



Many of our students represented our school at a local Swim Gala this week and achieved 13 First Places. Well done to all concerned. Many of our students also participated in the Aquathlon Trials and were successful – so well done too to those students. Additionally, we had photographs taken this week in preparation for our Year Book. It was lovely to see our students smart and enjoying posing in front of the camera with their friends. Finally, congratulations to Lewis in Year 8 for achieving a Home Run in the Baseball Tournament in Dubai last week. Lewis represented Dubai, playing against teams from Saudi, Australia, Qatar, Singapore, Bahrain and Abu Dhabi.

**Curriculum news:** we hope that the following gives a flavour of this week's studying in secondary . . .

**Non Native Arabic:** Year 9 learned about visiting zoo (زيارة الى حديقة الحيوانات); year 8 learned about (قصيدة حنين)

Year 7 learned about the adjectives of Animals (صفات الحيوانات)

**Art:** Secondary pupils have been designing logos for the Dubai Expo 2020 competition, working on the theme: 'Connecting Minds, Creating a Future'. Art entries must be registered and uploaded online by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The design ideas have been very creative so far!

: <https://expo2020dubai.ae/logocompetition/en/how-to-enter/>

**Computing:** Year 7 produced graphs in Microsoft Excel. Year 8 recorded a plethora of sound clips and are now in the process of converting files to .WAV so that they can manipulate them in Audacity. Year 9 animated underwater themed flash animation.

**Drama:** Year 8 were introduced to Stanislavski and used his theories to annotate a monologue. Year 9 looked at the second extract from a play called 'The Stones' and used status and thought tracking to understand the two characters represented.

**English:** Year 7 are preparing a speech which will be delivered next week on the pros and cons of junk food. Year 8 are enhancing their 'Writing to Describe', using an extract from The Iron Lady as their stimulus. Additionally, they are writing their own 'Traditional Tale' for our FS children. Year 9 have been looking at a hoax story in more detail, which claimed to have identified a new species. Additionally, they studied 'Disabled' by Wilfred Owen in connection with 'War Horse'.

**French & Spanish:** All students have been sitting unit tests in French this week, focusing on the skills of listening and reading. In Spanish we have been revising the school topic and learning to say what we eat and drink at break and lunch time.

**Geography:** This week students have been studying as follows - Year 7 : River Channels & Profiles; Year 8 : Rainforest Ecosystems; Year 9 : International Country Comparison – China & The USA

**History:** Year 7 have been studying the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. Year 8 have been analysing the New Poor Law and Victorian workhouses. Year 9 have been examining the conditions people suffered during the siege of Leningrad, during WWII.

**Non Native Islamic:** Year 7 studied prayer is light; Year 8 - 'Salat-ul-Jama'a'; Year 9 also looked more deeply at prayer is light.

**Maths:** Year 7 have been looking at the topic of Functional Maths, which has involved solving real life problems. Year 8 Jasmine are working on some level 7 algebra topics including formulae and algebraic fractions. Year 9 are looking at transformations, translations, reflections, rotations and enlargements. Year 7 Cinnamon have been busy preparing for a unit test on Algebra. Year 8 Orchid have also been busy preparing for a unit test, but theirs will be on Data.

**Music:** Year 7 continue studying Music Theory and also composed short melodies and rhythms in their books. Year 8 revised notation and were then given a short melody to name the notes and play on the keyboards. Year 9 had another lesson on guitar. They started working on a group piece in which they have to use 3 different chords in any order to perform next week.

**Science:** Year 7 are studying a physics based topic looking at forces and their effects; they investigated different forces and the relationship between mass and weight. Year 8 studied a physics based topic investigating light; they will carry out experiments with the aim to identify a correlation between angles of reflection and refraction. Year 9 investigated how satellites are able to stay in orbit above the earth and gained knowledge about balancing velocity and gravitational pull.

## Social Studies:

Year 9 المناخ والنبات الطبيعي بإقليم غرب أوروبا والتعرف على تأثير خطوط الطول ودوائر العرض

Year 8 تحدثنا عن الإنسان والبيئة حيث تحدثنا عن حرف الجمع والانتقاط وكيف تطورت أنشطة الإنسان على حسب التقدم العلمي ومدى توافر الظروف الطبيعية الملائمة

Year 7 مراحل الدعوة الإسلامية في مكة والمدينة والذور الذي قامت به قريش قبل الدعوة الإسلامية وكذلك الدور الذي قام به الرسول قبل الدعوة

This week the year 9 Social Studies class finalized presentations on how one aspect of life in the UAE has evolved to its current societal form. The children will be assuming the role of teacher and presenting to the class next week.

## Advance Notice:

**Summer Examinations for secondary students will take place between 27<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

## New Year 7 2015 Parents'

**Evening : this will take place on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 7 pm in the Auditorium .**

**Secondary Artist , Bashir , Year 8:**



**Secondary Physicists , Alanna and Khawla, Year 7:**

