

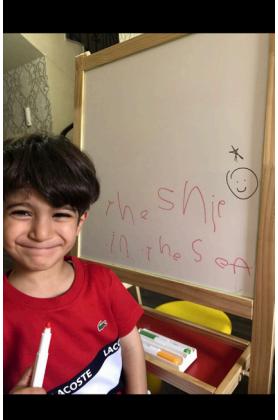
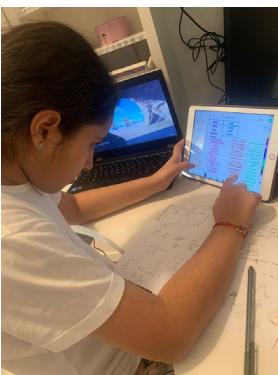


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**E-learning Update  
Week 1, 26th March 2020**

Dear families,

**What an unusual and different week of learning we have found ourselves in at Aspen Heights. I am extremely proud-but not surprised- of the way we have all pulled together as a community. Our relationships are built on extremely strong foundations and mutual respect, such challenging times have the opportunity to bring out the very best in every one of us.**



يا له من أسبوع غير عادي ومختلف للتعلم في مدرسة أسين هايتس. أنا فخورة للغاية - ولكن لست بمستغربة من الطريقة التي اجتمعنا بها جميعاً كمجتمع. علاقاتنا مبنية على أساس قوية للغاية والاحترام المتبادل، هذه الأوقات الصعبة لديها الفرصة لإخراج الأفضل في كل واحد منا.

Our teachers have demonstrated such incredible resilience, collaboration, problem solving and genuine care for our children and for one another. It makes me very grateful we have such a remarkable team, and very proud.

Our children have risen to the challenge of learning in a different way, and demonstrated such independent learning skills and an enthusiasm that is infectious. 95% of our school engaged in e-learning at some point during the week - a remarkable achievement assisted by our administrative team who have been calling families and guiding them through this process.

We could not have maintained your children's learning to this extent without the support of our community of families. Many of you have reached out to us to commend our efforts and work; thank you. This is new for us all, and we are learning and improving all the time, but your trust in us and positive feedback is most appreciated.

Today I held a virtual assembly celebrating the amazing learning of all of our children, but some were mentioned in our 'gold card' assembly. They all have been uploaded online, please do enjoy watching them.

نمك من الحفاظ على تعلم أطفالكم إلى هذا الحد من دون دعمكم لنا. لقد تواصل العديد منكم معنا للإشادة بجهودنا وعملنا، شكرأ لكم. هذا جديد بالنسبة لنا، ونحن نتعلم ونتطور طوال الوقت. ولكن ثقتم بنا وردود الفعل الإيجابية هي محل تقدير كبير.

عقدت اليوم اجتماعاً افتراضياً للاحتفال بالتعلم المذهل لجميع أطفالنا، ولكن تم ذكر البعض في "البطاقة الذهبية" الخاصة بنا.

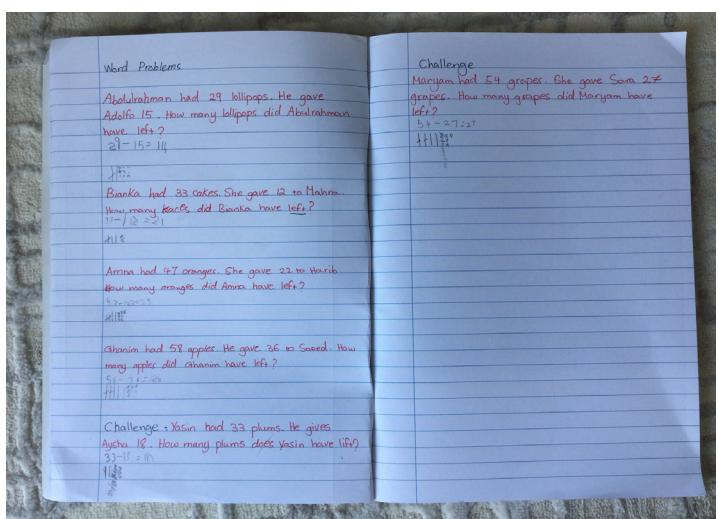
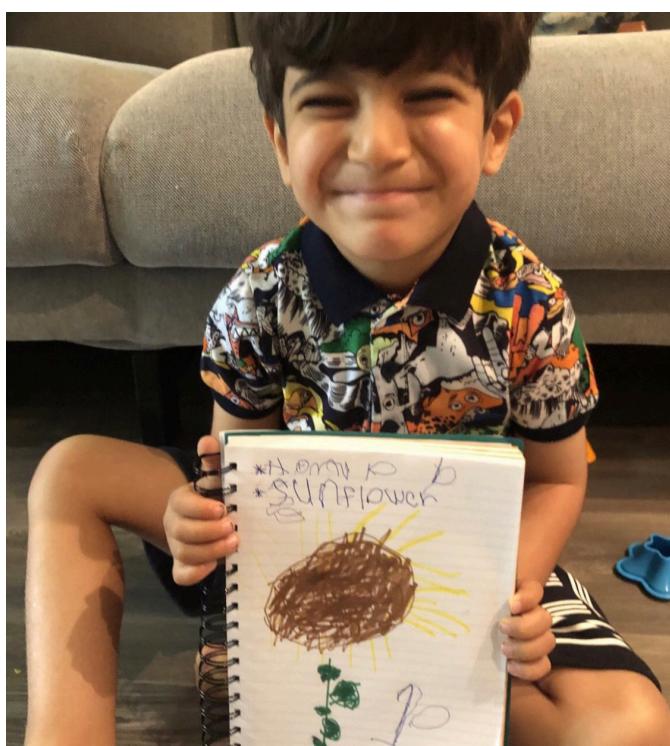
As you know from our work, at Aspen we are always looking to improve. As we settle into a new way of working, we will undoubtedly trial and implement strategies to further enhance the learning, engagement and wellbeing of our children. We will keep you informed and updated every step of the way, whilst trying not to overload you all with information to assimilate! Remember- please reach out to us if we can help in any way- we are here to support you.

