



# Modern English School Cairo

## Primary Newsletter

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### Awesome Egypt

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 we hosted a non-uniform day to provide the opportunity for all students and staff to participate in a fundraising effort for our student-led community outreach projects including the annual festive Iftar for our school ancillary staff. The theme was 'Awesome Egypt – Red, White and Black' so students and teachers dressed as up as their idol Mohamed Salah, or chose to wear an outfit in the colours of the Egyptian flag. Not only did this event encourage our students to have fun but it also allowed them to reflect on being thankful for the people who help them; it served as a reminder to care for one another and for the world around them. At MES Cairo, we celebrate the fact that we are one big family and we will always be proud of our strong sense of community spirit.





## In FS1 Yellow...

...we have been learning all about Egypt. We have celebrated Egypt in many different areas of our learning. We used our ICT skills to decorate a Ramadan lantern and then used modelling clay and paint to create some pyramids. We made flags using collage materials and used the small world tray to discover some Ancient Egyptian artefacts left along the banks of the River Nile. We dressed up in some traditional clothes while using lentils and pasta to make a delicious plate of koshary. Some of us had a go at writing the recipe down onto recipe sheets and then enjoyed sharing books all about Egypt. In Maths, we have been counting out the correct number of camels to match a given number. Finally, we learnt a Ramadan song and did some dancing as well. It's been such an exciting week to talk about all the celebrations and fun we have been having with our families and friends at home.







## In FS2 Yellow...

...we have been focussing on becoming great at relationships. We have been learning how to share our ideas, take turns, listen to each other and give each other the chance to take part in activities. During activity time, we were excited to work as a team to make papier-mâché planets using newspaper, lots of glue and balloons. One group chose to pour water into different containers while sharing their ideas and learning about capacity. Another group decided to complete a puzzle and show it to the rest of the class. We were proud to share our achievements, as a team. In Outdoor Learning, a group of girls played together happily, painting their hands in green to make hand prints! Another way of working as a team was working as a whole class on creating different dance moves to some songs that we love. This was so much fun! We have enjoyed teaching these moves to other FS2 classes. In FS2 Yellow, we just love working as a team and praising each other when we work hard.







# In Year 1 Yellow...

...we had such an exciting week along with the rest of Year 1, as it was concert week! We started the week off with a very successful rehearsal in the theatre followed by our technical rehearsal with the band on Monday. It was so exciting to be on stage with the whole year group, and sing along with the band for the first time. On Tuesday we performed for FS2 and finally on Thursday we got to perform for our parents. We had been practising for weeks, learning the words and choreography for our songs, and then working collaboratively to remember how to enter and leave the stage. Our concert was about six young explorers who had returned from their expeditions around the world and were being interviewed by the MES Cairo News team. There were lights, smoke, projections and even an interview via satellite to space! It was so much fun! Definitely a magic moment for us all.







