

A BRILLIANT START TO A GREAT NEW TERM

Non Stop Learning at TBS



Commitment from GEMS in TBS

Gems Education has announced that it has exercised its option to initially buy a 50 per cent stake in four schools in Egypt which it has been managing since it entered the market earlier this year.

As part of its 50/50 joint venture with EFG Hermes, Gems Education plans to acquire over 30 schools in Egypt over the next five years.

The four national and British curriculum schools, located in Rehab City and Madinaty, include The British International School Madinaty, two branches of Madinaty Integrated Language Schools and The British School Al-Rehab.

Dino Varkey, CEO of GEMS Education, said: "Our international expansion comes close on the heels of our consolidation within the UAE market which has been our home base for over six decades. We are committed to growth in the Egyptian market under terms set out in our joint venture with EFG Hermes, and we look forward to building on our partnership."

Source: Khaleej Times, Dubai, December 24, 2018



Learning About Pets Couldn't Be More Fun!

FS1 are having such a busy term learning all about 'PETS'.
Let me introduce myself...

My name is Twisty. I am a very special visitor who came into school this week to give the children a little surprise. The children were sat nicely listening to a story about a dog that could fly called 'Some Dogs Do'. I was meant to walk in quietly but I could not stop wagging my tail when I saw the children's reaction as I entered the classrooms. They were super happy like me. I love children and I know they love me too because I am a very well-behaved 'doggy'. I spent some time with the children in their classrooms and it was very interesting to hear them talking about the different ways of taking good care of pets.



Later in the day, the children were happy to welcome two feathery visitors, Mustafa and Farida. They were Budgies. Farida was blue and Mustafa was yellow. The FS1 children learnt that Budgies love having toys in their cage to entertain themselves. They also learnt that Budgies are very sociable birds that enjoy playing with their human friends once they are used to them.

Testing Times at TBS

Students across most key stages have been working hard at work sitting January 2019 Arabic Ministry Exams.

This has had an impact on nearly all Primary and Secondary students who have worked hard to prepare for these examinations. For most students in Secondary there is much more in the way of examinations and testing to come!



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

FS2 have been learning about the lifecycle of butterflies so have been reading and enjoying the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. As part of the story, we learnt to read and spell the days of the week. We also learned that in some countries, the first day of the week is Monday!



Linked to our topic, 'Healthy Eating', the children had a discussion about healthy and unhealthy food. We found out which foods are nutritious, what vitamins are and why they are important.

During the week, children pretended to be butterflies and role played the lifecycle using props in the classroom. First, they pretended to be eggs that were ready to hatch, then they came out as tiny caterpillars. Afterwards, they built a cocoon around themselves to grow and develop for two weeks (minutes). Finally, the children emerged from their cocoons to be beautiful and colourful butterflies!



We also made models of the life cycle of a butterfly using playdough and investigated symmetry using paints.

Overall, we all learnt a lot and have enjoyed 'learning through play'.

Where there is wind, there are kites!

Happy New Year and welcome to a new term learning all about seasons and weather! With all the cold, windy, wintry weather, Year One have recorded temperatures in Cairo and beyond, discovering how cold and snowy it is in other countries and that in some parts of the world, it is actually summer! They enjoyed recycling plastic plates and bags in order to create kites and ran around flying them in the field. The children also conducted experiments to determine the direction of the wind and made warm winter clothes for their dolls.



Storytelling For Language Development

As part of our English, the children have relished the chance to tell their favourite stories such as traditional or fairy tales, and hear new ones told to them. They have understood that the best story tellers use both their voice and their bodies to captivate the listener from beginning to end. The children have worked on using as much expression as they can while telling stories to the class and in writing them, to remember the sequence of events and to enhance their sentences with descriptive language.



Moving Models From The Stone Age

Year 3 teachers and children have returned, following the Christmas break, ready to begin Term two feeling refreshed and filled with enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Children have begun to look at writing instructions in English, which we have linked to their topic on the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. So far, they have enjoyed following a set of instructions to create a moving model of a woolly mammoth. They have also used drama to act out how to wash a woolly mammoth and have followed this up by writing their own set of instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth!

