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A Spotlight on the BSE Creative & Performing Arts Newsletter

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Message from the Executive Principal

As we move towards the end of another successful term, I am delighted to share this latest edition of our school newsletter, which captures so many of the wonderful experiences, achievements and memorable moments that have taken place across our community over recent weeks.

From the energy and excitement of Sports Day and our sporting fixtures, to the enthusiasm for reading inspired through Book Week and our library initiatives, it has been fantastic to see our students embracing every opportunity to learn, participate and challenge themselves. We have also enjoyed a range of performances and assemblies that have showcased the creativity, confidence and talents of our students, reminding us of the importance of providing opportunities for every child to shine.

What stands out most throughout this edition is the strong sense of community that exists across our school. Whether on the sports field, in the library, on the stage or in the classroom, our students continue to demonstrate teamwork, resilience, kindness and a genuine love of learning.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for the passion and commitment they bring each day, and our parents for their continued support and partnership. Together, we create an environment where our students can flourish academically, socially and personally.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many successes and celebrations featured in this special edition of the newsletter and join me in recognising the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.

Best wishes,
Yasmin Tabram
Executive Principal

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Welcome to Our Newsletter - with a Creative & Sporting Spotlight!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of BSE,

Welcome to this very special edition of the BSE Newsletter! While our academic classrooms have been buzzing with dedication and hard work, this particular issue is dedicated entirely to the vibrant, and expressive PE & Sport, Music, Drama, the Library, and Art Departments.

Over the course of the last term, these departments have provided our students with incredible platforms to discover new talents, push their physical limits, and express their creativity. From the fierce sporting determination witnessed on the to the creativity displayed in our recent performances many students have excelled in the last term.

This special feature serves as a celebration of the immense dedication shown by our passionate specialist teachers and our remarkably talented students. Over the last term, we have witnessed:

- Sporting Success: Our sports teams and individual athletes pushing boundaries, showcasing impeccable sportsmanship, and bringing home results in all competitions.
- Community Sports Days - in which our valued parents and families competed to win points for their children's houses…… enjoy the photos of the very memorable days
- Talent on Stage: Production showcases from our actors and students that highlight hours of disciplined practice and a genuine love for performance.
- A Culture of Reading: A thriving library community where our students continue to expand their horizons, dive into new worlds, and foster a lifelong love for literature.

We have always been enthusiastic to ensure that the opportunity available at BSE extends far beyond textbooks and examinations. It is found in the provision and opportunity on offer to compete at the highest level, the confidence gained from stepping onto a stage, and the empathy developed by analyzing a piece of literature.

As you read through the following pages, we hope you feel the immense sense of pride we have for our pupils. Thank you for your continued support in supporting the school and students.

Please enjoy this unique celebration of a truly spectacular term!

Warmest regards,
Tim Hoban

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Sports Days 2026!

BSE Sports Days 2026 were held during this half term and each event was a fantastic celebration of teamwork and school spirit!

The four houses - Balmoral, Cardiff, Stormont, and Windsor, were up against each other once again in what was both a highly competitive but friendly environment. Students gave their all during each event whilst also supporting one another throughout.

A special highlight was the involvement of parents, who joined in the fun and helped their children earn extra points for their houses, creating an inclusive and lively atmosphere.

The day featured a wide range of exciting games and activities, including tug o' war, obstacle courses, target board challenges, relays, and football and basketball shooting games. The dance station was also a favourite, giving everyone the chance to show off their best moves and enjoy the music together. A big thank you goes to all who made the event such a success - our class and co-teachers, our DJs Mr Ahmed and Mr Faris, our dedicated student helpers and House Captains, and the parents who came along to support and participate. Also a big thank you to our maintenance staff. Most importantly, well done to all the students who took part across each day.

The results for each year group are named below.