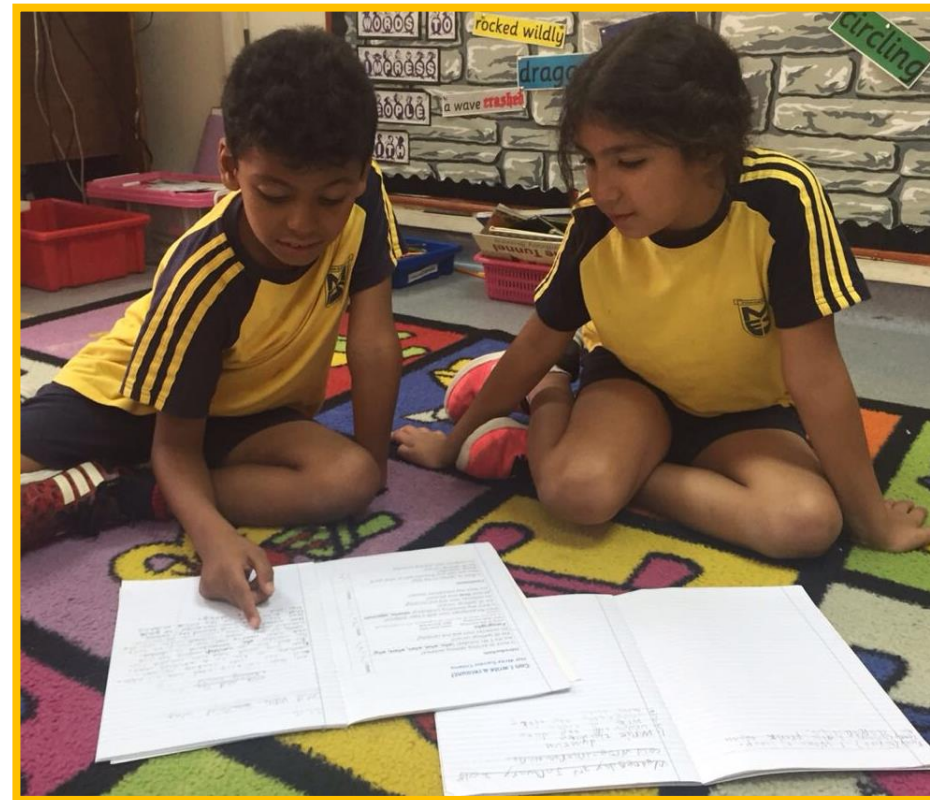
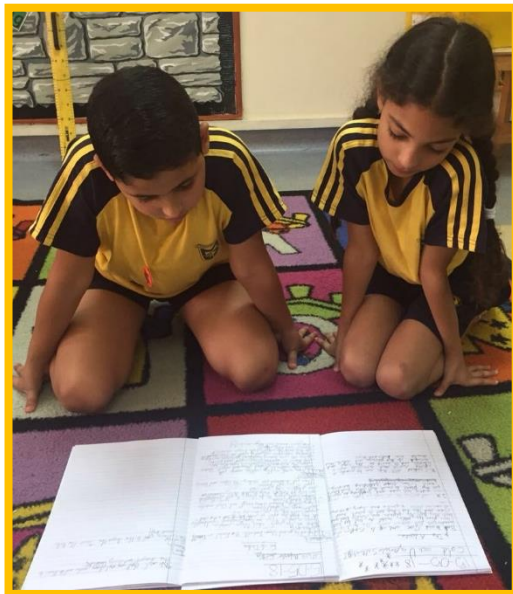
## In Year 2 Yellow...

...we had the amazing opportunity to visit Fagnoon Arts and Craft Center to consolidate our learning on the Science topic of materials. We explored different types of materials throughout the day and were very excited to take home our work as keepsakes. First, we explored and used different types of plastic to create individualised hanging frames. Next, we showed off our painting skills by painting a ceramic tile. We all managed to stay in between the lines! At lunchtime we sat in the lovely outdoor area and also got to feed the baby goats. They were super cute! During our afternoon sessions we looked at different types of fabric and learned how to weave. It was rather tricky! Our last activity of the day was the pottery station. We tried so hard to use the pottery wheel and create our own items such as bowls and mugs. It was rather challenging but we love a challenge in Year 2 Yellow. Finally we got a donkey cart ride back to the bus and headed home to share all of our work with our families.





## In Year 3 Yellow...



...we have been focussing on writing introductions to stories set in unfamiliar places. Using the boxing up formats, our budding authors had to describe the setting, introduce the main characters and include some dialogue. In an effort to hook our readers, we were also encouraged to use exciting sentence openers and inventive vocabulary. Once finished, we read through our work, editing it and adding vital improvements. Next, we had to pair up with a learning partner and edit our work together. For the last stage in the writing process, we wrote the final draft incorporating all of the suggested improvements. In the photos you can see the mature way our class has learnt to work together when editing. We are all very proud of the way in which our skills in proof reading and editing have improved throughout the year and we are looking forward to developing these even further next year in Year 4.





