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**Weekly Update  
Term 3.2, Wk 4 10th June 2021**

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Dear families,

### Family Learning:

This week we held a family workshop on zoom focusing on mathematical calculations. Miss Corcoran and Miss Roberts shared and explained how we teach and solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems from Years 1 to 6. Thank you to families who attended- we hope you found it useful. Please see attached the recorded zoom meeting for your reference. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19aSK6uveZROChN8edgwq6nDB5rtGrCxK/view?usp=sharing>



### Admissions and Communications Manager Vacancy:

As a busy international school it is a feature of living and working internationally that at times we say goodbye to close colleagues and friends. Although it is something that typically happens, it doesn't get easier! We are really sad to say goodbye to our kind and friendly admissions manager Ange Sakapaji. Ange has returned to Scotland with her family, and although we are sad to see her go, we are happy that she is able to enjoy a Scottish summer in the highlands! I know our whole community will miss her.

We therefore have a vacancy for a talented Admissions and Marketing Manager. In line with our school vision, we are looking for a new colleague who is able to build strong relationships with families, staff and children, and who is well-organised, creative and thoughtful. The Admissions and Marketing manager has a supportive and hard-working team to assist the admissions and marketing work of our school, and our working environment is positive, friendly and collaborative. If you are interested in finding out more about this important role in our school please contact Nicolette Van Dyk our HR manager on [recruitment@ahbs.ae](mailto:recruitment@ahbs.ae).

### Year 2 Gazelles and Leopards Assembly:

Thank you to the Gazelles and Mrs Smit, and the Leopards and Ms Ryan for a wonderful assembly this morning. It was wonderful to see their talk 4 writing about the storm whale.

### Coming up...

We don't slow down as we approach the end of an academic year, if anything we seem to get busier and busier!



### GL Assessments:

We have end of year external assessments for years 1-9 scheduled- it is important that your child attends school, is well rested and has had a good breakfast!

### New Nursery Families Workshop:

On Tuesday new nursery families will be invited to a workshop at 3pm to explain all about what to expect when your child starts nursery, and how to support over the summer break. Invitations will be sent directly to new families.

### Drama workshop week:

The week after we are excited to share with you all that Drama workshop week is happening face-to-face once again! Last year, against all odds, we successfully carried out Drama workshop week and put together a video of 'The Lion King'- the video is here for you to enjoy once again!

This year, early years and primary are putting together 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' and the secondary department are dramatising the books they are currently reading, including 'The Secret Garden'. We are sure that this exciting, cross-curricular learning will energise and motivate us all, so we finish the academic year with learning, creativity and fun!

### Hot, hot, hot:

As the temperatures are rising, please make sure to send your child to school with a hat and water bottle. We have adjusted the outside timings to avoid the hottest parts of the day.

### QUICK survey:

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to ask for your feedback once again. This is a 'pulse' survey- a score of 1-10. 10 or 9 means you are happy, 8 or 7- neither happy nor unhappy, and 6 or less you are less than happy with the work of our school. It is an important measure of how we are doing- and will take a few seconds!

Please can you complete the survey by using the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L59KGHM>

### الأهالي الأعزاء:

عقدنا هذا الأسبوع ورشة عمل عائلية من خلال برنامج زوم للتركيز على الحسابات الرياضية. شرحت الآنسة كوركوران والآنسة روبرتس كيف نقوم بتدريس وحل مسائل الجمع والطرح والضرب والقسمة من السنوات الأولى إلى السادسة. شكرًا للعائلات التي حضرت - نأمل أن تكون مفيدة. يرجى الاطلاع على الفيديو المسجل للرجوع إليه.

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### وظيفة شاغرة لمدير القبول والتسويق:

نحن كمدرسة دولية منشغلة تعمل على مستوى دولي نقول أحيانًا وداعًا للزملاء والأصدقاء المقربين. على الرغم من أنه شيء يحدث عادةً ، إلا أنه لا يصبح أسهل! نحن آسفون حقًا أن نقول وداعًا لمديرة القبول اللطيفة والودودة أنج ساكاباجي. عادت أنج إلى اسكتلندا مع عائلتها ، وعلى الرغم من أننا حزينون لرؤيتها تذهب ، يسعدنا أنها قادرة على الاستمتاع بصيف اسكتلندي في المرتفعات! أنا أعلم أن الجميع في مدرستنا سيفتقدوها.

