

MODERN ENGLISH SCHOOL CAIRO



Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Please note:

- Next week's Golden Rule is "We Listen". Our focus 5R will be "Resourceful".

Foundation Stage One

The pupils are in their second week of swimming and so far it has been a great success! Swimming is not only lots of fun but also has many benefits for your child's physical and mental well-being. Please remember your child needs only five items on their swimming day:

*** swimming costume * swimming hat * suitable footwear * towel * bag**

Please make sure the bag is the right size for the swimming items, (NO bags that have wheels please). Please apply sun cream before coming to school. Here is a link for you to find out more about why swimming will support your child's development.

<http://www.kidsunlimited.co.uk/news-and-blog/What+are+the+benefits+of+swimming%3F/22250/>

Foundation Stage Two

The last week of our 'Me, Myself and I' topic was great fun and the pupils had opportunities to talk about their parents' jobs, whilst trying out different occupations for themselves in the role-play areas in the classrooms, pods and during Outdoor Learning. They also loved looking at all of the photographs that have been sent in of their friends as babies - thank you for helping out with this - and comparing how they have changed in the way they look and what they can do. Talk tins have been used to leave messages to practise speaking and listening skills.

The 5Rs are alive and well in FS2 and there has been reflective discussion about the learning that has taken place during the year. The pupils are also showing how amazing they are at relationships, beginning the collaborative learning strategies that will continue to enhance their learning as they move up through the school.

This week, have some fun learning some new songs at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/boogie-beebies/songs/> ready for our last exciting topic, 'We're All Going on a Summer Holiday!' which starts on Sunday.

Year One

In Maths this week, Year One has been continuing with some direction work. We used the 'Bee Bots' robots which was great fun! We had to program them to go in certain directions on the picture mat to get to different directions. We were very good at deciding if they needed to turn right or left! We also learnt more about telling the time. We looked at telling the time when it is o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to the hour. Use the following website to practise telling the time:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/telling_the_time/play/popup.shtml. We read 'Sleeping Beauty' this week. We sequenced the story and wrote our own invitations to a Christening. We also made fabulous fairies using different materials. Some of us made the 'wicked' fairy from the story and some of us made the 'nice' fairies. We used them as puppets to tell the story in our puppet theatre in the pod. We have also been using sand to make castle sculptures and building our own castles with different construction materials.

Year Two

In Year Two we had our Assessment Week. The pupils have been working very hard on Maths, Reading and Writing tests. The pupils have been given a Maths pack for homework for the rest of the term. There are also plenty of fun activities to keep them busy over the summer. In the Pod they have been creating artwork and building with construction. They have also continued to enjoy our 'Mr Benn' role play area, using their imagination to bring new characters to life. We have been working extremely hard on the production, preparing our dances and rehearsing our songs and lines in the theatre. There has been a real buzz in Year Two! The pupils have really enjoyed learning all of the 'Beatles' songs, and have been singing them in the playground, during art activities and even on the way to the bus. Have a look at this website if you want to find out more about the 'Fab Four'!

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_1680000/newsid_1684900/1684965.stm

Anubis

22336

Horus

28377

Ra

26039

Thoth

26285

Year Three

Last week Year Three began looking at a variety of fables, myths and legends that all came from 'South America'. After looking at the different features, we retold the stories in front of one another and then worked together in groups to recreate them using drama! All of the pupils really enjoyed looking at the stories and we are looking forward to writing our own. Create your own myth here: <http://myths.e2bn.org/create/>

In Maths, the pupils were preparing for the assessments and revising all of the work that they have completed over the term. Particular focus was given to fractions, time and money. Year Three need to keep working hard on these three areas! Play some games here:

<http://www.maths-games.org/fraction-games.html>, <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/measures.htm>
<http://www.ictgames.com/moneyPage.htm>

Year Four

Year Four have been working very hard this week thinking about and discussing how they are going to create their amazing 'Lunch Boxes' ready to present to the 'Dragons'. We have been looking at a variety of advertisement techniques, practised them in our writing and developed them in different formats. All of this has come at the same time as our assessments which has meant for an incredibly busy week. "Well Done" to all the Year Four pupils though for trying their best in their assessments. The Year Four representatives in the talent show were amazing and well done to all of them. Next week we will be looking at more examples of adverts, jingles and other persuasive techniques as we begin to make our inventions.

Year Five

Busy, busy, busy is the key word for Year Five as swimming has ended for some classes and begun for others, with pupils being assessed for their water skills and having fun in the pool. Year Five Blue and Orange completed the visits to 'Carrefour', looking for and buying healthy foods to make a salad, smoothie or a fruit salad. Year Five Yellow really showed their creative skills when presenting their food with budding chefs of the future displaying their skills! Fitness sessions continue weekly and it is good to see pupils focusing more on the correct way to complete each skill rather than trying for speed at the expense of expertise. Many groups have been seen encouraging and supporting their peers with strong relationships evident. Academic work has been largely revision, particularly in Maths, with the assessments on-going. A highlight last week was Year Five Blue's assembly on Thursday, with a focus on good relationships. The pupils always enjoy an opportunity to show their dramatic skills! It is always a good idea to look at the 'BBC' website for revision: www.bbc.co.uk/schools.

Year Six

This week Year Six have had two main focuses - completing assessments and preparing for our Year Six production 'Greece Lightning'. For Assessment Week we have seen the pupils applying themselves successfully to tasks set, showing extra effort when completing homework to ensure they were fully prepared - "Well Done Year Six!" Our production rehearsals are in full swing with all classes reading through and learning their lines, practising choreography and setting their scene on the stage. It is important that pupils are learning their lines at home, as well as their class song - perhaps they could give the family a sneak preview into what they will see on stage very soon! To help with this, the words and music can all be found here: <http://teacherweb.com/EG/ModernEnglishSchool/PrimaryMusic/photo3.aspx>. To make our production a success it will require the best efforts of all pupils in Year Six - we know you can do it, keep going!