words. We also used the tricky words to make some simple sentences.

In creative learning, we used some sparkly accessories and pasted them above our beanstalk. We were hoping to paste as many as we could. The children were in competition for collecting lots of treasure to be kept in their future sky castle.





We also polished our IT skills by using Education City on the Chromebooks and tablets and they were involved in attempting the challenge games on the interactive writing boards.

As we are approaching the summer holidays, please send any of the library books or the guided reading books left at home. We will be collecting all the books back and will appreciate your help. Have a lovely weekend.

FS1 Geckoes



This week we have continued our work on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We know it really well now and would love to talk to you about it at home.



We each planted our own magic bean. We used recycled plastic bottles as plant pots and filled them with soil. We each pushed in our magic bean and watered it. We are excited to watch them grow over the coming weeks. Hopefully they grow big enough for us to climb!

We also created some instructions on how to plant a beanstalk. We drew the three steps and wrote some key words underneath.

In mathematics we have been digging for beans and

In phonics we have continued our work with all phase 2 sounds. Practising both blending and writing them down.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

counting how many we
have.

FS2 Bulbuls

I hope you all had a restful week and enjoyed your Eid celebrations. The children have enjoyed telling me all about their weekend spent with their families.

This week in phonics it has been noticeable how much progress the children have made since the start of the year. They know the single letter sounds and the digraph sounds. A digraph is 2 letters making one sound such as 'ch, sh, th, ng'. When reading with your child at home see if they can spot the digraph sounds.

For knowledge and understanding of the world we have been looking at growing. The children planted their own bean. They needed a seed, soil and some water. They have learnt what things a plant needs to grow. We then decided to leave the beans by the window so they can have sunlight.

FS2 Doves

Another amazing week of learning. This week we focused on setting descriptions. The children are now getting better at using descriptive language which is great to see. First we said the sentences then we wrote them. I was amazed at the language used.

Ask your child to share some of their sentences about this setting. Ask them to describe what is around the dinosaurs.

Doves counting skills are getting better day by day. This week the children collected some information for the school. They had to count various resources around the school then note their findings. They were able to count objects that can and cannot be moved.

Well done Doves.

Year 1 Hares

This week in Year 1 we have been focusing on adding 10 to a number and some children were adding 2 2-digit numbers using diennes. They were very good at this and some children attempted some problems using the methods they learnt.

During our English lessons we have been answering the questions we asked last week about our new crazy creature. We are now ready to make our documentaries about them next week which is extremely exciting!

We created our shoebox habitats this week and they turned out really well. Some children made deserts, some made arctic habitats and some made oceans. Well done children for another really good week of learning!

Year 2 Oryx

It's been another fun learning week for Year 2 Oryx. In mathematics, we looked at reading the o'clock and half past times. Using the clocks, the children were able to show o'clock and half past times and draw the handles correctly on a clock. It was lovely to see the children flourish in their learning.

In English, we looked at peculiar animals such as aye-aye, narwhal, okapi and platypus. The children researched what these strange creatures looked like, where they lived and what they ate. They found some interesting facts.

In science, we looked at what a human baby needs for survival. The children discussed what a baby needs and doesn't need and were able to explain why.

Year 3 Flamingos

This week, Year 3 Flamingos went on their field trip to Manarat al Saadiyat on Saadiyat Island. The children were very excited before they left school as they had no idea what kind of art workshop they would be attending!

Upon arriving at the gallery, we were met by Ms Tracy, who showed us around and helped us investigate and discuss various pieces of art around the centre. Then we went outside to explore our creativity using the building blocks. We made towers, stairs and even backpacks!

After that, we were introduced to the art workshop where we discovered that we would be working on our printing skills. We selected photos to paint over on glass tiles and printed them on paper.

Ms Tracy was very impressed with our skills!

We finished off our afternoon with a relaxing visit to the 'Reading Corner'. We had great fun at Manarat al Saadiyat and lots of us said we would go back with our families for more fun workshops.

Year 4 Falcons

In English, our advertising company has continued to work hard. They have replied with a group letter to Mayor Wonder to outline how they will help him with his money problems. After that, the company began to focus on filming advertisements to support their persuasive posters created last week.

Each employee is writing a script for two actors and will focus on the props and stage directions for the actors to follow. Next week, the company will begin to finalise and record the advertisements.

In mathematics, we continued to focus on money. This time looking at pence as part of the whole pound – using decimals and fractions. The children revisited the skills for adding and subtracting decimals and finding fractions of different amounts of money.

In topic, we have focused on strengthening our computing skills. The children had lots of fun exploring different algorithms, making different things happen in different programs and finding mistakes on programs and algorithms to fix computer bugs. They were also very helpful friends and enjoyed helping each other when a friend was unsure.

