AMITY ENGLISH SCHOOL DUBAI

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We begin this week on a solemn note as we join the nation in mourning the passing of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. On behalf of our school community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Al Maktoum family, and the people of Dubai and the UAE. In accordance with the Court's directives, our flags will fly at half-mast throughout the official mourning period, and our thoughts are with all those affected by this loss.

Earlier this week, we came together to mark the International Day of Peace. Seeing students and staff dressed in white and exploring what peace means in our friendships, school and wider world was a meaningful reminder of our shared values - kindness, respect and togetherness.

These are values we strive to live by every day, including through the small actions that help keep our community safe. Thank you for continuing to wear your lanyards on site. If you are still awaiting one, please collect it from Reception or email Reception with your child's name and class and permission for it to be placed in their bag.

Our Parent–Teacher–Student Conferences are another opportunity to come together. Booking opens Monday morning, so please look out for the links from your teachers. We look forward to celebrating progress and setting goals together for the term ahead.

As we continue to work together as a community, a gentle reminder that if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher, Ms. Sana - our Parent Relations Executive, or Reception. We are always here to help and ensure you have the right information.

You can also follow our social media channels to share in the moments that make our school community special.

Wishing you all a peaceful 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/

World Heart Day - students are invited to wear Red t-shirt/top with school uniform	Sep 29th - Tuesday
National Poetry Day	Oct 1st - Thursday
Pirate Day - Dress like a Pirate - Year 2	Oct 1st - Thursday
UAE Teacher's Day: A Day in My Shoe	Oct 5th - Monday
Parent Teacher Student Conference Week (details will follow)	Week Beginning 5th October
Half Term - School Closed	Oct 12th - 16th

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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Growing a Love for Reading



In EYFS, a love of reading begins long before children can read independently. It starts with listening to stories, talking about pictures, singing rhymes, playing with sounds and asking, “Can we read it again?”

This term, we are focusing on building early reading skills and phonemic awareness, helping children listen carefully to sounds, recognise and distinguish phonemes, blend sounds and make connections between spoken sounds and letters. These foundations are key to becoming confident readers.

Families have an important role to play too. Keep reading simple, regular and fun - bedtime stories, favourite books, signs, menus or a cosy weekend read. Talk about pictures, characters and what might happen next, and encourage your child to retell favourite parts.

Together, we can help our little learners discover that books are not just something we learn to read, they are something we learn to love. Happy Reading!

Celebrating Achievement, Leadership & Community



In Primary, we are continuing to build a culture where kindness, effort and positive contributions are recognised and celebrated. Students are being recognised through Caught Being Kind badges and Kindness Certificates, while our new Standing Out Notes allow teachers to share moments of outstanding effort and positive behaviour with families.

We are also delighted to welcome our Year 5 and Year 6 Student Council ambassadors and leaders, who will represent their peers and contribute to our school community.

Next week, our House Points System will launch, giving every student the opportunity to contribute, work as a team and strengthen their sense of belonging.

These initiatives are about recognising the everyday actions and achievements that help our students grow, contribute and make a positive difference to those around them.

Connecting Learning with Responsibility



Across Secondary, students are being encouraged to consider how their knowledge, choices and actions connect to the wider world. This week, they explored themes of peace, respect, responsibility and leadership, reflecting on their own learning and the impact of their choices.

Through discussion, reflection and collaboration, students are developing the confidence to share ideas, consider different perspectives and make thoughtful decisions. These experiences remind them that learning goes beyond the classroom and that they each have a role to play in their school community.

We continue to create opportunities for students to question, reflect, take responsibility and contribute positively.

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EARLY YEARS

EYFS : CELEBRATING LEARNING, PEACE & FRIENDSHIP

This week, our learning theme was “My Body.” The children explored different body parts and talked about how our bodies help us move, play, learn and grow.

We also celebrated Peace Day, talking about kindness, friendship and caring for others. Through conversations and activities, the children practised sharing, working together and being kind to their friends.

It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, kindness and growing confidence throughout the week.









