AMITY ENGLISH SCHOOL DUBAI

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This week, we officially launched the Dubai Fitness Challenge 30x30, and what a launch it was! Our opening ceremony was full of energy as dance, movement and exercise filled the school.

The Student Council also shared an important message: staying healthy is about more than 30 minutes of daily exercise. Regular exercise, plenty of water, good sleep, and reduced screen time all work together to help us feel and perform at our best. Hearing that message delivered by students, to students, made it all the more meaningful, and the challenge is now well underway across the school.

A huge thank you to Ms. Dhiya for Tuesday's Positive Parenting Workshop, and to all the parents who joined. The session blended practical ideas with the theory and psychology behind our everyday interactions with children - how we frame situations, how we engage, and how small shifts in approach can make a big difference at home. We look forward to building on it in future sessions.

On Tuesday, our whole school community came together to mark UAE Flag Day. Standing side by side as our flag was raised, we celebrated our pride in the UAE and the values of unity and togetherness. It was a special moment shared by students and staff alike.

The week culminated in Friday's sports assembly - a fitting finale to our 30x30 launch week. With everyone dressed for action, the assembly celebrated the week's active start, showcased the energy and enthusiasm our students have already brought to the challenge, and set us up for the weeks of movement ahead. Seeing the whole school embrace an active lifestyle together was a brilliant way to end the week.

From the opening ceremony to the flag raising to Friday's assembly, it has been a week full of moments worth sharing - and you'll find them all on our social media channels. Follow along to keep up with our students' 30x30 activities over the coming weeks; there is plenty more to come.

Wishing you all an active weekend - why not make your first family 30x30 move together?

Warm regards,

Samuel Holliday
Principal

SAVE THE DATE

Please view the School Calendar on our website for additional details about the academic year: https://www.amityenglishschooldubai.com/

Kindness Week	Week of 9 November
Kindness Day - students are invited to wear a yellow top with their school uniform	13 November
Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying and Celebrating Diversity: students are invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform	16 November
Healthy Food Day	17 November
Secondary Webinar - Learn more about our vision for Secondary at AESD	18 November

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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Every Moment Makes a Difference



Over the past two weeks, we've enjoyed welcoming parents into our classrooms to read stories and share their professional experiences. These moments help build trust, strengthen relationships and create a sense of community and belonging within our AESD family. Early Years is all about meaningful connections, where children, families and teachers grow together in a warm and inclusive environment.

We warmly invite you to continue being part of your child's learning journey! Read a story, share a meal, prepare resources, join a PE or music lesson, or enjoy five minutes of mindfulness with us. During the upcoming Kindness Week, we will also welcome grandparents and extended family virtually through Microsoft Teams. Please contact your child's teacher on Seesaw to arrange a time.

Moving More, Learning More



This week, Primary has enthusiastically joined the Dubai Fitness Challenge, encouraging our students to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle. It has been wonderful to see them participate with such excitement in a variety of physical activities.

We are also making fitness fun by integrating movement and health-related activities into different subject areas, creating more opportunities for active learning beyond PE lessons.

Through this initiative, we hope to nurture healthy habits, promote wellbeing and inspire our students to make physical activity an enjoyable part of their everyday lives!

Preparing Learners for a Changing World



As education evolves, it is important that our students learn not only to use new technologies but also to think critically about the information they receive. Through opportunities to engage with AI-supported learning, reflect on feedback and apply their knowledge to real-life situations, our Secondary students are beginning to develop skills that will matter beyond the classroom.

We encourage them to question, explore different perspectives and use technology thoughtfully, recognising that innovation is most valuable when guided by sound judgement and creativity.

Our focus remains on nurturing curious, adaptable and responsible individuals who can embrace innovation, make informed decisions and confidently navigate an increasingly technology-driven world.

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EARLY YEARS

EYFS: HANDS-ON FUN IN FOUNDATION STAGE

This week, our Foundation Stage children enjoyed hands-on experiences that nurtured curiosity and a love of discovery.

FS1 explored “Five Little Ducks” through songs and rhymes - building confidence in listening and speaking. They focused on the phonic sound /m/ and practised ordering number names in Maths. In Understanding the World, they continued to investigate which objects sink and which float, sharing their predictions with enthusiasm.

FS2 discovered the life cycle of a plant and how a tiny seed grows into something new. In Maths, they explored the numbers 4 and 5, and in Phonics they learnt the sounds /c/ and /k/, strengthening their early reading and writing. Through play and exploration, our children grew in confidence, communication, problem-solving and independence, and we are very proud of their progress.