We also had lots of fun in Manarat Al Saadiyat exploring different types of art. We began the day with a guided tour of the art completed by other people. This opened the children's minds to the world of art and lots of different inspiration.

Afterwards, we had some time to play on the grass and have a snack. The excitement built after snack, as the children completed a print art workshop. They used oil paint on Perspex and then placed paper on the paint to print it. This is called mono-print. The children loved this and were very proud of their fantastic prints. They had lunch and then sang songs the whole way back to school on the bus.

Year 5 Hawksbill

This week Year 5 have enjoyed solving different maths problems using missing numbers. They have learnt all about the inverse operation and how this can help us to find an answer. Year 5 have enjoyed using number cards to make up their own problems and testing each other's maths skills.

In English we have looked at how to create interesting problems for our Fantasy stories, we have chosen our own problems and are finding ways to make them exciting.

We have looked at lots of problems from other stories to help to give us ideas. We have also used some new and exciting vocabulary that we have found.

We also really enjoyed our trip to Manarat Al Saadiyat this week. We learnt all about

how to print using oil paints, damp paper and rollers! We managed to create our own imaginative designs and make them look more effective by making more prints of them. We also enjoyed using a real art studio and finding out about all different techniques used in art.

PE

Learning in PE this week

This week we completed our first ever Aspen Heights orienteering house competition. It was fantastic to see all of the children making a great effort, having fun and working together. All of the staff and the children had an amazing time running around trying to find the 10 controls that were positioned around our school. There were lots of smiles! A total of 20 teams competed; five children from each house.

The house with the fastest accumulated time was Fire house, with an impressive total of 39.02 minutes. The fastest individual team time was Earth house with 7.08 minutes. Well done to everyone for showcasing your amazing learning.

Mini World Cup

Our Aspen Heights' mini world cup has been in full swing this week, with each team playing a minimum of one game. The thrilling end-to-end games have been great to watch. There has been a great buzz around our school with children talking about who they will play next, how can they work together as a team and what tactics to incorporate into their next game. Which team do you think will be victorious?

GoGo the PE Mascot

GoGo will go home with Andrei Vidu from FS2 Bulbuls this week. Andrei has really

impressed Mr. Ram with his retention of knowledge this term. He always answers questions in great detail and remembers keywords. Well done, Andrei! 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>

مادة التربية الإسلامية

تعرف الطلاب هذا الأسبوع على دروس متنوعة منها على سبيل المثال: درس الصلاة على النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ، وثواب من يصلي عليه والأجر الكبير للصلاة عليه صلى الله عليه وسلم، وتوعية أبنائنا الطلاب لهذا الأمر، وأيضاً تعرفنا على سيرة بعض الصحابة الكرام رضوان الله عليهم أجمعين، وأخلاقهم الحسنة وتوعية طلابنا على الالتزام بأخلاق النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم في أقوالنا وأفعالنا وأيضاً أخلاق صحابته الكرام.

تعلم طلاب السنة الأولى هذا الأسبوع خلق جديد وهو الصدق وتعرفوا على أهمية الصدق في حياة الإنسان وتعرفوا على بعض المواقف التي يكون فيها الصدق نجاه للإنسان وفي نهاية الحصة رددوا حديث رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم (إن الصدق يهدي إلى الجنة).

مادة اللغة العربية

قام طلاب السنة الرابعة بتنفيذ نشاط عن علامات الترقيم فيما له من عمل رائع ومبدع .

مادة الدراسات الإجتماعية والتربية الأخلاقية

عوداً حميداً لطلابنا من أجازة عيد الفطر المبارك لمواصلة عملية التعليم والتعلم في مادتنا حيث ناقش طلاب السنة الثالثة أحد الموضوعات التي سلطت الضوء علي إحدى انجازات الدولة في مجال الطيران ومدى التطور الذي وصلت إليه دولتنا في هذا المجال كما استمتع الطلاب بالحديث في هذا الموضوع والذي ساعدهم في ذلك خبراتهم الحياتية ومعلوماتهم عن مفهوم السفر والطيران وأهميته كما أظهروا حماساً في معرفة معلومات إضافية عن مفهوم الطيران مثل أنواع الطائرات ووظائفها . أما فيما يخص طلاب السنة الرابعة فقد تناول الطلاب موضوعاً ذات أهمية للجميع وللطلاب بشكل خاص الا وهو موضوع الابتكار والمسؤولية وهذه أهم القيم التي سلطت عليها الضوء في درس هذا الاسبوع بعنوان (أحب أن أكون في وطني) حيث ناقشنا مفهوم الابتكار والمسؤولية ومجالاتهم وما هو دورك كفرد في المجتمع في تنمية هذه القيم والعمل بها .

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