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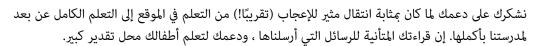
Thank you for your support of what was an impressive (almost!) seamless transition from onsite learning to full distance learning for our whole school. Your careful reading of the communication we have sent, and support of your children's learning is very much appreciated.



As we informed you on Sunday, all contacts, and the original positive case have tested negative. We are working with the authorities to reopen our school after the quarantine period; we are hopeful we will be open on Thursday 1st October. I have requested clarification and information on the process of re-opening, and I will keep you all fully informed as I have further feedback on this.

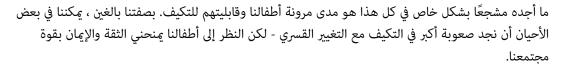


What I find particularly heartening in all of this is how resilient and adaptable our children are. As adults, at times we can find it more challenging to adapt to enforced change- but looking to our children gives me confidence and faith in the strength of our community.





كما أبلغناك يوم الأحد ، فإن جميع جهات الاتصال والحالة الإيجابية الأصلية جاءت سلبية. نحن نعمل مع السلطات لإعادة فتح مدرستنا بعد فترة الحجر الصحي ؛ نأمل أن نفتح أبوابنا يوم الخميس 1 أكتوبر. لقد طلبت توضيحات ومعلومات حول عملية إعادة الفتح ، وسأبقيكم جميعًا على اطلاع كامل لأن لدي المزيد من التعليقات حول هذا الأمر.





Secondary Distance Learning:

We were informed late on Tuesday that Secondary years 7, 8 and 9 will remain distance learning. The authorities have prioritised students in exam years to receive onsite learning. Our secondary family information meeting this week was exceptionally well attended- thank you for being involved in your child's learning. Many families were overwhelmingly pleased with our secondary distance learning provision; thank you for passing on your comments to our team.

We are always developing and honing our provision to ensure learning and wellbeing are maximised. ADEK have requested that all secondary families complete the ADEK survey here-

English: https://adek.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6xmb9DDqLduu03H

علمنا في وقت متأخر من يوم الثلاثاء أن الصفوف الثانوية 7 و 8 و 9 ستظل على التعلم عن بعد. أعطت السلطات الأولوية للطلاب في السنوات المتقدمة والتي لديها امتحانات خارجية لتلقى التعلم في الموقع. لقد حظى اجتماع المعلومات العائلية الثانوي هذا الأسبوع بحضور جيد للغاية -شكرًا لك على المشاركة في تعلم طفلك. كانت العديد من العائلات مسرورة بشكل كبير بتوفير التعليم الثانوي عن بعد ؛ شكرًا لك على إرسال تعليقاتك إلى فريقنا. نعمل دامًّا على تطوير وصقل ما نقدمه لضمان أهمية التعلم والرفاهية. طلبت دائرة التعليم والمعرفة من جميع العائلات الثانوية إكمال استيبان دائرة التعليم والمعرفة هنا-

Arabic: https://adek.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6xmb9DDqLduu03H

The letters from ADEK are also attached. The deadline for this survey to be completed is 27th September. Thank you for your support.

Class representatives:

We now have class representatives for every class! We will meet with Class reps next week, and share the process of setting up Class reps whatsapp groups. Please see the policy here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wZAlUliHU3FcMgR -mJJeLKoQxMlOSu-2lkGz7NSssU/ edit?usp=sharing

Family Workshops:

We held a number of well attended Family Workshops this week; please see the links to the sessions if you were unable to attend:

Seesaw: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ywuzfRvdXl_ D4hdWVygEZQDIVQveLBQ6TAa63iNlEpo/edit?usp=sharing

Non-Native Arabic: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1a_ywH1y-KXIhOIFn7Ewo7vPbTCB_Jdt-SdvSxFH6JQ/edit?usp=sharing

Secondary FIM:

