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Dear families,

I hope you enjoy this special 'National day' edition of our newsletter, and it conveys the real sense of community, celebration and learning that we have enjoyed this week, culminating in today's activities.

The learning displays around the school entrance were clearly enjoyed by all, as we watched families taking photographs of their children with the backdrop of their class and year group learning. Families were so supportive of our day; almost every single child wore the colours of the UAE, and many families joined in too! Thank you to Friends of Aspen who co-ordinated many activities; the national pride padlet and the National day drive-by! Our heritage walk was beautifully decorated with a traditional baqala, and a bedouin tent which added to the day's learning.

أتمنى أن تستمتعوا بهذه النسخة الخاصة من "اليوم الوطني" من رسالتنا الإخبارية ، والتي تنقل الإحساس الحقيقي للمجتمع والاحتفال والتعلم الذي استمتعنا به هذا الأسبوع ، والتي بلغت ذروتها في أنشطة اليوم. من الواضح أن الجميع استمتعوا بعروض التعلم حول مدخل المدرسة ، حيث شاهدنا العائلات تلتقط صوراً لأطفالها مع خلفية الفصل الدراسي.

كانت العائلات داعمة جداً ليومنا ؛ ارتدى كل طفل تقريباً ألوان الإمارات ، وانضم إليهم أيضاً العديد من العائلات! شكراً لأصدقاء أسبن الذين نسقوا العديد من الأنشطة ؛ منصة فخر الوطن ومسيرة السيارات هذا الصباح! تم تزيين مسيرتنا التراثية بشكل جميل مع البقالة التقليدية ، وخيمة بدوية والذي أضاف نكهة خاصة لتعلمنا اليومي.

Family survey:

Thank you to all the families who have already completed the survey- here is the link if you have not yet had the chance:

English / <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentPulseNov2020>

Arabic / <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentPulseNov2020?lang=ar>

شكراً لجميع العائلات التي أكملت الاستبيان بالفعل - إليكم الرابط إذا لم تتح لكم الفرصة بعد:

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Arabic / <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentPulseNov2020?lang=ar>

Have a wonderful weekend and we are looking forward to our Maths day next Sunday!

أتمنى لكم عطلة نهاية أسبوع رائعة ونتطلع إلى يوم الرياضيات يوم الأحد القادم!

Mrs Emma Shanahan

Principal, Aspen Heights British School



Primary Update



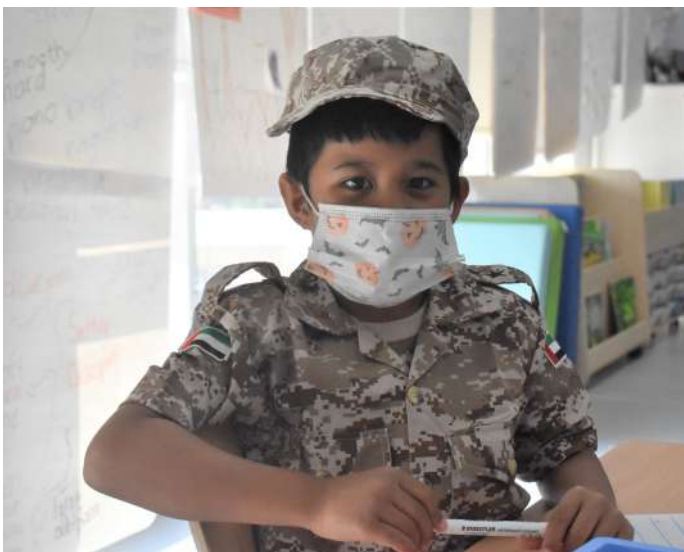
What a lovely way to end this week with all of our National Day celebrations. Well done to our whole community for making today so special. It was wonderful to see everyone in their national day clothes and enjoying the events of the day. The class assemblies were amazing - the staff and children worked really hard this week to incorporate their learning in both English and Arabic. The display boards at the front of the school were fantastic, it was apparent the work and learning that has been happening throughout the week. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Facebook Live quiz as well as the activities on their choice boards. Thank you to everyone for making this week a huge success.

On Sunday we have our maths day! Remember to come dressed as your favourite number, shape or mathematical symbol. You have all worked super hard preparing for the ISP mathematics competition so I am sure we will do really well next week!

Well done to Kingfishers and Houbara who had 99% attendance this week. Check your Seesaw account for your certificate. Remember we still have 2 days of learning next week.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Laura Stevens
Head of Primary



EYFS Update

Dear Families,

It was so lovely to see all of the children and staff dressed in national dress or colours of the UAE flag today. It was a great way to end all of the terrific learning that has taken place this week in preparation for our National Day celebrations in school. I hope you had the opportunity to look at our wonderful UAE displays at drop off and collection time today. The displays showcased a selection of work from the activities, that the children took part in, over the week.