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PRIMARY KS1

KS1: A WEEK OF LEARNING & DISCOVERY

This week has been full of curiosity, creativity and discovery. We celebrated Peace Day, exploring kindness and friendship through a hands-on activity.

In Phonics, we explored /j/, /v/ and /w/ through blending, segmenting and writing. English took us into The Three Billy Goats Gruff, exploring characters, settings and adjectives. In Maths, we practised number names 1–10 and finding one more, while Science focused on classifying animals into different groups; making for a week of meaningful learning and exciting discoveries.









Year 2 enjoyed another week of discovery and learning. In English, they explored predictions and proper nouns, while Maths focused on reading, writing and representing number names. In Science, they continued exploring the animal kingdom, learning about the key features of mammals.

Their curiosity and enthusiasm continued to shine throughout the week.

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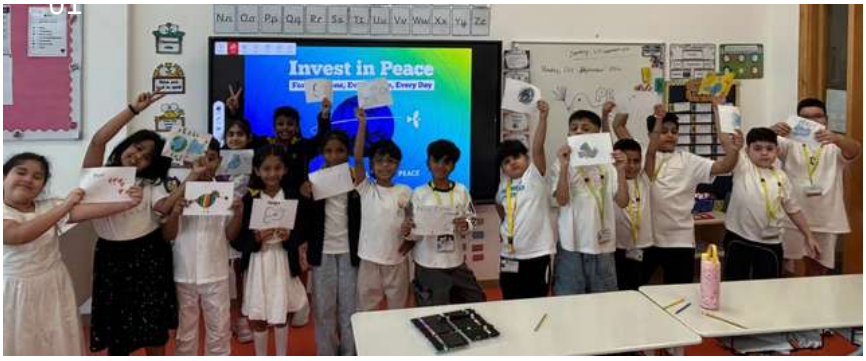
PRIMARY KS2

YEARS 3 & 4: LEARNING, EXPLORING & MAKING CONNECTIONS

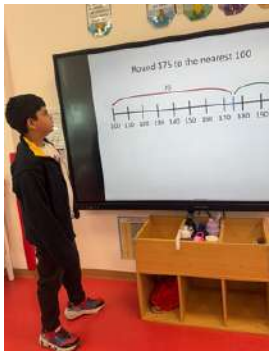
Year 3 continued exploring narrative texts, identifying how the build-up develops the plot and creates anticipation. In Maths, they represented numbers up to 1,000 using hundreds, tens and ones, while Science saw them compare animal skeletons. In Humanities, they explored and described different types of landscapes.

Y**ear 4** explored journalistic writing, learning how to report facts clearly using the features of a newspaper report. In Maths, they developed their understanding of Roman numerals, rounding, addition and subtraction, while Science focused on classifying animals by their shared characteristics.

They also marked Peace Day, reflecting on kindness, unity and respect for others.

















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PRIMARY KS2

YEARS 5 & 6: A WEEK OF LEARNING & POSITIVE VALUES

Year 5 enjoyed another week of learning and discovery. They marked Peace Day by reflecting on kindness, harmony and understanding before creating their own peace pledges.

In English, they continued their adventure with Hiccup in How to Train Your Dragon, while Maths focused on strengthening subtraction skills. In Science, they investigated air resistance and how it affects the movement of objects.

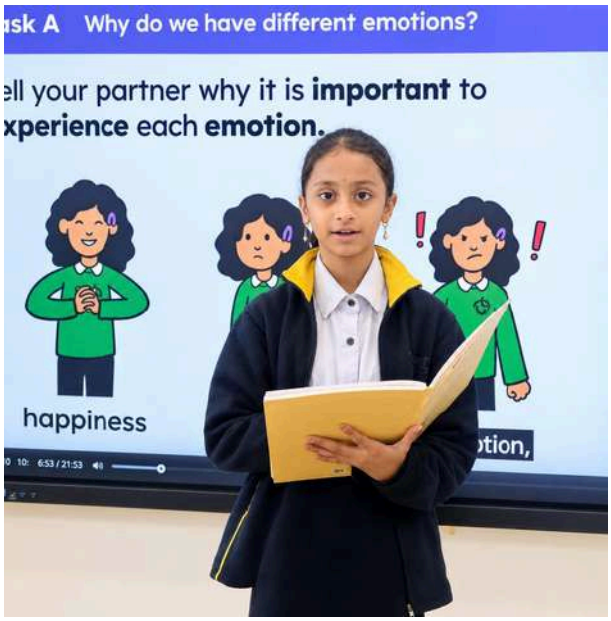












Year 6 enjoyed a week of learning, creativity and reflection. They marked Peace Day by wearing white and exploring kindness and harmony through craft, crosswords and reading activities.

