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Dear Parents

I trust you are all well and enjoying the winter break! I am delighted to share with you the End of Term 1 newsletter, which encapsulates the events, achievements and plans that have defined the first term at our school. As we bid farewell to a successful term, we would like to convey some important information and updates regarding the school community.

New Year Plans and Key Dates

As we prepare for the upcoming term, we have outlined comprehensive plans for the new year, including important dates for your diary. Key dates are listed at the end of this newsletter, over the course of the term we may need to adjust or add items to the calendar, any amendments/additions will be communicated via email and the school's social media channels as appropriate.

Safeguarding:

The safety and well-being of our students are of paramount importance to us. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of safeguarding within our school community, ensuring that all students are provided with a secure and supportive environment in which to learn and thrive.

School Crossing

Regarding safety around the school premises, we have implemented measures such as repainting pedestrian crossings and installing relevant signage to ensure the safety of both students and parents during drop-off and pickup. We urge all parents to adhere strictly to these measures and set an example for others to follow. Furthermore, we urge you to collect your child from inside the school gates, in alignment with our safeguarding protocols. Security staff are stationed at the main gate to uphold security protocols, and we ask for your full support and cooperation with this matter.

Health and Safety

Finally, we kindly remind parents to always supervise their children after school hours, (2:15 pm for Nursery, 3:15 pm for all other students). Running around the premises and climbing on railings may pose potential risks to their safety. Your vigilance in ensuring the well-being of our students is greatly appreciated.

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Focus: Keeping children safe online.

Over the holidays, it is likely that children will be spending more time online. Whilst the online world offers a great deal of entertainment and information for children, it does come with risk. Here are some top tips for helping children stay safe online:

- 1) Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.
- 2) Manage the amount of time your child is online. Balance it with other activities that are away from a screen.
- 3) Set up parental controls to block any upsetting or inappropriate content. Information about setting up parental controls can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>
- 4) Give your child the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.
- 5) Talk to your child about how they communicate online and remind them that anything they put online, whether it's via WhasApp, Instagram, TikTok or YouTube, can be shared widely. Is what they are sharing kind? True? Helpful? Safe?



Staffing updates:

This term we welcomed two new teaching assistants to the team, Miss Wiame Imrharn, supporting in Key Stage 2 and Miss Imane Marhoum supporting in Key Stage 1. Both hold bachelor's degrees and bring with them various teaching experiences. In addition, we also welcomed to the BASM team Mrs Shanel Fretwell, who has joined us as year 6 teacher. In Term 2 we look forward to welcoming Ms Rosalind Burns who will join the Key Stage 1 team as Year 2 Teacher. We look forward to next term as we continue to enrich the learning experiences of our students with our highly skilled team of education practitioners, at the BASM.

Reminder:

Uniform Expectations

We kindly remind all parents and students of the importance of adhering to our school's uniform policy. Uniformity creates a sense of belonging and pride in our school community, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all students are dressed appropriately. Should you require additional uniform items, these are available to purchase from the finance office.

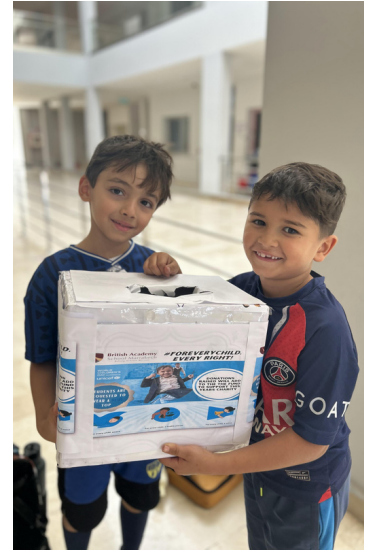
Prepared for Learning

To ensure that our students are fully prepared for learning, we have included the stationery requirements list with this email. We have also responded to parent requests by ordering Key Stage 3 textbooks, along with IGCSE textbooks for Years 9 and 10, to facilitate additional revision and practice at home. Gentle reminder Key Stage 2 Mathematics Abacus textbooks are available for purchase from the Finance office.



Progress Reports

We are proud to share that our students have made commendable progress since the start of the term. Progress reports for Term 1 were sent home on 14th December for your review and acknowledgment of your children's achievements. For those unable to collect them, we advise visiting the school over the holidays. Alternatively, these reports can be collected at the beginning of Term 2 from our Administration team.



Student Leadership:

It is with great pleasure that I share our success in fostering student leadership at our school. We are proud to announce the establishment of our Student Council, Kindness Ambassadors, Peer Mentors, Charity Ambassadors, and Community Champions. In the upcoming term, we aim to provide additional opportunities for students to take an active role in leading various aspects of their learning.

Community and Sharing Successes

Reflecting on the term, we have actively promoted important causes such as ADHD awareness, anti-bullying, Cancer research, Earthquake support fund, World Children's Day, and the winter Shoebox appeal. Our inclusive initiatives have aimed to create a safe and nurturing environment, reinforcing the values of compassion and empathy among our students. Moreover, as we reflect on the achievements of this term, I am particularly proud of our students' performances in the Winter Show. Their hard work and dedication were evident in the outstanding display of talent, and I am grateful for the tremendous support from our school community. Over the holidays I would encourage the students to continue to read, write a story and capture images of their experiences, these will form valuable memories to reflect upon in the years to follow.

We would like to extend our gratitude for your ongoing support and commitment to your child's education. We eagerly anticipate the return of students for another enriching term ahead and look forward to welcoming your all back to the BASM on 4th January, fully revitalised and ready to continue our journey together and watch the children grow into the amazing citizens of the world!

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Kind regards

Nicola Bussetil

Head of School



Key dates for your diary

Date/Time	Event	Notes
4 January 2024	Term 2 Begins- (T2a)	Students return, arrival between 8:00- 8:10 am
9 January 2024	Progress meetings	Secondary : 3:30-5:30pm- Assembly Hall
10 January 2024	Progress meetings	Primary: 3:30-5:30- Classroom
11 January 2024	PTA Meeting	9am- Meeting Room
28 January-5 February National Story telling week	National Story telling week	
30 January 2024	Book Look Reception & Y1	Tuesday- 8:30-9:30
31 January 2024	Book Look Year 2 & Year3	Wednesday: 8:30-9:30
1 February 2024	Book Look Years 4,5,6	Thursday: 8:30-9:30
5-11 February 2024	Children's Mental health awareness week	Activities in class, non-uniform day- Friday 11 February
6 February 2024	Safer Internet Day- (SID)	Theme: "Together for a better internet"
9 February 2024	Women in Science Day	
16 February 2024	International Mother Language Day	Actual date is 21 February.
19-23 February 2024	Half term break	Students finish at 3:15pm
26 February 2024	Return to school (T2b)	Arrival between 8:00- 8:10 am
27 February- 1 March	Sports Days TBC	Date to be confirmed
4-9 March 2024	National Careers week	Day TBC- children dress as a professional from a career
7 March 2024	World Book Day	Link to information , students dress as a character from a book, donation to charity
8 -17 March 2024	British Science Week begins	Science fair TBC

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8 March 2024	International Women's Day	
11 March 2024	Ramadan begins- TBC	School hours will be reduced- schedule to be sent in February.
14 March 2024	Pi Day	Mathematics activities link to Pi Day.org
18-24 March 2024	Shakespeare Week	Primary
28 March 2024	End of Term 2	Students depart at 12pm
15 April 2024	Term 3 Begins-(T3a)	Students return, arrival between 8:00- 8:10 am