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It seems surprising that we are already nearing the final week of Ramadan; time is certainly passing quickly and learning is still continuing every day.



## Ramadan good deed calendar and padlet:

Thank you to families who are participating in our Ramadan good deed calendar- it is attached once more for your information. Please remember to share your good deeds on the padlet here:

https://padlet.com/principal274/pwshx2emflqc9w96

شكراً للعائلات التي تشارك في تقويم العمل الرمضاني الخاص بنا - مرفق مرة أخرى لمعلوماتك. يرجى تذكر مشاركة أعمالك الصالحة على الكتيب هنا:

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## Ramadan dirhams for change:

Adek and Red Crescent have partnered to encourage families to take part in the 'dirhams for change' initiative.

Their Ramadan 2021 School Campaign is DIRHAMS FOR CHANGE.We are asking schools to strive to encourage their community to donate 2 AED to save 2 Eyes during the month of Ramadan . Just 2 AED provides treatment to protect one person from river blindness for an entire year. All proceeds will be donated to Emirates Red Crescent in support of the Reach Campaign. Please encourage your school community to text GIVE " to 2424 to donate 2 AED. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information.



### Play leaders

This week our play leaders learned a new game: 'up, down, stomp, clap'; they will teach the children at playtime next week. We are teaching the play leaders special games that are fun, but that ensures children are able to socially distance and stay safe. Thank you for all the play leaders for your continued support of positive playtimes!



## **Poetry competition**

The ISP poetry competition is underway and ISP has received over 150 registrations so far. There is still time for your child to participate; please see more information here:

https://lp.internationalschoolspartnership.com/poetry\_competition\_2021 https://lp.internationalschoolspartnership.com/ar-ae/poetry\_competition\_2021-0

## Competition guidelines:

- The competition is open to all students, from the ages of 8 to 18
- The poem can be submitted in either English or Arabic
- The poem must be about the UAE current ISP students can also write a poem about their school
- The competition is open until May 31st
- There will be two 50% scholarships (one for primary and one for secondary)

We have so many incredible writers and poets in our community it would be wonderful if Aspen children could participate.

## **Contact details**

Please can all families update their contact details on the attached link if you have not already done so- thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Dgv4T07aSxV9IpSSotK6i-4uja3WtB0uSSSrXNS7T5c/edit

## Library books

As our school closed for face-to-face learning so suddenly last year due to Covid-19, many students have library books that have not been returned. Until now it has been advisable to keep them at home, per instructions from ADEK.

نظرًا لإغلاق مدرستنا للتعلم وجهًا لوجه فجأة في العام الماضي بسبب Covid-19 ، فإن العديد من الطلاب لديهم كتب مكتبة لم تتم إعادتها حتى الآن حيث كان من المستحسن إبقائها في المنزل ، وفقًا لتعليمات دائرة التعليم والمعرفة.

Now, for the purposes of library inventory, we are asking parents to return all library and Guided Reading books to school. Guided Reading books have a circular Aspen Heights stamp inside the book cover and library books have a barcode. Please can you kindly search your homes for these books. For bus students, please send the books with your children as library staff will be at the bus gate to receive the books. For parents who collect their children each day, there will be a box next to security during drop-off and pick-up times so the books can be sterilized before entering the building. Thank you all very much.

الآن ، لأغراض جرد المكتبة ، نطلب من أولياء الأمور إعادة جميع كتب المكتبة والقراءة الإرشادية إلى المدرسة. تحتوي كتب القراءة الإرشادية على ختم Aspen Heights دائري داخل غلاف الكتاب وتحتوي كتب المكتبة على رمز شريطي. من فضلك ، هل يمكنك التفضل بالبحث في منزلك عن هذه الكتب. بالنسبة لطلاب الحافلات ، يرجى إرسال الكتب مع أطفالك حيث سيكون موظفو المكتبة عند بوابة الحافلة لاستلام الكتب. بالنسبة للآباء الذين يجمعون أطفالهم كل يوم ، سيكون هناك صندوق بجوار الأمن أثناء أوقات التسليم والتوصيل حتى نتمكن من تعقيم الكتب قبل دخول المبنى. شكرا جريلا لكم جميعا.

