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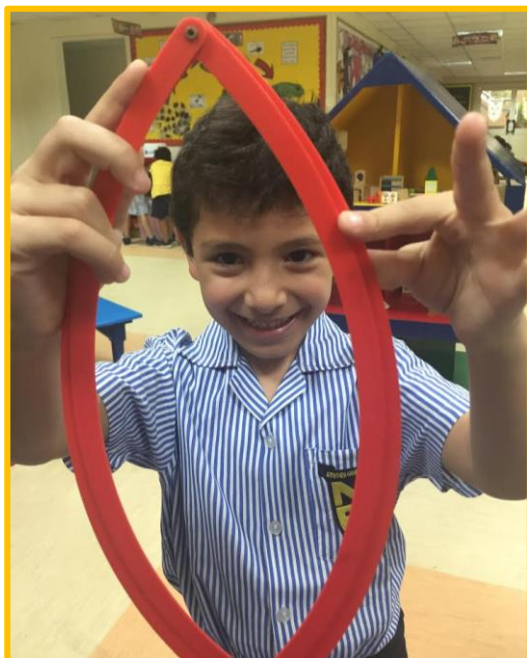
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Wisdom begins in Wonder

We now come to the end of what has been a successful school year, which appears to have gone very quickly. Reflecting on the year allows us to focus on how we are able to nurture, nourish, and celebrate every students' sense of wonder. Each of our Primary Newsletters has showcased the meaningful class activities, projects, visits and trips which have been designed and implemented to support the curriculum. As a result, our students develop intellectual skills and acquire content knowledge while seeing real meaning in what they do. Most importantly, they are enthused and happy in their day-to-day learning. Please enjoy the change of pace that the summer brings and look for opportunities to create a sense of wonder and learning for your children in the places you visit or activities they engage in during the holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone upon our return for the 2018-2019 school year.



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In FS1 Green...

...we absolutely love singing songs and nursery rhymes. Recently, we have worked very hard practising the songs for our FS1 Concert. We have also been rehearsing in the theatre with the rest of FS1 and we were very excited to perform in front of our parents. Miss Alison and Miss Sherry are very proud of the fact that we have learnt a total of 9 different songs with actions.





In FS2 Green...

...we wanted to share our thoughts and feelings about what happened to Mohamed Salah during his recent football match. We had an interesting discussion about what makes someone special and why Mohamed Salah is a star. Our answers included ideas such as: he has very good manners; he is Egyptian; he loves his team; he helps his family; he does not tease his friends; he works hard; he practises every day and he is healthy. We wanted to write some messages to wish him a speedy recovery so we decided to send him letters! We were very proud to have our writing displayed in the classroom. In Maths, we have been learning about time and we can now tell the time to the hour and half an hour. We played many exciting games about time in the classroom and during our Computing lesson.





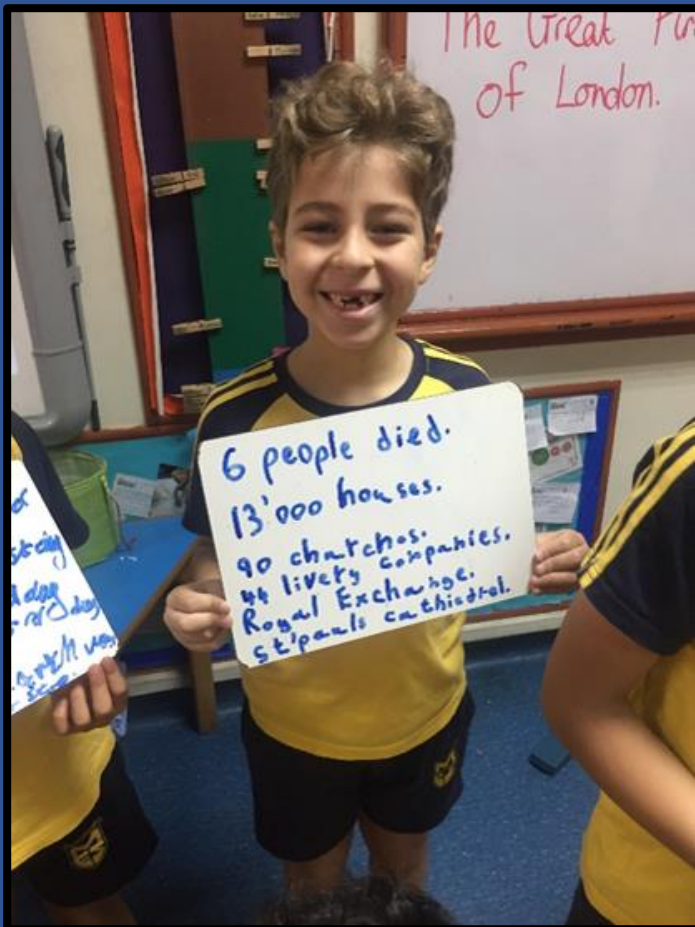
In Year 1 Green...

...we have been giving our brains a workout by playing a variety of fun and motivating games in Maths lessons to deepen our mathematical understanding and reasoning skills. These games have also helped us to apply a systematic and strategic approach to mathematical thinking as we find different ways to solve problems and deepen our understanding of numbers. All of the games encompass the important skills we have learned throughout the year such as addition and subtraction strategies.