Part 1: https://drive.google.com/file/d/14lJsltB99I0SJ3unVpnCIU5TAO0ze3uJ/

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Part 2: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JdqQH4ADDbTkaKqtyKCxmacqQBcXS9XA/

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Part 3: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kFdLor88V3GJ0XnfilTh4nAo_yV50T4q/ view?usp=sharing

Friends of Aspen Virtual Coffee Morning:

Families met this morning 'virtually' to share our goals for our community group, vote in our Friends of Aspen Committee, and begin to work on the first Friends of Aspen community event of this term; Pink Day. This year our Pink Day events and activities will be on Thursday 15th October, with the aim of raising awareness and fundraising for breast cancer charities. The group had lots of ideas, energy and creativity! If you would like to be involved in Friends of Aspen, or in supporting our Pink Day organisation, please email Miss Meg Manica, our teacher representative on Friends of Aspen mmanica@ahbs.ae

Family Conferencing:

Teachers have now concluded their assessment of your child's strengths and areas of development, so we are commencing our Family conferencing programme to share your children's learning targets with you, and have the opportunity to share how they have settled so far.



FS2 will be conducting family conferences on Sunday and Monday of next week- please sign up on the parent portal if you haven't already. Please contact your child's class teacher, or Miss Diana Rayyan, if you need support with this. drayyan@ahbs.ae

Nursery Family Information Meeting:

In preparation for our proposed opening of Nursery on Sunday 4th October, we are holding a Nursery Family Information meeting on Wednesday 30th September. Please check the family dates for the zoom link. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the increasingly cooler weather!

Mrs Emma Shanahan Principal, Aspen Heights British School

Exciting opportunity:

There is a three week online coaching program from PASS Abu Dhabi for all children aged 5 and above.

To register please visit: www.passabudhabi.com/onlinesessions

Please see the flyer below for more information.

This is a great way to keep active whilst learning new skills.



Primary Update

Well done everybody for completing their distance learning this week. I have really enjoyed seeing all of your learning on Seesaw, the live sessions and Active Aspen afternoons. I have sent gold cards to some children who have really challenged themselves in their learning. At Aspen Heights we want children to be challenged in their learning through self directed differentiation. Children will receive their input and then based on their level of understanding, select the right challenge for them. We have found that this works really well, especially during maths sessions. Keep up the good work everyone!



Thank you to Miss Clark and the families who were able to attend our Seesaw Family Information Meeting this week. It was extremely useful to understand how both the class and family app work and it was great to hear the positive feedback from our families. The presentation for this has been shared with all of our primary families for those who were unable to attend.

The attendance has been brilliant this week across the school with many of our children attending all of their live sessions and completing all of their learning on Seesaw daily. The classes with the highest attendance for their phase are:

Oasis Class with 100%! Bulbuls Class with 98% Oryx Class with 100%! Ostrich Class with 100%! Houbara Class with 96% Dolphin Class with 96%

Well done everybody who contributed to this, you should feel very proud.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing all of your learning next week.

Mrs Laura Stevens Head of Primary









Head of Secondary

Thank you for your support in helping to make the fourth week of distance learning straightforward and enjoyable in secondary.



This week I have seen lots of amazing lessons, from using electronic pianos on our secondary devices in music, to debating 'Is this Art?', exam question analysis in science, summarising in English and much much more.

After the baseline marks were realised to children this week after the teachers completed the moderation I am very happy to see that some children are beginning to take ownership of their learning and take the initiative to monitor their own progress and plan out next steps for improvement.

It was great to see so many of you at our Family Information Meeting yesterday, where I outlined all of the pertinent information about secondary, and shared our distance learning plans. Whereby each child has a 'live lesson' for every lesson during the day; including our 'Active Aspen' initiative at 1pm everyday, where all children can participate in live PE.

In order to support learning and your child's wellbeing during distance learning it is important that your child attends school on time every day. Each live lesson helps to construct new subject knowledge and skills.