## In Year 4 Yellow...



...one of the highlights of our year has been the Year 4 residential trip to Ain Sokhna. On arrival, we checked into the very luxurious rooms and everyone unpacked before lunch. On the beach, wooden boards and cylinders were used to create huge piles of sand ready for carving into sand sculptures. The crossfit exercise activity also took place on the beach or on a small sand island, which was just as exciting as PE at school and equally exhausting. Yellow class proved themselves to be excellent scavengers in the scavenger hunt and blindfolds were donned as the students took part in trust games, aimed at developing team work and cooperation. Then for a slightly less physically exhausting activity which took place under shady umbrellas, we completed puzzles and quizzes focussing on the sea with a Spanish twist, recalling all we learned in our recent Spanish topic. When it was time to cool off, we headed to the huge lake-like swimming pool. After dinner was the eagerly anticipated Talent Show, which took place outside in a flood-lit area of the grounds. Lunch the following day, heralded the end of our trip and tired, but very happy, students and teachers headed back to MES Cairo.



## In Year 5 Yellow...



...this half term we have continued investigating the Science topic based on properties and changes of materials. We have investigated how much force is needed to move a shoe across different surfaces. This friction investigation naturally lead to learning outside the classroom. We explored the track, grass, sand and concrete surfaces to gain as much information as possible. Completing a line graph to present the results and a conclusion to clear up any anomalies, we thoroughly immersed ourselves in the investigation. In the end, we discovered that team work and lending our shoes was the key to success. Ms Sara was very proud of our hard work and everyone enjoyed their time learning in the sunshine. We can also recommend the best type of sports shoes to wear in PE lessons in order to create the least amount of friction if you want to run as fast as possible!





## In Year 6 Yellow...



...it may be nearing the end of the school year but we are still working hard and having great attendance. Our topic this term is 'Born in the USA', a study of North and South America. So far we have found out the names of all the countries, capital cities and some fascinating facts! We are using atlases, globes, computers and reference books to research and we have discovered some strange and wonderful information! Did you know that America was named after the Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci? And that there are more countries in North America than in South America? Alongside all of our hard work we also participated in the 'Awesome Egypt – Red, White and Black' day, helping to raise money for great causes!



# In Pioneers...

...we have worked hard all year to earn badges in each of the different activities which we have been assessed for. The end of year ceremony was a fantastic opportunity for the Primary Pioneers to enjoy the fruits of their labours and collect their sashes from Ms Singleton, Ms Cath and Mr Alex on stage. After Ms Singleton's speech, Emily Sigalas (Year 6 Blue) took to the stage to share her inspiring thoughts on the Pioneer Programme. She managed to succinctly sum up her feelings towards Pioneers: growth in stature and confidence. Once the audience had finished their applause, each of the students were then called to the stage to receive their sashes, along with their badges. An extra special mention to Yumi Star for receiving all gold award badges. A wonderful end to another amazing year for our Primary Pioneers!

