

Today a **reader**,  
tomorrow a **leader**.

Margaret Fuller

## British School Student Leadership!

**This month we saw the  
new student  
leadership team begin  
to take shape!**

**We would like to  
congratulate all  
successful candidates  
and thank all students  
who took the time to  
apply.**

**Successful 21st Century  
citizens here we come !**



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEY STAGE 2

# A message from Ms Sarah !

On Thursday, we celebrated our new Student Representative Council KS2 leaders. Congratulations to each student for this achievement and for being recognised by peers as having leadership potential. I expect that during the year we will see our SRC reps:

- CARING and being respectful to every person in our school.
- THINKING positively about creative solutions to the issues we face together.
- LEARNING how to be a good representative and how to make a difference at the student level.

All students have had enough time now to settle into classes and focus on their learning journey. Everything we do must focus on having students engaged in learning about relevant matters in the 21st Century. I congratulate those students who have achieved personal bests in any area of their learning at school so far this year. I look forward to seeing more evidence of students progressing in their learning as the year advances.

There are numerous school trips happening at the moment that add to the curriculum we offer at El Alsson. I hope that every student is making the most of these enriching learning activities beyond the school. It is important that every student attends the trips to participate in the rich learning experiences offered.

**Sarah Hay**  
Head of Early Years and Primary

# Primary Student Leadership

Students having a voice !

## New Appointments !

This month saw the appointment of our new Student Leadership team. Led by our Year 6 Head Boy, Ismail Raghieb and Head Girl, Hana ElShabayak. They had to go through an application and interview process in order to impress Miss Sarah and Miss Sam! Well Done to these two for their hard work on this.



## Student Leadership - how does it work?



At regular times the Head Boy, Head Girl and Year Group Reps will meet with Mr Peter, who will be leading the school council. Miss Sam or Miss Sarah will then be informed of discussions had and future plans, or could be invited to add their input to meetings.

The Class Reps will communicate and listen to the members in their class. It is the job of the Class Reps to then communicate ideas and grumbles to the Year Group Reps.

It is then the job of the Year Group Rep, along with the Head Boy and Girl to discuss and put forward any grumbles or ideas in the meeting. All children will get the chance to speak and be heard.

Decisions will then be made based on the discussions had in the meetings.



# Book Week !

Learning through quality literature !

## Whole Primary School Read!



# What a success !

Book Week was a fantastic success this year! From creative costumes, to arrest a teacher, Stop Drop and Read and we even had time for a Flash Mob in the Secondary school !

## Arrest a teacher!



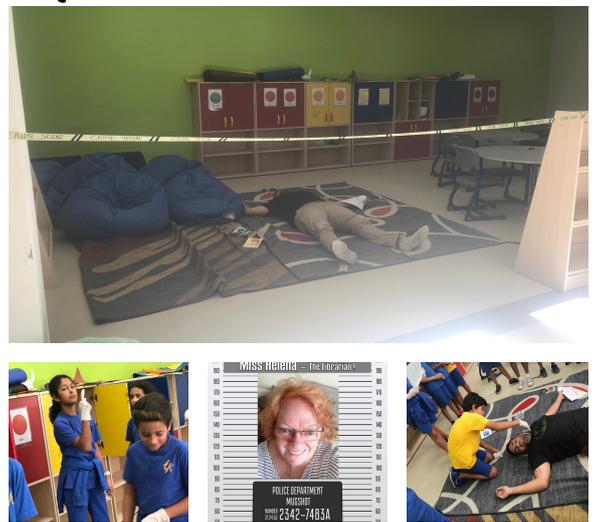
## Paired Reading!



## Dress Up!



## Murder Mystery!



# Healthy Food, Healthy Mind

Please ensure lunchboxes are healthy

## Healthy Eating

We would like to remind all parents that we are a Healthy Eating school in the Primary and lunch boxes need to reflect this.

Children are not allowed to bring unhealthy foods like:

- Chips; including any variations like Doritos or Raw.
- Sweets candies or lollipops
- Chocolates and chocolate biscuits like Oreos and digestives
- Fizzy drinks
- Popcorn



Click below to  
access some helpful websites



Healthy lunchbox ideas and recipes



10 day healthy lunchboxes



Chef inspire healthy lunchboxes

## Why do we eat healthy?

The children have a long day at school and they need to ensure they eat the correct foods, in order to stay healthy and ensure their energy levels will keep them going throughout the day.

