



Primary Weekly Newsletter

27th November 2013

Please note:

- Next week's Golden Rule is **"We Work Hard."** Our focus 5R will be **"Risk Taker"**.

Foundation Stage One

What an exciting start to the week we had in FS1! On Sunday and Monday, all of the pupils went to 'Sitara' to watch *'Beauty and The Beast'*. This was their first trip out of school and they really enjoyed sharing the bus ride there and back with their classmates and teachers. All of the pupils were well behaved and a credit to MES Cairo. As the pupils' level of English improves, they are beginning to role play in English also. Their play is mainly based around copying what they see happening at home. We would greatly appreciate any donations of old clothing (hats, scarves, bags, shoes etc.) and items such as old mobile phones that they could use within their play. All of the pupils should now be wearing their winter uniform and we ask that all items, including coats, are labelled before they are worn to school. It would also be helpful if spare clothes were winter uniform also. Enjoy this talking story with your child http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFq441el_ls. The story is about a whale who likes to eat everything.

Foundation Stage Two

Our new topic got off to a terrifying start with a visit from 'Cruella De Ville' who had come to FS2 to steal all of our animals, which is why our topic is called 'Animal Rescue'! The pupils were very keen not to let 'Cruella' steal our animals and have been planning booby traps and ways of stopping her, but they have all promised to learn as much as they can about animals so that we can save them. We are going to be looking at animals from the jungle, arctic, farm, pets and fantasy animals, describing and comparing them and finding out what they need. FS2 Yellow opened a 'Jungle Vets' in their classroom and are naming the animals body parts as they repair any injuries or remedy illnesses. FS2 Red have a model cow in their classroom which they are practicing milking and the pupils from FS2 Violet enjoyed dressing up ready to explore the Arctic. FS2 Green had a 'Gruffalo Day', during which they read the story, sang a song and made a forest for the 'Gruffalo' and all of the animals to inhabit. 'Mr Scott Allsop' from Secondary has been delighting the pupils with songs he has written related to animal stories that he sings and plays on his guitar. FS2 Orange did some great 'hotseating' speaking and listening activities, exploring how we should look after our pets. The compare and order game on <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html> links very nicely with our measuring work in Maths.

Year One

This has been a magical week in Year One! In Maths, the pupils have continued working on data handling, recording information in different ways. They loved doing a survey, asking their friends their preferences and recording the results. Measuring was introduced using non-standard units (string, counters etc.) moving on to measuring in centimeters. One popular lesson was choosing someone to draw around in the yard and measuring parts of their body in hand spans.

Phonics work focused on **'ur', 'ow', 'oi'** and *ear* sounds also re-visiting tricky words: **you, this, that**. All of Year One were treated to an amazing Magic Show by our very own magician, 'Miss Courtney'! She astonished us with several fantastic magic tricks and we were shown a video of a famous magician, called 'David Copperfield', who performed unbelievable tricks. Following this magical afternoon, Year One ended the week with their very own magic day. Everyone dressed as magician, tried out some of the tricks and even performed some of their own and 'Hey Presto' our magic week came to a close. www.educationcity.com is a useful website to visit.

Year Two

What an amazing week Year Two has had. Sunday's visit to the Titanic's dining room with visits from 'Captain Edward Smith', 'Molly Brown' and 'Mrs. Dajani' among others captured our imaginations for the day as we prepared to sail on the 'Titanic'. Everyone looked really smart and remembered their very best table manners. We are now beginning to write newspaper articles about this great event.

In Maths, we are continuing to explore measures and next week we will begin to measure time. In Big Writing, we are checking our work carefully for punctuation, 'wow' words and connectives. We are doing a great job! Let us all remember tidy handwriting too. In art work, we are continuing to explore water colours to create beautiful 'watery' effects. You can access some phonics practice this week with Forest Phonics: <http://www.ictgames.com/forestPhonics/forestPhonicsOnline/index.html>



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Year Three

Last week all of the Year Three Superheroes came together to help out 'Captain Calamity' through song, dance and words. We taught him about how best to look after your body, how to use electricity safely and which material would be the best for a new superhero cape. We hope all of these things have sent out the correct message to 'Captain Calamity'! Thank you to everyone who attended the 'We are all Superheroes!' concert last week. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. "Well Done" to Hussein Abu-El-Fadl in Three Orange for a fantastic performance as 'Captain Calamity' as well as all of the singers and dancers. Last week the Year Three Superheroes noticed that they have not heard anything back from 'Captain Calamity' about all of the great work they have done transforming him into a fantastic superhero. So we learnt how to write letters of complaint and hope we hear back from him soon! Remind yourself of different types of letters here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/writing/letters/>.

Year Four

There has been great excitement in Year Four this week! The news that aliens have landed in the Year Four pod has reached 'Hollywood' and the Year Four pupils have been asked to produce a film to describe Wott's arrival on Earth. Back in class the pupils have continued with their amazing Literacy work and completed some superb stories set in imaginary worlds. Next week they will have the opportunity to be scientists and explore the world of green plants. Lots of interesting facts are sure to be found. We shall be revising in preparation for the assessment next week as well as continuing with data handling and measures. Please make sure that your child gets enough sleep and does not stay up revising. This should not be necessary. This website will help your child to practice Maths skills in a fun way, <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy-calculation.html>

Year Five

Year Five had a very important visitor to the pod this week: a lady called 'Ms Catherine' visited us to talk about the recycling organisation she works for. She told the pupils many facts and information about the importance of recycling and how it helps our country. Did you know that Egypt wastes \$500 million every year by not recycling materials like paper and plastic? Also, recycling helps the under-privileged in Egypt receive medical care and education. In school we are encouraging the pupils to recycle; we hope at home you will start recycling too.

The Year Five pupils are also learning about hazards in the environment. Some pupils wore masks all day protecting themselves against pollution. The pupils have discussed how planet earth can be both damaged and improved by humans. Can you build an eco-friendly house, thinking about the materials that will help the environment?

<http://ecogamer.org/environmental-games/build-a-house-green-design-game>.

Year Six

It has been a week of adventure stories in Year Six. The pupils have been working on their skills of planning and writing stories. They have focused on describing characters and settings and engaging their reader with an action packed problem which needs to be resolved.

In Maths, some of the pupils have been focusing on calculating, measuring and drawing angles as well as reviewing their knowledge of shape properties. Other groups have focused on written methods and how these can be used to solve word problems. The Year Six teachers have been very impressed with the rainforest box projects that have come in this week! Over the next few weeks we will be sharing these within classes, discussing the content of each and awarding Cairos for the pupils' efforts. With 'Assessment Week' approaching, use this website to encourage your child to try some writing, reading and Maths activities at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>