

BSA NEWS 2007-2008

FS2 trip to Montazah Palace

FS2 were out and about again discovering Alexandria on June 11th. They had a great time looking carefully at the castle, then drawing it. We saw lots of arches, windows, stairs, stone animals and fantastic colours on the walls!



We even had time to play some games with balls and yoyos and skipping ropes.

Thank you to the parents who came to help.

CIBSA Cricket Tournament 2008

On Friday 30th May the BSA, MBIS, NCBS and BISC all participated in a friendly CIBSA Cricket tournament. It was a very pleasant day for all the players, teachers and spectators.



Thank you FOS for your support!

Foundation Stage 2 trip to Fort Qaitbay

FS2 were out and about discovering Alexandria on May 14th. In class they had made up a story about a castle, so it was great to go and look at Fort Qaitbay a real and very old castle right on our doorstep! We looked at many different parts of the Fort including turrets, ramps, windows, cannons and the Egyptian flag flying. We had a great learning experience, and this will inspire many more activities back in the classroom.



Thank you to Mr. Wa'el and the parents who accompanied us.

Sports Day

Thursday 24th April was this year's Sports Day.

Once again we had use of the superb facilities at the International Stadium in Alexandria. The whole school came together for what was another very successful event with every child in the school taking part and scoring points for their house team.



Highlights of the day included the Key Stage 1 sprint races on the main track, the Key Stage 2 dress-up races and the Key Stage 3/4/5 Tug-O-War.

Book Day at FS/KS 1

On 23rd April children came to school dressed as their favourite character from a story. All classes spent the morning reading, acting and doing various other activities in connection with three books: "Owl Babies", "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "The Gruffalo". We were very lucky to use the story sacks for these stories which were made by the Friends of the School.



Our day ended with an interhouse book quiz in which children showed us just how much they remembered and learned through exploring these three stories.

Many thanks to the FOS for all their hard work in making all of the story sacks.

Yr 8 study the 'Pyramid Builders'

Year 8 had a fabulous time during their two day History trip in Cairo. They visited the Sakarra and Giza Pyramids and visited the Cairo Museum to learn all about the Pharaohs.

The trip stayed at the 'Hilton Golf Heights Resort' where they enjoyed an afternoon swim and later went out to eat at a local restaurant. It was a very enjoyable and educational experience!

The Yr 9's Visit Upper Egypt

On Thursday 3rd April the Year 9's accompanied by Mrs. Jackson, Ms. Rayan and Mr. Hindley travelled to Upper Egypt to see the

major sights of Aswan and Luxor.



For three nights and four days the trip cruised the Nile on a 5* deluxe boat experiencing the many wonders of the Nile and Upper Egypt.

They visited many sites such as the Aswan High Dam, the Temple of Philae, the Crocodile God of Nubian in Kom Ombo, the Temple of Horus in Edfu, and of course, the Valley of the Kings and the Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Temple of Karnak in Luxor. It was a fantastic trip!

Key Stage 2 House Benchball

On Wednesday 12th March Key Stage 2 had their House Benchball Competition at the Sporting Club. It was a very pleasant day and the students had a great time.



Congratulations Yellow Tigers for winning first place!

BSA's Young Swimming Champion!



Congratulations to Daly Chin for winning the cup for the best 11 year old swimmer in Alexandria.

Daly received 4 gold and 3 silver medals and the cup for the best swimmer in 'The Alexandria Winter Swimming Championship 2008 for 11 year olds'. Above all, Daly and his team mates secured first place in the tournament!

Congratulations Red Lions (and staff)!

On Tuesday 4th March, Key Stage 3/4/5 set off to the Sporting Club to compete in the annual House football tournament. All the teams played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



Congratulations Red Lions for winning first place in the tournament. We also must not forget the staff victory (once again) against the

students!

School Council Food Sale

On Wednesday 27th February the Secondary School Council organised a Food Sale to raise money for charity. The Food Sale took place during second break and there was a wide selection of home-made sandwiches, cakes, pizza and drinks. It was a great success!



Many thanks to all those who have made food for our sale- we greatly appreciate your support.

Science Week

Foundation and Key Stage One took 'My Body' as their theme for Science week (24th to 28th February). The students had great fun as they tried out different exercises such as aerobics, yoga and brain gym activities; tested their five senses with a whole load of slimy, smelly activities; found out about keeping clean and how to stop germs spreading; and learnt about eating healthy food. The week culminated in a sponsored scooter ride. The money raised from this will be donated to children who are unable to lead such healthy lifestyles.



Key Stage 2 focused on 'Healthy Eating for Healthy Minds.' They did activities linked to healthy eating, exercise, sleep and teeth.

Yr 6 History trip to Cairo

Year 6 had a fabulous overnight stay in Cairo (Tuesday 19th February to Wednesday 20th February) experiencing the wonders of the Citadel and the Museum.



This fieldwork trip enabled the pupils to develop their understanding of the Crusades topic taught in History.

It also allowed them to enhance their own knowledge and awareness of Cairo as a city and its heritage dating back to the Ancient Egyptian times.

A Visit from the Brooke Animal Hospital

On Sunday 17th February the Brooke Animal Hospital came to school to give a talk about the work the charity does both around the world but more specifically in Egypt and Alexandria. After the presentation the School Council had a look round one of the mobile units that is used to treat the animals.



The School Council donated the Brooke clinic half of the money that was raised at the Christmas Bazaar.

Later this term they will be holding another event to raise more money. Keep up the great work!

Primary Pancake Day!

Having learnt how to make pancakes in the morning, the children then took part in a pancake race in the afternoon. Not all the pancakes reached the finishing line!