### **Next week:**

## **ISP Quran Competition:**

Our finalists from our Aspen Quran competition will be competing in a regional ISP Quran competition across next week! We are very excited our talented children have the opportunity to showcase their skills in a wider forum. Good luck to you all! We are very proud of you.

سيتنافس المتأهلون للتصفيات النهائية من مسابقة أسبن هايتس للقرآن الكريم في مسابقة ISP الإقليمية للقرآن الكريم خلال الأسبوع المقبل! نحن متحمسون للغاية لإتاحة هذه الفرصة لأطفالنا الموهوبين لعرض مهاراتهم في منتدى أوسع. حظا سعيدا لكم جميعا! نحن فخورون جدا بكم.

## Aspen's Active Fun and Happiness with Families

Join Miss Manica for a session of active fun next Wednesday at 2.30pm: Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81821281407?pwd=cFowNGhCT3JNMGtMN1VIM2M3U0tiQT09

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful Ramadan weekend,

Mrs Emma Shanahan Principal, Aspen Heights British School



## **Primary Update**

This week my learning walks have been focused on mastery in maths and how our children are challenging their learning.

Year 1 have been working on fractions with a focus on the independent use of manipulatives to extend their learning. Children have been selecting numicon, unifix and other items to represent different fractions. Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 have been working on multiplication and division strategies and have created anchor charts to support each other in

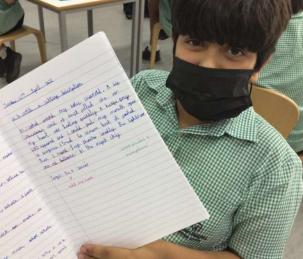
remembering the correct strategy to use. Year 5 and Year 6 are using a technique called journaling, this allows them to think about what learner skills they need within their learning to support them. Then at the end of the task they reflect on the skills used, their strengths and what their next steps would be. Well done mathematicians of Aspen Heights!

Well done to Gazelles and Seahorses for gaining 100% attendance this week! Remember the more you attend, the more you learn.

We look forward to another exciting week of learning next week. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Laura Stevens Head of Primary









## Secondary Update

This week on my learning walks I have seen some wonderful learning in all subjects. However, especially amazing this week was that we were once again able to use our Stevenson gauge! Year 8 and 9 monitored our Stevenson Gauge with Mrs Goveas yesterday after the rainfall. The students measured the temperature, humidity, rainfall and air pressure. They will use these data in their Geography lessons when they research patterns in UAE weather within the weather topic.



The class with the best attendance in key stage three this week is Year 9 Futaisi with 100% attendance! Well done boys a great achievement!

As we look ahead to the end of the school year and prepare our pupils for their End of Year Examinations, we would like to encourage families to send your child into school from Sunday 6th June until Thursday 10th June so that they can complete their examinations in school.

We find that children will be more focussed and therefore better prepared to succeed if they are able to complete their examinations with their peers in the school setting. We are also able to confidently evaluate a pupil's strengths, and gaps, and build in provision to support, ultimately leading to better progress and attainment in the long-term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the examinations.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and safe weekend.

Dr. Kate Plumb Head of Secondary









FS



Mice class loving outdoor fun.



Faris from Butterflies practising recognising some sounds in phonics.



Geckoes class lived meeting our school pet tortoise.



Geckoes class getting active with their in their PE lesson.



Fatima from Mice class was having so much fun, throwing and catching a small ball.



Tauriel from Butterflies recognising sounds in phonics.



Emilia from Mice class drew an amazing body image.



Geckoes class had a close look at the patterns on the tortoises shell and tried to create their own patterns!



Maitha, Zayed, Farida and Alanoud making space patterns.



Younes and Omar used the iPad to research the moon. They then created moon scenes using playdough and loose parts.



Tauriel and Kiki from Butterflies helping write our class book.



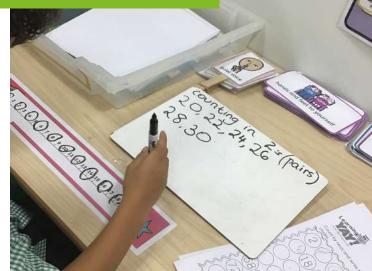
Saeed from Butterflies helping write our class book 'Hooray for Butterflies'.