لذلك لدينا وظيفة شاغرة لمدير قبول وتسويق موهوب. تماشياً مع رؤية مدرستنا ، نبحث عن زميل جديد قادر على بناء علاقات قوية مع العائلات والموظفين والأطفال ، ويكون منظمًا جيدًا ومبدعًا. يمتلك مدير القبول والتسويق فريقًا داعمًا يعمل بجد للمساعدة في القبول والعمل التسويقي لمدرستنا ، وبيئة العمل لدينا الإيجابية والودية والمتعاونة.

إذا كنت مهتمًا بمعرفة المزيد عن هذا الدور المهم في مدرستنا ، فيرجى الاتصال بالسيدة نيكوليت مديرة الموارد البشرية لدينا على

[recruitment@ahbs.ae](mailto:recruitment@ahbs.ae)

## التجمع الصباحي لصفي Gazelles and Leopards:

شكراً لصف Gazelles والسيدة سميت ، وصف Leopards والسيدة رابان على التجمع الرائع هذا الصباح. كان من الرائع رؤيتهم يستخدمون أسلوب storm whale (Talk 4 writing) لموضوع

## المستجدات القادمة...

نحن لا نتباطأ مع اقتراب نهاية العام الدراسي، إذا كان هناك أي شيء يبدو أننا أصبحنا أكثر انشغالاً وانشغالاً!

## تقييمات GL:

لدينا تقييمات في نهاية العام الدراسي للسنوات من 1 إلى 9 - لذا من المهم أن يأتي طفلك إلى المدرسة وأن يكون مرتاحاً جداً وأن يتناول وجبة إفطار جيدة!

## ورشة عمل حضانة للأهالي الجدد:

في يوم الثلاثاء ، أهالي الطلاب الجدد في الحضانة مدعوون إلى ورشة عمل في الساعة 3 عصراً لشرح كل ما يمكن توقعه عندما يبدأ طفلك الحضانة ، وكيفية تقديم الدعم خلال العطلة الصيفية. سيتم إرسال الدعوات مباشرة إلى العائلات الجديدة.

## اسبوع ورشة الدراما:

في الأسبوع القادم ، نحن متحمسون لنشارككم كل أسبوع ورشة عمل الدراما الذي يحدث وجهاً لوجه مرة أخرى! في العام الماضي ورغم كل الصعاب، نفذنا بنجاح أسبوع ورشة عمل الدراما وقمنا بتجميع مقطع فيديو "The Lion King" - الفيديو مرفق هنا لتستمتع به مرة أخرى! في هذا العام ، الصفوف الأولى والابتدائية قدمت "تشارلي ومصنع الشوكولاتة" والقسم الثانوي يسلط الضوء على الكتب التي يقرؤونها حالياً ، بما في ذلك "الحديقة السرية". نحن على يقين من أن هذا التعلم المثير عبر المناهج الدراسية سوف ينشطنا ويحفزنا جميعاً ، لذلك نهيي العام الدراسي بالتعلم والإبداع والمرح!

## الطقس حار جداً...

مع ارتفاع درجات الحرارة ، يرجى التأكد من إرسال طفلك إلى المدرسة بقبعة وزجاجة ماء. لقد قمنا بتعديل أوقات الاستراحات في الخارج لتجنب الحرارة في أشد فترات اليوم.

