

## Principals Message

Dear Parents,

### Book Week

I want to thank all of the parents, students and teachers for making this a very successful and colourful Book Week. We have had some fantastic orders from you for the Baker Book Club and I will have a more accurate figure for you in my next newsletter. Some of you have also visited our Book Fair and bought some really good books. We finished off the week today with students and teachers dressing up as book and film characters and I do not think I have ever seen such enthusiasm and creativity on such a day. I was very impressed with a lot of the costumes but must pick out Pinocchio for a special mention. We had a lovely parade today and I hope that you enjoy the photographs in the newsletter. We are very close to completing our new website and when it is up and running you will be able to visit our photo gallery on site.

### Health and Safety Week

Next week we move straight into our Health and Safety week and it has been confirmed that we will be having a visit from the Traffic Police to talk about traffic awareness, we will also have the Civil Defence bring in a fire truck. The students will learn about the value of exercise, diet, dehydration, the value of water, looking after our environment and most importantly some basic First Aid.

The First Aid course will be for every child in school at a cost of 10 dhs each, it will include a short video aimed at the age range and a short brochure. This is a very valuable short course. The First Aid team will begin on Tuesday and I encourage and invite any parent to come into school on Tuesday or Wednesday at their convenience to sit in one of the talks FREE OF CHARGE.

I am then going to offer First Aid courses to parents, their private drivers and nannies. These will be either 4 or 6 hour courses and will be certificated and will be conducted either in the evenings or on a Saturday

Rob Taylor | Principal



# This week in Primary...

This week in primary we have been celebrating the importance of literature and reading. Most grade groups have been teaching theme lessons this half term centered around world literature, exposing children to a wide variety of genres and teaching them terms such as characterisation and plot. Reading is such a fantastic way to build up new vocabulary; to learn about the choices people make and why; to learn about other cultures and also for students to awaken their imagination. We really encourage you to read to your children in mother tongue and to encourage your children to read to you too. Picture books can also be 'read'. For suggestions on how to read effectively with your child, please contact the class teacher.

We had such a wonderful turn out of characters on Thursday. I especially liked the costumes which were hand-made, such as Vian's Pinocchio costume in KG2! All the teachers were dressed up too. There was a lovely atmosphere in school and the children really enjoyed the parade. Well done to everyone who got involved!

In RWI classes students have continued to build their confidence in learning new sounds and reading new words. Next week they will be moving into new classes. There will likely be one further move this year - around the end of April. I am so pleased with the progress children are making. Our target in the next couple of months will be to work on improving children's reading fluency as this has been identified by teachers as an area for development. If you need to know who your child's new RWI teacher is, please contact the class teachers in KG2-Grade 3.

Thank you to the two parents who came on Wednesday to my RWI workshop. I hope the resources were of help to you. I am disappointed not to have seen more of you at this important session.

As a reminder next week is Health and Safety week. We have some wonderful activities planned and some visitors will be coming in. Please ask your children what they're learning! Times are usual 7:45-1:45.

Assessment Week is during March 20th-March 24th.

Sunday 20th is Arabic

Monday 21st is Islamic

Tuesday 22nd is Science

Wednesday 23rd is Maths

English reading, writing, speaking and listening will have all been assessed prior to this week. More details about what to review will go home in the curriculum plan.

Thank you and have a restful weekend

Claire Leyshon | Head of Primary



# This week in Early Years...

Dear Parents,

What a week we have had in Early Years. It has been another busy one.

The children have been busy learning about health and safety, this week about germs and keeping clean in order to stop them for getting sick. I am delighted walking around the classrooms to see lots of lovely activity based learning going on. Some of the children made some lovely little super germs to help them understand about disease!

Today we had our world book day celebrations. The children and teachers all look fabulous! What a lovely turnout throughout the school. The Early Years book fare was a success. We are looking forward to receiving all our books for the new Early Years library. A big thank you to all parents for coming along and making it a really special day.

Parents, on P.E. days please make sure to send their children to school in their P.E. kit (coloured top and shorts/tracksuit bottoms) and for them to wear appropriate footwear please.

*Kindest Regards,*

Clair Marsh | [Head of Early Years](#)



# Celebrating Success



## KG2 Stars of the Week!!!

### Nurses News!!!

Dear Parents,

We will soon commence recording the weight and height of the students in the school for the National Obesity campaign (HAAD). A consent form was sent home a few weeks ago, if you have not already completed and returned the form to school please do so in the next week. If your child is found to be obese further information will be sent to you.

Thank you for your co-operation.

أولياء الامور الاعزاء

سوف تبدأ قريباً الحملة الوطنية لهيئة الصحة في أبو ظبي لمكافحة السمنة وسنبدأ بأخذ مقاييس الطول والوزن للطلاب، وقد قمنا بأرسال إستمارة الموافقة قبل عدة أسابيع الرجاء لمن لم يقم بأرسال الموافقة القيام بأرسالها خلال الاسبوع المقبل .

شاكرين تعاونكم معنا

## رحلة مدرسية إلى مسجد الشيخ زايد

يعتبر مسجد الشيخ زايد آل نهيان بأبو ظبي، معلماً كبيراً من معالم دولة الإمارات، من حيث سعته وتصميمه والخدمات التي يقدمها لجميع المصلين والزائرين.

و خلال شهر رمضان، وإجازة العيد 17 ألف استقبل الجامع الكبير زائر، ليحتل بذلك المركز الثالث بعد الحرمين الشريفين في عدد المصلين خلال شهر رمضان والعيد .

ولأهميته قامت المدرسة بتنسيق رحلة مدرسية إلى مسجد الشيخ زايد وذلك بإشراف قسم اللغة العربية فقاموا المدرسين بتعريف الطلبة بمعالم الجامع، الذي يعد صرحاً دينياً وإنجازاً معمارياً فريداً يتصدر قائمة المعالم الدينية والسياحية المفضلة لدى زوّار أبو ظبي .

نرجو من الأهالي الكرام عدم السماح لأطفالهم بإصطحاب الألعاب المؤذية خاصة ذات القطع الصغيرة إلى المدرسة مثلاً ( ا لتيلات ) حرصاً على سلامة أبنائنا