Pre-F & F1	Results
1st	Windsor
2nd	Cardiff
3rd	Balmoral
4th	Stormont

F2	Results
1st	Cardiff
2nd	Balmoral
3rd	Windsor
4th	Stormont

Primary

Year 1	Results
1st	Cardiff
2nd	Stormont
3rd	Windsor
4th	Balmoral

Year 2	Results
1st	Windsor
2nd	Balmoral
3rd	Cardiff
4th	Stormont

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Year 3	Results
1st	Cardiff
2nd	Balmoral
3rd	Stormont
4th	Windsor

Year 4	Results
1st	Windsor
2nd	Stormont
3rd	Balmoral
4th	Cardiff

Year 5	Results
1st	Windsor
2nd	Stormont
3rd	Cardiff
4th	Balmoral

Year 6	Results
1st	Stormont
2nd	Balmoral
3rd	Windsor
4th	Cardiff

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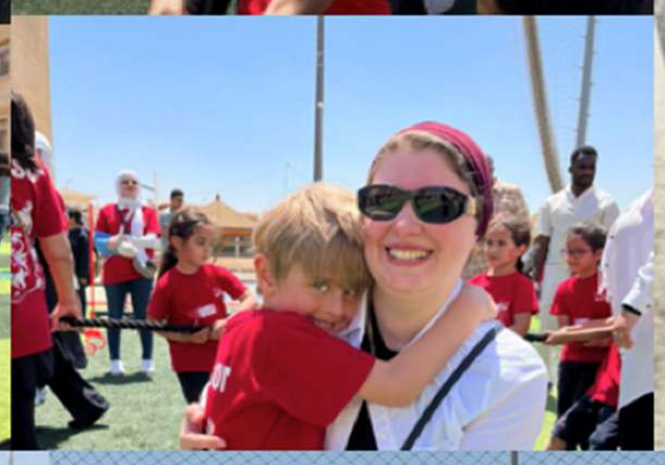

