



Aspen Heights British School Newsletter



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Riddle of the week

What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?

Last week's answer: An egg



Dear families,

Flag day

All over the UAE schools, colleges and places of work commemorated Flag day. Flag Day falls on November 3, the day of President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan's accession as President of the UAE. At 11am children, staff and families gathered in our shaded courtyard where the flag was raised by Khalifa Al Hosani (Y2 Oryx) and Mahra Al Mansoori (FS2 Bulbuls) while we sang the National anthem, waving our flags. The oath was recited with clarity and pride by Falah Al Mheiri (Y5 Hawksbill), Mohamed Al Mahri (Y5 Hawsbill) and Mohamed Badr Al Marzooqi. Well done to you all!





Maths and Science week assembly:

This week at Aspen Heights we have been discovering that Maths and Science are all around us in so many aspects of our everyday life- from when we look at the time to check we are on time for school, to when we pour our milk in our glass for breakfast, to cooking eggs for dinner. Children from FS2- year 5 shared their amazing learning in assembly this morning. Look how confident and eloquent they have become! Amazing learning Aspen Heights!

Family workshop:

Learning is important for our whole community- families too! Thank you to all who attended our family workshop on calculations this morning. You will be better equipped to support your child's learning in maths, so they will make more progress! Full marks to you!

Expo 2020

We were delighted to be the very first school in Abu Dhabi the Expo 2020 team visited to inspire, amaze and excite our children to the possibilities that are coming to our host nation in three short years. We were all in awe of the remarkable design of the Expo arena, and learned all about the different Expos over the years, held to promote tolerance, understanding and global partnerships. We are very proud and excited that the UAE is host to such a prestigious and global event, and, having heard the plans, know that the whole world will be

watching in amazement! You would have been so proud to hear the positive comments made by the expo team about your children; they showed themselves to be great thinkers; enthusiastic, well-mannered and insightful. Maryam Al Safran from the Expo 2020 youth connect team wrote: 'Your students were adorable and very inspiring with their answers, reactions, and engagements! We truly enjoyed engaging with them.' Well done Aspen Heights!

Goodbye Mr Uddin...

In a busy international school it is always sad to say goodbye to colleagues who have made such a positive difference to the lives of children, staff and families. Today we said goodbye to Mr. Uddin. He told us a story of a little boy called Romiz who had amazing 'bouncebackability' and overcame many hurdles in his life. Mrs Shanahan wrote a funny poem so we laughed and weren't too sad! Here it is:

Mr Uddin, Mr Uddin,
Your hair is amazing! Is it glued in?!
You wear no socks,
But that's ok, because the Oryx class know that your teaching ROCKS!
We want to say.. goodluck Mr Uddin!
Goodbye!
We hope you love Dubai

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 Y2 Oryx class who has the best attendance this week, and to Y3 Flamingos class who has the fewest late children!

	Attendance	Punctuality- Late %
FS1 Butterflies	89.58%	2.78%
FS1 Geckoes	87.04%	4.32%
FS2 Bulbuls	88.18%	6.36%
FS2 Doves	77.78%	10.00%
Y1 Hares	90.77%	6.15%
Y2 Oryx	94.90%	3.06%
Y3 Flamingos	93.75%	2.08%
Y4 Falcons	83.75%	10.00%
Y5 Hawksbills	90.48%	7.94%

Have a happy and enjoyable long weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week,

Kind regards,

Mrs. Emma Shanahan

Principal, Aspen Heights British School

FS1 Butterflies

This week the Butterflies were flapping through the amazing learning happening around the school as we were all set for Maths and Science week. We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly through a brilliant story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We were very sad about the hungry caterpillar being so hungry and not making healthy eating choices. We started feeding the hungry caterpillar with some healthy fruits to help him turn in to a beautiful butterfly.

We also tried to sort out the story scenes and to sequence it in the right order. Some of us were fascinated to see the story come alive in the tough spot. We

identified the items that the hungry caterpillar ate and shouted out the names.

We also turned into Mathematicians and worked with numbers in and outside our classroom. We enjoyed using Numicon as we are aiming to count one more from a given number. You can ask your child at the dinner table to have one more spoon of rice or to take one more sip of water to support their learning.