### Harvard Medical School states ...

Because different kinds of foods are converted to energy at different rates, some – such as candy and other simple sugars – can give you a quick lift, while others – such as whole grains and healthy unsaturated fats – supply the reserves you'll need to draw on throughout the day. But limit the refined sugar and white starches to only occasional treats. While you may get a quick boost, that feeling fades quickly and can leave you depleted and craving more sweets.



[Click here for the web page](#)

# What's in store for the kids?

Curriculum for the next month at a glance !

## English - Poetry

In English we will focus for the next few weeks on poetry, both written and performance.

## HUMANITIES - HISTORY

This half term we have just visited the Pharaonic Village as part of our continuing Ancient Egypt Humanities topic

## Science - Humans and Animals

In Science we have finished our Plants unit and are moving on to Humans and Other Animals

## MATHS - SHAPE & TIME

In maths we are working on the four basic operations, properties of shapes and time (so encourage your children to read analogue clocks at home if you have any!)

Year 3!

## English - Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

An interesting story set in the most wonderful place ever!

As we read this novel, children will learn to use vivid vocabulary to describe imaginative characters and settings. They will learn how writers use figurative and imaginative language to create both a humorous atmosphere and suspense in a text.

We will aim to extend children's writing skills through our role model Roald Dahl!

## Science - Electricity

Children will learn about the main parts of an electric circuit and how to construct it. They will also be able to identify common appliances that run on electricity

Lots of hands on activities that focus on the following:

\*Constructing a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts

\*Recognising some common conductors and insulators, and associating metals with being good conductors.

## MATHS - FRACTIONS & TABLES

As always, we will nag all throughout this month about learning tables. We will revise tables that have been covered in Year 3 and will move on to introducing new tables in an attempt to develop multiplication skills.

Our focus will be to:

- \*Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$
- \*Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions

Here's a good link to help your child revise tables: <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/index.html>

## HUMANITIES - HISTORY

Having just completed the unit on Vikings we now move further back into the ancient world, concentrating on Ancient Greece and its impact on the world of today. Areas such as government, education, art, Olympic Games, beliefs and traditions will be studied in the course of this unit.

Year 4!

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## *English - Narrative*

We will be discovering the life and works of Michael Morpurgo: the English author with an interesting history. We will be using his book *Shadow* as an impetus to help us create our own stories. We will be analysing different aspects of the book and using our knowledge to construct a deeper understanding of the features of English language

## **HUMANITIES - GEOGRAPHY**

In humanities, we will continue to meander our way through the Rivers topic. The classes have started to plan their projects to demonstrate their knowledge and share it with others. Through the mediums of Apps & a News report, Year 5 will be putting their skills to the test, in order to inform their peers about the magnificent force of nature!

## **MATHS - FRACTIONS**

This term, we will be sharing our knowledge of fractions. We will find out how to apply our mathematical knowledge in real life situations, in a functional way. We will be finding halves, quarters and thirds, using our multiplication knowledge to help solve problems. We will also start to look at how fractions, decimals and percentages are related.

## *Science - States of Matter*

This term, we will investigate states of matter, different materials and their properties and more! We will be undertaking activities on changing states of matter, common materials, separating materials, combining materials and more. This will be coupled with an exciting school trip to extend our knowledge!

**Year 5!**

## *English - Non-Narrative Text*

In this unit the children will be reading *Cirque Du Freak* by Darren Shan, where they will be discussing the author's choice of language and use the book to do some persuasive writing, recounts and newspaper articles.

## *Science - Human Body*

The children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

## **MATHS - FRACTIONS**

Consolidating simplifying and ordering fractions, then we move on to securing adding and subtracting fractions including mixed numbers. We also secure position and movement within coordinates in 2 and 4 quadrants. Finally we add and subtract decimals including money problems.

## **HUMANITIES - HISTORY**

The children will study World War 2 with a deeper focus on children during the war. They will be discussing, evaluating and rationing, while focusing on Egypt's role and position.

**Year 6!**

# Educational Trip

Year 3 took their learning to the Pharonic Village !



# Let's stay in touch !

Keeping you up to date with the latest info

## Parent Involvement !

- Thank you to all parents who met with the teachers on Parents' Day. It was lovely to see you all.
- A massive thank you and well done for the creative talents of our parents and our book cover doors! What a fantastic job you did and really set the book week up for us!

### Book Week Helpers !



## Upcoming Dates and Events



Click on the icon above to visit our live calendar on the website.

- 28th - 3rd November 2018 - Half Term holiday
- 19th November 2018 - Celebration in school for Prophet's Birthday
- 20th November 2018 - Prophet's Birthday holiday
- 22nd November 2018 - Thanksgiving holiday
- 25th November 2018 - Year 6 Desert Trip