## استبيان سريع:

مع اقتراب العام الدراسي من نهايته ، أود أن أطلب ملاحظاتكم مرة أخرى من خلال هذا الاستبيان "نبضي" - درجة 1-10. 10 أو 9 تعني أنك سعيد ، 8 أو 7 - لست سعيداً أو غير سعيد ، و 6 أو أقل أنت أقل من سعيد بعمل مدرستنا. إنه مقياس مهم لكيفية عملنا - والذي يستغرق بضع ثوان! يرجى إكمال الاستبيان باستخدام الرابط أدناه.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L59KGHM>

نتمنى لكم إجازة نهاية أسبوع سعيدة مع العائلة والأصدقاء

Have a lovely weekend with your families and friends,

Mrs Emma Shanahan

Principal, Aspen Heights British School



# Primary Update



The children across primary have showcased what amazing learners they have been throughout the year. They have revised and reviewed their learning for their year group and reflected on their strengths and next steps. You should all feel very proud! Year 1 this week have enjoyed using clay to construct their aliens from the beegu book. Year 2 have been revising various maths skills such as telling the time and comparing numbers. Year 3 have been designing and creating maps for their island from their story Oliver and the Seawigs. Year 4 have been writing letters, imagining what school would be like with no teachers! Year 5 have been innovating and editing their discussion texts. Year 6 have enjoyed using clay and decorating their miniature Borrowers furniture. These are just some of the highlights from my learning walks. Well done to year 2 Leopards and Gazelles for your marvellous assemblies with a focus on talk for writing - you all managed to perform with confidence and have demonstrated a thorough understanding of your learning.

Next week we have the GL standardised assessments for our onsite learners which will support the end of year judgments made by teachers. Each class and all distance learners will continue to review their learning for the year to reflect on their achievements and set targets for over the summer holidays.

Well done to the following classes for having the highest attendance in their phase - Hares at 99% and Hawksbill 100%. Remember attendance is still very important as we come to the end of our academic year. Onsite learners still need to come in to school every day and distance learners still need to attend their live sessions and submit learning on Seesaw.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Laura Stevens  
Head of Primary





## EYFS Update



With only a few weeks left of the school year, I am so impressed with the high level of language and discussions being had by the FS2 children. 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' is probably one of the trickier model texts for the children to remember and retell but the children enjoyed the challenge and recalled the story with ease. This week the children have been 'innovating' the story and thinking of their own characters and settings. This is one of my favourite parts of the 'Talk for Writing' cycle and I have seen such a development in the children's imaginations. This will really help them when they move up to Year 1. In Maths, the children have been focusing on 3D shapes and they have taken part in lots of practical activities to help them remember the names, and some of the properties, of the shapes. The 3D shape hunt and making 3D shapes with straws were some of their favourite activities.

In Nursery the children started to draw their story maps for Rosie's Walk. This story has been very popular and even our quietest children have enjoyed retelling the story using masks or small world characters. The children have been learning about animals that live on a farm and this week they had the challenge of sorting the animals into animals that do/do not produce milk. It led to lots of discussions about the type of milk the children drink at home. This weekend would be a great opportunity to try different types of milk and discuss which one your child likes the best.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rose Akachi  
Head of Foundation Stage



## Secondary Update

This week has been very busy for everyone in secondary as our students have completed their examinations for English National Curriculum subjects. Our students have remained calm and focussed and I am very proud of their achievements. These exams have been used by our teachers to help inform the overall academic judgments for each student. We now begin the moderation process as a department to ensure consistency against UK standards.



Next week assessments continue with our international benchmark progress tests. There are three progress tests in the series which measure students' knowledge, understanding and application of the English National Curriculum core subjects:

**English:** focuses on students' technical English skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and reading comprehension, using age-appropriate fiction and information texts

**Maths:** assesses key aspect of maths appropriate to the age of the pupil including mental maths for those aged 8 and over

**Science:** measures two dimensions of science learning, understanding of science content, and working scientifically (application of skills)

All secondary onsite learners will complete one progress test per day as per the timetable below.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6
	All Classes	All Classes				
Sun	PTE	PTE				
			Normal timetable			
	All Classes	All Classes				
Mon	PTM	PTM				
			Normal timetable			
	All Classes	All Classes				
Tues	PTS	PTS				
			Normal timetable			

A huge well done to all of our Key Stage 3 students for coming to school everyday and on time this week.

We have had another wonderful week for attendance with an average of 96.1% overall, well done everyone, especially 7 Dalma and 9 Futaisi for achieving 100% attendance.

Wishing everyone a calm and peaceful weekend.

