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Helping to Keep Egypt Warm This Winter

The MES Cairo School Council have been busy collecting items for the annual 'Keeping Egypt Warm' initiative in association with CARE and the Ana El Masry Foundation. School Council members held assemblies where they explained why we are supporting this charity, where the items actually go and what the prize would be for the year group who collects the most. Lots of our students left the assemblies with a better understanding of how important it is to care for other people, who are less fortunate than themselves. Each day, the School Council have been kept busy collecting dried and tinned food, clothing and blankets from across the school and adding them to the central collection points in the atrium. They then update the current total in each year group. The School Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated items so far and we look forward to announcing the final totals at the beginning of Term 2.





In FS1 Blue...



...we enjoyed the topic 'People who help us'. We went on a trip to the local fire station where we met real fire fighters who explained in detail their important jobs and showed us how they rescue people. We put on the helmets, took the fire hose and used water to pretend to put out a fire. We went in the big red fire truck and saw what it looks like from inside. In class, we pretended to be doctors treating patients and prescribing medicines, we were engineers constructing buildings using blocks and recycling material and some of us took on the role of teachers teaching lessons to our peers.



In FS2 Blue...

...we went on a trip to Nemo's Farm to support our learning focus on the natural world. On the bus, we practised asking questions so that we could expand our knowledge. First, we took part in a planting activity and were excited to be told we could take our plant pots home. We also learned how farmers used to collect water and irrigate their plants. Next, we were introduced to a very friendly horse and enjoyed a carriage ride around the farm. After this, students made their own printed bags using a silk screen press. After everyone had made their own bags we were invited to help the farmer feed the animals. All of the students in Blue Class were confident during this activity and fed a variety of animals. This was our favourite activity of the day and the teachers heard lots of good vocabulary from the students which demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of recent learning in class activities.





In Year 1 Blue...

...we went on a school trip to Fagnoon where we had a great day experiencing and using many different materials through a variety of activities to support us with our Science topic 'Magnificent Materials'. Having previously examined different materials in the classroom, it was great to be able to take our learning outside. We had a great day making our very own pots out of clay, painting tiles using lots of different colours, making bread and also printing our own designs onto bags and cushion covers; all whilst examining the different materials being used and their properties.





In Year 2 Blue...

...we have been solving addition and subtraction word problems using concrete objects. We even wrote some funny word problems for our friends to solve. In English, we have been learning all about non-chronological reports and wrote our own about the new class favourite animal - the crocodile. If any of the students are unlucky enough to be chased by this powerful reptile, they now know exactly what to do! The class presented their work verbally in small groups, with some adventurous students miming the whole report. In Science, we investigated how waterproof different materials are. The class had a great time and only a little water was spilt onto the floor.





In Year 3 Blue...

...we have been investigating how rocks, sand, soil and cotton wool can be used to produce filtered water. In Maths, we have been learning about different units of measurement, so we decided to put our measuring skills to the test by baking a cake. Miss Gehan showed us how to measure the ingredients accurately using a set of electronic scales and then we all had a go at helping make it. To learn how to write instructional texts, we made jam sandwiches and then wrote exactly how we did it. Mr. Delaney wasn't very good at this because when someone told him to put the jam on the bread, he put a full jam jar on! We now realise how important measurements are to help us create recipes accurately.





In Year 4 Blue...



...we have been learning about sound in our recent Science lessons. We discovered there is no better way for us to explore sound than to make our own musical instruments. We decided to create our very own straw flutes. First, we explored the way that sound was produced by the flutes as well as experimenting with ways to try and change the sound. We found out that if you cut holes into the straws, it changed the pitch. We enjoyed having the classroom full of sound and investigating ways to manipulate the different sounds we could make.



In Year 5 Blue...

...we went on a trip to Nutty Scientists in Heliopolis in order to take part in a series of activities related to the science theme of Earth and Space. We had a fantastic time and enjoyed the opportunity to use materials such as dry ice, baking powder, vinegar, sand and food colouring. We even made our own ice-cream, light-sensitive bracelets, exploding balloons as well as a host of other exciting items. Between sessions, we had so much fun playing in the adventure playground (so much fun in fact that we were a little reluctant to return to school). We would like to thank the staff at Nutty Scientists who were organised, professional and fun as they provided us with great learning experiences and an action packed day.