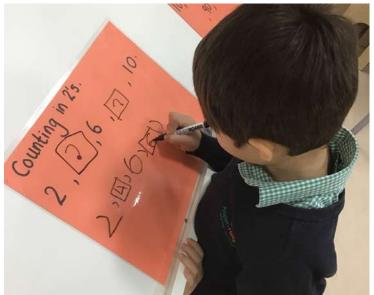
Faris from Mice class was relaxing outside on a beanbag.



Oasis



Leo counting in 2's.



Ahmed counting in 2's.



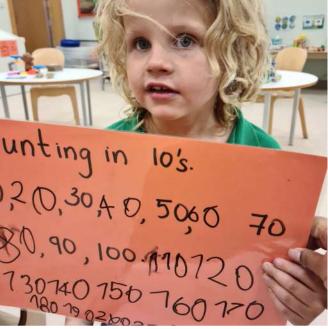
Erik and Ahmed working on their core balance using yoga poses.



Abe working with playdoh.



Mido working on his motor skills.



Freddie can count in 10's.



Mido writing features about Camels.



Ahmed doing activities in class.



Mido learning about the lifecycle of a frog.



Erik and Ahmed working on their core balance using yoga poses.



Abe balancing on the wodden beam.



Erik working on his subtraction skills.



Ahmed writing about the features of a Camel.



## **Lower Primary**



Isadora, Layth and Umar have been learning about fractions this week.



Tasha in Y2L is very proud of her diorama.



Big thumbs up from Y2O as they make their settings for 'Grandad's Island'.



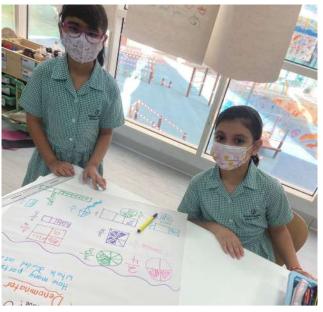
Y30 understanding fractions.



Y30 practising their story map.



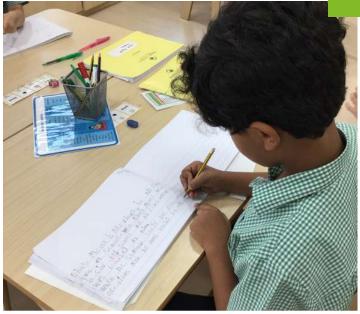
Y2O painted the sky and the water that surrounded their island.



Zaara and Lama in Y3F helped to create a fractions poster for the class.



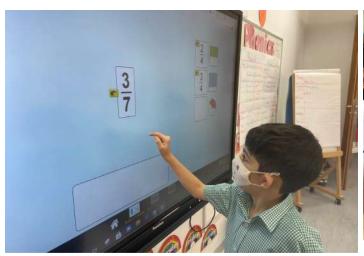
## **Lower Primary**



Hazza writing the middle of his Bibby story.



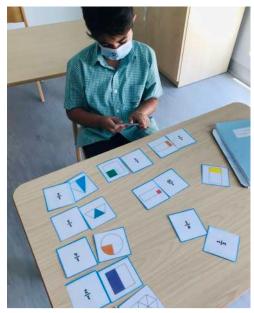
Making Grandad's island.



Harib (3F) enjoyed some fraction games.



Year 1 Foxes have loved making their own interpretations of Bibby McGee.



Abdulrahman (3F) did a great job matching fractions.



Raees and Noor in Y2O carefully layered the tissue paper to create the island.



Abdulla's creative Bibby.





Doing activities in class.



Lili creating the beginning of her book.



Logan loved making his Bibby McGee for his story.



Saif in Y2L worked very hard on his island.



Daniel in Y2L created his own 'Grandad's Island'.



Nasser in 2G is busy writing a letter.

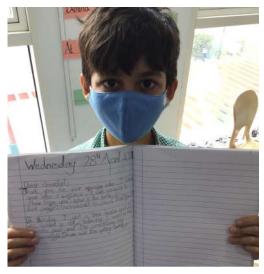


Obaid is very proud of his Bibby McGee picture.

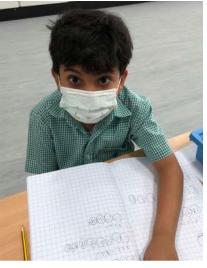


Painting Grandad's island.





