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...as we get closer and closer to the end of this academic year, students are beginning to reflect on their successes and look ahead to next year. In FS1 last week, we welcomed 150 new students for their Induction Day; new students had the opportunity to visit the classrooms they will be learning in next year as well as trying out some of the fun activities that will form their learning experiences come September. At the other end of the Primary Department the Year 6 students have been preparing for their transition into the Secondary Department by completing CAT and MAP tests as well as spending the day in the either the British or American sections, to find out more about what lies ahead for them. In the rest of the Primary Department students are coming to the end of their topics, completing their final assessments to reflect everything that they have learnt this year and enjoying their final weeks with their teachers. Although change and transition can be daunting at times, at MES Cairo we encourage our students to see their next transition as moving onto the next exciting chapter in their learning journey.

## In FS1 Yellow...

...this week as part of our 'Under the Sea' topic we have been learning about the starfish otherwise known as the Sea Star. We have watched video clips to learn more about these sea creatures, how they move and what they look like to discuss similarities and differences between the different species. Some of the starfish looked like they have bumpy skin, some starfish were bright and colourful and others looked far too spikey to touch! We have learnt a new dance to the song 'Under the Sea' from the Little Mermaid film and we also practised our own swimming skills during our P.E swimming lesson. It was our second week and we had lots of fun splashing and swimming with the aid of pool noodles. Some of us were chosen to work with an adult to practise jumping in the big pool, which was super exciting!



## In FS2 Yellow...

...this week we are finding ways to solve problems. Miss Elaine told us that she had an unwanted visitor in her home - a cockroach. Yuk! Miss Elaine was too afraid to catch him, so, she left him trapped under her lunch box. We all really wanted to help Miss Elaine so we



thought carefully about how she could get it out of her house. We had lots of wonderful ideas and lots of interesting discussions. Some of us went away and drew a picture and others wrote down their ideas.

We all agreed that the solution was not to kill the cockroach but in the end, as a class, we decided Miss Elaine should either trap it and take it outside or call someone to help her. We tested how to transport the cockroach by using a jar and a toy spider. This was difficult as we didn't want to drop it and lose the spider. Miss Elaine was so grateful for our help and was really brave and transported it out of her house using a jam jar.



## In Year 1 Yellow...

...we have had a very busy few weeks trying to get everything finished before the end of term! In English, we had lots of fun creating role-play interviews in small groups, where each student was a different astronaut in the Space Race. We worked hard in our groups to write interesting and entertaining questions and answers, which we really enjoyed watching and performing for one another. In Topic lessons, we created mini-books full of facts and interesting information that we've learnt throughout the term. Maths was a definite highlight of the week for us as we built on and extended our understanding of measurement, fractions and missing number problems through a variety of fun activities - our favourite was measuring the capacity and volume of different sized containers by filling containers with water and then comparing and recording their similarities or differences. We were very resilient in our work as a team.



## In Year 2 Yellow...

... we have been learning everything about shapes this week, both 2D and 3D. Miss Heather taught us a fun and entertaining game called 'Shapes are Where it's at!' Working in small teams we wrote the name of a shape on a post-it note and stuck it on our heads. Then we had to use our knowledge of the properties of shapes to guess what shape we had stuck on us. It was such a fun way to consolidate our learning on shapes.



## In Year 3 Yellow...

... it has been an extremely busy couple of weeks as we have been preparing for our Class Assembly. We discussed many different ideas for the theme but in the end, we decided to review our year in Yellow Class in the style of a news report. We have had to think carefully about our learning across all the different curriculum subjects to help us write the script. We have had to learn our lines and lyrics to a song as well. Mr. Jaime is very proud of our efforts. We have had a lot of fun preparing for the big day and when the day arrived, everyone did an outstanding job. Lines were clearly delivered and the song was sung in beautiful harmony. All our hard work has paid off and we really enjoyed ourselves.



## In Year 4 Yellow...



...we have been learning about sound and how sound is made. Did you know that sound travels in waves? These waves travel through the air and objects into our ears allowing us to hear all the things around us. We made a list of all the sounds that we could hear in and around school. We couldn't believe how many sounds we heard as we sat in silence listening. We wanted to investigate sound further and find out how it travels so we carried out an experiment. We used pairs of cups with string between them and spoke to each other through these. We discovered that the sound travels in vibrations along the string into our ears. Even around corners! We tested different lengths of string and spoke at different volumes. Whilst conducting the experiment we also identified how we could make it a fair test.

## In Year 5 Yellow...

... we have been reflecting on the successful year we have had so far and sharing our excitement for our next move up to Year 6 in September. We can't believe that we are going to be in Year 6 soon and preparing for our transition to the Secondary Department. Last week we got to visit the Art and Science Departments in Secondary to see what lies ahead for us. Mrs. Lee Lacey, Art teacher, taught us about drawing the human form and we all made figures from newspaper to help us understand the proportion of the human body. In the Science lab, Mr. Brendon Rainford explained the importance of Lab safety to us and then we carried out some experiments that involved dissolving, filtration and evaporation. These were of huge interest to us as we have been learning about states of matter in our own Science lessons. We thoroughly enjoyed this and we can't thank Mrs. Lacey and Mr. Rainford enough for their time and the effort they put into our lessons!



## In Year 6 Yellow...

... we acknowledge the internet as playing a major and natural part in our lives as we are being brought up in a digital era. Now that we have some experience in checking the validity of information online, we take full advantage of the internet to both research information and to revisit our learning through online quiz challenges. Our current topic, 'Born in the USA', linked to the biographies writing genre, is providing us with a stimulating and hugely beneficial learning experience as we explore geographical features, famous faces and historical events. But the real challenge is interpreting and selecting precisely what we need, from a wealth of online information, for our research. That's not easy!