In Year 2 Green...



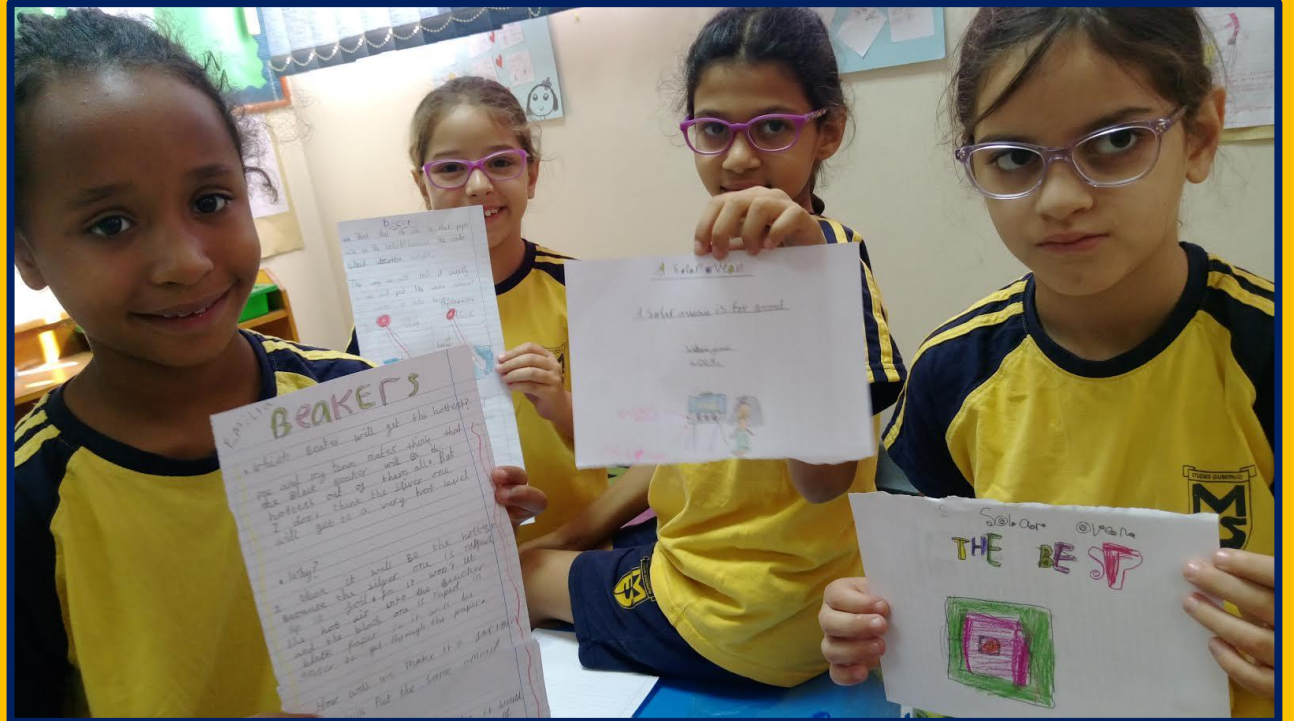
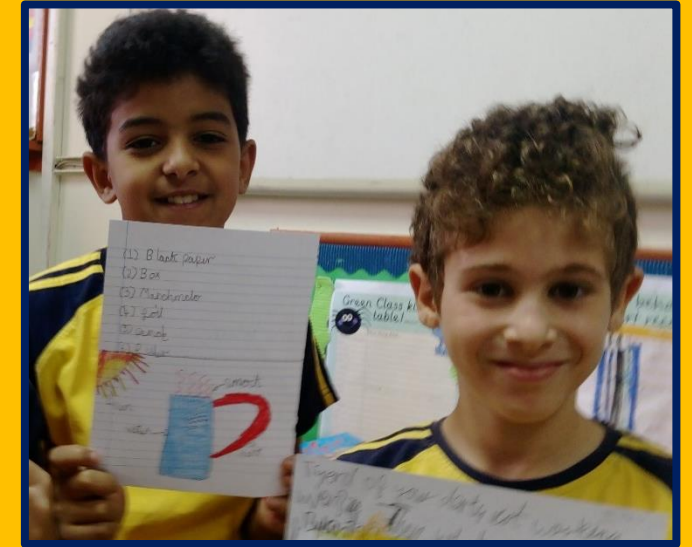
...we have been considering significant events in history. An event which we have been particularly keen to learn about took place in 1666 in London. It was known as the Great Fire of London and is still considered to be a major event in the history of England, having had a huge impact on the city of London. We discovered that it led to the re-design of London as we now know it because after the Great Fire, London was practically rebuilt. All new buildings were made of concrete. Also, King Charles II ordered the London fire brigade to be formed. We have become experts in retelling many fascinating facts about the event and impressed Mr Phil with our knowledge of history.





In Year 3 Green...

