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Music flourishes in MES Cairo!

A number of MES Cairo students took part in the recent 'Festival of Choirs' along with four other schools. This was a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to display their fine vocal skills matched, in equal measure, by their energy and enjoyment. Current research shows that engaging in music-based activities helps to shape young minds to achieve across the curriculum. Music is an art form. We are all emotional beings and every student requires an artistic outlet. Music can be any student's vehicle of expression. After all, music is for life; it is a gift we can give our students that will last their entire lives. At MES Cairo, therefore, it is no surprise that music continues to be a source of inspiration and celebration!

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In FS1 Red...



...we have loved investigating our Fantasy topic and reading exciting stories about dragons, aliens and mythical creatures. In particular, we have been enjoying this week's focus on superheroes! We have also been pretending to have superpowers and sharing our ideas, during our discussion times, before deciding which powers we would have if we really were superheroes! Some of our choices were being able to fly, being strong, being lightning fast and becoming invisible! During this week we also held our annual Grandparents' Day which provided us with a fantastic opportunity to perform a Talk4Writing story on the stage in front of our grandparents. We recited the story, as well as doing the actions, before sharing our learning experiences with our grandparents back in the classroom. We treated everyone to an excellent presentation of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', by Michael Rosen, which included all of us reciting together. It was a great day!





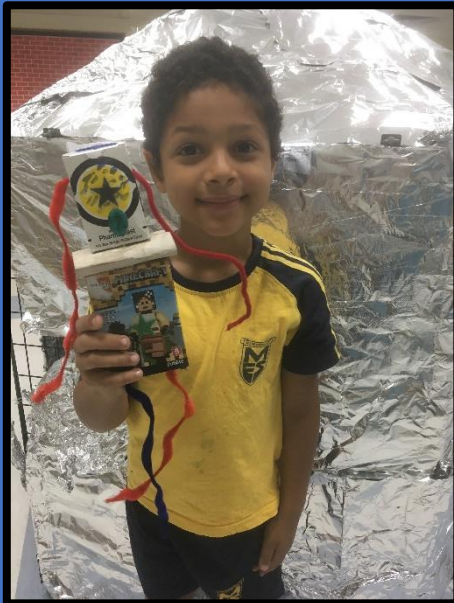
In FS2 Red...



...we love messy play! We have learned how to make slime, as well as conducting a science experiment about chemical reactions to make our volcano erupt! Messy play is helping us to develop our speech and language by negotiating and taking turns. Our Topic this half term is 'Let's Pretend'. We also enjoy reading different stories which have inspired us to create story props to use when retelling our favourite stories. This topic is inspiring us to write shopping lists to help Little Red Riding Hood, letters to our favourite characters and stories in our own words. In Maths, we have been learning how to solve word problems. We are listening carefully to the wording of the problems and identifying the important information. We are then thinking carefully about our calculation and using a number line to solve a mathematical problem.



In Year 1 Red...



...we had a visitor a couple of weeks ago! When we entered the school, we were really surprised to find an alien spaceship had crash landed in the pod! We realised that a friendly alien called Beegu was hiding in the school because he was very shy. We left Beegu letters and when he found out that we were kind and wanted to help him, he came out to meet us! We have had lots of fun writing alien stories inspired by Beegu's adventures, including creating alien trash monsters and learning how to write in Beegu's alien language!



In Year 2 Red...

...we have been busy rehearsing for our upcoming production. The whole class has been working enthusiastically to learn our script and song, and this week we finally got to put it all together in the theatre. We are all very excited about the performance next week! It's not all show business though. We have moved on to measuring length and height in Maths, and we've been learning how to use millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres to measure different things. We have also been working on acrostic poems in our English classes. We are focusing on using adjectives and alliteration to write interesting poems. Even though we have had some really exciting moments this week, the moment that impressed Ms Judy the most was when we worked in groups to share our knowledge with each other. Some students weren't sure how to write an acrostic poem, but you can see in the picture that we worked collaboratively; by the end of the lesson everybody had produced their own work.





In Year 3 Red...



...in our Topic lessons, we have been learning all about Modern Egypt and more specifically how tourism helps the country's economy. We decided to play our part in helping to encourage tourists to visit Egypt. We designed our own short video adverts by writing playscripts and directing and designing our own costumes and props. It was an enjoyable experience as we had to demonstrate our relationship skills within our working groups, as well as showcasing the hospitality, history and culture of Egypt for tourists to explore. Our adverts are now available on Google Classroom for our parents to enjoy.



In Year 4 Red...

...we made Spanish omelets as part of our geographical topic about Spain. We collected the ingredients the night before and brought them into school the next day. They included onions, potatoes, eggs, salt and olive oil. Some of the ingredients, such as the onions and the potatoes, had to be sliced up and fried in the pan before adding them to the eggs. After a brief stir with the eggs, the whole mixture was then poured into a large frying pan to cook. Once the egg mixture had started to become more solid it was possible to turn the omelet out of the pan and onto a plate. Then the plate was turned back into the pan to cook the other side. We enjoyed a freshly-made Spanish omelet which in Spain is called a 'tortilla'; you may have heard the word used before.





In Year 5 Red...

...we had a 'football-tastic' time getting stuck into our new topic this week! We all came in our favourite football team kit to celebrate our learning. The new topic is called 'The Route to Russia' and all of the students in Year 5 will be comparing and contrasting Egypt with all of the countries in Egypt's World Cup Group! This week we were engaged in lots of fun activities linked to the World Cup such as puzzles and word searches, creating new flags and a maths challenge requiring us to crack a World Cup Code! It's pretty clear that this is a popular topic amongst the girls and the boys! Who will you be supporting when the tournament starts?





In Year 6 Red...



...on Monday 26th March we joined up with the students from Green class for the Cyprus residential week of outdoor pursuits. This was an exciting and rewarding trip giving us the chance to experience a different culture and country. Whilst there, we took part in many activities. On the first full day we went to an environmental centre where we experienced pond dipping and learning about different creatures that live in the river there. The next day was spent walking through Avakas Gorge where we learnt some facts about plants and trees that grow there as well as the effect erosion has on the terrain. In the afternoon we visited the zoo to see different creatures from around the world. On the final day we enjoyed challenging ourselves in orienteering (in the rain) which developed our teamwork skills. The students had a fantastic, but tiring, time on our adventure.





In Music...



...Year 1 have been learning about and exploring the musical elements of pitch and rhythm during their most recent unit. They learned to create their own rhythms using quavers, crotchets and minims and to add pitches from a five-note scale to create their own pieces of music. They were then able to perform these in groups using glockenspiels and xylophones. While working together to produce their pieces of music, the students displayed a great deal of resourcefulness in creating their music as well as reflecting on their work and changing it where needed.



APP of the week...

Historical Explorers are what Year 1 students have been learning about in Topic this half term. Orange Class students were ecstatic to be studying a famous inspirational leader from their home country, Egypt; Mohamed Salah. Students used the Nearpod app to witness some of his famous goals on clips, listen to live interviews and learn about his achievements over the past few years. They then used their new knowledge to create posters about this famous, Egyptian icon who has helped to put Egypt on the football map worldwide. Way to go Orange Class; keep up the technical exploration and the enthusiasm! What presentations can you find on Nearpod at home to explore further about historical Egypt and other parts of the world?





Coming Up Next...

Sunday 6th May

First Year 4 Ain Sohkna Trip departs

Tuesday 8th May

Second Year 4 Ain Sohkna Trip departs

Sunday 13th May

Third Year 4 Ain Sohkna Trip departs

Thursday 24th May

Year One Concert