Nursery focused on learning about the UAE flag and camels. They looked at the colours of the flag and the different ways they could create it. My favourites were the handprint flags, which they made into bunting, and the large flags made out of different coloured objects that they found in their classrooms. FS2 continued with 'innovating' their Gruffalo stories. The children learnt about animals that are native to the UAE and used them in their own version of the Gruffalo story. It was lovely to hear them tell their stories during their class assemblies and really shows how much 'Talk For Writing' is helping to develop key language and story skills.

We were also lucky to have a virtual author visit with Sarah Sillis, who is the author of the 'Zayoodi' stories. The children really enjoyed listening to Sarah and got the opportunity to ask her some questions about 'Zayoodi' and her stories. We are looking forward to more virtual visits in the future.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the National Day holiday next week.

Mrs Akachi
Head of EYFS



Secondary Update



This week we have used every spare minute of time when we were not in lessons to prepare for our wonderful Virtual National Day Celebration. Each Form class has delivered an amazing celebratory assembly which they shared with their families via Google Meet. I was able to go to each for a short time and see some wonderful presentations by our children in both Arabic and English. Year 8 Saadiyat also had a special guest to join their assembly, Ms Sarah Al Agroobi, an Emirati Artist who very kindly took the time to share her experience, inspiration and process with our Year 8 girls. This was truly inspirational and we hope to see some inspired artwork from our children as a result.

We made our National Day displays about our six different learning themes: The 7 Emirates by 7 Aryam, All about the UAE by 7 Dalma, Hear Our Voices a celebration of female Emirati Artists by 8 Saadiyat, UAE traditions through the ages by 8 Maryah, Emirati recipes and cooking by 9 Yas and All about National Day by 9 Futaisi. Each class brainstormed in teams, wrote success criteria together and then created their displays virtually, the teachers then gave a helping hand to make the physical display. It has been amazing to see the wonderful collaboration that has occurred during our distance learning and I am very excited to see what wonderful collaborative projects we will produce when we return to face to face learning in January.

I wish all of our families a wonderful and safe National Day Celebration and I look forward to hearing about what you did during the holiday.

Dr. Kate Plumb
Head of Secondary

#AHBSStaff

Congratulations to our Art & DT Secondary teacher, Mrs Stewart for winning a photography competition online for capturing the best sunrise picture!



National Day!



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Xander and Faris from Mice class drew falcons and camels.



Faris Maha, shany and Fatima from Mice class were throwing and catching a big beach ball.



Sparrows orange bubble making a flag.



National Day celebrations.



National Day celebrations in Nursery.



Sparrows green bubble innovating 'The Gruffalo' story.



National day celebrations in Nursery.



Fun outdoor play in Nursery.



National Day celebrations in Nursery.



We have learnt to line up in Mice class.



Super throwing and catching in the mice class.



Fatima from Mice class was drawing camels outside.

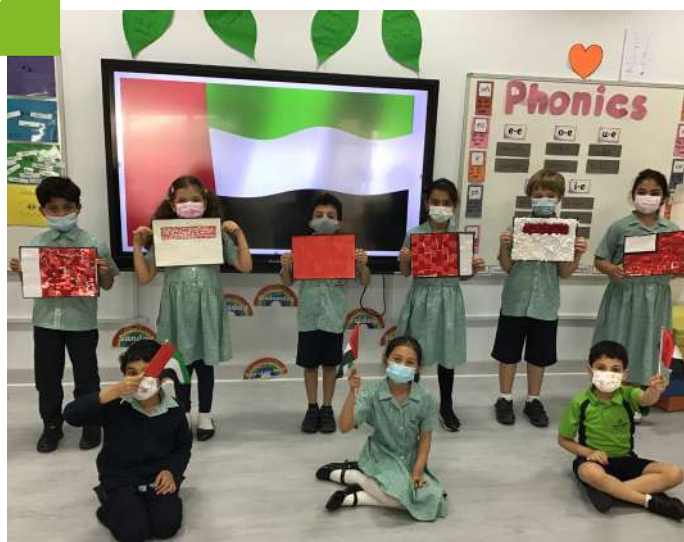




Lower Primary



Y2O Orange Bubble have been working hard on their Abu Dhabi pictures.



7 Emirates flags artwork.



Y2O Green Bubble loved listening to the story of 'Zayoodi' as part of our National Day celebrations.



National Day activities in class.



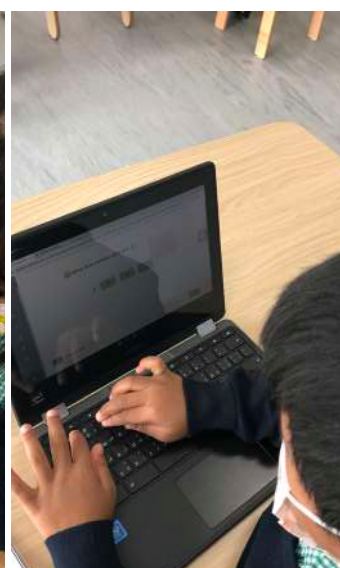
National Day activities in class.



