

BSA Primary Newsletter January 2010

Dates for this term

Term begins for pupils Sunday 10th January

CIBSA football tournament at BISC 22nd January

Workshop for parents on the new primary curriculum 10th February

Reports will be sent home 23rd February

KS2 House rounders competition Wednesday 24th February

*Half term
25th/26th/27th/28th February*

*7th – 11th March Poetry week
Visiting poet in school 10th and 11th March*

CIBSA Literacy Challenge at BSA 23rd March

Foundation & KS1 Sports event Tuesday 23rd March

Sports Day 1st April

*Term ends after sports events
Thursday 1st April*

Despite various school closures, which have been beyond our control, last term was, yet again, a very busy few weeks. The term included a KS2 house football tournament, a F/KS1 mini sports day, our school choir sang at El Alamein and Chatby and there was a very noisy Halloween party in KS2. We have had parent/teacher meetings, a number of class assemblies, school trips, a workshop on letters and sounds from our F/KS1 team, maths and creativity CIBSA events in Cairo, an end of year concert from F/KS 1, a KS2 Christmas bazaar and a KS2 disco!

All this is in addition to the teaching and learning that takes place in classrooms every day!

F/KS1 Christmas concert

Many thanks to all the children and staff in Foundation and Key Stage 1 who entertained us with a really super Christmas concert in which every child was involved. These performances involve such a lot of hard work on the part of everyone involved, adults and children. Thank you to the whole team. Photographs are on the school website.

School Council

The Key Stage 2 School Council had a busy term. During their regular meetings with Mrs. Dickson they have been discussing their ideas for improving the school and for making money to donate to charity and enable them to buy things to make playtimes on the Main site more entertaining.

They have been responsible for organising and running (with the help of the KS2 staff) a Halloween day, the KS2 school bazaar and the end of term disco.

Our chosen charity for this academic year is the children's cancer hospital in Alexandria. So far this term we have raised 3000LE half of which will be given to the hospital.

Shoe Boxes

Thank you also for the very generous way in which you responded to our annual shoe box appeal. Around 250 shoe boxes with toys, pens and pencils, games and clothes helped to brighten the lives of children in local orphanages over the holidays.

School Trips

Educational trips out of school are a very important part of the curriculum in any good school. These trips allow the children to actually see and experience first hand the things that they have been learning about in school and to gain a degree of 'closely supervised' independence. The BSA is very proud of its expanding repertoire of visits; the benefits to the pupils at our school are enormous.

Thanks this term go to Mrs. Berenguer and Ms. Lewis who took our year 1 children to the 'Africa' safari park to support their animal topic. Mrs. Thackwray took year 2 children to Sporting club to work on some science investigations. Ms. Hughes and Mrs. Maynard took years 3 and 4 to the Planetarium and Science museum at the Bibliotheca and years 5 and 6 had an art and craft based morning at the Eshraka art centre in Kiroseiz mall.

Reports

Mid year reports will be sent out on Wednesday 23rd February. There will be an opportunity then, if you have any concerns, to meet with your child's class teacher on the 25th February. Please remember though that we are happy to meet with you at any time if there is something important you wish to discuss. Just phone the school office for an appointment.

Please sign the reply slip on the back of your child's report, write any comments in the appropriate place and then return the slip to school as soon as possible.

Don't forget to tell us when things are going well too. We, like your children, respond positively and feel encouraged by praise!

Healthy Eating

As a school we try very hard to help our pupils develop healthy eating habits. It is part of our science and PSHE policies. We would appreciate your cooperation, when making your children's snacks for the day, to ensure that you are providing healthy choices. Cold burgers, pizza, chocolate, sweets and chicken nuggets do not form part of a healthy diet!

Children in KS2 will be bringing home letters for their parents from Miss Jackson or Mrs. Dickson if they persist in bringing unhealthy snacks to school.

In FS/KS1 the newly introduced fruit/biscuit/drink snack system seems to be working well. The staff and children all seem happy with the choices offered and teachers feel that the children's concentration and social skills have improved as a result. If you

do have any comments about this please let Mrs. Berenguer know. We will be continuing to provide these snacks for all children in FS/KS1 for the remainder of the year.

- Please keep checking our school website for photos, information and news. It is regularly updated. www.bsalex.net

We hope that you and your family have had a lovely holiday and that your children are all ready to get back into school and to settle down to a really hard working and busy term. We are all hopeful of fewer disruptions over the Spring term.

Mrs. Dickson and the Primary team