All children should be in full school uniform on their electronic devices by 7:50am so that they are logged on with their camera and microphone on and ready for form time to start at 8am.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's form tutor.

Year 7 Aryam - Ms Nisha (nmohamed@ahbs.ae)

Year 7 Dalma - Mr Delaney (jdelaney@ahbs.ae)

Year 8 Saadiyat - Ms Stewart (fstewart@ahbs.ae)

Year 8 Maryah - Ms Lavin (elavin@ahbs.ae)

Year 9 Yas - Mrs Joubert (jjoubert@ahbs.ae)

Year 9 Futaisi - Mrs Grice Glover (aglover@ahbs.ae)

Wishing you all a safe weekend,

Dr. Kate Plumb Head of Secondary







Maitha joining in with her phonics lesson.



Hana making flowers for Arabic lesson.



Mariah doing her phonics work.



wash his hands.



Maitha is writing her new sound m in the soil.



Wadeema using a bowl and a spoon to help her retell The Magic Porridge Pot story.



Hamad is weighing items and saying which is the heaviest and lightest item.

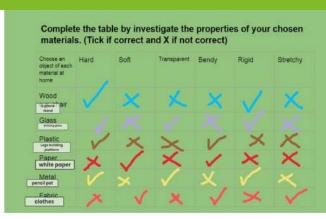


Fatima has a good understanding of how to wash her hands



Liang- Hsuan has been practicing washing her hands to keep healthy.

Lower Primary



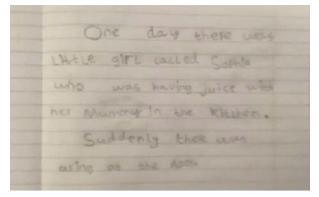
Christoforos in Y2O enjoyed exploring materials in his house and investing their properties

Taras in Tahrs completing his readingfocusing on the 5 senses.





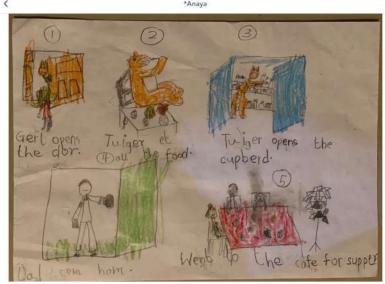
Marc Year 2 Ccamels was testing properties of materials in science.



Salma wrote the beginning of her innovated story all by herself!



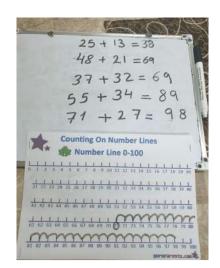
Ethan in Tahrs finding one more than a given number using sticks.



Anaya sequenced the story 'The Tiger who came to Tea.'

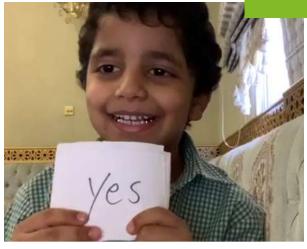


Salama finds 10 more and 10 less than a number.



Omar independently solving addition calculations using a number line.

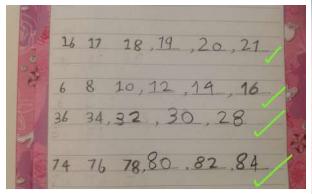
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Khaled H in Y2L working very hard in phonics.



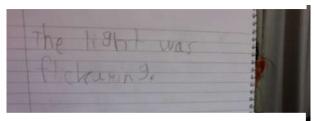
Year 3 Flamingos science experiement how water travels in a plant.



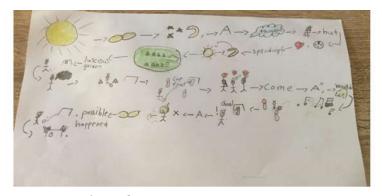
Hasah Year 2 Camels can count forwards and backwards in ones and twos.



