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Pioneers Lead on Pink Day Fitness

On Thursday 19th October, the whole school community was united in raising greater awareness of Breast Cancer research, prevention and support as part of our annual Pink Day event. Students and staff had the opportunity to swap their usual uniforms and clothes to wear specially designed T-shirts. Pink ribbons, wrist bands and cupcakes were also on sale. We are extremely proud to announce that the school raised a total of 110,000le to donate to the Breast Cancer Foundation of Egypt (BCFE). As well as the fundraising activities, Primary Pioneer students, led by Mr Alex Hinchliffe, started the day with a high energy 'Wake and Shake' dance routine before lessons. They also planned and prepared a range of fun games during break times, which had a focus on health, fitness and well-being.





In FS1 Yellow...



...we read a book called 'The Rainbow Fish', drawn and written by Marcus Pfister. Our main focus for this story, as part of our topic on Marvelous Me, was building good relationships. During the week, we enjoyed many activities as part of our outdoor learning and activity time in class by: making bracelets for our friends, helping each other decorate rainbow fish, making rainbow fish from playdough, taking care of the dolls and each other in our hospital role play area and exploring ice painting together. We also shared who our friends are at school and were able to briefly say why we liked to have them as a friend.



In FS2 Yellow...



...we have been learning about the culture and traditions of Italy. We have practised saying 'Buongiorno' every morning and 'Ciao' at the end of each day. We have also learned how to count to 10 in Italian. We read the wonderful story 'Spaghetti for Suzy' and talked about our favourite Italian foods. We enjoyed cooking and eating spaghetti in the kitchen and noticed how the texture of the spaghetti changed as it was cooked. In Art, we painted the Italian flag and were excited to mix paint on our hands to create new colours. We have also been talking about different ways to stay healthy, such as, eating healthy food, sleeping early and doing regular exercise. This inspired us to try some yoga positions as a class and we absolutely loved it.



In Year 1 Yellow...

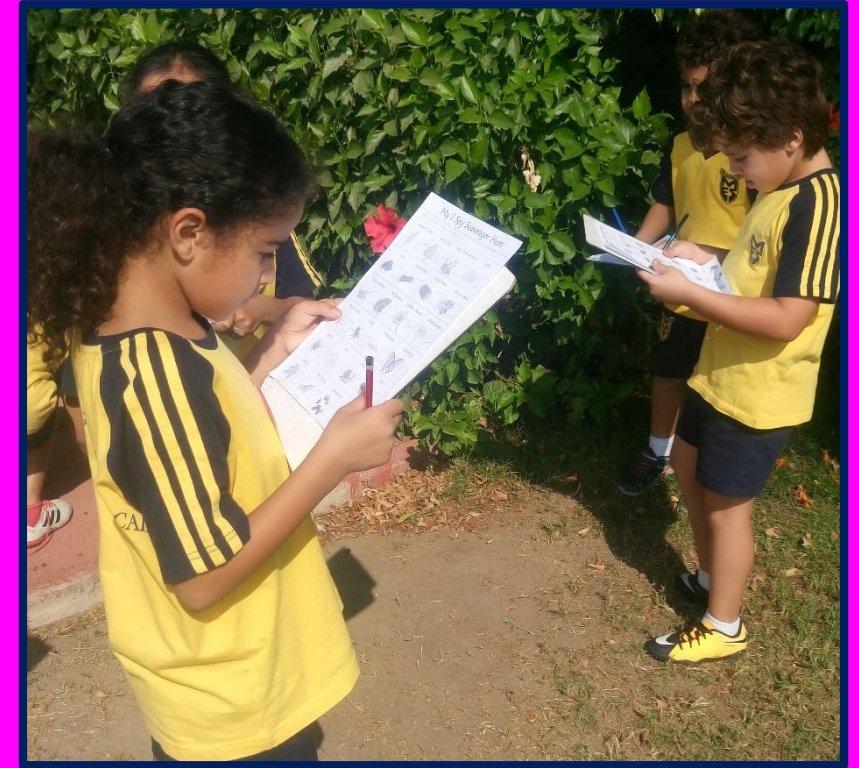


...our focus in English lessons has been the story 'We're Sailing Down the Nile'. Throughout the story, we used our imaginations to visit the different landmarks of Egypt, starting our journey at Abu Simbel before eventually sailing all the way to the Giza Pyramids. We worked collaboratively in our groups to role play different scenes from the story. We pretended to visit Aswan market, a farm along the banks of the river, the Giza Pyramids and the Oasis. We had so much fun learning how to act out the scenes that we decided to share our performances with our peers who all enjoyed the show.



In Year 2 Yellow...