Hamdan in Y2 wrote an excellent letter as part of our topic, Grandad's Island.



Mohamed in 2G working hard using grouping to solve multiplication.



Layan in Y2G mastered repeated addition to sole multiplication problems.



Hind (1F) finding half of shapes. Doing maths in class.





Shahad in 2G using mastery bar models to solve multiplication.



Doing maths in class.



Maja in Y3F loves her calm reading time in the morning.



Students in 2G is discussing the growth of their plants.



## **Upper Primary**



Zayed and Sultan working in science.



Ghala creating an electrical circuit.



Alia and Isma working together in science.



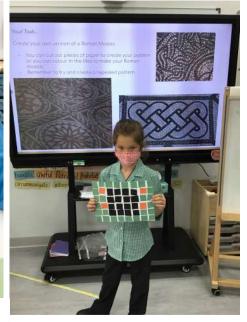
Zayd in 5P worked hard to create a collage of the solar system in art.



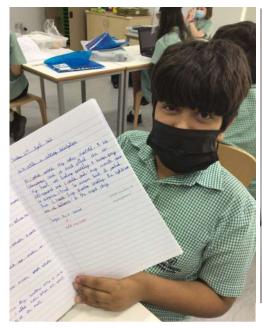
Abdulla in Y4 making a circuit.



Maha is testing materials if they are conductors or insulators.



Annika showing her Roman Mosaic.



Fares from 5P wrote a fantastic setting description.



Haila from Y5 Hawksbills solving a negative number calculation in maths.



Radwa carefully making her Art.



Rihan is working scientifically.



Sami and Rashid problem solving in science.



Shamsa in 5P enjoyed planning her own character description.



Mansour is happy in science class.



Rayan showing off his creative side when making his roman inspired mosaic.



Jorge and Maryam from Y5 Hawksbills creating a collage of the solar system in their art lesson.

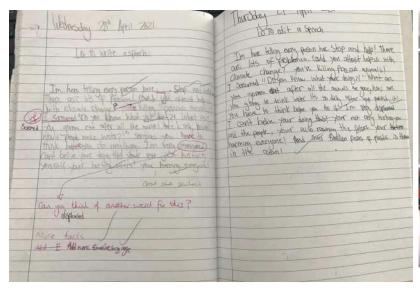
## **Upper Primary**



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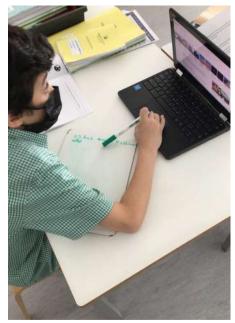
Liam and Lucas starting their Duke of Edinburgh in Y6S.



Haya editing her speech with Maryam.



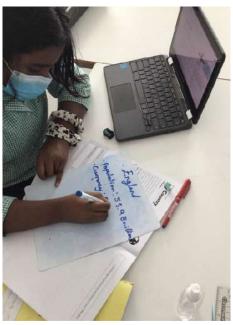
Mariem talking in a Duke of Edinburgh zoom.



Abdulla researching countries.



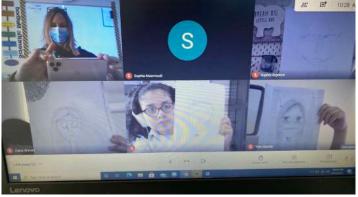
Hind focusing and cretaing her Art!



Kathy finding facts about different countires.



# Secondary





## Art and DT:

Year 7

We are ow entering our final stages of the Tim Burton Self portrait project. Our Y7's are diligently working on creating final works incorporating value, mood and personalized characteristics. Soon you will be able to guess and try to identify 'who is who?'

### Year 8

The Y8's have finished their final layouts and uniform designs for this project. I'm so impressed by the results of this project and the detailed process they worked through to create such wonderful Olympic Wear Designs.

## Year 9

This week our focus has been on creating final Graffiti Walls studio time. Students have been working hard to incorporate their artist research, social issues and street art styles into their final pieces.



























