AMITY ENGLISH SCHOOL DUBAI

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week celebrating Kindness Week across the school! Students and staff explored kindness through words, actions and thoughts, culminating in Friday's yellow-themed Kindness Assembly. We also focused on self-kindness by caring for our bodies and minds through healthy habits, exercise, hydration, less screen time and good sleep. After all, kindness starts from within!

In classrooms, our assessments have now begun. These have been deliberately staggered throughout the school day, allowing students to balance assessment time with regular lessons and maintain a calm, familiar learning routine.

I have been genuinely impressed by our students' attitudes. They have approached their assessments with integrity, pride and a desire to do their personal best. This is exactly the mindset we hope to nurture - not perfection, but giving their very best.

The same pride is increasingly evident in how our students present themselves. School uniform is being worn more consistently in line with our policy, and students are taking great pride in their appearance. Thank you for your continued support at home. Wearing smart, consistent uniform is another way our children demonstrate their sense of belonging and pride in the school community.

Looking ahead to next week, we warmly **invite parents of our older students (Years 6-8) to Ms. Smriti's Secondary Vision Webinar on Wednesday, 18 November.** This will be an opportunity to learn more about our vision for Secondary at AESD, including the curriculum, opportunities, and the journey ahead for our students. We look forward to seeing you there! Further details have been shared on **Seesaw**.

We also have some exciting news for our younger students! On Thursday, 26 November, Kevali Productions will be visiting the school to perform their wonderful production of **Pinocchio** for students from **FS2 to Year 6**. Live theatre inspires imagination, builds confidence and nurtures a love of storytelling, and we look forward to sharing this experience with our children. Full details, including how to secure your child's place via Skiply, have been shared in a separate letter on **Seesaw**. Please note that the payment deadline is Friday, 20 November.

As always, follow our social media channels to see the highlights from this heart-warming week, filled with yellow, kindness and meaningful moments!

Wishing you all a kind and restful weekend.

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/

Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying and Celebrating Diversity: students are invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform	16 November
Healthy Food Day - please send a healthy packed lunch	17 November
Secondary Vision Webinar - Learn more about our vision for Secondary at AESD (Years 6-8)	18 November (online - 9.00 AM to 10:00 AM)
EYFS Winter Concert (FS1 and FS2 parents)	20 November (8:00 AM to 9:00 AM)
Pinocchio payment deadline (via Skiply) | 20 November	20 November
AESD National Day Celebrations	25 November
Pinocchio performance by Kevali Productions (FS2 to Year 6)	26 November

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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

A Week of Kindness, Creativity and Celebration



This week, our EYFS children embraced the spirit of Kindness Week, exploring the importance of being kind, caring, thoughtful and supportive towards one another. Through little acts of kindness, meaningful conversations and shared experiences, we celebrated how even the smallest gestures can make a big difference.

As we look forward to **next week's Winter Concert**, excitement is building across EYFS! The children have been busy practising their songs, exploring their musical talents and preparing for their special performances. We are delighted to see their enthusiasm, confidence and growing sense of teamwork as they take ownership of their preparations.

We look forward to sharing these magical moments with our families. **Further details and updates will be shared shortly on Seesaw**. Happy weekend!

Healthy Lifestyle, Healthy Minds



Our students have demonstrated wonderful progress, perseverance and a commitment to academic excellence throughout this week's assessments. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to another productive week, with opportunities for everyone to reflect on their learning and celebrate their achievements.

As we continue to support our students in achieving success both academically and in their overall wellbeing, we recognise the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Next week, we will be placing an emphasis on healthy eating habits across Primary.

During snack and lunch breaks, we will visit classrooms to encourage healthy food choices. **We encourage all students to bring nutritious food from home as part of our shared commitment to their health and wellbeing.**

Shaping the Future of Secondary Education



Meaningful Secondary education goes beyond academic achievement; it is about preparing students to think independently, approach challenges with confidence and take ownership of their learning. Across Years 7 and 8, we are encouraging students to strengthen these habits through purposeful classroom experiences, collaboration and reflection.

Looking ahead, we are equally committed to building a clear and progressive pathway from Primary to Secondary, with opportunities that support both academic and personal development.

Our upcoming **Secondary Vision Webinar on Wednesday, 18 November**, will bring together parents of students in **Years 6–8** to share our long-term aspirations, future direction and the importance of working together to shape this journey.