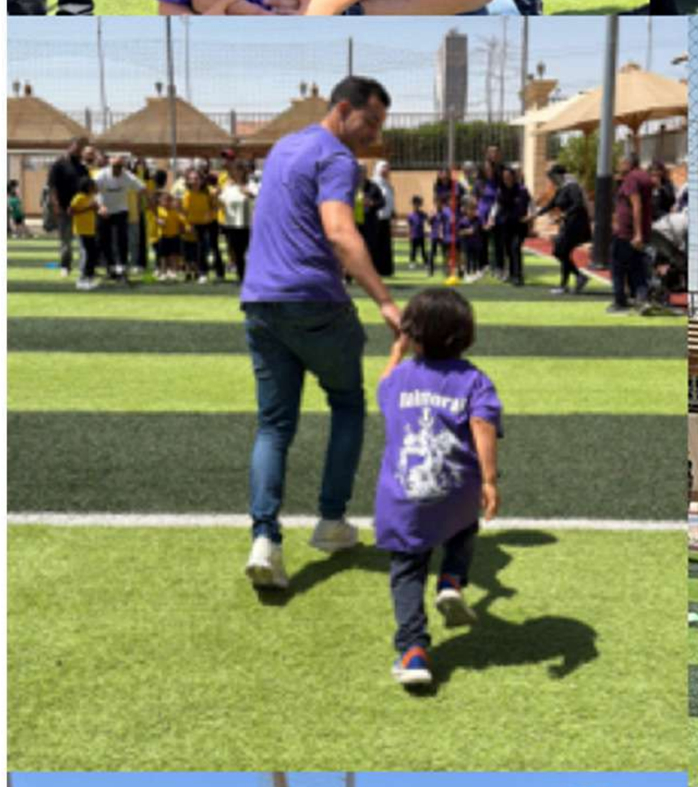







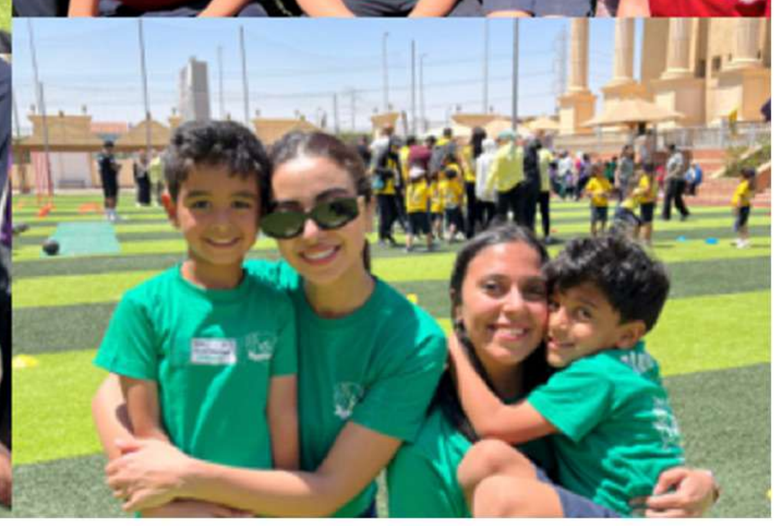

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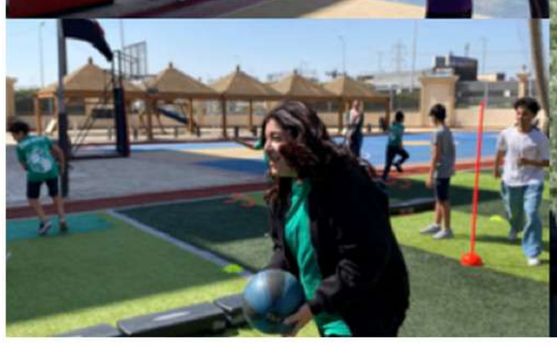



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Tournaments & Fixtures

CISSA U12 Football Tournament

Our U12 Boys' and Girls' Eagles football teams recently competed in the CISSA U12 Football Tournament, hosted by BISC. BSE faced strong competition from several international schools across West Cairo, including El Alsson, AIS-West, ISC6, and the host school.

The boys team delivered a series of determined and spirited performances throughout the day. While the results did not fully reflect their effort and teamwork, their commitment was evident in every match.
The girls' team, however, produced an outstanding tournament display. Winning two matches and drawing one in the group stage, they finished level on points with BISC. Thanks to a superior goal tally, the girls secured first place and were crowned tournament champions. This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication over months of training.

Congratulations to all players for representing BSE and a big thank you to all the parents who came to support our teams on the day.

Special recognition also goes to our U12 football coaches, Coach Sherif and Coach Baher, for their continued guidance and support.









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ETF Tennis Invitational Tournament

BSE was delighted to be invited to participate in the ETF Tennis Invitational Tournament held on April 25th at the Egyptian Tennis Federation Center. Representing the school were two Year 4 students, Laila Youssef (4C) and Youssef Sherif (4E), who both competed exceptionally well throughout the day.

Laila showed great determination and sportsmanship, winning 2 matches and narrowly losing 2, while Youssef delivered an outstanding performance, winning 3 matches and losing only 1.

Both students represented BSE with pride, demonstrating excellent skill, effort, and attitude on the court. We congratulate them on their fantastic achievements and look forward to seeing their continued success in future tournaments.

A special thank you also goes to Coach Zizo for accompanying and coaching the students during the event.



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CISSA U14 Football

Our U14 Eagles boys' and girls' squads recently competed in the annual CISSA U14 Football Tournament, hosted by ISC6, against a number of international schools from across the region.

Our girls' team delivered several strong performances throughout the tournament and represented the school with great determination, teamwork, and resilience. Although the results did not fully reflect their efforts on the day, we are extremely proud of their commitment and endeavour throughout the competition.

The boys team also produced an excellent series of performances, securing impressive victories against Hayah West (3–2) and El Alsson (1–0), alongside a creditable draw against AIS. Losing only one match during the tournament, the team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship, ultimately securing a podium finish in 3rd place.

Congratulations to all of the students who took part and represented the Eagles so positively. A special mention must also go to Coach Mohamed, Coach Sherif, and Coach Bebo for their continued guidance, encouragement, and support throughout the tournament.





Cairo Junior Sports Day

We are excited to announce that BSE were invited to participate in the inaugural Cairo Junior Sports Day event hosted at BISC. Our U11 Eagles football team competed against schools from across Cairo in what proved to be a fantastic day of sport, teamwork, and competition.

Although the boys' performances and efforts did not always receive the results they deserved, the team showed great determination and resilience throughout the tournament, earning two creditable draws against both BISC and CAC. The students represented BSE with excellent sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and commitment, and we are extremely proud of their efforts on the day.

