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Times Tables Rock Stars Championships

KS2 students have recently dedicated themselves to learning their times tables thanks to the TTRS Championship which has involved all classes in competition with each other to find out which class would succeed as the overall champions. An incredible 4,338,112 correct answers were recorded throughout the competition. The final was a close showdown between Year 5 Orange and Year 4 Yellow with Year 5 Orange becoming the overall winning class. The skills of teamwork and togetherness which were required to succeed in the TTRS Championship are the product of our investment in building positive relationships in all aspects of life at Modern English School Cairo. Through the pages of this newsletter you will see other examples of our students joining forces to achieve greatness as part of a team. Whether it's bringing stories to life in the Early Years, creating Venn diagrams in Key Stage 1 or writing letters to pen-pals in Key Stage 2, we are united in our desire to succeed.



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Student Conference Days

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and family members who attended and supported our recent Student Conference days. These were a huge success due to the active participation of the parents and students involved. We were proud of the students ability to articulate their learning in such a mature way and for you to appreciate the amount of learning and progress that your child has made so far this academic year. The students told us they loved sharing their learning with you. The feedback from parents was very positive as you will see from some of the comments below.

'My child seems to know and learn more than I thought.'

'She was happy and proud and confident about presenting her work.'

'I loved how confident and excited my son is for showing me his environment and knowledge in class.'

'Thank you for a wonderful day.'





In FS1 Blue...



...we have enjoyed being creative through our new topic 'Fantasy.' We learned interesting facts about Outer Space and made different representations of aliens and superheroes. We also read some fantasy stories such as 'Superworm' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We then discussed the morals behind these stories and how we can be good friends to one another. Furthermore, we played as part of a group to develop and act out narratives of the stories we read.



In FS2 Blue...

...we went to Sitara to take part in an interactive workshop relating to the book 'The Jolly Postman.' This is one of our focus books this term so we were excited to see a live stage version. After the performance, we wrote our own postcards and went to a storyland post office to mail, sort and deliver them. We finished our trip with a music and movement session where we had to act like different characters from the story. The teachers were impressed with the excellent behaviour and manners the students demonstrated throughout the trip as well as their amazing reading and writing skills.





In Year 1 Blue...

...we have been learning all about different explorers, both past and present. In our Topic lesson, we went on an expedition lesson with Captain Robert Falcon Scott to the South Pole. We learned all about suitable foods for a long mission in treacherous weather conditions, discussing which were the best types of food to take. We were very resourceful throughout the lesson, using both Nearpod on the iPads and working in the cooking room to explore and experience the different foods and how they are made. It was a fun and yummy lesson!





In Year 2 Blue...



...we have been very engaged in our learning as well as having lots of fun at the same time throughout this term. To complete our work on shapes in Maths and to introduce our new topic on statistics, we were putting 2D and 3D shapes into Venn and Carroll diagrams. In English, we have been extremely creative by writing poems using alliteration, onomatopoeia and similes. As Term 2 draws to a close, we have been concluding our studies about China. The class have enjoyed learning about a country with such a rich history and differing culture to that of Egypt. Roll on the next topic which is all about inventors.



In Year 3 Blue...

...we have been learning about how Cairo has changed from ancient times. This included a fantastic trip to the Citadel where we saw evidence on how Cairo has managed to maintain a huge population. This included the Police Museum, where as you can see in the picture, there were some very different uniforms. We also saw the magnificent view from the Citadel of Cairo. We were able to just enjoy the view, however we realised that centuries ago, this view would be used to spot any danger of attack. Also, seeing Cairo from this elevated view, made us understand how vast the city of Cairo actually is. As always, Mr Delaney was extremely proud of our behaviour on the trip and Year 3 Blue represented MES Cairo magnificently.





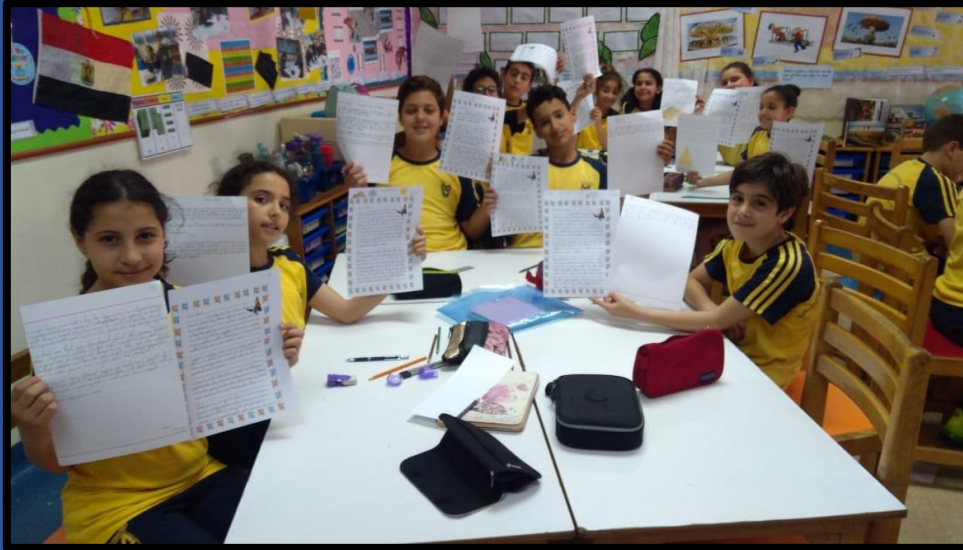
In Year 4 Blue...