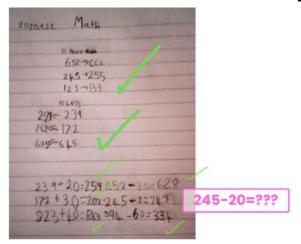
Maia 2G drew a beautiful horse and label it with adjectives.



Liliana using newly learnt words in her sentences.



Year3F Garden of Doom story map.



Year 3 Kingfishers are becoming more confident adding and subtracting 10 from a range of numbers



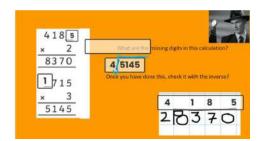
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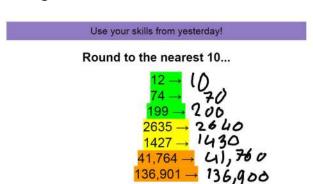
Artwork from Abdulaziz in Year 4 Houbara.



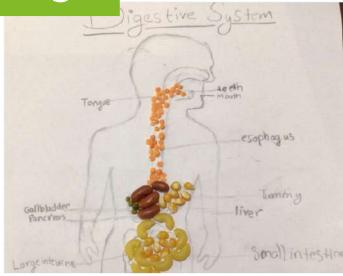
Cesar with his creative model of the digestive system.



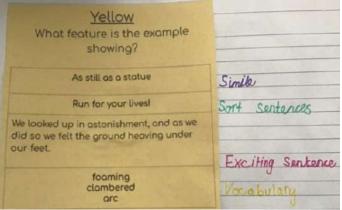
Year 6 Dolphins using the inverse to solve missing number calculations.



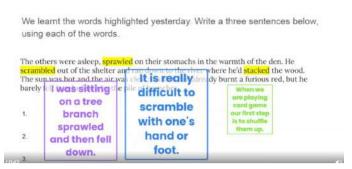
Andre rounding numbers to the nearest 10.



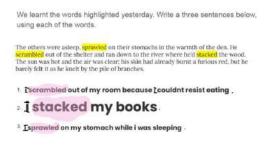
Maha's creative project on the human digestive system.



Isma in Year 4 Houbara identifying features in reading.



Year 6 Dolphins finding out the meaning of new words and creating sentences.



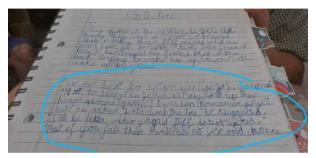
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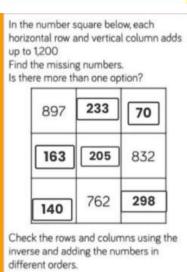
Rayan creating an interesting repeated pattern tribal print.

Youssef Year 6 wrote his own fictional story based on our model text.



Seahorses demonstrating their answers to Mrs MacLeod whilst looking at the four operations.





Fjord used the inverse for addition and subtraction to find the missing numbers

Sultan woke and said "Where am I?" asked himself, "Am I in a jungle?" Over here," said a little voice". A couple of minutes passed by then he found out it was Abdulla "Sultan is that you," asked Abdulla. "Yes "said Sultan," But where is Adam And Ibrahim" asked abdulla, "Hmm..., good question" he said. "Let's look for them" he said. Then they started to look for the rest, Then they found Adam At this gorgeuos, green tree in front of a beautiful, blue waterfall, then found Ibrahim At a nearby river swimming then all of them joined Ibrahim at the river and swam in'till.

Rashed used speech marks and description when writing a paragraph based on our model text.

Red activity.

In a flash of light, a colossal polar bear ran towards me.
I turned around and dodged in the way he couldn't attack me. When I was saved in the middle of a glacier I touched my bag and realized multiple things had gone missing like my compass, gloves and food. Immediatly, I felt lost, scared and sad, because I was afraid an animal can attack me or I could have hipothermia and starve to death.