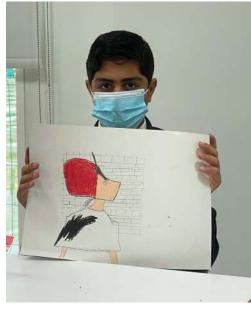


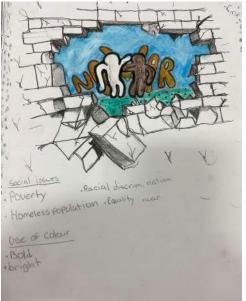












## Computing

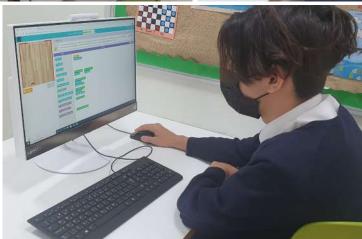
Designed to be fun and engaging, Coding has a lot of activities to teach students computational thinking, problem solving, programming concepts and digital citizenship. Coding is the method of giving a computer instructions to perform a specific task. These instructions are communicated using a language that computers can understand, like visual blocks, JavaScript and Python.











## Secondary

## English:

Year 7

We completed our reading of our novel, 'Wonder'. We thoroughly enjoyed the story and the lessons it taught us. We continued discussion and analysis of the novel. We also prepared for our formal speaking assessment which will take place next week.

#### Year 8

Year 8 have had a super week of 'wills'. It has been a battle of will power as Colin tries to exert himself over Mary. Mary, obstinate and tenacious stood her ground 'savagely'. Burnett has cleverly used the children in the novel to highlight bad adult behaviours.

The nurse, who had a duty of care, allowed Colin's bad attitude and severe personality to impact her work. Mary's 'savage' words to Colin and Colin's pitiful response allow the adult characters to reflect on their poor behaviour and mismanagement of two ten year old children.

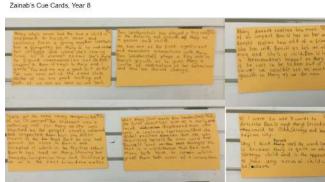
Pupil's completed their formal presentations this week. Well done! Many pupils had prepared very well.

## Year 9

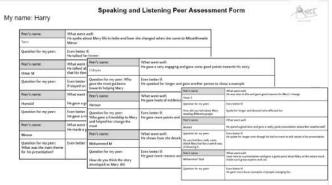
In Year 9 this week we have moved onto Volume II of Great Expectations. Pupils have review their responses to their long questions and have developed a structured method for critically responding to a passage.

To ensure pupils have a good understanding of the the novel, pupils have: the novel, summaries of each chapter read, their own summaries of chapters and comic strip of content covered. It is essential that pupils are very familiar with all the characters, the plot and the themes of the novel.











#### French:

#### Year 7

We continued to look at the topic of school in France. We completed some listening and written tasks focused on time and the timetable. We learned about the differences between the timetable in school in France and school in the UAE.

## Year 8

We continued with pastimes this week and focused on different types of films. We noted how to say what our favourite genre of film is, favourite actor and give opinions in French. We completed some listening, oral and written tasks.

#### Year 9

This week, our focus was on discussing holidays in French. We discussed different holiday locations and various activities that one can do while on holiday. We completed some listening, oral and written tasks.

#### **Humanities:**

Year 7, 8 and 9 attempted an assessment based on a few topics done in the second half of Term 2. The results have been returned to the students.

Year 7 students will be discussing Tropical Storms with particular focus on Hurricane Katrina. They will be discussing the social, economic and environmental impacts of Hurricane Katrina.

Year 8 students will be learning about Rural Settlements. They will define settlements and explain settlement patterns. They will describe the characteristics of rural settlements and compare and contrast the rural settlements in the past and present and explain conflicts within rural settlements.

Year 9 students will be discussing renewable energy with particular focus on future of energy. They will list the renewable energy sources and outline the advantages and disadvantages. They will also outline the two ways a government can try to close the gap between energy supply and energy demand from their own country.



All students used the padlet link to post a quote/message on Earth Day – 22nd April.



## Maths:

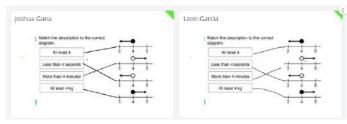
In Mathematics year 7 enjoyed probability games, counted simple probabilities and learnt about experimental probability.