...we have been busy learning how to improve our writing by using expanded noun phrases and proof reading our work to check for spelling and punctuation errors. In Maths, we have been building on our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and to 20 which in turn, will support us to derive the number bonds to 100. In Science, we have had fun exploring different types of habitats. Our lessons included a scavenger hunt to investigate the animals and plants which live in local habitats in Cairo and also the micro-habitats around our school.





In Year 3 Yellow...

... we had a busy schedule in the weeks leading up to the half term holiday. We rehearsed and developed our performance skills during Expressive Arts lessons and Music lessons, all in preparation for the Year 3 Concert. Inevitably, the result of all of our hard work was evident when we delivered an exceptional performance in front of our parents. Well done to all Year 3 Yellow students for their excellent singing and dancing. We were also very proud of Ziad for taking on the role of the intrepid explorer.





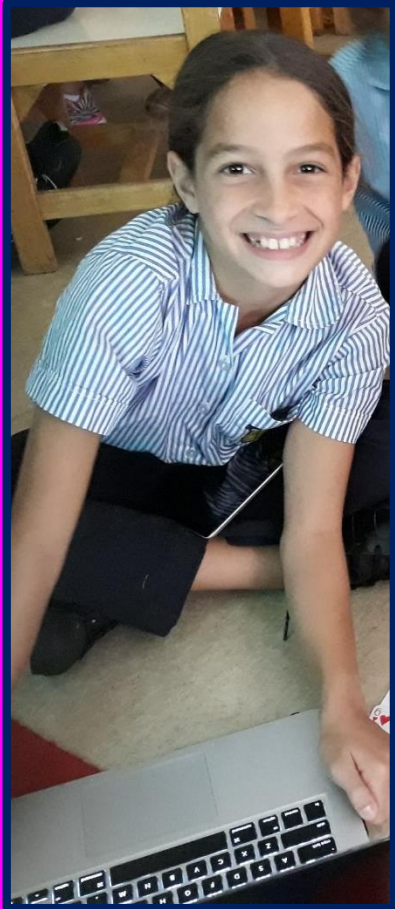
In Year 4 Yellow...



... we were delighted to be the first class in Years 3 and 4 to perform an assembly this academic year. We chose the focus for our class assembly to be based on sound which we had been learning about in Science. We started the assembly with a short quiz with which we were helped by Miss Sheila and Miss Amelia. Then we had some interesting facts and information about sound. Finally, we stepped into the world of the Goldilocks sisters who couldn't find a quiet to place for a good night's sleep before we finished off with a poem. Our students at Modern English School Cairo have so much talent and experience so it was no great surprise to watch them become stars for the afternoon. Some fantastic acting, some tremendous dancing and some unbelievably good snoring from the three bears, all helped to deliver a bright, informative assembly. Well done Year 4 Yellow - we can now sit back and enjoy the rest of the class assemblies knowing we have started the year off in style.



In Year 5 Yellow...



...we have been putting on our 'thinking caps' and getting to grips with calculations, including long multiplication. As we worked through our sums, the concentration in the classroom has been reminiscent of that memorable scene in Clockwork, our class novel, where Karl's audience remained hushed listening to his story. Even though we have not had to deal with the villainous Dr Kalmenius as Karl had, we have had a lot of fun exploring his wicked character. Thanks to all of the books that we have been assigned, we have had some lively discussion and debate on Google Classroom. Let's just hope Dr Kalmenius doesn't burst in on us too!





In Year 6 Yellow...



...we have been engaged in our learning in Expressive Arts lessons under the expert guidance of Mr Billy; practising songs and learning our lines for the Year 6 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' production. In English, we have been working on writing balanced arguments, considering and debating a variety of topics highlighting both for and against points. We have also been working hard developing our multiplication and division strategies in Maths and helping one another with our work. During Science, we have had lots of fun learning about electricity, creating our own circuits, learning about different electrical components and drawing circuit diagrams.



In Music...

...Year 2 students have discovered how an orchestra is constructed and they used their knowledge to map out the four different sections: strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. They have also learned about the important role of a conductor. Most importantly, they had the opportunity to practise their own musical skills using xylophones to play in harmony like an orchestra.





APP of the week

With health and fitness being at the centre of our Pink Day activities we know that keeping children active is extremely important. There are many apps available which encourage children to get moving and keep track of their daily activities. Just as important, is the food which is used to fuel their bodies throughout the school day. Bringing a healthy lunch to school can make a huge difference to a child's behaviour and ability to learn in lessons. The **LaLa Lunchbox App**, empowers children to make their own lunch decisions from a customisable food library and then generate a grocery list based on those selections. This encourages children to make healthier food choices and takes a lot of the stress out of knowing what to include in your child's lunch box each day at school.





Coming Up Next...

Sunday 4th November

Winter Uniform

Wednesday 7th November

Nutrition Workshops

Years 1-6 10.00am

FS1 & FS2 12.00pm

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Day Event

(involving selected Y5 and Y6 students)

Monday 19th November

Year 6 Production