



# Modern English School Cairo

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### Keep Egypt Warm This Winter!

It's that time of year again and winter is upon us; the days are shorter, the nights are longer and the weather is much colder. For people living in impoverished communities, the cold of winter and the lack of heating and warm clothes touches many aspects of their daily lives. Five remarkable young students from Year 4 Green inspired another whole school campaign to 'Keep Egypt Warm'. Angelina, Amina, Farida, Nour and Malak shared their idea of collecting items of use for people whose realities are very different to theirs, especially toys and warm clothing for children. As a result, we are very proud to have teamed up with the leading charity Tawasol to make a difference to those in need. All clothing, footwear, toys, books and blanket donations will continue to be collected in school until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December so please join in and help to spread a little warmth.





## In FS1 Orange...

...after the rain on Tuesday, the children were very excited! They enjoyed looking out of the window to see how heavily the rain was falling and they talked about how cloudy the sky was. Quite different to our usual sunny weather in Cairo! On Wednesday, the children got to experiment with making their own rain. First, we filled a container with water and then a layer of shaving foam, that acted as the cloud. The children then used droppers to drop spots of food colouring on the cloud. This then seeped through the shaving foam and 'rain' then appeared in the water. The children enjoyed experimenting with different colours to see what colours they could create and they enjoyed watching to see the rain appear as they used the droppers.







## In FS2 Orange...

...we have had another week full of excitement. On Monday, the entire class went on a trip to Sitara Theatre. We watched wonderful shadow puppet shows of the stories 'The Very Busy Spider' and 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We also had the opportunity to make shadow puppets and then we used them in our own performance. For the remainder of the week, we drew story maps for our 'Talk for Writing' story 'The Very Busy Spider'. The class enjoyed retelling the story and creating illustrations to go with it. It was very exciting for the students to complete this task. Their enthusiasm and charisma made the activity even more enjoyable. We worked on our cooking skills in the kitchen, making pancakes and demonstrating our spider web drawing skills using chocolate sauce. Finally, we went on a new mathematical journey introducing one more and one less. We used our number lines to solve the spider web mathematical challenges.







# In Year 1 Orange...

...we had a busy week in Year 1 Orange. We have been working collaboratively to practise and prepare for our class assembly. We have been learning our lines and a song. The excitement of preparing for our assembly and practising our amazing dance moves coincided with assessment week. We were all 5R superstars demonstrating our ability to transition from assembly time to taking a formal assessment during this very busy week. Miss Courtney is very proud of our developing confidence and self-belief on stage and in the classroom. We celebrated the end of our week with a lovely art lesson. We looked at the work of Piet Mondrian, a Dutch artist well known for his simple geometric designs.







## In Year 2 Orange...

...we have been busy training and preparing to be future entrepreneurs. After researching famous inventors and inventions, we enjoyed sharing the information we have gathered along with describing our very own creative inventions. Some of our inventions included a flying car, a robot and a remote control baby carriage! It was enjoyable to listen to all of the innovative ideas and interesting facts.







## In Year 3 Orange...

... we have been practising writing playscripts in our English lessons. Firstly, we discussed the importance of using intonation, volume, tone and action when we are acting. We used lots of different play scripts to explore the main features of this genre before we practised writing our own. We particularly enjoyed the playscript for 'Little Red Riding Hood' and we created our own version. We have also experimented with making puppets so that our voices portray all of the performance while our stick puppets do all the work. Here are our marvellous puppets. We are really proud of our hard work and we had a lot of fun!



## In Year 4 Orange...



...if you walked past the Primary Science Laboratory this week you might have heard us enjoying our Science lesson. We created and tested our own unique brand of toothpaste. It was great fun making the toothpaste and testing it on a model of extra large teeth. As part of our learning in Science, we have been studying inventors and inventions. We discovered who created toothpaste and the reason each particular ingredient was important. This lesson is one of a series of our extended skills lessons where we have also been studying how to measure and record but more importantly how to observe, which we have discovered is a vital skill in Science. We didn't wish to miss an opportunity so we are now all brushing our teeth twice a day and reminding ourselves about the importance of regular dental hygiene.