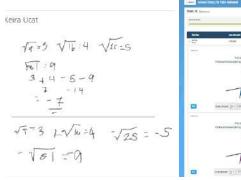
Year 8 carried work on angles. Students practised recognising alternate and corresponding angles in the parallel lines. They also investigated the sum of angles in any polygon. They all should be able to solve problems that involve angles and understand the reasoning behind given calculations.

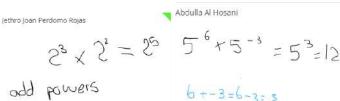
Year 9 practised simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing algebraic fractions. Then we solved equations that involved powers and roots and we started solving inequalities.

Sparx seems to work very well and many students gave very positive feedback on using it. They feel successful and well supported while working with the platform. Homework is set on Wednesdays and is due on the following Thursday (students have a week to complete it). Please encourage students to keep up with homework within the deadline.

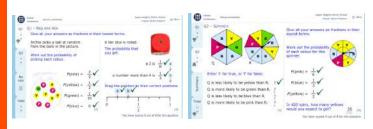








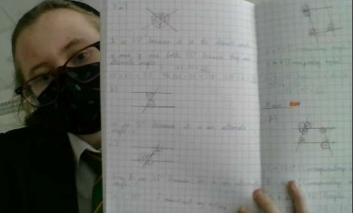
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## Science:

## Year 7

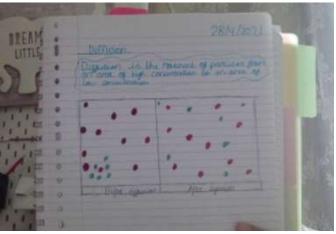
This week, we focused on Brownian Motion looking at the work of Robert Brown who came up with the theory almost 300 years ago! We then finished the week looking at how the process of diffusion occurs in particles within liquids and gases.

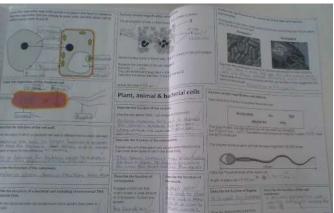
### Year 8

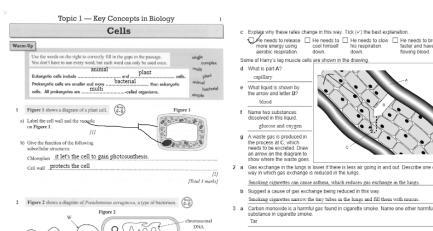
This week, we studied what happens when the body lacks oxygen. We explored the ideas behind the causes of low oxygen levels in the body and how respiration is affected. We finished the week off looking at the differences in gas exchange between various organisms. The adaptation of fish, plants and mammals enable them to maximise gas exchange.

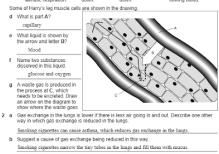
### Year 9

It's been a busy week for year 9s with revision packed tasks to complete. This enabled the student to review the first topic of iGCSE in Biology. We finished the week off by doing an assessment. All results and feedback will be released next week. It is vital that students keep on top of their work in class and are submitting work on time.

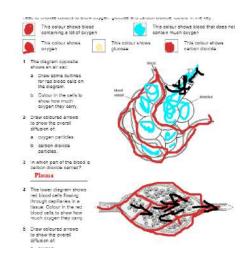


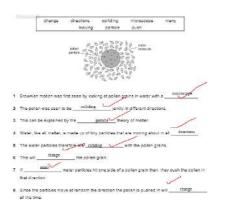






He needs to release He needs to He needs to slow faster and have faster and have faster and have faster and have faster and flowing bloom.









It was our second week of our orienteering unit this week in PE and it has been so much fun! Due to the heat and being in the Holy Month of Ramadan, orienteering allows the students to move at a walking pace and stay under shade as much as possible. The concepts of map reading and communicating as a team are of utmost importance and we have seen many expert navigators amongst our student cohort in Aspen Heights! The map changes each week to further challenge the students and so far year groups 4-9 have risen to the challenge. PE for FS-Y3 continues to be light stretching and mobility movements.

This week saw the unveiling of our sports captains and vice captains. Congratulations to the young leaders of our houses! We look forward to seeing you use your skills to motivate and lead your houses in the upcoming challenges.