Dr. Kate Plumb  
Head of Secondary







Geckoes class love the Gruffalo story!



Mice class love the Gruffalo story!



Zayed and Fahad from Mice were using the beebots within the farm small world.



Shani, Dana and Naama play a game of number bingo together!



Fatima and Maha were experimenting changing the colour of water.



Rosies the hen left us a map to go and find her!



Dana has found a map on our the Geckoes classroom!





Ahmed and Mido working on Flamingo pose.



Mido creating a monster using the dice roll game.



Freddie crafting his rocket.



Ahmed making a burger with 2d shapes.



Leo using cutters to create and combine different shapes.



Erik making a rocket with 3D shapes.



Oasis class during move and groove session.



Abe made a rocket.



# Primary



Year 6 seahorses clay furniture and characters for their borrowers homes.



Saif 2C painting the storm whale.



Year 6 seahorses clay furniture and characters for their borrowers homes.



Kaspar painting the storm whale.



Year 6 seahorses clay furniture and characters for their borrowers homes.



Hasah 2C mixing the colors to paint the storm whale.



# Secondary

## Art and D&T:

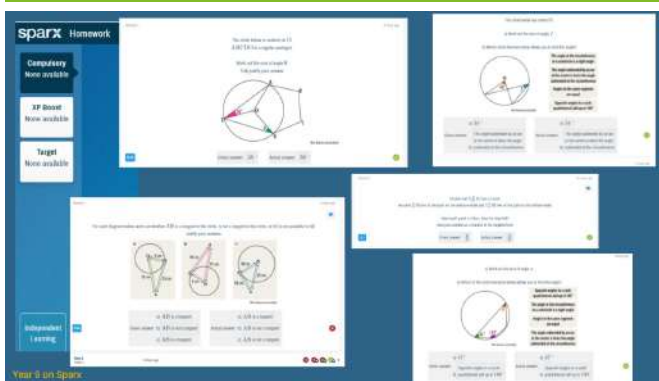
This week the Y8's have been working on portraits and the use of symbolism. Through colour and design they are integrating hidden meaning in their work. This has been inspired by looking at artists such as Frida Khalo and Vincent van Gogh.



## Mathematics:

This week all classes sat their end of the year Exam and we used Sparx for revisions and consolidations of all topics that we have worked on this academic year. There is a new section on Sparx where students can choose what they want to revise. Students really enjoyed using Independent Learning and found it very useful.

Student	Total XP (Last 7 days)	Books/Target XP (Last 7 days)	Independent Learning XP (Last 7 days)	Total XP	Level +	XP to next level
Yara Alkady	2562	676	900	8775	No Level	1226
White Usat	1112	540	580	8182	No Level	1818
Andra Al Nazhi	1110	540	0	8084	No Level	1818
Lattesa du Price	1100	540	400	8080	No Level	1820
Ahmed Belloula	728	270	0	7798	No Level	2112
Kera Usat	1189	676	0	7590	No Level	2220
Lucy Cockburn	1715	945	0	7545	No Level	2400
Ena Kopistova	825	426	0	7420	No Level	2500
Sophia Vargas d'Argence	301	0	0	7203	No Level	2947
Leah Cockburn	1130	540	0	6856	No Level	3140





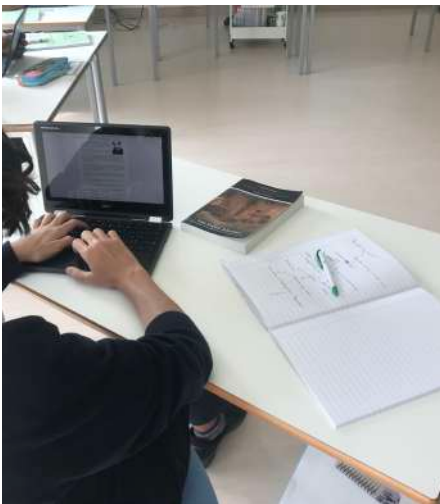
### English:

We have had a brilliant week in English.

Skills that have been developed over the year were put to test in our end of year assessments. Well done - all your consistent, hard work this year has paid off!