A special thank you also goes to Coach Sherif and Coach Bebo for their continued guidance, encouragement, and support of the team throughout the event. We must also thank all parents who came to the event to support our boys on the day.




CISSA U14 Girls Basketball

Our girls' Bears basketball team recently competed in the CISSA U14 Basketball event hosted at El Alsson. Our Bears teams have enjoyed an extremely successful year so far, and the U14 girls continued this excellent form with another series of outstanding performances.

BSE secured an impressive 10–0 victory against ISC6 and followed this with another fantastic performance, defeating AIS 12–2. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the tournament, with their performances earning them a well deserved 2nd place finish and another podium result for the Bears.

Congratulations to all of the players for their hard work and commitment. A special thank you also goes to Coach Mahmoud for his continued guidance, encouragement, and support throughout the event.



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CISSA U10 Boys and Girls Football Tournament

This month, BSE proudly hosted the CISSA U10 Boys' and Girls' Football Tournament at Palm Hills Sports Club. The boys' competition featured six schools from West Cairo: BSE, AIS-West, Alsson, BISC, ISC6, and Hayah West. The girls' tournament saw BSE, BISC, and ISC6 compete in a round-robin format, with each team playing four matches in total.

The BSE Eagles boys displayed tremendous determination and teamwork throughout the tournament. While their performances did not always receive the results they deserved, the team produced several standout moments, including an impressive 4–1 victory over Hayah West and an excellent 2–2 draw against ISC6. Their efforts earned them a respectable 5th place finish overall.

The BSE Eagles girls were outstanding from start to finish, demonstrating excellent skill, resilience, and teamwork throughout the competition. Winning 3 out of their 4 matches, the girls secured a well deserved 1st place finish and were crowned CISSA U10 Champions!

We are incredibly proud of all our U10 Eagles players for the commitment, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm they showed throughout the tournament. A special thank you also goes to Coach Mohamed and Coach Sherif for their dedication in training and supporting the teams throughout the year.














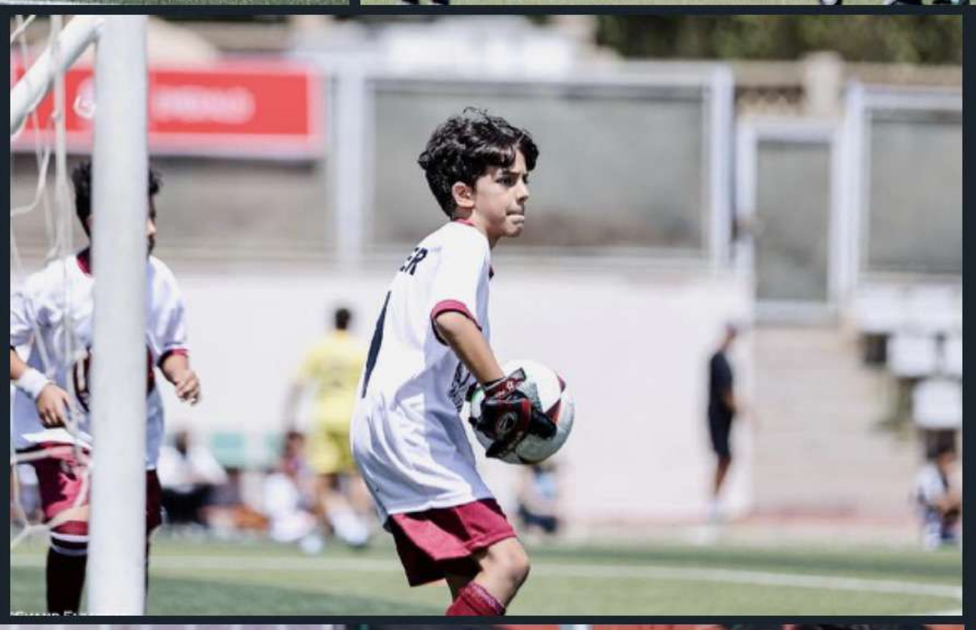



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Junior NBA Final

Our U14 BSE Basketball Bears team recently qualified for the Junior NBA Finals, held at the prestigious The American University in Cairo. Reaching the finals was already a fantastic achievement, but our Bears were determined to make the most of the opportunity and compete at the highest level.