Students from Years 1-8 began their Term 1 assessments this week, demonstrating commendable focus and diligence. Thank you to our parents for their continued support in helping our students feel confident, prepared and ready to do their best.

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EARLY YEARS

EYFS: LITTLE LEARNERS, BIG DISCOVERIES

It has been another exciting week of learning and exploration across EYFS!

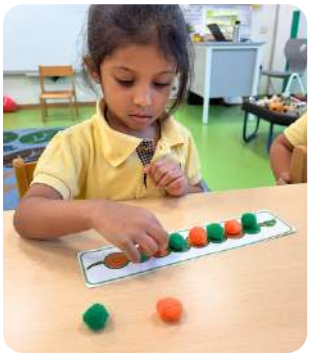
FS1 students enjoyed singing Old MacDonald and learning about farm animals and the sounds they make. In Phonics, they were introduced to the sound ‘d’, while in Maths, they explored patterns and developed their subitising skills through practical activities.

FS2 students explored the letter ‘e’ and practised reading the tricky words ‘he’ and ‘she’. They also discovered the life cycle of a frog and its different stages. In Maths, they revised one more and one less, building their confidence with numbers.

We also celebrated **Kindness Week**, focusing on showing kindness, care and consideration through our words and actions. On Friday, students wore yellow to celebrate kindness and friendship!















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PRIMARY KS1

KS1: FOCUSED MINDS, GROWING SKILLS

Year 1: Students had a busy and productive week of learning, approaching every lesson with focus and enthusiasm!

In English, they explored captions and verbs, and in Phonics they reinforced the ‘oo’ and ‘oa’ sounds. In Maths, they were introduced to number bonds and analysed the whole-part-part relationship, while in Science they consolidated their understanding of the five animal groups and their distinguishing characteristics.









Year 2: Students had an exciting week of discovering new sounds, shapes and materials, showing real curiosity and enthusiasm in class!

In Phonics, they explored the ‘-le’ sound, and in Maths they were introduced to 3D shapes. In Science, they consolidated their understanding of materials and their properties, building a strong foundation for the learning ahead.

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PRIMARY KS2

YEARS 3 & 4: CURIOUS MINDS, CONFIDENT LEARNERS

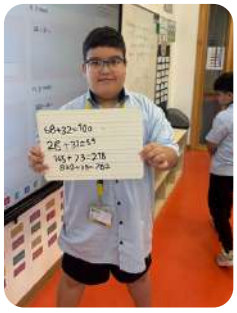
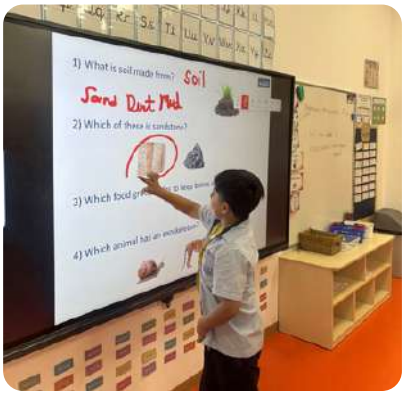
Year 3 students had a week full of learning and discovery!

In English, they explored powerful vocabulary and supported their answers with textual evidence. In Maths, they practised the 8 times table, multiples of 10 and related calculations. In Humanities, they learnt about Neolithic farming, while in Science they investigated the importance of soil and compared its physical properties.










Year 4 students had a productive week filled with learning, revision and active participation!

In Maths, they learnt about multiples, while in Science, they revised the digestive system and animal classification. In English, they explored words with the suffix '-tion' and their meanings. In Humanities, they learnt about the Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots.

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PRIMARY KS2

YEARS 5 & 6: THOUGHTFUL THINKERS, KIND HEARTS

Year 5 students enjoyed an exciting week of collaborative learning!

In Geography, they worked together on group projects exploring marine life and the world beneath the oceans. In Maths, they explored square and cube numbers, developing their understanding of number patterns and properties. In English, they were introduced to relative clauses and how these add detail to their writing.











Year 6 students had a week of revision, consolidation and growing confidence!

They revisited key concepts, clarified doubts and received guidance on effective revision strategies and assessment expectations. In English, they continued exploring the features of biographical writing through Charles Darwin's life and achievements. In Maths, they focused on fractions, practising adding and subtracting mixed numbers through problem-solving activities.