We tried some balancing games and went back and forth to see if we could balance ourselves. But being Mathematicians we could not stop counting our steps and we did it right! Have a restful weekend.

FS1 Geckoes

This week has been the beginning of our new topic, 'Hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to work I go!'. We have an exciting new role play area in class. It is a construction site and we can pretend to be at work designing and building new projects.

This week we have been learning the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have learnt some of the story with actions, and again, would love to show you this at home!

This week has been Science and Maths week. We have conducted our very own exciting science experiment. We took some jelly bear sweets and soaked them in bicarbonate of soda. We predicted what might happen when we put them in a glass of vinegar. We put them into the vinegar and watched as the bears fizzed and wriggled in the glass!

In maths we have continued to

We hope you have a fun yet restful

practise our counting skills and weekend.
counting out objects. This week we
have been counting out bricks in
order to build different sized towers!

FS2 Bulbuls

Bulbul class have had lots of fun this week with our Maths and Science activities. We created instructions for 'how to make Hummus'. We did lots of talking about what we think is going to happen and what we need to do. We included time vocabulary in our instructions:

First we mashed the chip peas.

Next we mixed in lemon juice, oil and garlic.

After that we blended it all together.

Finally, we ate it with carrot sticks.

This week we have also started our new topic 'Food Glorious Food' where we will be looking at the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Can you tell your family what happens to the caterpillar at the end of the story?

FS2 Doves

It's been a great investigating and discovery week!

FS2 Doves have showed their willingness to try new things this week which we were so proud to see.

To develop our maths and fine motor skills, we made hummus in class. FS2 Doves showed great control in chopping the ingredients and mixing everything together, they cooperated very well with one another. As a result, the class produced delicious hummus which both the children and staff around our school enjoyed. Can your child remember what we used to make hummus? How did we make it? Encourage him/her to use time connectives when explaining, first we..., then..., next.

Our maths work did not stop there; we went searching for shapes because we found out that our class caterpillar likes particular shapes (four sided shapes). We explored the shapes by feeling them and counting the sides.

Ask your child what kind of shapes our caterpillar like to eat.

Well done for discovering that Maths and Science are all around us S.R & C.B

Year 1 Hares

Year 1 have really enjoyed Maths and Science week! In our Maths lessons, we have been finding half of a number using practical objects. We have also been measuring the length of everyday things using practical objects.

At the start of the week in Science, we learnt which materials float and sink by making predictions and then testing them out in our water trays. The following day, we independently chose materials we thought would be suitable to make a boat and created these before testing them out.

Some children's boats did float but unfortunately some sunk – We

investigated why this might be and found out it is because some of the materials were not waterproof.

Year 2 Oryx

It is with great sadness, that I must say goodbye to everyone here at Aspen Heights British School, it has been an absolute pleasure to have worked with each and every one.

Within this short period of time, the children in Oryx class have made a lasting impression on me. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn has been wonderful to see. Their commitment to learn, develop and improve is visible in their progression of learning. I am extremely proud of everything they have and are achieving at AHBS. With support and guidance from us all, I have the utmost faith, that they will all thrive and flourish into future inspirational world citizens. I wish them all the best of luck for the future!

Year 3 Flamingos

Year 3 Flamingos have loved learning about Science All Around Us and Maths in the Real World this week!

In Science, we learned about living and non-living things and had a race to sort different everyday things into 'living' and 'non-living'. We also learned about the parts of a plant and had lots of fun searching through fruit to find the seeds.

In Mathematics, we were amazed to find out that Mathematics is not only a lesson in the classroom! We created and solved word problems based on situations that we might find ourselves in, such as counting items or money when shopping.

Year 3 Flamingos have loved sharing their learning with Year 2 Oryx class and cannot wait to spend more time working together, although we will all miss Mr Uddin very much!

Year 4 Falcons

A fun week was had by all in Year 4 Falcons this week. It was no ordinary week because it was "Science and Maths Week".

For science, we focused on many science skills. These included completing a fair test, questioning, recording findings, measuring and predicting, to name a few. The children worked on improving these skills by carrying out different science experiments. These included creating crystallized eggs, forming coloured blobs in water, creating colour symphonies in milk and more. Please ask your children to tell you all about what they have learned and the experiments that they carried out this week.