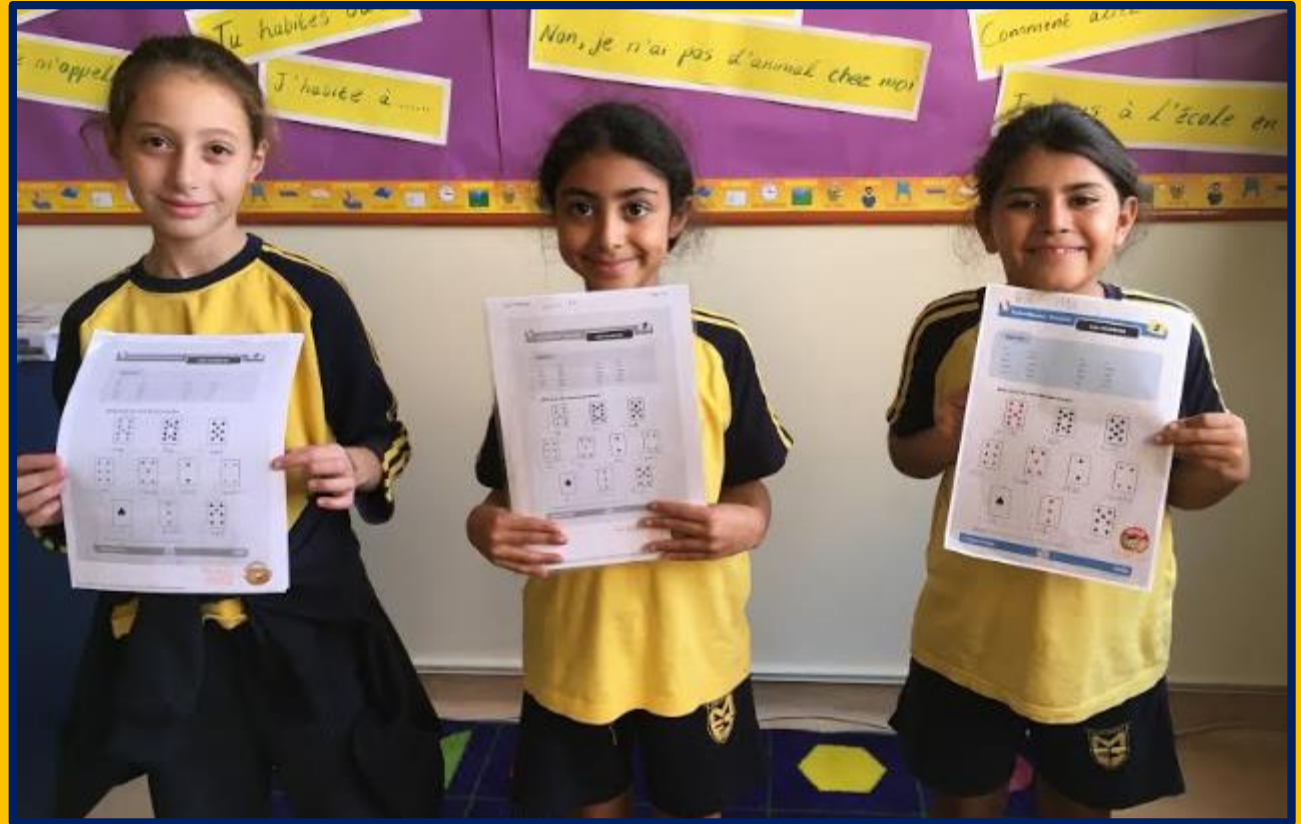
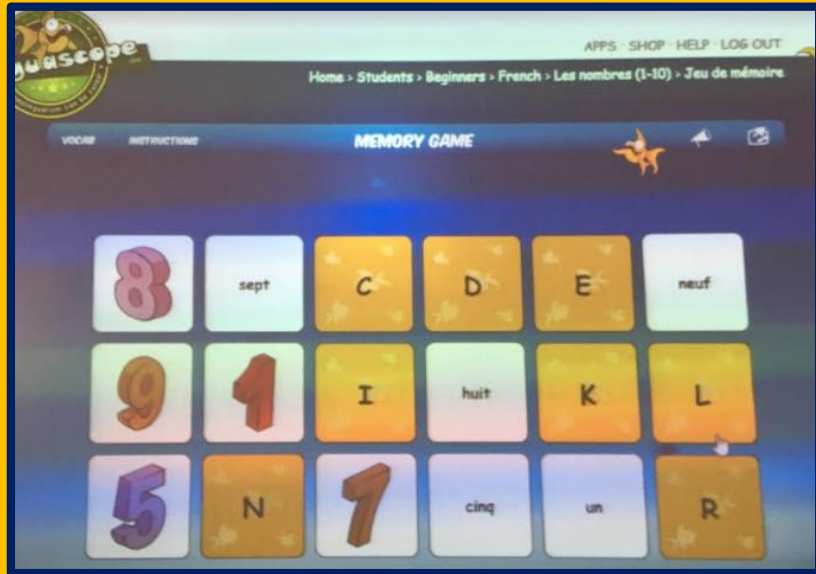
In Year 6 Blue...

