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Benjamin Franklin

Learning on location !

This month we saw the first year group set out on their residential trip to the desert !

All of the trips planned for the British students are linked to their learning.

We take them out of the classroom to enhance and apply the skills they are taught.



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
KEY STAGE 2**

A message from Ms Sarah !

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you read through this newsletter you will see students involved in a range of learning opportunities. It is clear that learning does not only happen within the four walls of the classroom. Trips and other out-of-the-class activities are an important part of our curriculum. It is intended that all students attend all trips that are planned by the teachers.

It is clear that students have been enjoying science at our school. We are very lucky at El Alsson to have a dedicated science lab for our students in the primary school. It has been encouraging to see our Key Stage 2 students up in the science lab during the term. Mr Attia supports our teachers with the science lessons that are conducted. We also have a wide range of science equipment for the students to engage with the science curriculum in a hands-on way.

The students have been encouraged this term to aim for 'personal bests' in their class learning activities. I hope that your child has had a least a few personal bests so far in this academic year. If not, I encourage you to talk with your child about aiming high every day. If we all strive to do our personal best every day, we will definitely be working towards our potential.

Kind regards,

Sarah Hay

Head of Early Years and Primary

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It's all about the experience !



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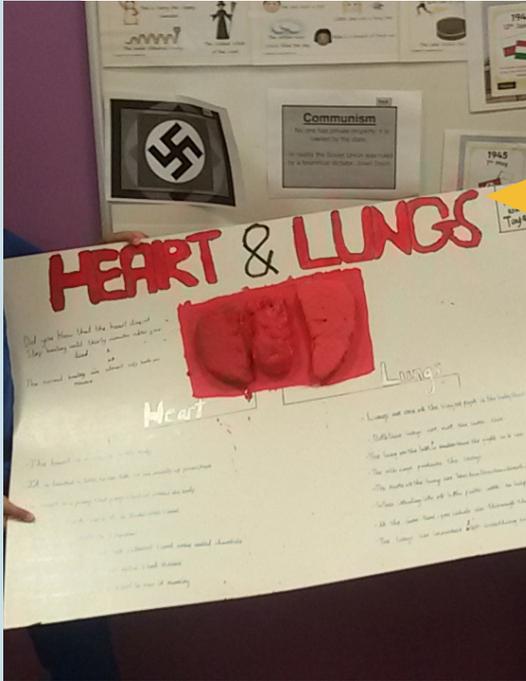
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Once our teachers have shown us and taught us the skills we need, then comes the difficult part ... we have to apply it to a task and see how much we have learnt! This is one of the most important parts of our learning journey!

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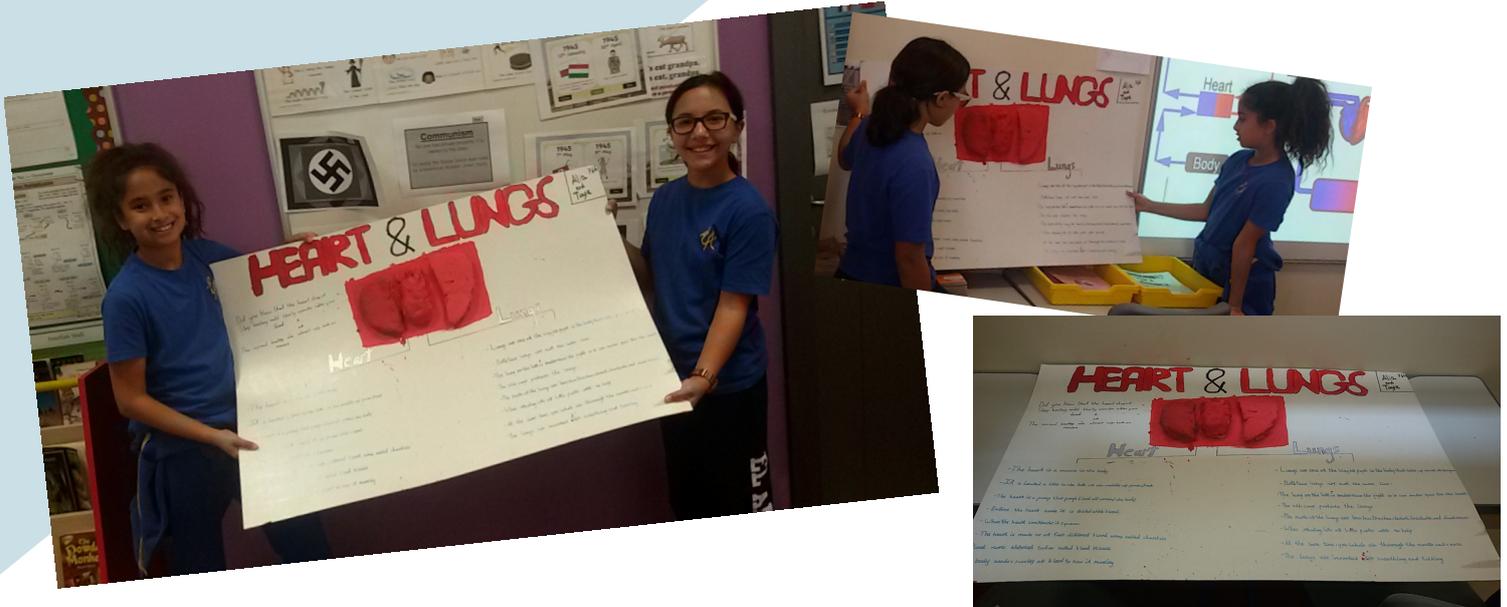
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Shout Out to Alia and Taya in 6G !



Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system.

Alia and Taya decided to make their own model and apply what they had learnt. They then presented it to the class. Great independent study - well done!



Learning through action !

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Year 6

In Year 6 we were preparing to write witness statements.

Each group took a different perspective from a witness' point of view, and we used role play to create a live news broadcast.

Miss Sam then edited it into a short film broadcast for us.



Year 5

We did an experiment to investigate what a seed needs to germinate and begin to grow. Once we had the results, we decided to use some of our space in school to plant the seeds, so we can continue to watch them grow!

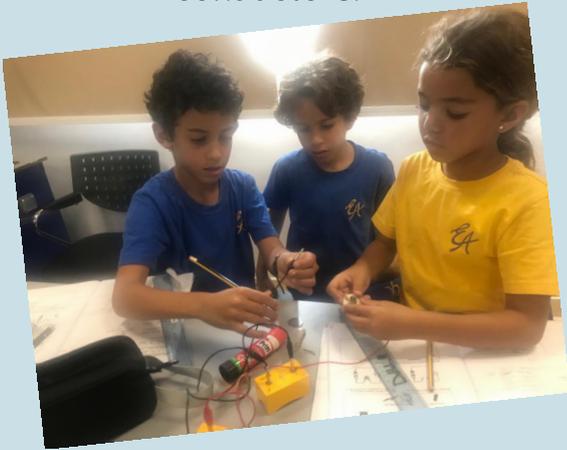


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Year 4

In Year 4 we were learning about electricity. We had learnt how to make a simple circuit, but then we had to test out different materials to see which were insulators and which were conductors.



Year 3

We took our maths lesson onto the field and were learning all about different angles. We learnt that angles were a measure of turn and had to use them to turn ourselves around.



Prophet's Birthday

Celebrating our culture

Celebration Time!

We invited Tanoora dancers into school to celebrate the Prophet's Birthday. Thank you to Mr Tharwat for organising this - we had a great time !



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AUC Book store visit

Authors inspiring our avid readers !

On Thursday 29th November a group of ElAlsson students from the British and American campuses were invited by the AUC Bookshop to meet the Finnish author Leena Pekkäläinen.

Leena is an author and artist who studied Egyptology at Manchester University. She has written and illustrated books for children. Leena was holidaying in Cairo and gave up her time to talk to our students about her fascination with ancient Egyptian history and how she came to write books for children set in these times. Leena shared excerpts from one of her books, "Tutankhamun in his own words hieroglyphics". Her stories combine fictional characters and non-fiction, in an ancient Egyptian setting.

The visit ended with the students buying books which Leena signed for them. She complimented our students on their behaviour and was very impressed with their in-depth questions which she said were more challenging than those of most adult audiences she has worked with. Well done ElAlsson!

Many thanks to Leena for giving up her valuable time and to the AUC Bookshop for giving our students this unique opportunity!



What's in store for the kids?

Curriculum for the next month at a glance !

English - Poetry

In English we have been looking at poetry and when completed we will be focused on reading comprehension for the rest of the term.

HUMANITIES - HISTORY

We had a very successful trip to the Pharaonic Village at the start of this half term, and will be looking at mummification and hieroglyphics before the end of the unit.

Science - Humans and Animals

We have begun to look at humans and other animals in science. We have learned about healthy eating and nutrition so far and will be looking at bones and muscles.

MATHS - MULTIPLES

In maths we have been focusing on adding multiples of 10 and 100. We will be looking at multiplication, division and time before Christmas.

Year 3!

English - Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

We're almost halfway through Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we love it! Our next focus will be on settings and the type of language the author uses to describe them. We will be creating our own candy/chocolate bar wrapper too so please be ready to provide the filling soon!

Science - Electricity

We're carrying on with circuits and conductors, which have been loads of fun! Being to the science lab was particularly exciting since we managed to test conductors and insulators. We'll continue to create different circuits such as series and parallel circuits. Discussing safety and hazards of electricity will be another focus this month too.

MATHS - DECIMALS

Please continue to review times tables, as they are the basis for several upcoming units like fractions, which we have already started, as well as a simple introduction to decimals.

HUMANITIES - HISTORY

Ancient Greece: Another super interesting unit! We've looked at different political systems - particularly democracy. Our next focus will be on gods and goddesses and studying aspects of the Olympic Games.