Carla from Year 5 Parrotfish innovated an amazing paragraph about an adventure in the Arctic.



Thick fur on the top of the body for shade and thin fur elsewhere to allow heat loss.



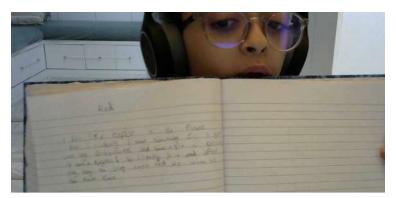
Camel

Camels live in the desert.

They have long and bushy eye lashes to protect their eyes from sand during sandstorm.

Large, flat feet to prevent sinking in to sand.

Eyad from Year 5 Parrotfish researched how camels are adapted to live in the desert.



Zalikha from Year 5 Hawkbills innovating the 3rd paragraph of the story Flotsam.

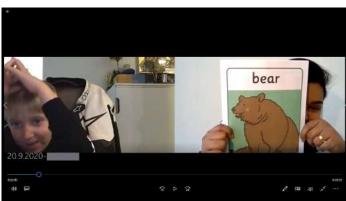


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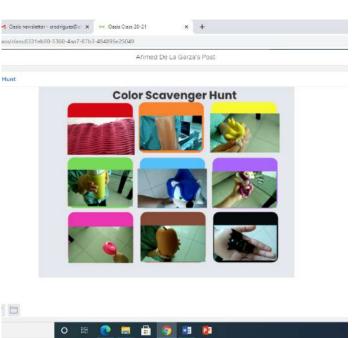


We have had a busy week in Oasis with our e-learning. We went scavenger hunting around the house and had fun recording our Music and P.E activities to do at home.

We had our story "going on a bear hunt" we enjoyed walking through the grass, swimming through the river, walking through the muddy fields and walking into the cave to find the Bear. We uploaded videos of what we miss about school and we hope to go back soon for more fun learning!!!





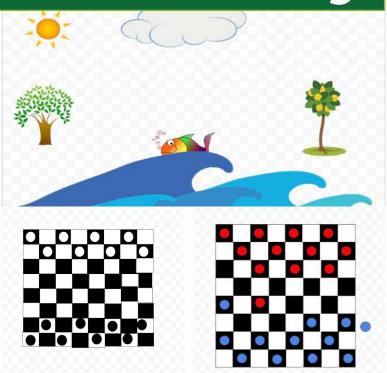








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English:

In year 7 this week we have been learning how to structure an information text, identify a writer's intention and also produce our own piece of writing to achieve a particular intention.

Count Fosco reveals himself to be a villainous character in our Year 8 English lessons this week. Count Fosco plans (premeditates) evil actions ahead of time, he does not flinch as he says horrible things to Mr Hartright. What does Mr Hartright's name suggest about Mr Hartright? What can we infer from his name?

The Mary Celeste set off from New York bound for Italy. In Year 9 English our reading extract's author carefully shares the facts of how the Mary Celeste was found crewless, in good order (apart from a hull full of water) with both crew and passagers missing. Fact finding in order to create a paraphrased summary is a challenging skill to develop. The Year 9s are off to a great start - the secret is 'no short-cuts'.

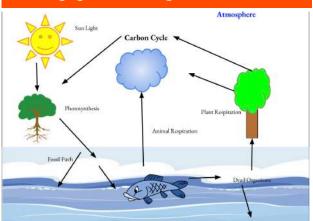
The torch flickers, leaving me in nearly pitch darkness for a few seconds. More flickering. Then the battery dies, just like my hope.... The only lights are the stars which today seem to get dimmer and dimmer. Snow rapidly invades the forest and I shiver, from exhaustion and the ever growing cold. I clutch the torch even though it's useless now. I pull my battered coat around me tighter. Suddenly a wave of despair takes over me and I sit down. I just want to go home. I don't have food. I don't have water. I don't have a way to go home...