Following a series of outstanding performances, our girls secured an impressive 2nd place overall in the Cairo West section of the tournament. With so many schools participating, this result is a tremendous accomplishment and one that the entire BSE community is incredibly proud of.

Throughout the year, our basketball teams have consistently demonstrated exceptional talent, teamwork, and determination, earning several podium finishes across different competitions.

A special thank you goes to Coach Mahmoud and Coach Salma for their dedication, guidance, and hard work in training and supporting all of our basketball teams this year. Their commitment has played a huge role in the success of our players both on and off the court.







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A Message from the Head of Libraries

Welcome to the HT5 edition of our library newsletter. The BSE libraries remain at the heart of our school's intellectual life, fostering curiosity and scholarly independence across all year groups. This term, we are building on our earlier momentum by expanding opportunities for all students—from our youngest learners in Foundation Stage to our Seniors—to engage with literature that challenges their perspectives.

A major highlight of this term has been our Annual Book Week and the Reading Competition, where the entire BSE community came together to honor the power of literacy. It has been inspiring to see our mission in action, ensuring every pupil is equipped for their next great discovery. I am proud to share these latest milestones from our vibrant and evolving library community.

FS & KS1 Library News

KS1 students really enjoy playing the "Scrabble Time" game as it is both fun and educational.In this activity, each letter has a point value. Students choose a word, find the value of each letter, and then add the numbers together to get the total score. They record their answers in the table provided.