...we have been writing our own reviews of the Year 6 Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and how students used all of the 5Rs and aspects of the MES Cairo Graduate Profile to bring the show together. Firstly, we used positive relationship skills in various acting groups (ballerinas, Oompa Loompas, guests of the chocolate factory) to create each of the scenes. Every student aimed to be a risk taker in their own roles with crazy dancing, accents, solo numbers and even splits and flips brought to the stage. Everybody was resourceful when they helped paint many of the props for the show such as cameras, lollipops and candy canes. It takes a lot of resilience to make a show successful and many hours were spent in the pod, dance studio and theatre before the show finally went to the stage. Finally, Year 6 Blue were reflective in order to develop their parts; making sure they focused on what they needed when they came on the stage and where they should be with all of the necessary props at hand.





In French...

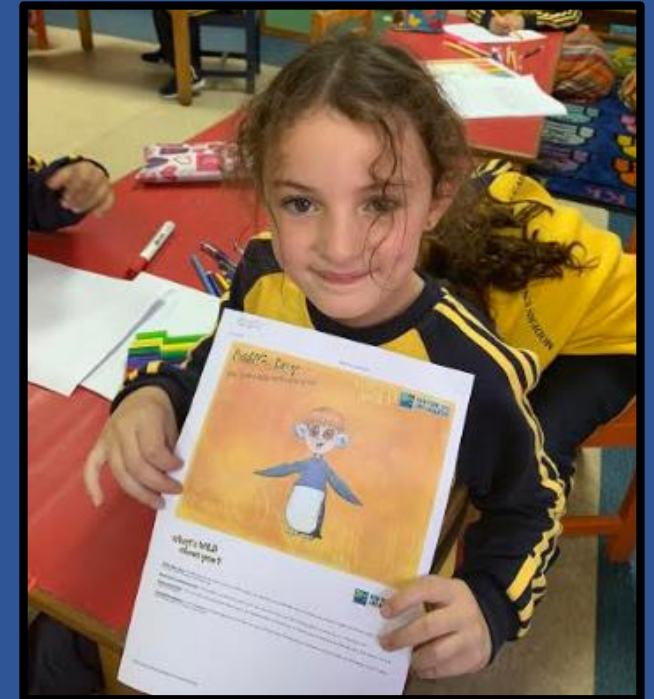


Year 3 students were very excited about starting to learn French this year. They are always keen, enthusiastic, and thoroughly enjoy their lessons. We started the year with greetings and learned how to say “Bonjour”, “Comment t’appelles-tu?”, “Ça va?” and “Au revoir” amongst other things. We learned a great song to help us remember the various greetings called, “Bonjour Monsieur, Bonjour Madame, Bonjour Mademoiselle” which was always sung in lessons with great gusto. Most recently, we have been learning the numbers 1 – 12, both how to say them and how to write them. We have been singing another great song based on numbers and played some educational interactive games found on [linguascope.com](https://www.linguascope.com).



APP of the week

Students in Year 2 have been using technology to support their learning across the curriculum. The National Geographic website offers stunning photographs of animals and opportunities to learn interesting facts. In English, our students have been writing animal non-chronological reports. We used a website called, 'Build Your Wild Self,' to enhance our digital skills and create our own animals which we will use to write a non-chronological report about.





Coming Up Next...

Wednesday 19th December

Seasonal Concert (Early Finish)

Thursday 20th December

Primary Interhouse Sports and Quiz
Last Day of Term 1 (Early Finish)

Tuesday 8th January

First Day Term 2

Tuesday 15th January

Primary Parent Meetings