Locating the 7 Emirates.

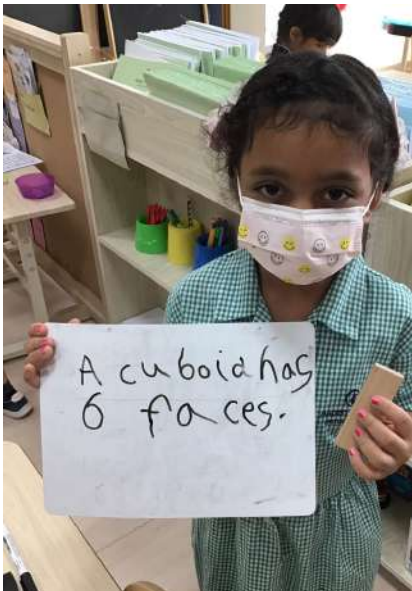


Deema in Y2G learning 3D shapes.



Donnacha in Y2G practising Mathletics.

Lower Primary



Salama Y1 Sandcats learning about 3D shapes.



Salma and Afra enjoyed finding half of shapes by folding them equally.

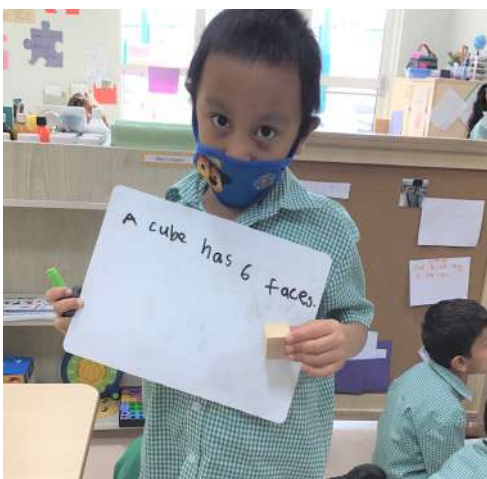


Good in Y2G learning his names of 3D shapes.



Year 1 Foxes loved listening to the author Sarah Sallis reading a story.

National Day activities in class.



Umar Y1 Sandcats learning about 3D shapes.



National Day prep.



National Day work.



Upper Primary



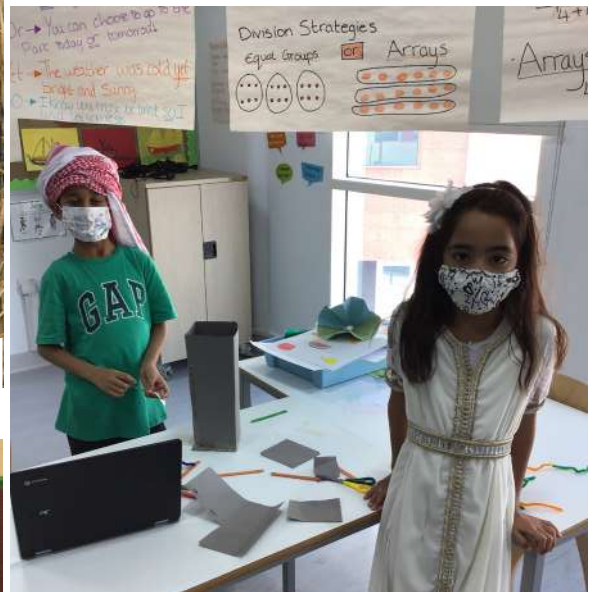
Ghala, Megan, Layan and Alia Y4 Houbara.



Meerah and her Barajeel Tower.



Mansour, Rakaan, Adbulla, Zayed and Zayed Y4 Houbara.



Ismail and Nora with their Barajeel Tower.



Swifts on National Day.



Rihan, I'esa, Evangelos and Yusuf from Year 4 Houbara.



Year 4 Houbara on National Day.

Upper Primary



Radwa making sunset art.



Fatima and Loulwa making sunset art.



Saeed making sunset art.



Haniyyah and Hamdan from Y5 Hawksbills measuring water in their capacity.



Supporting each other converting ml to l.



National Day activities in class.



Mariam, Jumana and Salma in 5P ready for National Day.



Upper Primary



Khalifa and his silhouette of the desert art.



Meera and Shamsa in 5P enjoyed National Day!



Marwan in 5P with his National Day art.