In English, they continued their Sherlock Holmes journey with The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle, exploring letter writing, recounts and autobiographical writing, alongside their spelling test. In Maths, they worked with positive and negative integers, addition and subtraction, common multiples and factors, and divisibility rules.

A rewarding week of engagement, collaboration and learning in action.

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SECONDARY

SECONDARY: THINKING, REFLECTING & GROWING TOGETHER

This week, our Year 7 and Year 8 students had opportunities to think critically, ask meaningful questions and reflect on their learning and the world around them.

In **Year 7**, students explored how everyday habits can influence health and how health issues can affect individuals, society and the wider country. Through discussion and collaboration, they considered different perspectives and developed their ability to express thoughtful, reasoned viewpoints.

In **Year 8**, students reflected on their progress in English, evaluating their learning and identifying ways to develop their skills further. They also marked the International Day of Peace with a presentation and interactive activities, including a creative handprint activity that encouraged reflection on peace, respect and unity. In Year 8A, the new Class Leadership Team gave students further opportunities to take responsibility, share ideas and develop their decision-making skills.

Across both year groups, students are building the confidence to question, connect ideas, reflect and take responsibility for their learning and their role within the school community.









ISLAMIC

Islamic A: Students from Year 1 to Year 7 explored their assigned Qur'anic Surahs, developing their understanding, interpretation and recitation of the verses. They worked on correct Tajweed and pronunciation, explored key vocabulary and discussed the main messages and values within each Surah, making connections to their everyday lives.

As part of the International Day of Peace, students reflected on Islamic values such as peace, kindness, respect, forgiveness and peaceful coexistence. They considered how these values can guide their actions and help create a caring and respectful school community.







Islamic B: Students from Year 1 to Year 8 focused on strengthening their Qur'an reading and recitation skills through regular practice of their assigned Surahs. They worked on Tajweed and pronunciation, explored key Qur'anic vocabulary and discussed the themes and teachings of each Surah, considering how they can apply this guidance in real-life situations.



Students also marked the International Day of Peace through discussions and interactive activities centred on peace, kindness, respect, forgiveness and living harmoniously with others. They reflected on the importance of these values and how their daily choices can contribute to a positive and inclusive school community.

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PE

FREE-HAND EXERCISES: BUILDING COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT SKILLS

Students developed their strength, flexibility, balance, coordination and body control through a range of free-hand exercises. The activities encouraged confident movement while helping students understand how different parts of the body work together.

Through controlled, rhythmic and sequential movements, students improved eye-hand coordination, focus, accuracy and balance, while body-weight exercises helped build strength without equipment. The sessions also encouraged teamwork, confidence, discipline and active participation.














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Wellbeing & Sustainability, Arabic S.ST and STEAM

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WELLBEING

September has been a positive start for our Wellbeing and Pastoral Team. We introduced our Behaviour Framework Parent Workshop, Student Council, New Student Buddy Programme and pastoral support systems, helping students feel welcomed, supported and connected. Regular check-ins and collaboration with families continue to strengthen our school community.

SUSTAINABILITY

Our Sustainability Goals encourage students to reduce waste, conserve resources and make mindful choices, building habits that support a healthier planet and a more sustainable future.

STEAM

Our weekly STEAM lessons bring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics to life through hands-on learning. Students have explored parachute building, compound microscopes and the Building Creature Challenge, developing creativity, problem-solving and teamwork.

ARABIC SOCIAL STUDIES

Students in Years 5–7 Arabic A explored the geography, weather and climate of the UAE through discussions and interactive activities.