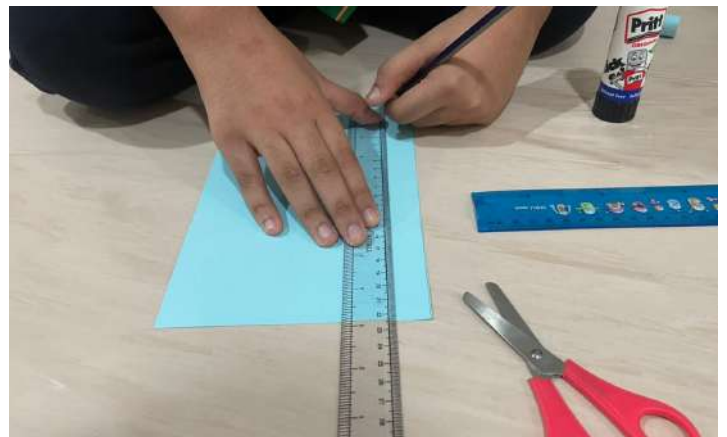
In Year 8 we completed our end of year assessment and then started to critically analyse the differences between the 1993 film version of *The Secret Garden* and the original text. Pupils have all noted that there are significant details missing from the film version. Characters and themes have been sacrificed to create a version of the plot which has some resemblance to the book. Next week pupils will be the 'director' in their own version of *The Secret Garden*, selecting plot, characters and themes.

Our Year 9s have started to recognise the complexity of Dickens' writing as in the closing chapters Dickens brings together sub-plots, chronology and characters. Pip is developing into a wiser, more mature character. Havisham has met a crispy ending and Jaggers 'Puts the case' as to whether or not it is anyone's interest that Estella's parentage comes to light. Seven chapters and a 1200 word course work study and we will have finished Year 9!



### Science:

All classes have had their assessments this week, kudos to all those who have worked so hard all year. Well done! We will be moving forward with some STEM challenges and very much looking forward to it. Here are Year 8 Mariyah who participated in a challenge this week to make the longest paper chain using only 1 A4 piece of paper.





Another exciting week of PE at Aspen this week. Nursery students have enjoyed participating in lessons this week, using the book they are reading in class, *The Enormous Turnip* as inspiration for the wonderful and creative movement and exercises they learnt. Archery continues to be a huge hit with our upper primary and secondary students and we continue to see lots of arrows hitting the bullseye!