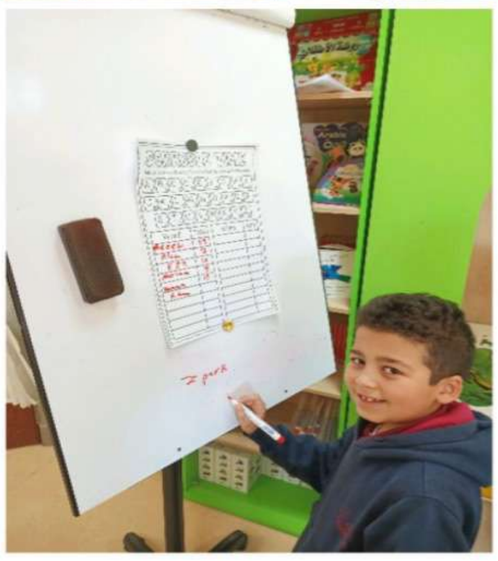
SCRABBLE TIME

Add up your words using the scrabble tiles and write the total

A 1	B 3	C 3	D 2	E 1	F 4	G 2	H 4	I 1
J 8	K 5	L 1	M 3	N 1	O 1	P 3	Q 10	R 1
S 1	T 1	U 1	V 4	W 4	X 8	Y 4	Z 10	

Word	Total	Word	Total

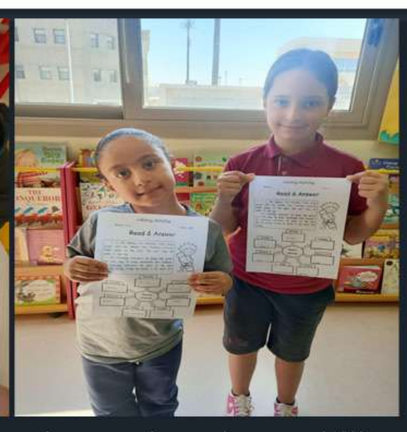


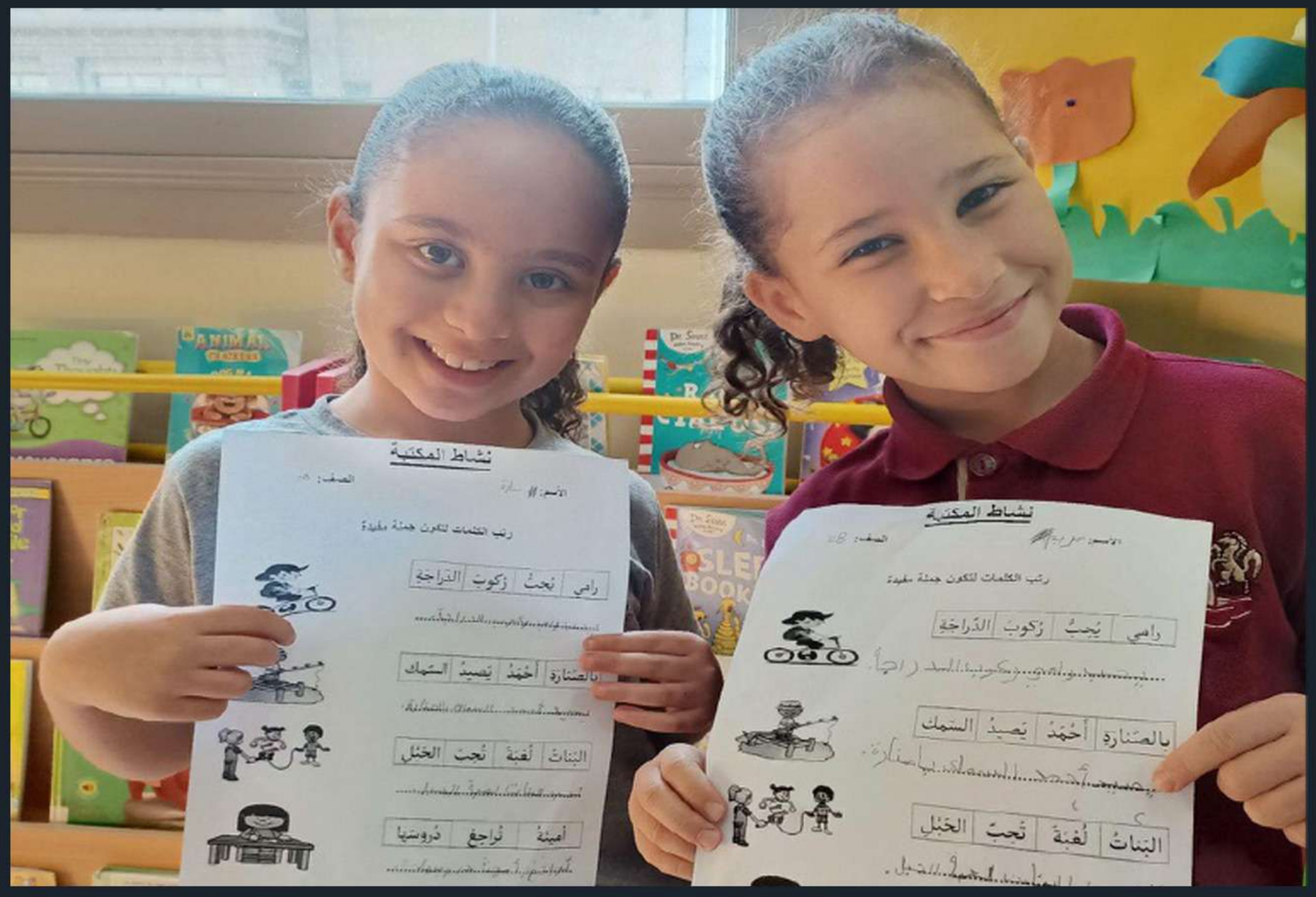




Time Management Activity: Students participated in a meaningful discussion about the importance of time management and how creating daily and weekly plans can help them balance their responsibilities. We talked about organizing time effectively for studying, completing tasks, and even planning enjoyable activities during vacations.After the discussion, students applied what they learned by completing the activity sheet "Nabil's Planner for the Week," where they practiced creating a structured weekly schedule. This activity helped students develop planning skills, responsibility, and an understanding of how managing time wisely can lead to greater productivity and balance.







During the last week of the month, KS1 students had the opportunity to borrow one Arabic book alongside one English book to encourage bilingual reading habits and strengthen their language skills. After borrowing their books, students completed an Arabic activity sheet, where they practiced arranging words to form meaningful sentences. This activity helped enhance their Arabic reading and writing skills while encouraging them to think critically about sentence structure and vocabulary.