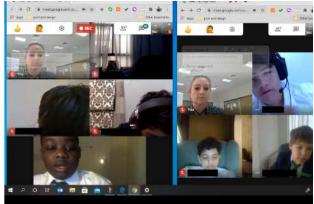
My hair is limp, my face is pale and my scarlet lips are dry. My head throbs as ice runs through my veins. An ominous silence poisons the air.My teeth clatter as the blizzard gets thicker and thicker, making a blindfold around me. The worn soles of my boots let icicles escape while my threadbare coat gets thinner. My whole body is numb and my eyelids droop. But I need to get home for Cehristmas, no matter what.

A distant roar from an engine breaks the silence. Dim headlights slowly become visible, A figure of a heavily dented truck. I blink, There's my chance to go home. The truck would be heading to the town where my home was! But when I look at the driver my hopes are drowned by doubts. He had stringy grey hair and yellow teeth. But I had to take the chance. It was my only hope....

Computing:

Google Drawings is a virtual board that allows users to create content by drawing, pasting images, linking videos and websites, and inserting text, shapes, tables, and other content onto a page in Google Drive. It allows students to work on the same document at the same time from different locations and because of its design students are able to collaborate, create, communicate, and engage in learning.







(School)

School is a very fun and amazing place to be in because you learn and make new friends. If you are new to school you should not get stressed. School is really easy. Here is some important information that will help you get started.

Equipmen

You should always bring your own equipment to school such as pencil, ruler, eraser and a pen.

Lessons

You should never miss lessons: Tthey are so important, but if you do, you should ask the teacher to repeat what she said.

Homework

Homework is essential,: Ith helps you practice what you have learnt at school and it is also necessary to do it on time.



French:

In year 7 this week we have been learning the verb Être - to be. We can now create short sentences using the positive and negative present tense.

In year 8 this week we have been describing our family through oral and written French. We can describe their physical appearances as well as their personalities.

In year 9 this week our focus has been on the rooms and furniture in the house. We are building on last year's knowledge and expanding our vocabulary.

Blue

Je ne suis pas fatiguéfatigue
Nous ne sommes pas heureux
Tu n'es pas fatiguée
Elle n'est pas malade
Ils ne sont pas intelligentitelligent
Elle n'est pas triste
Il n'est pas sympa
Vous n'étesn-étest pas fatiguéfatigue
Nous ne sommes pas content
Ils ne sont pas malade

RED

Je suis fatiguée
Nous sommes heureux
Tu es fatiguée
Elle est malade
Ils sont intelligent
Elle est triste
Il est sympa
Vous êtesetest fatiguéfatigue
Nous sommes content
Ils sont malade

Secondary

Task 2 (ORANGE)

PART 1:

- 1) Je suis intelligent.
- Nous sommes heureux.
- 3) Elles sont tristes
- 4) Il est malade.
- 5) Elle est fatiquée.

Science:

Year 7: We have so much fun learning about the organs in the body! We looked at what happens during an open heart surgery, the Year 7 Aryam girls were surely were excited to see it. (picture in folder)

Year 8: We have been focusing on health and nutrition, students looked at all the organs involved in digesting food and the importance of having a balanced diet. (picture in folder)

Year 9: End of unit test for 9A Genetics and inheritance. Students all completed their end of unit test and we reviewed the test to highlight some of the strengths and weaknesses. We will be starting a new topic next looking at how materials are made in Science!







Secondary

Bon Appétit

Enjoy your homemade Banana

French Toast using the main

Ingredient EGGS!







Grand Mosque

- The art is located in Abu Dhabi
- It is in the Grand Mosque
- · This picture is a sample of the art
- YUSEF ABDELKI is the artist who designed The Grand Mosque. He is from Syria and the Grand Mosque has lights made out of 24 carat gold.
- Elements of design used are shape and color
- I like this art because the walls are parallel to each other and it looks like a king's palace





Art and DT:

In year 7 D&T this week, students entered the kitchen and started to prepare their Master Chefs creations. Aspen Heights is very "eggcited" to see the "eggceptional" results from this

"eggcellent" challenge! Please stay tuned!