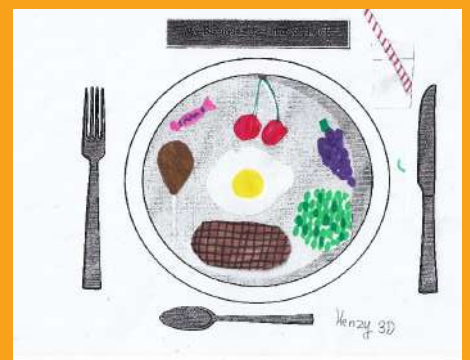


The Science of Diet



In Science children have begun to learn about diet and food groups. Kenzy (in 3D) has provided an example here of a healthy meal! Children will continue to work on the four main areas of Mathematics by carrying out practical activities, using formal written methods and playing mathematical games.

We hope to organise some enjoyable trips this term, linked to the curriculum so look out for upcoming information! Children have now completed their Arabic exams and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them all well!



Busy Times in Year 4

The Year Four children have returned from their Christmas break ready to start a new in which they are learning about teeth, the digestive system and food chains in their Science. The subject of 'Time' has formed part of the basis of the children's education in Mathematics. They have been converting units of time and using analogue and digital clocks. Year Four pupils made their own clock faces and incorporated them into a display about different time zones around the world. With the arrival of the New Year and the approaching Chinese New Year, children made their own 2019 calendars based on the twelve zodiac signs used in the Chinese lunar calendar.



The main 'Topic' we are exploring this term is 'The Vikings'. Year Four are finding out all they can about the Vikings as raiders, traders, engineers, craftsmen, Viking writing, numeracy and mythology in English, Mathematics and Humanities. Eventually, children will be writing their own Viking sagas based on information they have acquired in conjunction with their own personal imagination.



A Parent Workshop is being organised by the Year Teachers to demonstrate to parents' ways in which they can help their child to read more fluently and with a greater depth of understanding of reading texts by using literal, prediction and inferential questions. Classes 4C and 4B have worked on Assemblies this term; the former will be presenting a short play about the American Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s as well as the British Suffragette Movement of the early 1900s.

4B took Black History Month as their theme and shared what they had learned about this topic with Years 3 to 6. The children will be looking forward to a variety of enjoyable events coming up.

There is Book Week which will expand their learning whilst also making their education fun plus, a trip to a French chocolatier when we have changed to the new topic of 'Chocolate'. Year 4 life at TBS continues to be busy, lively and all about moving forward!



Practical Learning for Year 5

With Term Two in The British School underway, the Year Five children (and their teachers) have been working as hard as ever in all areas of the curriculum. The children came back to school, energised and relaxed, ready for their intriguing educational journey to recommence.

In English, the children have been having fun using a range of informal writing techniques through a series of lessons on Diary Writing. Bold fonts, exaggerated punctuation and powerful adjectives were the order of the day as the children exercised their minds and imaginations in their daily writing session.

Mathematics last month meant measurement and multiplication. The children were excitedly engaging in a series of practical lessons in which we hoped to embed the principles and mathematical rules of measure. Multiplication games and learning circles made Mathematics equally fun and more accessible for each individual pupil.

With their Arabic exams now over with, the children are now looking forward to excelling in their learning throughout the remainder of Term Two. Who knows what adventures lie ahead?



Arrrgghh, Matey! It's the Pirate Life for Y6



Over the past several weeks, Year 6 has been studying Pirates as part of our unit on Myths and Legends. The students have been enjoying hearing stories and learning about different aspects of pirate life. In particular, the students really liked listening to and attempting to sing some pirate songs. They are fascinated by the pirate lifestyle – the weapons, ships and clothing.

"I have really enjoyed learning about the weapons and how they would battle on the open seas," says Abdurahman Suilman from 6B. In addition to learning about pirates through reading and watching some educational videos, the students in Y6 have also completed some hands-on activities, such as making their own pirate flags. In the coming weeks, students will be writing their own fictional pirate stories. We are looking forward to some very creative tales.



Football and Basketball Results

January has been a quiet month (as per usual) as students are focused on Ministry Tests. However, some good results were achieved with matches played against 'Malvern College, Egypt'

Under 11 Girls Football: TBS 1 – MCE 1

Under 11 Boys Football: TBS 2 – MCE 0

Under 18 Boys Basketball: TBS 20 – MCE 12

Under 18 Girls Basketball: TBS 7 – MCE 17



U11 Girls Basketball Team



Boys Football Team

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