KS1: WONDERFUL WORDS, MARVELLOUS MATHS

Year 1: It was another wonderful week filled with curiosity, creativity and exciting learning experiences!

In English, students explored the digraphs ‘ai’ and ‘ee’ and the trigraph ‘igh’, strengthening their phonics and reading skills, and learnt about nouns and their types. In Maths, they revised ascending and descending order and were introduced to the Whole–Part–Part model, using visuals and hands-on activities to see how a whole number splits into two parts. In Science, students discovered reptiles and their key characteristics.











Year 2: This week, students built their skills across English, Maths and Science.

In English, they explored expanded noun phrases, using adjectives to make their descriptions more interesting. In Maths, they investigated 2D and 3D shapes, identifying and comparing their properties. In Science, they explored different materials, describing their properties and how they are used in everyday objects.

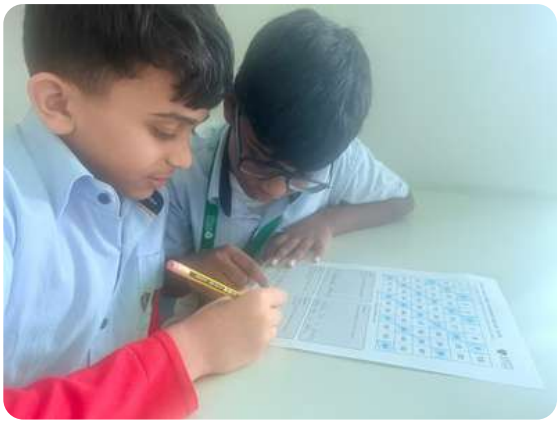
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PRIMARY KS2

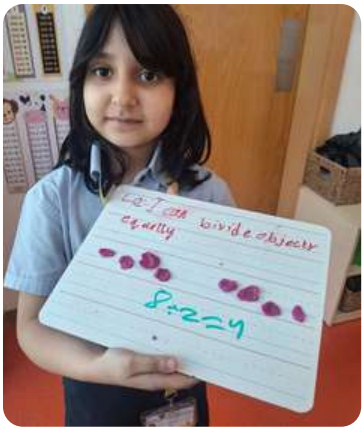
YEARS 3 & 4: STORIES, SHAPES AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES

Year 3 students enjoyed a week of storytelling, discovery and number skills.

In English, students explored storytelling by identifying key events, summarising stories and drafting build-ups and climaxes using fronted adverbials. In Humanities, they discovered how Mesolithic people lived. In Science, they investigated and compared the physical properties of rocks through simple tests. In Maths, students strengthened their multiplication and division skills using the 4 and 8 times tables.



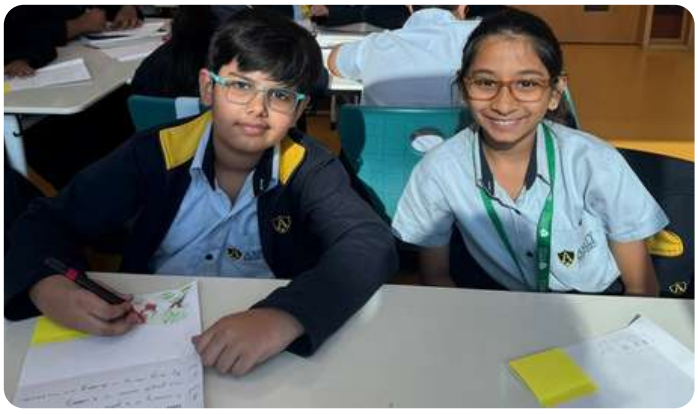
Year 4 students had a week of measuring, explaining and exploring.

In English, students explored explanation texts on the water cycle, connecting their learning with Science. In Maths, they continued calculating the perimeter of different rectilinear shapes. In Science, they learnt about the different parts of the digestive system and their functions.

YEARS 5 & 6: QUESTIONS, IDEAS AND DISCOVERIES

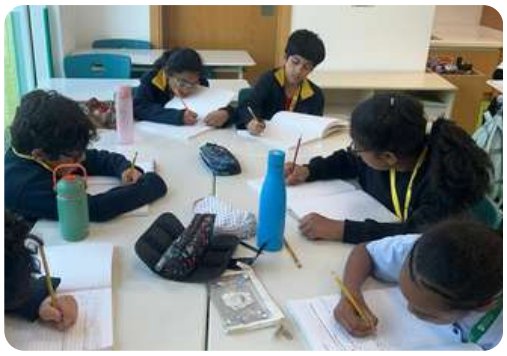
Year 5 combined number sense, clear writing and an active spirit this week.

