



NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL BASM NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see all our students returning ready and prepared for their learning, looking refreshed from the half term holiday! As we venture towards the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued trust and support provided throughout this year. Next week we are excited to welcome the British Overseas Inspectorate team which will provide us with an opportunity to demonstrate to the team the high standard of education we are providing at the BASM. We will also incorporate feedback from the visit into our Strategic Plan, planning for the future developments over the coming years at the BASM.

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This half term is short; however, students continue to gain knowledge and skills throughout their lessons and participate in a variety of enrichment activities to develop skills for life which include Independence, Self-confidence, Resilience, Mutual Respect and Tolerance all of which are fundamental vision and incorporate the British values and the schools' values, "Belong, Achieve, Become". Leading up to the end of term, 7th of July students will be taking final assessments and exams over last two weeks of the term your support to ensure your children are arrive on time and prepared for their learning is invaluable.

A look back on some of the learning opportunities that have taken place this term which started with a rush of events and activities. We began with our EYFS and Primary students sharing with pride their learning experiences during the 'Book Looks' at the beginning of May, quickly followed by our sports days seeing students and staff supporting each other in their house teams, ending with parents joining in with a tug of war a true community event. Students in Reception and Year 1 went on a journey of discovery to a local farm, where they explored the life cycle of plants, how to nurture and provide the correct nutrients for growth, they also gained confidence and demonstrated care and respect throughout the trip.

As a community we all joined together to commemorate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III; activities in lessons including student discussions of the importance of the occasion not just for the UK but around the world. Recognising and continuing to support the environmental initiative known as the 'Queens Green Canopy' and in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which saw the planting of trees in different countries around the world. At the BASM our students from each class commemorated the occasion by planting a tree in the grounds of the BASM leaving a legacy, we hope to see these trees flourish as they grow and as we watch the trees grow. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents gather for Afternoon Tea not only to commemorate the Coronation but to gather as community and share stories reflecting on the year in a truly British tradition!

Activities around the school have continued to bring the community together as students collaborate in shared learning activities in Literacy and Art, displaying their words and thoughts on the walls around the school through poetry and collaborative art pieces. Students also continue to participate in house activities involving literacy, numeracy, general topics broadening their knowledge of the world around them.

We continue to celebrate all the student's individual success and collaborative achievements, awarding students for demonstrating Mutual Respect, Creativity, Participation, Collaboration and Preparedness for their learning. During our weekly assemblies we have awarded many classes for achieving the school's attendance target of 96%, and individuals for achieve 100% attendance.

We continue to support charities across Marrakech and do so through discussions during morning registration, tutor time and enrichment. Students are also made aware and recognise global events which support their understanding of equality and celebrating differences. Next week we continue by raising awareness of the challenges for individuals who are Diabetic, activities will take place during lessons and be presented in assembly.





Furthermore, consistent attendance helps students in developing a strong work ethic and allows for the seamless integration into the school community. It also provides opportunities for students to collaborate with their peers and engage in classroom discussions, which further enhances their learning experience. I would like to stress the importance of regular attendance and active engagement in your child's education. We ask your support to ensure your children are in attendance and 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. In addition, we also request all students to wear their full BASM school uniform to school this supports us to maintain consistency and promote a keen sense of belonging at the BASM. 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. 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

Attendance Expectations

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 and as a school we have set a target of 96% attendance for students and research shows that poor attendance can lead to learning gaps. Regular attendance plays a significant role in the academic success of students. Missing even a few days of school can have a notable impact on academic progress. Students who are frequently absent from school tend to miss important lessons and therefore may struggle to keep up with the pace of the syllabus. Regular attendance, on the other hand, ensures that students get a thorough understanding of the topics being taught and can stay on track with their studies. Furthermore, consistent attendance helps students in developing a strong work ethic and allows for the seamless integration into the school community. It also provides opportunities for students to collaborate with their peers and engage in classroom discussions, which further enhances their learning experience. As we approach the end of the academic year the last day of school is the 7th of July, we therefore ask your support to ensure your children are in attendance and to minimise absences, for the rest of this term. Please try wherever possible to arrange medical or dentist appointments outside of school hours to limited disruptions to learning. We have seen a dramatic improvement in students wearing their uniform and we thank you for your support. Below is a reminder of our uniform expectations here at the BASM:



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 below:

PE

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

We thank you for supporting your child, taking pride in wearing their uniform and being part of a supportive community. Additional subject exercise books are also available to purchase from the school office should your child need a replacement. As we head towards warmer weather, please be reminded to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle and sun hat. The ECA program continues at the BASM, one of our key objectives to provide enriching opportunities for our students. Extra Curricula Activities, ECAs, play an important role in enhancing students learning experiences and we are proud to offer a variety of ECAs to students in years 2 to 10. We offer a range of clubs including Art, Music, Crafting, Science, and Sports such as Football and Basketball. ECAs will continue to run until Wednesday 28th June. Additional activities supporting the enrichment of students learning will also take place this term involving several field trips, further details will be sent as these are confirmed.



Gentle reminder- end of day dismissal, unless your child/children are participating in an ECA student should be collected promptly at 3:15pm. If you do have an emergency which delays you collecting child/children please inform our administration team by calling the following number as soon as possible, (Call: 0524344433). The safety and welfare of your child/children is our priority and if students are persistently collected late from school, we will arrange to meet with individual families to discuss the cause and find a way to work with the family to support.

Teaching and Learning- Reporting

Final assessments will take place during the last weeks of school beginning week commencing 19th June. These will include Mock exams for secondary students, end of Key Stage Progress and Summative assessments across all classes, end of year reports will be available on the 7th of July.



Events/Activities

Key dates for your diary

Date/Time	Event	Notes
12- 18th June	Diabetes awareness week	Raising awareness- Activities throughout the week.
Wednesday 21 June	National Writing Day	Developing creativity in writing!
Saturday 24th June	BASM Open Day- TBC	11am- 3pm- prospective new students
7 July 2023	Last Day Term	End of Academic year- School ends @ 12:00

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

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Head of School