In year 8, we have been focusing on mindfulness, 7/11 breathing and creating Tangles through pattern work. Students had the opportunity to research and observe the connection between pattern and Islamic Art.

Is it art? How do we know? In year 9, this week, we have been examining conceptual art and the Elements & Principles of Design in order to assist us in determining if something is art. Through research and understanding, students learned what it meant to take a position when presenting an argument. The class will be entering the "Great Banana Debate" to discuss the mysterious question "what is art?".





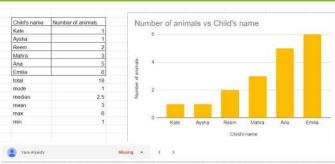


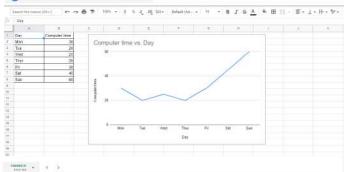
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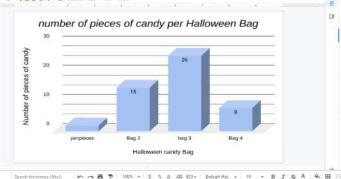
This week in year 7 Maths we discovered how to use Google Sheets for drawing line graphs and bar graphs. Some students also explored simple functions.

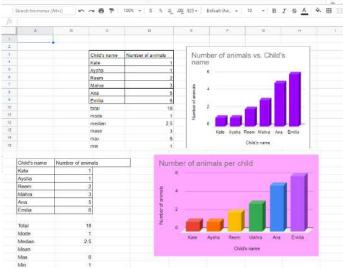
In year 8, we continued working with numbers and we discovered that prime decomposition may help finding LCM and HCF.

Year 9 revised mixed numbers, decimals and significant figures. They also practised using MyiMaths for revision.



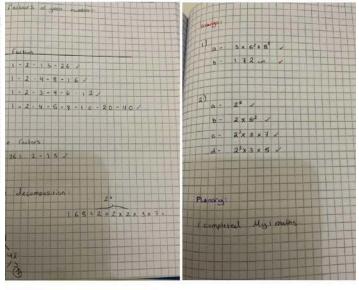


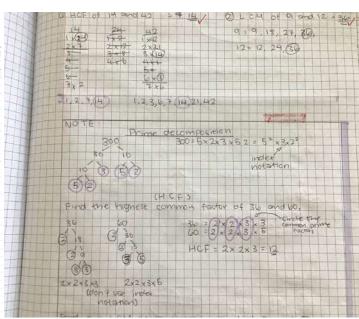




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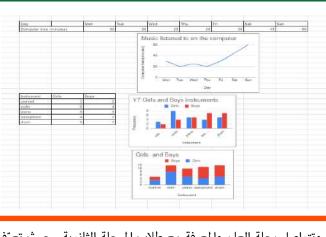
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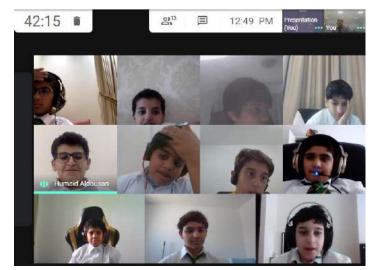
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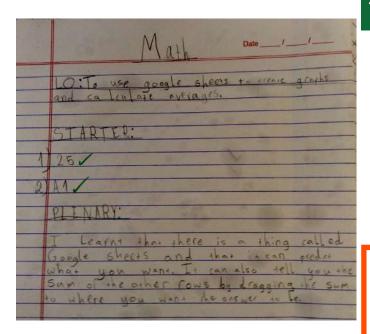