...we have been looking at collecting and presenting data. To find our own quantitative data, we conducted surveys within the class to find out students' favourite sports. This information was then displayed as a bar graph. To produce a line graph, we measured the length of our shadows at four different points of the day. This was a particularly fascinating collection of data. We were then able to demonstrate the skills required to collect accurate data and had many discussions with each other to interpret the graphs we had generated.



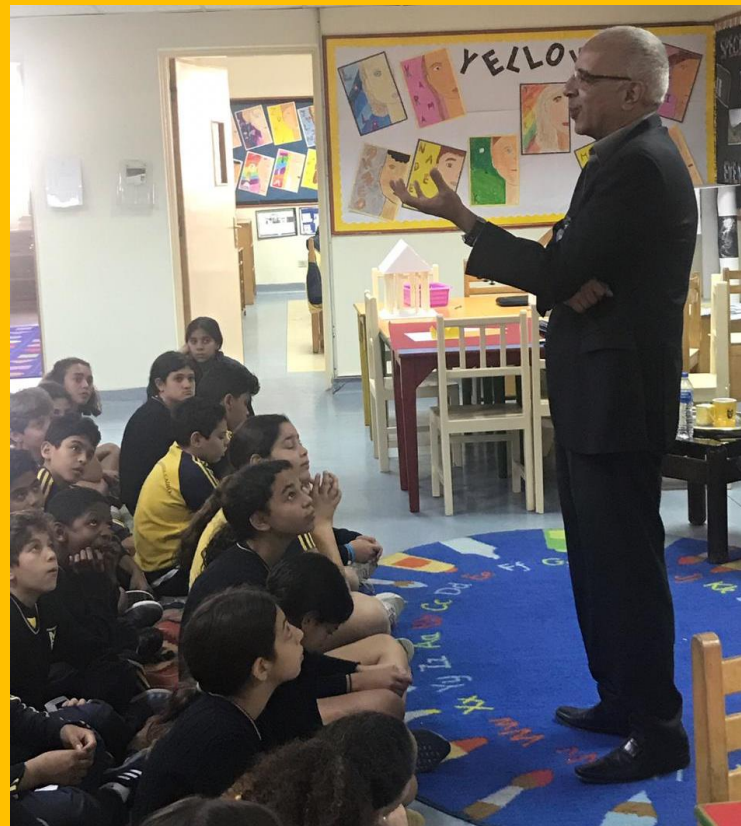
In Year 5 Blue...



...we have been very engaged in our learning and writing letters to our pen-pals in County Wicklow Ireland. The school approached MES Cairo as they searched for a Year 5 class in Egypt to take part in this exercise. Each child has been paired with an Irish friend with similar hobbies and interests and hopefully, this friendship will be life-long. The school in Ireland is in a rural location with only 22 children in the whole of Years 5 and 6 combined. We have been informing our new friends about life in a busy city, sites to experience whilst visiting Egypt and the benefits of an education in an establishment such as Modern English School Cairo. Our letters will be posted to Ireland within the next few days and we will eagerly await a reply.



In Year 6 Blue...



...for the beginning of our new English topic based on extended narratives, we were delighted to invite a renowned Egyptian author Mr Hisham El Kheshen into our pod for a question and answer session. We were keen to know about how an author goes about publishing their own book in order to prepare for writing our own short story at the end of the unit of work.

Some of the questions asked by 6 Blue were:

Seif Haitham and Omar Elmahallawy: What inspires you to write books?

Karma Abougabal and Lilly Hussein: How do you manage your time when writing (particularly with a full-time job)?

Ali Elbeleidy: How do you breathe life into your writing?



In French...

...Year 6 students have been learning about daily routines (Ma Routine) in French this term. We have been learning about reflexive verbs and how to use them correctly, as well as how to incorporate them when talking about our daily routine, e.g. 'Je me réveille à six heures.' We have also learned how to talk about various activities that we do, both sporty and non-sporty. We revised how to say times in French, including 12 and 24-hour ones, e.g. 'Je me couche à vingt-deux heures.' The students worked in groups to produce some lovely posters entitled 'Ma Journée Typique' (My Typical Day). Très bien fait, Year 6





Coming Up Next...

Sunday 5th May

First Day Term 3

Monday 13th May

Whole School Art Exhibition

2pm

Thursday 16th May

Year 4 Production

9am