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Please have a safe, restful weekend with your families and we look forward to sharing our e-learning journey with you all next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Emma Shanahan  
Principal Aspen Heights British School



## Primary Update

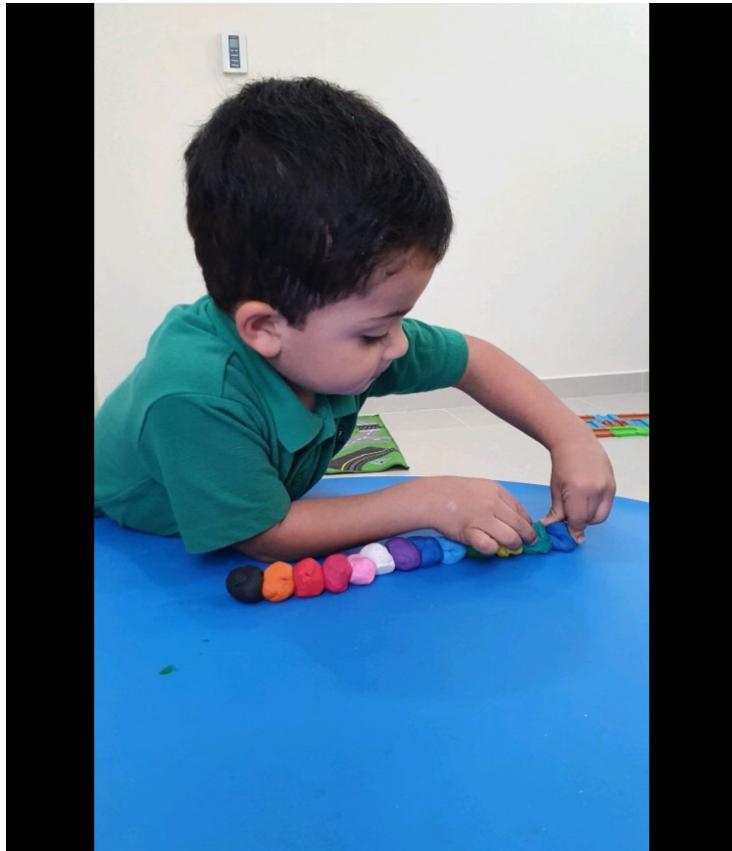
I have enjoyed looking at all of the books at the book fair and seeing how excited all of the children were to purchase new books. Developing a love of reading is something we particularly value at Aspen Heights.



I have also been involved in the Year 2 auditions ready for their performance of Tiddler next week. The children are all very eager and excited for their upcoming show.

Year 1 had a lovely afternoon tea this week with their families, they were able to showcase all of their learning about The Tiger who came to tea and enjoy an afternoon tea which they prepared for their families. Another busy and exciting week of learning. We look forward to our final week of this half term next week and the upcoming Pink Day! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laura Stevens  
Head of Primary



## Head of Secondary

The first week of e-learning has been very successful in secondary overall.



We are following the children's usual timetables to help them keep to a routine with you at home. Hopefully this will mean that their e-learning experience feels like an extension of school. As the children have been using Google Classroom since September they should all be aware of how to access their lessons and submit their work. All of our amazing teachers and administration staff here at Aspen Heights have been helping when there is any issue.

We are encouraging our children to be on time for lessons. This is important so that they do not fall behind in their learning. This also means that they will be able to connect with their teacher in real time if they need support. Otherwise, if they try to work outside of the lesson time the teacher may be with another class and your child will have to wait for a response.

All of your children's teachers are handing out Golden Tickets as we usually do, only now I am sharing the Golden Ticket league table with your child at lunchtime everyday (via email) so that they can track their progress. At the end of the week the children with the most golden tickets receive a Gold Card certificate. I announce these in assembly and send the certificates to children and families during the day.

This week's assembly has been uploaded on our online portals, please do enjoy watching them.

We always work in partnership with our families and now more than ever this is vital. A very sincere thank you for all of your support.

I wish all of our families a lovely weekend and happy e-learning for next week.

Dr. Kate Plumb  
Head of Secondary