## In Year 5 Orange...

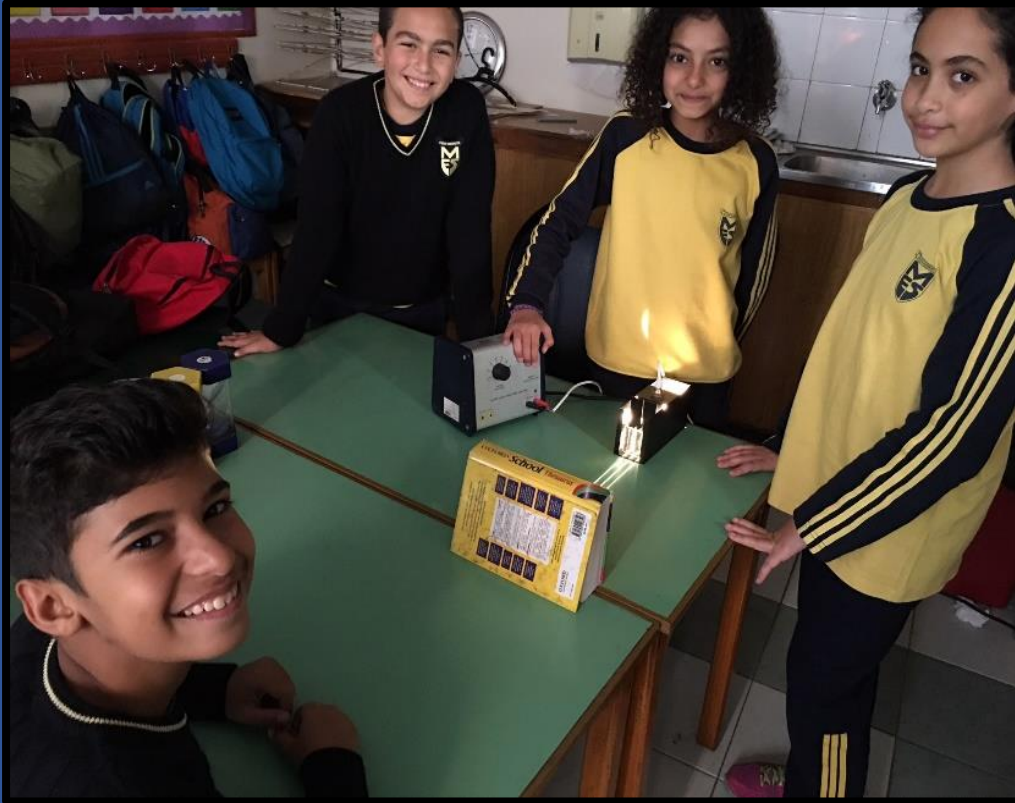


...we have been learning about the Chinese explorer Zheng He who travelled the world. Zheng He's fleets visited Brunei, Java and Thailand in Southeast Asia, as well as India, the Horn of Africa and Arabia. Zheng He presented gifts of gold, silver, porcelain and silk. In return, China received novelties such as ostriches, zebras, camels, and ivory from Africa. The porcelain he brought to Arabia soon found its way to exclusive homes in Europe. It was sought after due to the fact that it was so beautiful, comprising of a white background with cornflower blue patterns. In Year 5 Orange we made and decorated vases using different shades of blue paint. We also enjoyed cooking and eating vegetable dumplings!



## In Year 6 Orange...

...we have been inspired by using a range of fun science equipment to complete our light investigations. We used the special light boxes to understand that light travels in straight lines. Then we used mirrors to change the direction of the light so it would bend past an obstacle. We now understand that the scientific word for 'light bounces off' is 'reflection'. As the before and after pictures below demonstrate, the opaque thesaurus is blocking the light beam from shining in Mark's eyes; we then used two mirrors to bend the light around the thesaurus into Mark's eyes.





## In PE...



...excitement and anticipation have been building for the Interhouse Games at the end of Term 1, with all of Key Stage 2 practising their skills and tactics within their chosen sport. Year 3 have been working on their throwing and catching techniques, preparing for an intense Benchball tournament, with Year 4 working on their dribbling and goalkeeping skills ready for a closely fought football competition – who will be the next Mohamed Saleh? Both Year 5 and Year 6 have been learning new sports: Handball and Touch Rugby. Year 5 have been using skills and tactics they have learnt in other sports previously such as Basketball and Netball to improve their understanding and knowledge of the game. Touch Rugby is a difficult sport because unlike other invasion sports you can only pass the ball backwards, even though you must travel forwards to score a try. Year 6 have been doing a fantastic job, developing their understanding of the rules as well as their teamwork and leadership skills in implementing play and tactics. The PE Department are looking forward to delivering an exciting Interhouse Games on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Don't forget to wear your house t-shirt!





## APP of the week...

...Year 3 students have been learning all about playscripts in English this term. Students have thoroughly enjoyed learning to act out their playscripts in front of a camera, taking turns recording each other using the camera app on an iPad. Students resourcefully mashed-up their videos and uploaded them to their class' Google Drive. Mr Ingham collected all of the playscript videos and embedded them into Green class' Google Classroom, so that students and parents could celebrate the creative digital performances. No doubt Green class will have some superb writing next week, now that they've internalised their scripts using videos so well. How could you use the G-Suite Apps for Education at home, to collate family memories? Which other apps could you use to mash-up your memories and share with your family or the Modern English School Cairo community?





# Coming Up Next...

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Primary Photos

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

Seasonal Concert

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

Primary Interhouse Sports and Quiz

Last day of Term 1