

Primary School Highlights



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Dear Parents,

Have a look at the photographs on the following pages. Don't they make you smile. Why? Look at how much activity is happening in our school right now. Safe and active. I have had a delightful week witnessing some of these lessons and have been able to share the amazing work being done by our students, courtesy of our wonderful team of teachers.

A little boy approached me on the door this morning and announced very excitedly, "we have assembly in the theatre today." Yes indeed, our students are back on the move. A real joy for them, as they have been so attached to their chair and their table or their designated spot for too long. Movement is back, carefully and safely. PE is back, I watched a wonderful lesson yesterday with a Year 3 class. Students are going to the library. This will very soon be extended to Art and Music. These specialists can once again prepare their environments for their practical subjects.

What little stars we have. Year 2 students preparing animations in their habitats. Year 3, including the teachers, acting out playscripts. Year 5 in competition to produce the best solar system. To name but a few. I cannot tell you how much the spirits of the students have lifted with all this flexibility with their learning, never mind the teachers.

We even have sports week coming up. It will be a lot more structured than on previous occasions, to keep in line with current protocols, but again, it will be seeing the students out of classrooms and being active which will bring smiles to our faces. The PE team is looking at how it will take place and encouraging all students to do their best.

Trips which had to be cancelled are being rescheduled. Emirates Festival of Literature and Expo 2020 are two of the venues.

One more week to go until our mid term break. A relatively short half term, but packed with learning and progress. Who knows what the next half term will bring.

I hope you all stay safe and have a peaceful weekend.

Miss J. Barbara Exley

Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

As I have written in the weekly newsletters, it has been a turbulent start to Term 2. I can say though that I am proud of the way that the community pulled together and worked hard to ensure that our children were not affected. It was a worrying time as on one seemed to understand what the real impact Omicron would have on the world. In some ways, it created a divisiveness in communities with some people tired of the restrictions and wanting a fast return to normal and others far more cautious. This made it incredibly difficult to know what the best was for the entire community with such conflicting views. I hope history will show that what we did was the best we could with the information we had at the time.

Now though, it is full steam ahead. It is looking increasingly likely that in the coming weeks, we will return to at least the same situation as we had prior to the winter break. After that, who knows but I think I can see a glimmer of hope that suggests a full return to our new normal by the summer. Hence, it is time to close those gaps and move forward at pace.

This year, whilst events are curtailed somewhat, we will still be celebrating International Day on the 11th Of February. I highlight this day as it is often a day that we can come together as a community and celebrate our heritage and culture. Unfortunately for this year we will have to celebrate it without your presence. However, your influence should still play a part. We live in an extremely diverse country. So many people call this place home yet are from very different places. Discuss this with your children. Explain to them the benefits of living in a wonderfully multi-cultural country and also that of retaining their own culture. Having that link back to your ancestral home, wherever you are is important. For me, having not lived in the UK for 20 years, I still remind my children of their UK heritage and how it is an important part of them. There is a note here though that within this, we must respect all other cultures as it makes our lives brighter. One thing I love about working here at EISJ is the number of different nationalities and the opportunity to learn more about all the different cultures. Hopefully, as the world returns to normal, we can embed this more into our curriculum.

Just to keep you up to date we will also be having a virtual visit by CIS (Council of International Schools) as part of our journey to becoming a fully accredited member of the group. Membership of this prestigious group ensures access to a global network and support in our drive to serve our community. This visit will be taking place shortly after the mid term break and will be done via a series of online meetings. We are planning for our full accreditation visit to be within the next 12 to 18 months. This visit is there to help us start preparing for that.

Finally, I would just like to wish you and your families all the best for this coming year. I hope 2022 will be a better year for us and that we can return to a new type of normal soon.

Mr. Rob Ellis

Principal



Year 3R students acting out a playscript



Year 3 : Investigation to see if the length of our femur impacts the distance we can jump



Larin 6J. She's making such great progress



Year 4R investigating how tsunamis affect homes near the coast, in Science.



EY1J learning about the life cycle of a plant



Year 3H students learning about money

EY2I activities

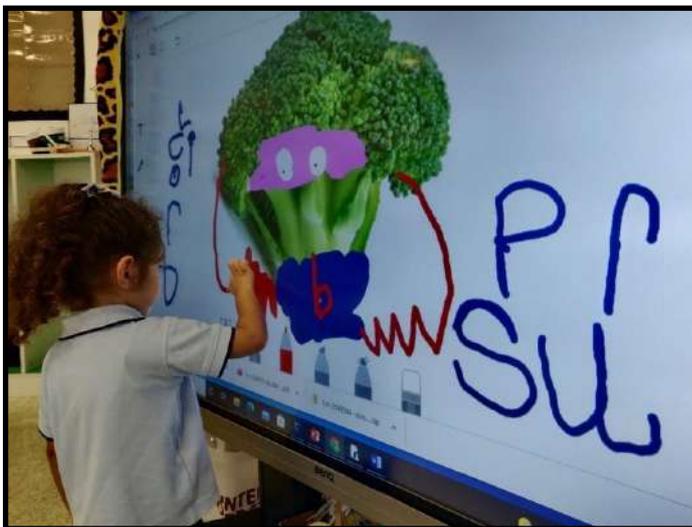
This month we have learnt all about seeds and plants.

We planted our own seeds and are taking great care of them.

We can name and label the parts of the plant and describe their functions.



We also made mazes, traps and catapults to stop Evil Pea terrorising our school.



We designed superhero vegetables to help Supertato.

Year 1 students learning about “surah al feel ” in their Islamic Studies class



In Year 2, the learners have been learning about different habitats and have then written their own story about animals which live in the habitats and used their story to retell the adventure in stop animation.



EY1 Music lesson: "Move to the beat "- rhythm game.



Year 3I students shopping for healthy food



In EY2J we have been learning to solve simple addition number sentences using a number line.



Dates (Dates are subject to change)

14,15,16.02.22

Mid Term Break

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