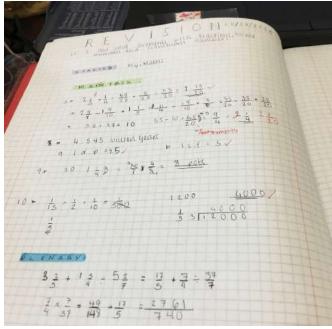
وتتواصل رحلة العلم والمعرفة مع طلاب المرحلة الثانوية ، حيث تعرّف الطلاب خلال هذا الأسبوع النصوص القرائية المختلفة من معلوماتية و سردية ووصفية مع استنتاج خصائص كل نص قرائي مما جعل تجربة القراءة تجربة سهلة ووممتعة، وأصبح لديهم القدرة على طرح الأسئلة وتبادل خبراتهم القرائية مع الآخرين بوضوح وفهم .

















After our very sudden switch to whole school distance learning, we put on our thinking caps to work out how we could keep you all active at home and 'Active Aspen' was created.

It is a whole school initiative which aims to get as many of our students to join us for a live PE and exercise session, every day, Sunday to Thursday. This will continue as long as school is closed and we are all distance learning.

Zoom links will have been sent home via your child's/children's class teacher to join. Please ensure you join using the correct link. If you have more than one child in the school, can we kindly ask that they all join using just one link and participate on the same device.

Can we also kindly ask that if your child/children do join the Active Aspen sessions that they participate fully. If they decide they have had enough at any point, then they can leave the session to free up spaces to other children who may be in the waiting room ready to participate.

All of our Active Aspen sessions have been at full capacity on some days this week which means we have had three hundred children active and enjoying PE from home!

It's been amazing to see so many of our students engaging and focused on keeping active at home!

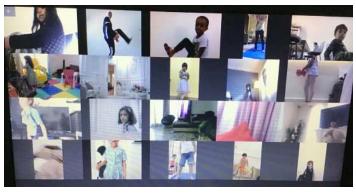
PE OVERVIEW:

- Active Aspen LIVE EVERY DAY AT 1PM. (Class teachers have sent the link home).
- PE Challenge of the Week this is in addition to the Active Aspen PE session. A short, fun challenge will be posted to Seesaw once a week. Photos and videos of the challenge should be uploaded to Seesaw.

Thank you.











Arabic





كم هو جميل و رائع أحيانا أن نقبل التحدي و نتأقلم مع التغيرات والظروف المتغيرة في وقت وجيز بكل إصرار و عزيمة و إرادة وحكمة.

التعلم عن بعد في هذه الأيام هو نوع من أنواع التحديات التي يواجهها الإنسان في هذه الفترة. و مدرسة آسبن كانت من أقوى و أفضل المدارس التي قبلت التحدي و أظهرت قدرة معلميها على تخطي هذه التحديات بشكل فعال وإيجابي مما انعكس على عزيمة الطلاب من خلال حماسهم و اجتهادهم في التعلم عن بعد لكل المواد التعليمية لاسيما اللغة العربية، التربية الإسلامية و التربية الوطنية حيث أن الطلاب منذ اليوم الأول أظهروا تفاعلا مميزا بينهم و بين معلميهم بمساعدة أولياء أمورهم الذين ساهموا بنسبة كبيرة في رفع هذا التحدي و الارتقاء به إلى مستوى عال من التعلم و كسب المعرفة وصولا إلى تحقيق أهداف تعليمية تساهم في تطوير مهارات الطالب و إثراء زاده العلمي و المعرفي.

وقد أبدع طلاب الروضة الثانية هذا الأسبوع في تشكيل أنواع مختلفة من الزهور باستخدام المواد المتاحة في البيت للتعرف على أصوات الحرف (ز).















Music





Music notation systems are one of the most important elements in music; they are as important to music as writing systems are to speech. It is important for students to read music because it will help students understand music better. As students learn to read music more, they will also improve their playing skills accordingly. With their ability to read music, they can also compose their own songs by using digital keyboards apps.