In Maths, students explored prime and composite numbers through group activities, deepening their understanding of factors and number properties. In English, they learnt to use parentheses to add extra information and improve their writing. They also took part in the Dubai Fitness Challenge, embracing an active and healthy lifestyle through daily physical activity.









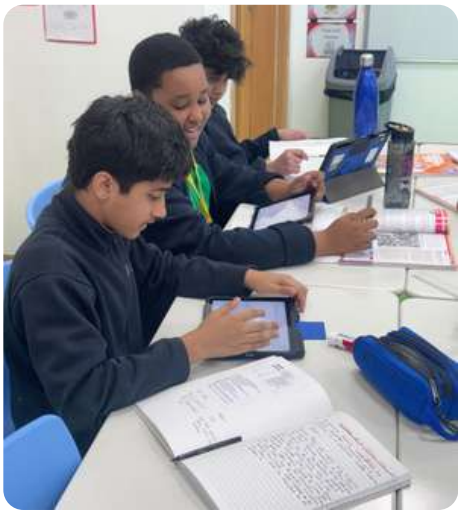
Year 6 shared lively discussions and thoughtful ideas this week.

In English, students explored Charles Darwin's voyage, evolution and natural selection, building their scientific vocabulary. In Maths, they identified numerators and denominators, found equivalent fractions, and compared and ordered fractions using common denominators. In Science, they investigated electrical circuits, conductors and insulators. In Moral Education, students discussed community responsibilities and designed posters on "Our Ideal Community".

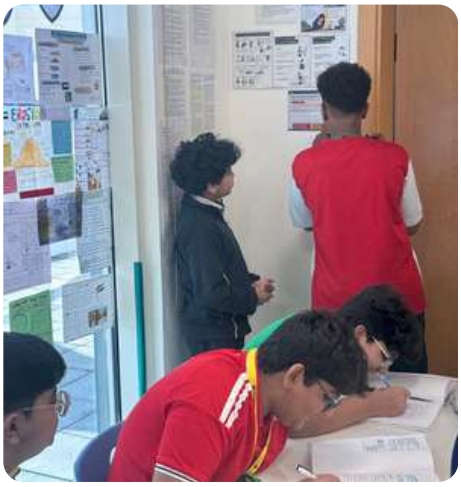
SECONDARY: THINKING CRITICALLY, LEARNING DEEPLY

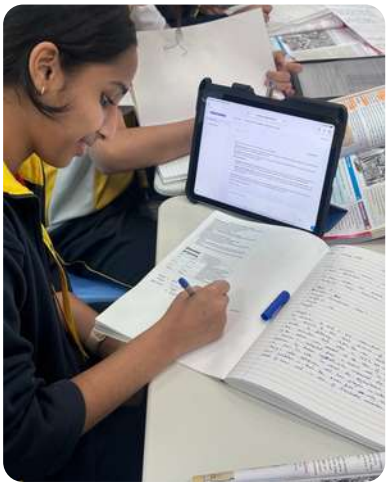
Year 7 students had a week of critical thinking, creative projects and electric circuits.

In Humanities, students explored historical sources and news articles, using AI-powered feedback to improve their evidence-based responses and develop their critical thinking. In Maths, they applied algebra, measurement, percentages and geometry through creative projects inspired by the UAE. In Science, they investigated current electricity, exploring circuits and their everyday uses.











Year 8 students had a week of research, language and light.

In Humanities, students developed their research skills by examining historical sources and news articles. They used AI-powered feedback to evaluate sources and improve their responses. In English, students explored how language, tone and viewpoint shape meaning while developing scripts and character dialogues for their Literature project. In Science, they investigated light, exploring absorption, diffuse scattering and specular reflection, and their everyday applications.

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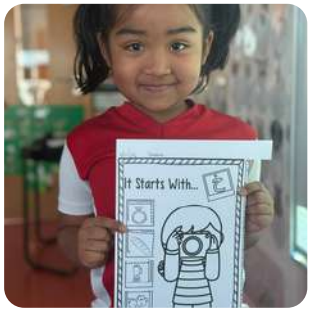
ARABIC

ARABIC: STORIES, SENTENCES AND LETTERS

Arabic A: Students from Year 3 to Year 7 worked on listening, storytelling and grammar. Years 3 and 4 answered questions about a listening text and reviewed their answers. Year 3 also identified events and ideas that took place in the story, while Year 4 retold the events. Year 5 identified the key elements of a story and organised them on a narrative chart. Year 6 explored the nominal sentence (Al-Jumla Al-Ismiyya) and its types of predicates, while Year 7 studied adverbs of time and place (Al-Maf'ool Feeh).

