Fire:

Captain: Haroun Vice Captain: Leah

Earth:

Captain: Sheikha Vice Captain: Saheem Water:

Captain: Khaled Al Hosani Vice Captain: Joshua

Air:

Captain: Harry Reynard Vice Captain: Paige































Arabic







يزداد الحماس و النشاط من أسبوع لأسبوع بمدرسة آسبن وتحديدا في حصص اللغة العربية فقد تنوعت الأنشطة والدروس للمرحلة الابتدائية مثل: كتابة بطاقات تهنئة بمناسبة شهر رمضان ، وإلقاء الأناشيد، وكتابة فقرات متعددة عن أهمية وفضل شهر الصّيام.

أمًا طلاب المرحلة الثانوية فقد كانوا على موعد جديد مع فن الرواية ، والتي اندمج فيها طلابنا من خلال القراءة وتحليل عناصر الرواية الفنية، والقيام بتسجيل بعض الفيديوهات التي تلخص أحداث فصول الرواية.

فقدكانت النفحات الإيمانية تعطر أجواء الصفوف خلال شهر رمضان المبارك، فقد قام قسم التربية الإسلامية بإنشاء مسابقة بعنوان "نفحات إيمانية" حيث يعرض خلالها الطلاب بجانب أنشطتهم الصفية بعض الأنشطة اللاصفية المرتبطة بقيم الإسلام وآدابه مثل: "آداب النظافة والتسامح واحترام الجار والتعاون"، والتي نشجع طلابنا عليها ونحثهم على الالتزام بها وتطبيقها في واقعهم المعاصر وبيئتهم المحيطة.

أما فيما يخص مادة التربية الوطنية فقد تنوعت الموضوعات التي ناقشها الطلاب والتي ركزت على الجانب الاقتصادي مثل : ( الميزانية ، الأسواق ) هذا إلى جانب الموضوعات البيئية التى ناقشها جميع المراحل الثانوية تحت عنوان النباتات الطبيعية وأنواعها في الإمارات .

بالإضافة إلى ذلك فقد بدأت مسابقة القرآن الكريم هذا الأسبوع لمدارس الشراكة ISP حيث بدأنا بالتصفيات الأولى على مستوى المدرسة خلال حصص التربية الإسلامية داخل الصفوف ، و سيتم الإعلان عن المترشحين للدور النهائي عبر إيميل خاص. على أنْ تكون موعد التصفيات النهائية على مستوى مدارس الشراكة الأسبوع القادم .

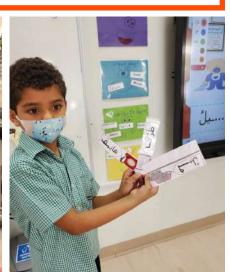
وقد كنا سعداء جداً بالاستماع إلى تلاوة طلابنا للقرآن الكريم، كما نرجو لهم التوفيق و النجاح و مزيداً من التألق في حفظ كلام الله عز وجل.

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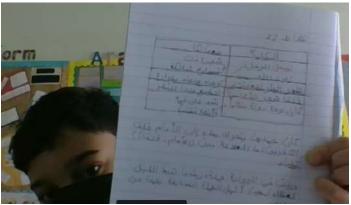


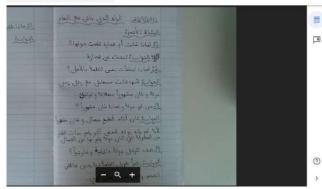
















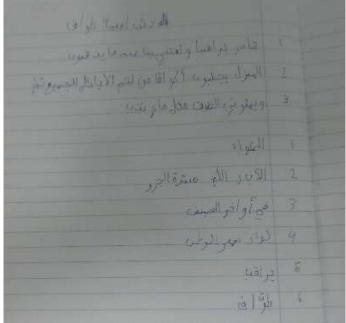
























# Music

The effect of learning an instrument has revealed something remarkable: as well as refining fine motor skills, learning an instrument is incredibly beneficial to a child's emotional and behavioural development. Being able to play, touch and make noise with a variety of wooden musical instruments helps students learn in so many ways.

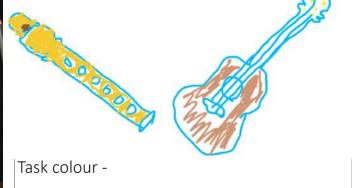




· Answer -







violin,harp,cello,stringing bass,viola.



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