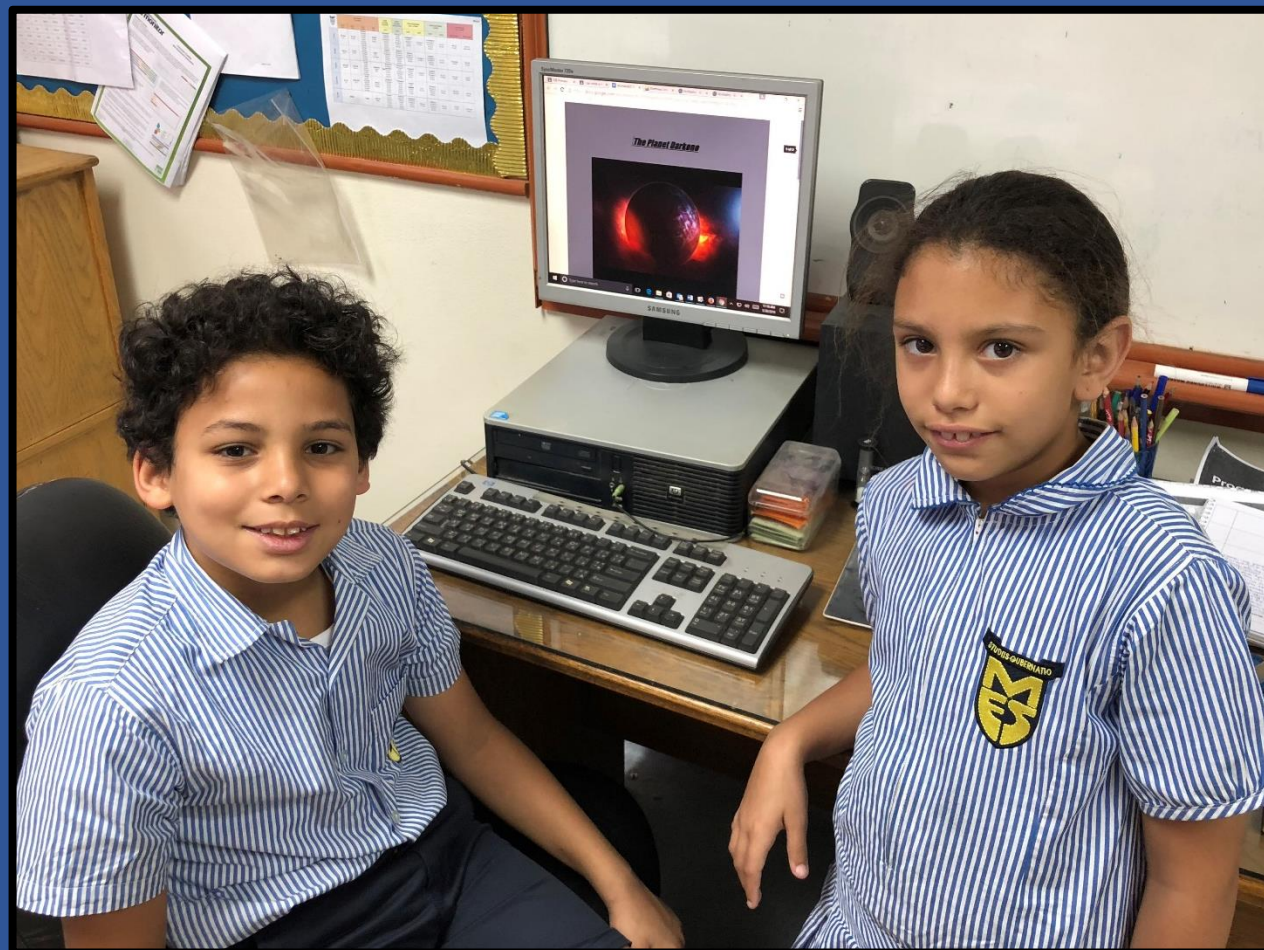






## APP of the week

In Year 3 Blue, we have been using Google Docs to create collaborative writing. Mr Matthew sent a Doc with editing rights to different groups, and each group used their own devices to write a recount using the same shared document. The great thing with Google Docs is we could all see who wrote which part and we could also edit our own work, as well as other children's work too! This meant we could all help each other with our learning! Another great feature of Google Docs is that we can work on it at home, at Grandma's house, at our friend's house, or wherever we happen to be, which means we don't need to interrupt family time or learning time, they can coincide for ease of use. We love to extend our learning beyond the classroom and Google Docs is a great way to do that! Now we are going to try the same thing with our science fiction stories.





# Coming Up Next...

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 Transition Day – American Section

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

FS1 Concert

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 Special Celebration

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Last Day for Students

MES Cairo Graduation Ceremony  
(involving the primary student choir)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Reports Issued

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Parents Day