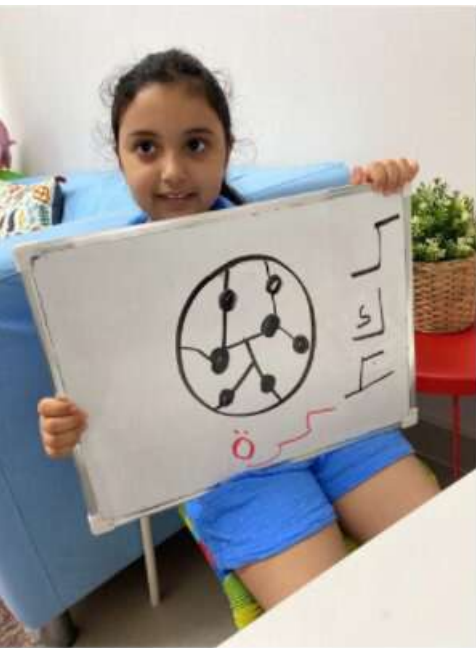




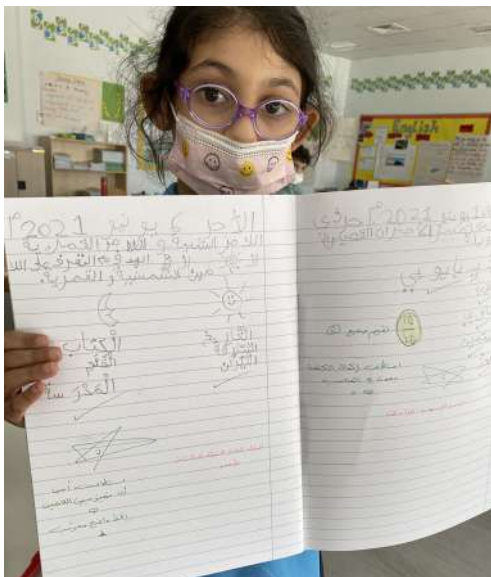
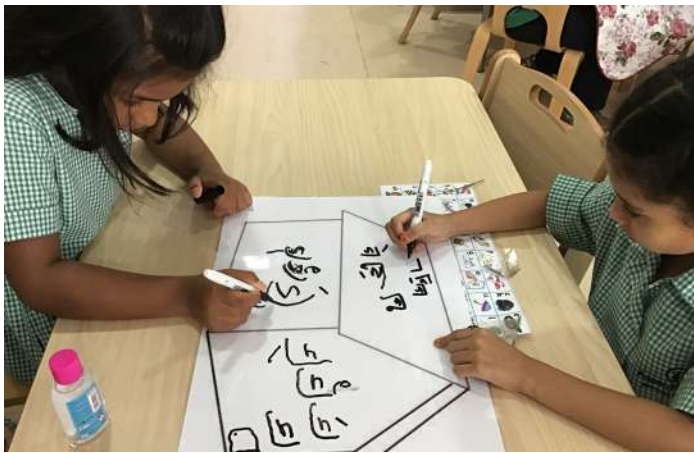
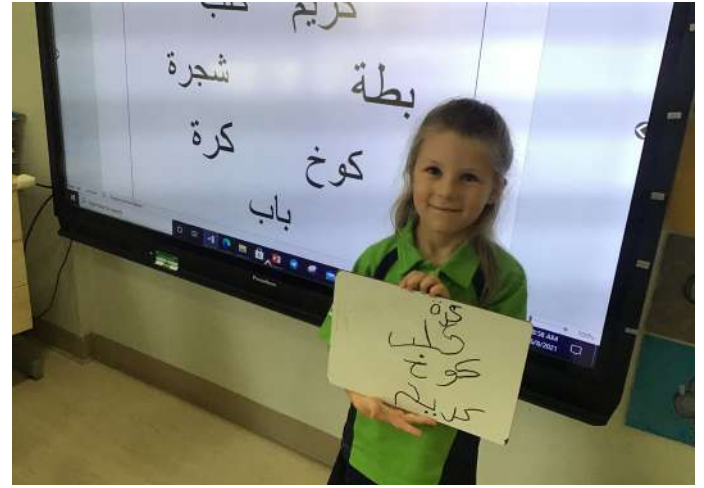


رحلة جديدة ممتعة و مفيدة بمدرسة آسبن حملت العديد من الخبرات التعليمية المتنوعة لجميع المراحل في حصص اللغة العربية جمعت بين المهارات الأربع: المحادثة، الاستماع، الكتابة و القراءة. بالمرحلة الابتدائية فقد تم تقييم نهاية الفصل الدراسي الثالث في المواد الثلاث: لغة عربية، تربية إسلامية وتربية وطنية. بالإضافة لتفعيل المنصات التعليمية للمواد العربية الثلاث، وتمّ التركيز خلال هذا الأسبوع في حصص اللغة العربية على مهارة الكتابة و التعبير.

أما بالمرحلة الثانوية، يستمر الطلاب في دراسة الرواية المقررة لهم، والعيش مع أحداثها بكل جوارحهم من خلال المناقشة والحوار، والبحث عن معاني المفردات من خلال المعجم الرقمي، كما استطاعوا تحليل أهم الأحداث التي ساهمت في تطور الحبكة في الرواية، وإكمال المهام التعليمية على منصة ألف التعليمية، والاستفادة من المواقف والأحداث التي تدور في الرواية في حياتهم اليومية . سيتواصل سير التعلم في الحصص بعد الاختبارات بشكل طبيعي كالعادة من أجل تغطية المنهج الدراسي لكل المراحل حتى آخر يوم بالعام الدراسي.









# Music

Exposure to music can also improve children's ability to learn. Music and movement instruction has been shown to improve children's memory, cognitive development, learning skills and expressive ability. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression.

