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Year 6 Welcome Letter

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Key Stage 2!

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We are really looking forward to having an exciting new year in our new campus. It is the start of a new journey for our El Alsson family and we can't wait to welcome back our students, who will bring along the Alsson Spirit from Haranaya to the New Giza campus.

Mrs Amin

NEW GIZA! NEW FACES!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the start of the new academic year. Many thanks to the Key Stage 2 staff, administration and leadership for their efforts to support the move to our fantastic new campus. This year promises to be an exciting adventure for the whole community as we embark the next stage of the Alsson story.

I join you following eight years serving as the Director of the International School of Riga having previously worked in the UK, Africa and Asia. I wish everyone a successful year and look forward to getting to know your children and many of you in the coming months.

Mr Chalkly
British School Principal



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NEW GIZA! NEW YEAR GROUP!

Hello and a very special welcome to our Year Six children, who enter their final year of primary school! As we prepare them for secondary school, we have great expectations of our oldest students, but we know they will rise to the challenge and be wonderful role models for the younger pupils throughout the school! We are looking forward to a busy and fulfilling year ahead with much fun and many exciting challenges along the way! See you on Tuesday.

Mr Mostafa (6A), Mr Peter (6C) and Miss Libby (6E)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

START OF THE DAY

Children should be at school by 7.50 a.m. Assembly begins at 7.55a.m. It is important for your child to have a calm beginning for the day by lining up, attending assembly and walking up to class with his/her classmates. If your child is going home by car (instead of bus), please send a dated letter /note to the class teacher. Children should hand it to their teacher in the morning so that we can inform buses of any changes.

CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON TIME.

SNACK TIME

This year children will have 2 main snack times and a small snack throughout the day.

Children should bring:

- Breakfast to have during registration time
- First break: a small snack to take to break with them, for example, fruit or a snack bar. The children will eat this on the playground and they will not be taking lunchboxes to the playground.
- Second break: lunch in class

EQUIPMENT LIST

All equipment and uniform must be labelled.

- **Equipment:** It is very important that children bring to school the following equipment so they can complete their work smoothly: *4 pencils *An eraser *A plastic 30cm ruler *A pencil sharpener *A PRITT STICK *Colouring Pencils *A pair of scissors * A small plastic white board (To be kept in school). *A pack of White Board Markers *Highlighters *A small **B5-sized whiteboard**. These are available in stationers, can be easily stored and are safer to use. ***Please send 5 plastic button folders.** Kindly Label Them As Follows: (Class Folder- ICT-Library-Arabic and Religion-French).

HOMEWORK

Please support your child with reading at home. We are keen for the children to develop the reading habit and our motto is 'Reading for pleasure'.

Continuing on with the success of the accelerated reader program we will be incorporating the ZPD and word count in their reading logs. Using encouragement and rewards are the ways in which we want to develop reading. We want our children to use their books at home, find books using AR book finder as well as using the library when choosing books.

Remember, the more we read and talk the more we learn!

A small reminder!

Please encourage your child to take care with the presentation of their homework and that, where appropriate, worksheets are glued into the books properly without sticking out. In addition, handwriting must be neat and legible- and **always** joined up.

Homework will be set on Wednesday and collected on Monday of the following week.

MONEY

If you are sending money, it must come into school in a sealed envelope that is labelled with your child's **full name and class**.

COMMUNICATION

This year all forms of general communication will **ONLY** be posted on the school website. If you would like to access newsletters, handbook or general updates you will need to visit our website. We will not be sending out any hard copies or emails containing this kind of information.

Further information about the school and your child's studies can be found on the school website. Follow the link below to go to the Key Stage 2 page.

<http://www.alsson.com/british/key-stage-2-ks2-yrs-3-6>

Please take some time at the beginning of term to go through the School Behaviour Policy and the Student/Parent handbook with your child. They are both available on the above link.

Welcome to Year Six

Year Six teachers and support staff (Miss Libby, Mr Peter, Mr Mostafa, Miss Nadine and Mrs Reham) welcome you at the start of an exciting new year! We are very much looking forward to meeting the children and continuing our lovely El Alsonnian traditions at a fabulous new site where many wonderful opportunities await us!

What will we be learning?

English

We will be reading the thrilling *Cirque de Freak* by Darren Shan in our English lessons. The children will learn how to write summaries of what they have read; they will predict story outcomes and characters' actions and reactions; and they will be writing a recount of an imagined time at their own freak show!

Mathematics

With the aid of some fabulous new resources we will be embracing the challenge of the new mathematics curriculum. This half term we will be focusing mainly on number:

- To read write and compare numbers up to 1,000,000
- To round decimals to the nearest tenth
- To convert between metric units of measure – e.g g to kg, l to ml
- To revise reading the 24 hour clock and to find time intervals using the 24 hour clock

P5HCE

In P5HCE this half-term, the children will be discussing their feelings about change as they approach the end of their primary schooling.

Topic: The Desert!

During this half-term, the children will be finding out all about deserts and how people and animals survive and thrive in that environment. Their learning will culminate in our fantastic desert trip in November – dates to be announced soon!

Science

The children will understand the difference between living and non-living things; they will classify animals and look at animals' habitats, in particular deserts; and they will learn how animals have had to adapt in order to survive.

Important bits and pieces...

Homework

All homework will now be given on a Wednesday and collected the following Monday. The children will complete two pieces of Maths and one English or topic-related piece of homework.

Please encourage your child to complete their homework independently in preparation for Year Seven. Homework given will only be to consolidate learning already completed that week, but if your child does find the work very difficult, please just write a short comment in the record book to explain this and we can offer help and support.

Spellings should continue to be practised daily.

All children should read for at least twenty minutes at home every single day. We have exciting new rewards for fabulous readers this year!!

And please, please, please remember those times tables! They form the basis for a lot of the more challenging number work to be covered in Year Six!

PE

Year Six PE is on Monday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their full kit with them each week.

Break

As the children won't be eating their lunch until second break this year, please ensure their breakfast is substantial and will fill them in readiness for the busy day ahead.

And finally...

We are so excited to be starting the new academic year at our stunning new school and are so looking forward to meeting the children on Tuesday (and parents at the welcome meeting.) We are very much looking forward to a busy, happy and successful year!