...we have carried out several STEM activities which are designed to include learning across the whole curriculum; Science, Technology, English and Maths are all essential components of a successful project. In this particular instance we have been learning about light and how it can be absorbed or reflected by different materials in Science lessons. In Technology lessons we have been using the internet to research different designs and make our own, unique plans. In Maths lessons we have been reading thermometers and drawing line graphs, then we have used English lessons to write about our experiences and explain what we have learned. We really enjoy STEM activities as they aren't just about answering a question, but solving real world problems.



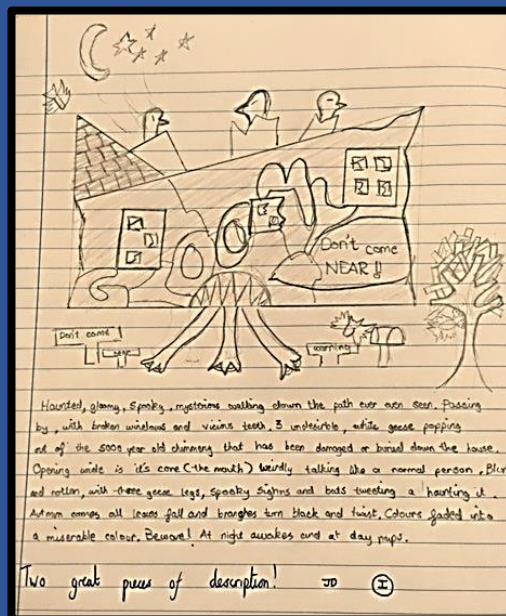
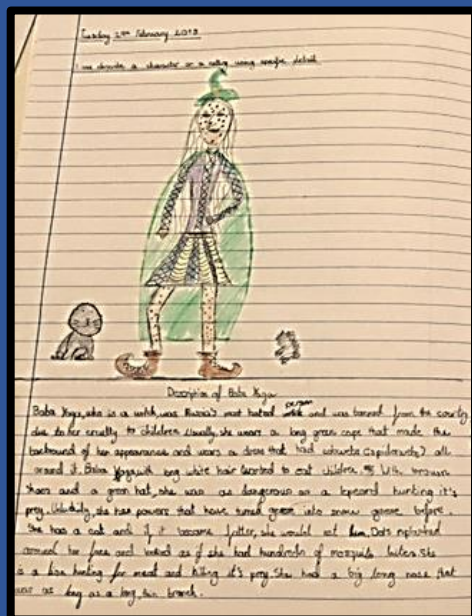


In Year 4 Green...

.....we have enjoyed learning about electricity during Science lessons this term. We carried out a fun, practical activity which involved creating an electrical circuit using wires, a battery and a bulb. We all succeeded in finding a way to connect and complete the circuit in order to make a bulb light up! Then we used our imagination and experimented with items found in the classroom to see which items and materials conducted electricity. We tested items such as rulers, scissors, pencils, paper, sharpeners and zips from our pencil cases to see if they conducted electricity or not by lighting the bulb. Angelina found that her earring was a good conductor!



In Year 5 Green...



...we have been learning how to write captivating stories from other cultures. This week our work has been centred around the story 'Thirteen Chimes at Midnight'. We delved into the language that was included in the story and discussed our thoughts and ideas about a few of the odd things in the story including a house which stood on three chicken legs. From this, we produced our own pictures of the main character Baba Yaga (an evil witch) and the house in which she lived. To accompany the pictures, we wrote some descriptive paragraphs using all of the literacy skills that we have learnt through the course of Year 5!



In Year 6 Green...

...we have been exploring how to take part in a formal debate. Mr Paget suggested a topic, such as 'Should computer games be considered a sport?' and we were then put into teams to prepare. We did some excellent research on each topic and were able to confidently discuss our side's opinion, while having fun and showing good listening skills. It was a good experience for each student and great to hear some passionate speaking on the different areas.





In Computing...



...Year 1 Green have been busy designing new football kits for the World Cup! The Busy Things kit design app helped the students to show off their creative flair! There appeared to be a great deal of influence from a certain Liverpool FC player, as you can see in the screen shot at the top of this page. In Year 5 Green there was more sports action for those students who chose to try particular tasks. We used 2DIY3D to build and play our own 3D games. Football at the pyramids was a popular design. Meanwhile, the students in Year 3 Green were progressing from photo editing to website building as they explored the fantastic features in Google Sites, one of the many tools available in our MES Cairo G-Suites. A perfect task to continue at home over the summer holiday to keep their Computing skills honed!



APP of the week



As an extended Computing project, Year 6 students have been using their filming and video editing skills to make a film to remember their time in Primary. Our budding Steven Spielbergs discovered that it is easy to shoot your own short film using some ingenious apps such as iMovie. As they are now preparing for their transition into the Secondary Section, the students have enjoyed working in teams to look back on their fond memories from their years spent in Primary. Some groups decided to interview students from other year groups from FS1 up to Year 6 and even teachers and staff. Everybody is looking forward to watching each other's work on the last day of term.



Coming Up Next...

Wednesday 13th June

Last Day for Students

MES Cairo Graduation Ceremony
(involving the Primary Student Choir)

Tuesday 19th June

Reports Issued

Wednesday 20th June

Parents Day