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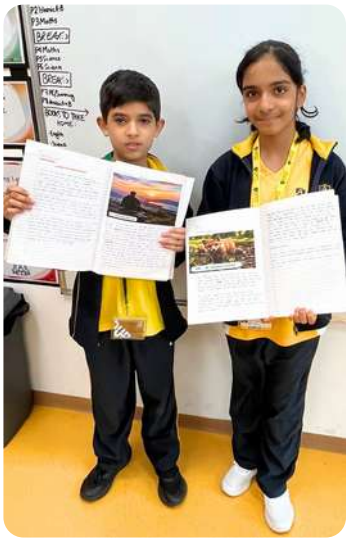
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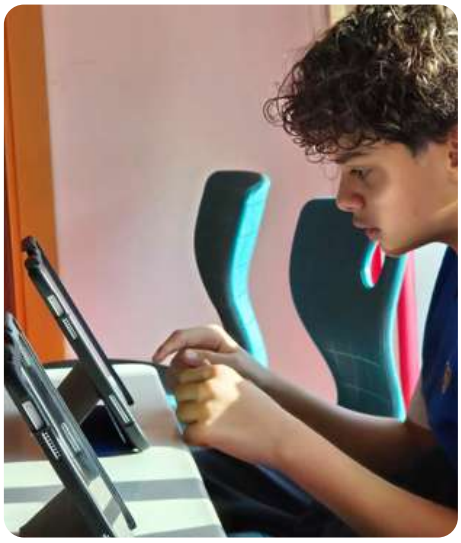
SECONDARY: CURIOUS MINDS, REAL-WORLD SKILLS

Year 7 students brought learning to life through creativity and real-world problem-solving!

In English, they crafted vivid descriptions using imaginative prompts. In Maths, they took part in a friendly online quiz, while Science focused on resistors and resistance calculations. In Humanities, students applied six-figure grid references to emergency scenarios and used AI-powered feedback, alongside Glow and Grow targets, to refine their historical responses.











Year 8 students embraced curiosity and collaboration!

In Science, they explored the spectrum of colours within white light and strengthened their analytical skills. English transformed vocabulary practice into an exciting Scrabble challenge, encouraging strategic thinking and teamwork. In Humanities, students refined their MSCS projects for upcoming presentations.

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ISLAMIC

ISLAMIC: LEARNING WITH FAITH AND FOCUS

Students in **Islamic A and B** had a focused week preparing for their Term 1 assessments, revisiting key topics and consolidating the concepts covered throughout the term.

Engaging classroom activities, interactive tasks and collaborative participation helped them reinforce their knowledge, and apply what they had learnt in meaningful ways.

Students approached the week with commitment and a positive attitude, strengthening their Islamic understanding and confidence.

















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PE

PE: MOVING WITH CONFIDENCE

PE students enjoyed the Football Skill Dice Challenge as part of the Dubai Fitness Challenge, an interactive activity combining football skills with fundamental movement skills.

Students enthusiastically rolled the dice to perform different movements and football challenges, practising dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control alongside running, jumping, hopping, skipping and changing direction.

The activity helped develop coordination, balance, agility and fitness while encouraging teamwork, confidence and sportsmanship, making physical learning fun and energetic.





With every roll, run and kick, students brought great energy and team spirit to each lesson.






COMPUTING, ART, MUSIC & FRENCH

Computing: Primary students created interactive games in Scratch using loops and conditions, while Secondary students wrote their own programs in Python. Along the way, they built creativity, problem-solving skills and the confidence to debug their own code.

Art: Art students brought the elements and principles of art to life! They applied line, colour, balance and pattern to design their own creative name art and handmade cards, making intentional artistic choices while expressing their unique personalities.













Music: Students explored how music can communicate different moods, feelings and ideas. Through creative activities, they experimented with sounds, developed their understanding of musical expression and discovered new ways to create and share their own musical ideas.

French: Students continued revising for their French assessments. Years 3 and 4 also began their 'All About Me' topic, learning how to share their name, age, where they live and their favourite colour in French.

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PROUD MOMENTS

KINDNESS WEEK: A SEA OF YELLOW, A WORLD OF KINDNESS

Yellow filled the school on Friday as students and staff came together for our Kindness Assembly, bringing Kindness Week to a close. Throughout the week, classes put kind words, kind deeds and kind thinking into practice, while also learning that kindness means looking after our own bodies and minds.

