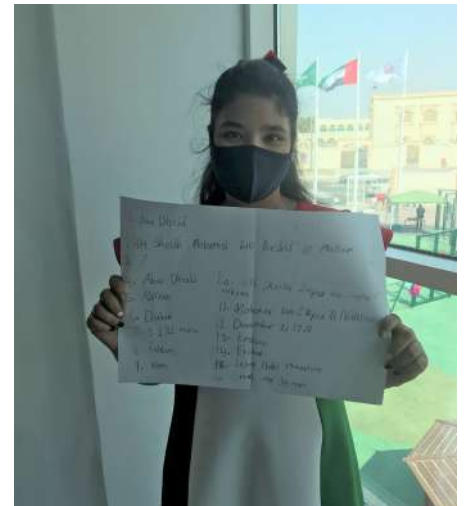
National Day activities in class.



Ibrahim and his silhouette art.



National Day celebrations.



Maryam showing off her UAE Quiz answers.

Secondary



Secondary

Year 7 Delma welcome you!!!



We have three groups of students ready to present to you.

All about the UAE:

- ★ History
- ★ Geography
- ★ Culture
- ★ Food
- ★ Clothing
- ★ The Flag
- ★ Fun Facts



Native UAE animals:

Camels can live up to 17 years. Their mouths are tough and can eat cactus. Sand does not hurt their eyes. They can run 13 km or more. Camels can completely shut their nostrils during sandstorms!



Did you know that the Arabic horse is the fastest horse in the world?! The **Arabian horse** is a breed famous for beauty.



Falcons are one of the fastest animals in the world, they eat rabbits and ducks and other small animals.



Culture: Pearl diving

- In the past pearls were used to trade in the UAE.
- Diving for pearls was very hard, only 1 in 10,000 oysters contains a pearl!
- Pearl diving operations consisted of fleets of ships filled to the brim with divers working in shifts. Some skilled divers could hold their breath for 2 minutes or more.
- Divers used:
 - Two ropes
 - A weighted tie around their foot
 - A harness-like tie around their waist
 - A nose clip and a bag for the oysters

كانت صناعة اللؤلؤ مصدر دخل لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة منذ أواخر القرن التاسع عشر، وتعد رحلات الغوص على اللؤلؤ من أصعب المهمات، وكانت تمتد لأربعة أشهر في فصل الصيف.



Secondary

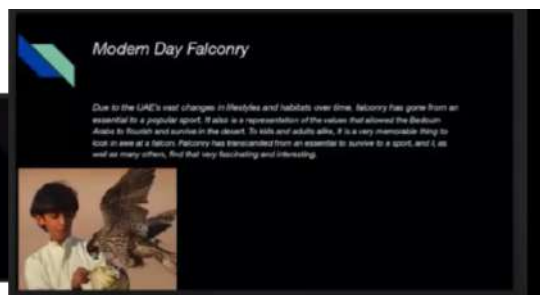
National Day Recipes

Assembly... parents will be invited: 15 minutes...

*Save slides & videos here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eapsEQpQynScHA2DV8JmL7l0mCgVabMW?usp=sharing>

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	
Name	Food/ Beverage	Slides with ingredients and photos	5 min video	- saved to file - Lamar informed	
Lacunar	Keira	✓	✓	✓	Consolidated & Shared with Dr Plumb
Kahwa	Jojo	✓	✓	✓	
Sago	Madia	✓	✓	✓	
dango	Aisha	✓	✓	✓	
Kabsa	Ghaya	✓	✓	✓	
Warak Enab	Sheikha	Impro	2021	✓	19th Nov
Tabouleh	Alreem AJ	✓	✓	Editing	
Karak	Al Reem AB	✓	Madia	✓	
Machbous	Shama	✓	✓	✓	



Arabic



تواصلت الأنشطة و الفعاليات المتنوعة بقسم اللغة العربية بمناسبة العيد الوطني 49 لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة خلال هذا الأسبوع و امتزجت بألوان العَلَم من جهة و ابتسامه و حماس طلاب آسِن من جهة أخرى.

فكانت تركز بالأساس على الأنشطة التعليمية الفعالة التي تهدف لتطوير مهارات الطلاب في التعرف على تاريخ و ثقافة الإمارات وترسيخ الهوية الوطنية من جميع الاتجاهات حيث تنوعت المواضيع من مرحلة إلى أخرى لإحياء العيد الوطني في جو تعليمي و تربوي مميز و مواكب للسلامة الصحية و متماشياً مع الظروف الحالية.

وبهذه المناسبة يسرُّ فريق قسم اللغة العربية أن يتقدم بأسمى آيات التهاني و التبريكات إلى صاحب السمو الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان رئيس الدولة -حفظه الله-، و إلى أصحاب السمو حكام الإمارات وشعبها بمناسبة اليوم الوطني التاسع و الأربعين و نسأل الله العليّ القدير أن يديمَ علينا نعمة الأمن والازدهار و الرِّخاء في ظل القيادة الرشيدة و الحكام الكرام.

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