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Dear Parents

I trust you are all well.

Time is moving quickly; it is hard to believe the end of November is here!

Over the last month students have been participating in activities and event raising awareness of issues impacting on the lives of many around the world.



In October students participated in International Day of Tolerance, Odd Socks Day, Pink Day and Antibullying week to name but a few. As a community we raised over 4800 MAD for charity, we thank you for your continued support as we move towards the final few weeks of the term.

It was wonderful to see so many of our parents attending the progress meetings. The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the subject teachers and provided further information and insight into the curriculum offered at the BASM. Last week at the BASM we also had a great turnout for the first Marrakech English Book Festival, it was wonderful to see our students and parents sharing and participating in the activities and it was wonderful to meet families from outside of our community, great day was had by all.

As you are aware we have set high expectations for all our students, encouraging active participation in lessons and enrichment activities. We also expect students to attend school fully throughout the year students have been made aware of this expectation and we now ask for your support to minimise absences, limiting holidays to dates which coincide with school holidays.

Please try wherever possible to arrange medical or dentist appointments outside of school hours to limited disruptions to learning.

To maintain consistency and provide a keen sense of belonging at the BASM we request all our students wear the full school uniform. If your child has misplaced elements of their uniform, please check at reception in the lost property as we have many items waiting to be claimed. Please can you also ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name this will assist in returning items should they be left in school.

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As a reminder our uniform at BASM consists of the following:

EYFS and Primary

- White polo shirt
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Dark grey or black skirt or trousers
- Socks or tights- plain grey or black
- Footwear- Black

Secondary

- School blazer with the school logo
- White shirt or blouse, not polo shirt
- School tie
- Dark grey or black skirt or trousers
- Socks or tights- plain grey or black
- Footwear- Black

PE

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black or grey joggers
- Plain dark coloured sweatshirt
- Appropriate footwear, trainers.

Extra Curricular Activities

Enriching our provision at the BASM is one of Key objectives and this half term saw the introduction of Extra Curricula Activities, ECAs, for years 2 to 10, these extra curricula activities have seen students developing creativity and social skills through the participation in a range of clubs including Art, Music, Model United Nations, MUN, Crafting, board games such as Chess and developing scientific knowledge through the Fast Science club. Raising awareness of environmental issues and promoting innovation during the ECO Fashion club are just some of the activity's students have been enjoying. ECA activities will end on Thursday 8th December we will confirm activities for next term on our return to school in January.



We do have several items of uniform available should you need to purchase replacements; these are available from reception and the uniform shop.

As a reminder for PE, we currently do not have a specific BASM PE Kit, however we do request that students wear, plain coloured items as indicated above. We thank you for supporting your child, taking pride in wearing their uniform and being part of a supportive community.



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Teaching and Learning- Assessments

Assessments are currently underway in our secondary sector and ongoing assessments continue in primary and EYFS. End of term reports are being written and will be available to parents at the end of term.



Staffing

Earlier this half term Mr Mark Wylie, joined the BASM team as year 5 teacher, more recently Miss Maryam Darkaoui and Miss Fatima Zahra Erraoui who have joined our primary team as teaching assistants, these additional members of the team provide additional skills and support for our student in making good progress.

In term 2 we will be joined by Mr Tony Manning as year 6 class teacher and Mrs Saloua Sebban who has recently completed her Post Graduate Certificate in Education, PGCE and gained qualified teacher status from the University of East London in the UK. Mrs Sebban will join us as a teacher in EYFS and Key stage 1 EYFS and Key stage 1. We look forward to welcoming them to the team enhancing our provision of skilled education practitioners at the BASM.



Events/Activities

As we move towards the end of term, I wanted to confirm the following dates:

- Coffee Morning- Tuesday 6th December
- ECAs end on Thursday 8th December.
- Book Fair- Tuesday 13 December.
- Winter Show: Wednesday 14th December @ 1:30pm
- Last day of term and class celebrations- Friday 16th December, note school ends at 12pm
- Students return on Thursday January 5th, 2023, for the start of term 2.

Charity drive: This week on we have begun our winter charity initiatives:

The Winter shoe box appeal- students will be filling shoe boxes with items to create a gift for children less fortunate, these boxes will be distributed in December. The information about the appeal is attached to this newsletter.

Winter warmer: We would also like to ask for donations of warm clothing and blankets to distribute in support of the 'Foundation to the Best', located in Oukaymeden, in the mountain area of Marrakech supporting families in need.

Education for all: During the school winter show we will be holding a raffle to raise funds to support Education for All. Please [click here](#) to find out more about the opportunities provided by the charity.

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Snapshots of the past month!





Key dates for your diary

Date/Time	Event	Notes
5-11 December	Computer Science Week Hour of code	Activities in lessons, enrichment, and lunch time
6th December	Coffee Morning 9-10am	Parents invited to meet the Head, 9-10am. Bring a friend
8th December	ECAs end	Final ECAs of the term
13th December, Tuesday	Book Fair	Student will be able to visit the bookfair in school and purchase books to read over the holidays. The book fair will be provided by le Petite Library.
14th December, Wednesday	Winter Show @1:30pm	Performances will take place from the whole school and will include Aladdin, an ECO Fashion show.
16th December	Last Day of term	<u>Student finish at 12:00pm</u>
19th December-4th January 2023, inclusive	Winter Holidays	School closed for students Students' return <u>Thursday 5th January @8:00-8:10am</u>

We thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure your child is actively engaged in their learning, is safe, happy and is provided with opportunities to develop as an individual and achieve their goals.

Kind Regards
 Nicola Bussetil
 Head of School