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English - Narrative

We are now approximately half way through reading *Shadow*. We have met many challenging themes and interesting ideas that have helped us to form a wider opinion on a range of topics. We will start to draft our own narrative fiction, using *Shadow* (and the works of Michael Morpurgo) as the focal point to our stories. Over the next few weeks we will be planning, drafting and editing our stories to make sure our readers will be using all of their senses to engage with our tales.

HUMANITIES - GEOGRAPHY

We have nearly come to the end of our Rivers topic. It has been amazing to find out all the different features of rivers from all around the world. We are putting our projects together and have found out some great information to help us be more creative. We will be bringing the topic to a close with a trip to Elsewhere Park, to study the River Nile. Following this topic, we will be moving onto the Exciting world of Ancient Egypt!

MATHS - SHAPES

After a lot of number work and countless fractions, we are now moving onto the wonderful world of shapes. We will be analysing a range of shapes to compare and contrast the similarities and differences. We will then be moving onto using coordinates to plot a shape on an axis (along the corridor and up the stairs) and then using our knowledge to help us translate the shape from one position to another.

Science - States of Matter

We will continue to learn about the different materials in the world and their properties. This is a very practical unit of work and we will be utilising the science lab as much as we can. This will allow us to enhance our investigation skills in a variety of different ways. We will find out ways to create a hypothesis, test it and record our results accurately whilst always maintaining a fair test approach.

Year 5!

English - Non-Narrative Text

We will still be reading *Cirque Du Freak* with a deeper focus on vocabulary and imaginative character and setting descriptions. We will use the book to write discursive writing and creepy poems.

Science - Human Body

We will be consolidating our knowledge of the circulatory system and recognising the impact of diet, exercise and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. We will also describe the way nutrients and water are transported within animal and human bodies.

MATHS - MEASURES

We will establish a solid foundation for multiplication and division, and link those skills to real life problems. We will also focus on measuring length (including conversions) and time, both digital and analogue.

HUMANITIES - HISTORY

We will still be learning about the causes of World War 2, why was it necessary for children to be evacuated during the war and Egypt's role and position during the time.

Year 6!

Educational Trip

Year 6 set off into the desert ... and survived!

The Year 6 children had a fantastic trip into the desert. The WESC leaders planned an exciting and fun 3 day trip where the children got to experience and put their learning into action!

We had a great time and the children showed fantastic behaviour, team work and respect for each other, and especially the WESC leaders and all the people there to support and look after us for the 3 days.

Well done Year 6 - you did us proud!



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A few parent reminders !

Money and Mobiles!

- Primary students should not bring money to school. Beanos' is not an option for primary students at any time of the day.
- Mobile phones are not allowed for primary students. If a student brings their phone to school, it will be confiscated and held in the school safe, until an adult can come and collect it, as per the school policy.

Change in the weather !

- The weather is starting to get cooler now and children are beginning to wrap up.
- Please can we ensure that children only wear El Alsson uniform jackets or jumpers, not branded ones please.

Winter PE kit !

- Children are beginning to start wearing their winter PE kit.
- Even if this is the case, children should still be changing all items of clothing completely for PE. Children should not come to school in anything they intend to wear for PE.

Car pick up point

- If children usually travel by car you need to ensure that whoever is collecting them has the car card.
- This is to ensure the safety of our primary school children.
- If there is a change from car to bus, the car slip will be provided to the child.



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Upcoming Dates and Events

December 2018

Key Stage 2

1	Sa		Wk 14
2	Su		
3	Mo		
4	Tu		
5	We		
6	Th		
7	Fr		Wk 15
8	Sa		
9	Su	Year 5A Elsewhere Park	
10	Mo	Year 5C Elsewhere Park	
11	Tu	Year 5E Elsewhere Park	
12	We		
13	Th		
14	Fr		
15	Sa		

16	Su		Wk 16
17	Mo		
18	Tu		
19	We		
20	Th	Christmas Dress Up Day – Last day	
21	Fr		
22	Sa		
23	Su	Christmas Break Begins - Holiday	
24	Mo		
25	Tu	Christmas Day	Wk 17
26	We	Boxing Day	
27	Th		
28	Fr		
29	Sa		
30	Su		
31	Mo		Wk 18



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Upcoming Dates and Events

January 2019

Key Stage 2

1	Tu	New Year's Day	Wk 18
2	We		
3	Th		
4	Fr		Wk 19
5	Sa		
6	Su		
7	Mo		
8	Tu		
9	We		
10	Th		
11	Fr		Wk 20
12	Sa		
13	Su	School Re-opens	
14	Mo		
15	Tu		
16	We		
17	Th		
18	Fr		
19	Sa		

20	Su		
21	Mo	Year 5 Sitara Trip	Wk 21
22	Tu		
23	We		
24	Th	Primary Report 1 out to parents	
25	Fr		
26	Sa		
27	Su	Y4C WESC Teeth and Healthy Eating	
28	Mo	Y4A WESC Teeth and Healthy Eating	Wk 22
29	Tu		
30	We	Y4G WESC Teeth and Healthy Eating	
31	Th	Y4E WESC Teeth and Healthy Eating	



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