Arabic B: FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 students studied the letter Khaa (خ), recognising its sound, its written form and its shape at the beginning, middle and end of a word. Year 1 and Year 2 students also practised the letter with short and long vowels, while FS2 students worked with short vowels.

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PE

PE: ACTIVE STUDENTS, HEALTHY HABITS

This week, the school launched the Dubai Fitness Challenge with an opening ceremony where students took part in a range of sports activities. The event aimed to encourage students to stay active, develop their sports skills, build confidence and make healthy habits part of daily life.

In football, students practised dribbling, passing and shooting. Throwball activities built teamwork, coordination and catching skills, while swimming helped students develop water confidence and endurance. Ball-control exercises helped improve balance. Students also showed good sportsmanship in every activity.

















Every step, throw and stroke showed how much students enjoy being active, and we look forward to seeing that energy continue.

COMPUTING, ART, MUSIC & FRENCH

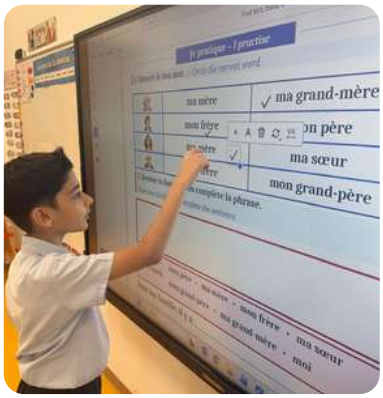
Computing: Students developed their digital skills this week by creating animations and games in Scratch, producing well-formatted documents, designing web pages using HTML and writing programmes in Python. Their creativity and problem-solving skills stood out.

Art: Collage art took centre stage as students used scrap paper and leftover items to create unique designs. By cutting, tearing, arranging and layering, they discovered how everyday scraps become artworks and learnt the value of reusing materials to reduce waste.















Music: Music and movement came together this week as students responded to different musical styles, experimented with body percussion and used movement to express musical ideas. Through creative challenges, they built their imagination and self-expression and developed a deeper appreciation of music.

French: Students in Years 3 to 8 revised this term's topics in preparation for their upcoming assessments. Through speaking, reading, listening and writing practice, they strengthened their vocabulary and built confidence in using French.

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PROUD MOMENTS

UAE FLAG DAY: RAISING OUR FLAG WITH PRIDE

On 3 November, the school marked UAE Flag Day with a flag-raising ceremony, celebrating the flag as a symbol of strength, unity and a bright future. Students, teachers and staff came together to share their pride in the UAE and reflect on the values represented by the flag.





FS PARENTS IN THE CLASSROOM: SHARING STORIES, SHARING EXPERTISE

Foundation Stage classrooms welcomed some special visitors over the past two weeks. Parents came in to read stories and talk about their jobs, introducing students to different professions. Teachers, families and students enjoyed learning together, highlighting the value of strong home-school partnerships.







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PROUD MOMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT: YOUNG MATHEMATICIAN, BIG SUCCESS



Congratulations to **Hrivaan Jewani** of Year 2B, who participated in the Global Mental Math Olympiad (GMMO) 2026 in Dubai on 31 October, organised by Live Math Competitions and League. The event brought together around 800 participants from 60 nationalities and 139 schools. Competing in the Challenger category, Hrivaan scored full marks and achieved Rank 18 among approximately 250 participants, placing him in the top 8%. He received a Super Topper Certificate, trophy and medal, and qualified for direct entry to the Grand Finale of the Online Mental Math World Cup 2027.

Well done, Hrivaan!

POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP: PARENTS AND SCHOOL, SIDE BY SIDE

Parents joined a **Positive Parenting Workshop** led by **Ms. Dhiya, School Counsellor**. The session explored practical ways to communicate positively at home, recognise and respond to children's emotions, and nurture their confidence. Parents left with simple strategies to support their children's growth and strengthen the connection between home and school.





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PROUD MOMENTS

DUBAI FITNESS CHALLENGE: DRESSED FOR ACTION

Students came to school in sports clothes for Friday's Dubai Fitness Challenge assembly, bringing launch week to a lively close. Following the opening ceremony earlier in the week, the whole school gathered on the field to celebrate the start of the challenge.