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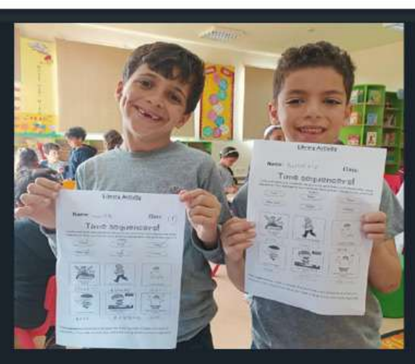

Y1 students enjoyed completing a Time Sequencers worksheet during the library lesson. They practiced using sequencing words such as “First,” “Next,” “Then,” “After that”, “Later”and “Finally” to describe events in the correct order and improve their speaking and writing skills.

Book week (Sunday, 3rd May to Wednesday, 6th May 2026)

Students had a wonderful time engaging in fun and educational board games during their library lessons. The games created an interactive learning environment where students were able to build their knowledge while having fun.

FS students enjoyed playing the “My Favorites” board game, where they used dice to move around the board while practicing communication and decision-making skills in an enjoyable way. Then they took very beautiful pictures with the "Readers' got Talent" frame.



KS1 students participated in a variety of exciting board games such as “True or False,” “Guess Who Am I,” “Library Lingo Bingo,” “Book Hunt.” ,and “Coding Color”. These activities helped reinforce literacy skills, critical thinking, teamwork, and a love for learning through play.



ASA Library

Students participated in an engaging writing activity "Stretch the Sentence Worksheet" that helped them transform simple sentences into descriptive “super sentences.” They began with basic sentences and expanded them by answering the 5 W’s questions: Who? What? Where? When? and Why?



Students had a great time participating in an engaging activity focused on searching for words related to daily routines.

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Students enjoyed completing the “Missing Doubles” worksheet during the ASA in the library. The children practiced their spelling and vocabulary skills by finding the two missing letters needed to complete each word. The challenge was that both missing letters had to be the same, which encouraged students to think carefully about letter patterns and word formation.



Students enjoyed working together during the Puzzle Activity in the library. They carefully sorted and connected the puzzle pieces to complete the picture. The activity encouraged teamwork, communication, and patience as students shared ideas and helped each other find the correct pieces.

PS Library News

Our Primary Library is buzzing with excitement this term! Following the success of our Book Week celebrations, the library has become a whirlwind of curiosity. We’ve updated our shelves with fresh titles and transformed our reading corners into vibrant, cozy spaces that invite students to dive into their next adventure. It is wonderful to see so many young readers exploring our latest collections with such enthusiasm.

This year’s Book Week in the Primary Library was truly unforgettable! The highlight was our "Wearable Book of Wonder"—a giant, interactive book worn by a senior student that traveled throughout the school. Students eagerly signed their names, shared reading reflections, and listed their favorite titles on its pages.







The excitement continued with a Library Bingo game that taught students about the "anatomy" of a book—from publishers to barcodes. We also hosted a Dewey Decimal clue challenge and a high-energy Roald Dahl treasure hunt in the garden. It was a joy to see the children so deeply engaged and celebrating the magic of stories in every corner of the school!



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To celebrate Book Week, our library lessons moved outdoors! Primary students had a fantastic time at our dedicated games station, where they enjoyed a perfect blend of fresh air, interactive activities, and literary fun.