In mathematics, we were thinking about how maths and numbers are all around us. The children completed a treasure hunt using maths clues and solving problems before moving to the last stop where they found the treasure. The children had lots of fun, working in teams to solve these problems. They have also been applying the skills that they have learned so far this year in these activities. They have been solving maths challenges and completing art through numbers.

Year 5 Hawksbill

This week Year 5 have been doing lots of interesting, practical lessons!

We have been investigating problems in maths and thinking of ways to find patterns and explain answers. We have created our own investigations through shapes and using counters. We have made our own worded problems and have shared them with our friends to help solve them. In science we have learnt about different states of matter solids, liquids and gasses. We have thought about contact and non-contact forces and how this affects movement linking this to our topic of Formula 1. We have changed the colour of flowers through transpiration and have made exploding volcanoes measuring the explosion and seeing how we could make it bigger!

Music

And there we have it; yet another week of fun-filled Music helping us to grow and to get our creativity flowing. FS1 and FS2 have been focusing on "working together": we try to make food rhythms together, we try to sing together and finally, we play with the parachute and Beat Baby – all of which we enjoy. We have also been introduced to "Nellie", the lonely sound elephant who needs animal sounds to keep her company. This helps us to develop our environmental sounds and stretches our vocal capabilities.

In Years 1 to 5, we are learning to create our own performance using correct performance behaviour. We made posters of ourselves and then used the stage to perform. It helped that we got to work in smaller groups so that we can learn to discuss what we want to achieve. We hope to give a big school performance at the end of the term!

PE

Our PE students have gone from Juvenile Usain Bolt and Jessica Ennis superstars to twinkle toe and street dance extraordinaires. This half term sees the introduction of a dance module. Our students have brought lots of energy and creativity to their classes and we are looking forward to seeing the final performance at the end of the module. Key Stage 2 students have learnt the features of a street dance and themed dance, they have learnt a class routine and created their own moves for the routine. Key Stage 1 have learnt how to count the beat and how to respond to music with movement. We also realised how good dancing is for making our heart strong and healthy. Please remember to bring water bottles to all PE classes to help your healthy bodies stay hydrated.

Early Years students have moved onto a module that encourages the development of functional movements such as squatting, lunging and rotating through the medium of creating actions to a story. They have also been dancing this week to one of our favourites, 'Walking on Sunshine'.

An exciting family sports event is happening in Abu Dhabi on Friday 10th November. The main event is the 'Mini Dash' which involves children running a relay event, 5 children per team and each run between 300m-600m depending on their age. It costs AED 75 per child to enter. Please visit the following link for more information on the race <http://www.racethedash.com/mini-dash/the-race/>. There will also be an 'Activity Village' with healthy foods and drinks, wellness and nutrition advice. Please look at advertisement overleaf for more information. Aspen Heights would encourage as many families as possible to attend this event, and as a way of saying well done for being a healthy family, all children who attend will receive house points towards their house by uploading their photos onto the tablet. Links to the tablet will be available in next weeks newsletter. Lets get active Aspen J

قسم اللغة العربية

استمتع طلاب fs2 بدرس الفواكه

كان عمل رائع من طلاب الصف الثال حيث ميزوا بين الفعل الماضي والفعل المضارع

مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية والتربية الوطنية

الكثير من الأنشطة مارسها طلابنا هذا الأسبوع احتفالاً بيوم العلم لدولة الإمارات الذي يوافق الثالث من نوفمبر تزامناً مع الاحتفال بذكرى تولى الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان مقاليد الحكم وهذا من أجل تنمية المواطنة الإيجابية لدى طلابنا وكذلك الحفاظ على الهوية الوطنية والتراث وربطاً مع أهداف دولتنا الحبيبة في خلق جيل واعى يحافظ على الهوية الوطنية

فقد ابدع طلابنا هذا الاسبوع في استخدام الخامات المتوفرة وإعادة تدويرها في تجهيز العديد من التصميم المختلفة لعلم دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة ولم يكتفوا بهذا فحسب بل أضافوا بعض العبارات الوطنية

كما أتوجه بالشكر لطلابنا الذين أنهوا مهامهم الأدائية هذا الأسبوع وتسليمها في الموعد المحدد للمشاركة في المسابقة الصفية لأفضل علم وأفضل باقة تهنئة للشيخ خليفة