Yr 6D trip to Eshraka Arts & Craft Centre

Year 6D went to Eshraka, an Arts and Craft Centre, on Tuesday 29th July. All of the children created a picture on a piece of copper, painted on wood and made themselves tuna sandwiches, orange juice and popcorn. Their work is now on display in the hall of the Main Site.



The Karate ECA team under Assessment

On Sunday 27th January the Karate ECA team was assessed by a certified board of examiners at the Alexandria Stadium. After many weeks of long training, we today congratulate the entire Karate team for passing this annual examination. Well done to all!

A special recognition goes to both Lloyd Courtenay who is now a holder of the black belt and Daly Chin who is a holder of the brown belt.

CIBSA Football Tournament at MBIS

Congratulations BSA for winning first place in the CIBSA football tournament!

Secondary House Cross Country Race

On Wednesday 23rd January, Key Stage 3 and 4 competed in a 1.5 mile House Cross Country race at the Sporting Club.



All the students ran exceptionally well, but a special recognition goes to both Javier Santamaria Rodrigo and Logaina El Kattan for winning first place in their races!

The Jolly Postman

Many thanks to all the children and staff in Foundation and Key Stage 1 who entertained us with two brilliant performances of the Jolly Postman.



School Concert

Seventy children sang, danced and played a variety of musical instruments at our end of year concert. We have a wealth of talent at the BSA and thanks goes to Mrs. Courtenay for organising the children and allowing them to share their talents with us. Well done everyone!

Art & Design trip to the Anfooshi boat yard

Accompanied by Mr. Yeates, Dr. Borgdorff and Ms. Rayan, the GCSE Art and Design group set off to visit the Anfooshi boat yard on Sunday 9th December.



The students made wonderful sketches of the scenery that they will later develop into paintings and prints back in class.

Yr 7 at the San Stefano Shopping Centre

On Wednesday 5th December, Year 7, accompanied by both Mr. Abbott and Ms. Rayan, set off to the San Stefano shopping centre on a Geography field trip. The objective of this trip was to study the shopping patterns of the Egyptian community (but on a small scale.)

The pupils conducted a survey with the shoppers in the mall (e.g. how often they come to the shopping centre, what they purchase, etc.) Later, they analysed the data they had gathered to show any shopping trends.



This was a very challenging experience for all the pupils, but one which will certainly help them with more advanced aspects of Geography.

International Day

On Thursday 29th November the BSA had its fourth International Day. The children dressed in traditional costumes from countries all over the world and others wore the colours of their national flags.



In the afternoon children from all the Key Stages presented some of their work to the parents and the rest of the school. We were treated to songs in English and French; dances from India and New Zealand; language lessons from New Zealand, Brazil, India, Poland and South Africa; and a history of the kings of Egypt by the KS 2 Arabic group. The children performed these brilliantly.

After the performance there was an opportunity for the children and parents to taste food from countries around the world. The Friends of School had asked for parents to volunteer to prepare food for everyone to taste. The display and range of food was fantastic!

Many thanks to Maria and her team for all their hard work. It was a really good day. Thanks to all the children and staff for working so hard to make it such a success. Well done!

BSA hosts pupils from Tauranga Intermediate School, New Zealand

On Sunday 2nd December BSA families hosted, for one night, 50 pupils from Tauranga Intermediate School, New Zealand. This was BSA's first experience of hosting.

As part of their tour in Egypt, these pupils presented a number of Maori cultural performances. They were exceptional!



Many thanks to all those who played a part in hosting students from Tauranga for the night. It was a great success!

CIBSA Football

On Friday 23rd November 24 children from Key Stage 2 went to New Cairo British International School (NCBIS) to represent the BSA at a "friendly" football tournament. All the teams played exceptionally well.



Congratulations Year 6 for winning all the matches!

Yr 5 trip to Cairo

On Monday 5th November Year 5 set off to Cairo to visit the pyramids and a papyrus museum. It was a very valuable opportunity for the children to consolidate the work that they have been doing on ancient Egypt and to use the drawing skills that they have learnt during their art topic about perspective.



Yr 6 Trip visit the HMS Northampton

On Tuesday 20th November Year 6 visited the HMS Northampton at the Alexandria Port. Despite the heavy traffic and bad weather it was an exceptional tour!

A Violinist at BSA

On Sunday 4th November Mr. Riad organised for a Violinist, "Jean Micheal," to come and play at BSA. He was absolutely incredible! The children learnt all about the violin and how sounds are made.

He taught them how you could play in both a "sad and happy way". At one point he played incredibly fast and his fingers were flying across the strings. The children were absolutely amazed.



Jean Micheal played for KS 2 on Sunday and FS1 and KS1 on Monday.

This is the first time that we have had anybody with such musical talent visiting the school and it really was a treat.

CIBSA Athletics

It was a long journey there and back on the coach and the weather in Cairo was very hot. Despite a very good team effort our school came 4th overall but there were some very good individual performances from Karma, Aliss and Ella.



Thank you to all of the children and the staff who gave up a part of their weekend to take part in this event.

The Choir at El Alamein

Once again our school choir has been invited to take part in the Remembrance Services organised by the British Embassy. The first

service took part on Saturday 27th October in El Alamein. The day included a performance by the choir followed by refreshments at the Charm Life Resort. It was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for all the students and teachers involved!



An excellent performance by the choir!

The French Trip

Nothing is better than starting your summer holiday in Paris...

On Saturday 30th June, 14 students and 2 teachers from KS 3/4 flew to Paris for a week.

The trip began with two days at Euro Disney and a historical boat trip on the River Seine. The group visited the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, the Sacre-Coeur, the Palace of Versailles, the Luxembourg garden and many other historical sites.



It was a fantastic experience for all!