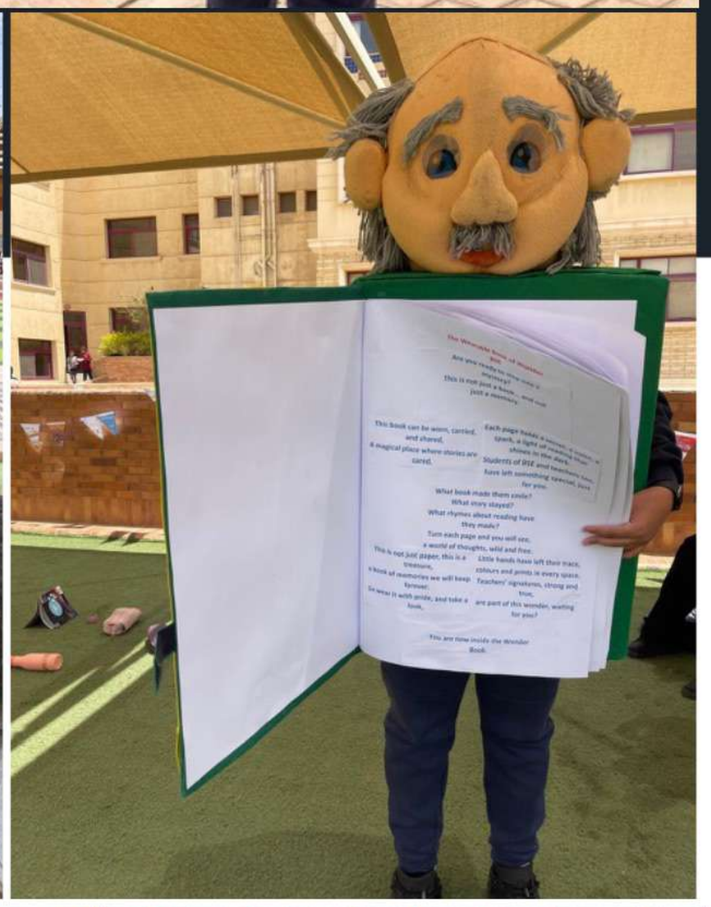







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SS Library News

The Senior Library is buzzing with activity during HT5. We are committed to empowering our students—from Key Stage 3 to our Seniors—with the tools for independent discovery. Whether you are looking for your next great read or a dedicated space for university preparation, our doors are open for every scholarly pursuit.

















The SS Library promotes cognitive development and critical thinking through a dedicated chess space, challenging students to master strategic problem-solving, logical reasoning, and sustained focus.

















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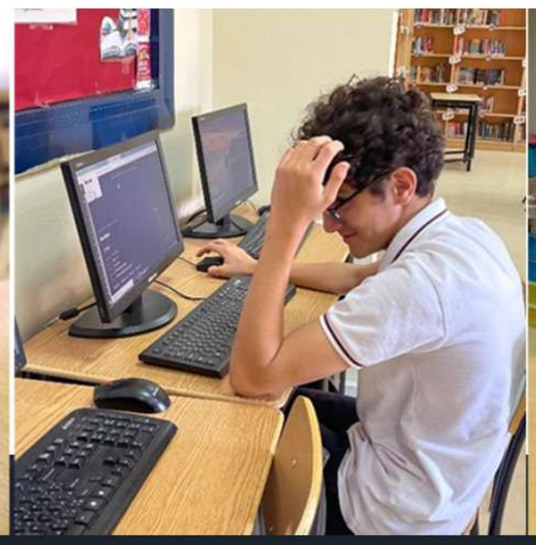
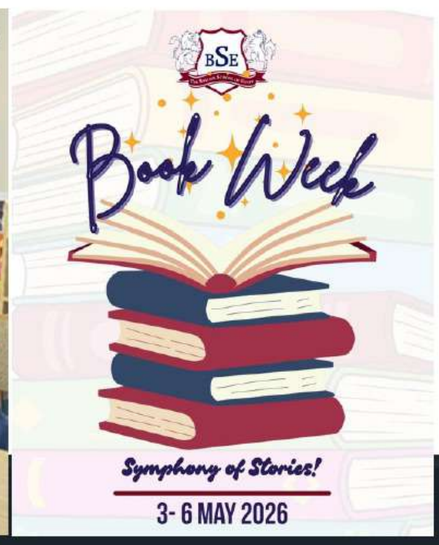
High Daily Usage: The library remains a popular daily destination for students across all year groups, including IG and exempted students. Students frequently use the space during their breaks or free time for:
o Reading.

o Completing homework and assessments on Google Classroom.
o Project Work and Research.



Book Week

Our annual Book Week is always a landmark event, but this year felt particularly special. As the heart of BSE's intellectual life, our libraries were transformed into a vibrant stage for discovery, creativity, and scholarly independence. From the high energy of our reading competitions to the curated selections at our Book Fair, it was inspiring to see students from Foundation Stage through to our Seniors engage so deeply with the power of stories.











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Recognizing Our Student Leaders

A special note of appreciation goes to our senior students who truly shone during our recent Literacy and Book Week celebrations. By taking an active role in facilitating activities and guiding our younger learners through various events, they demonstrated exceptional leadership and spirit. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and effort in helping the younger students enjoy their literary discoveries did not go unnoticed. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the library community and served as such positive role models for our FS and Primary pupils.











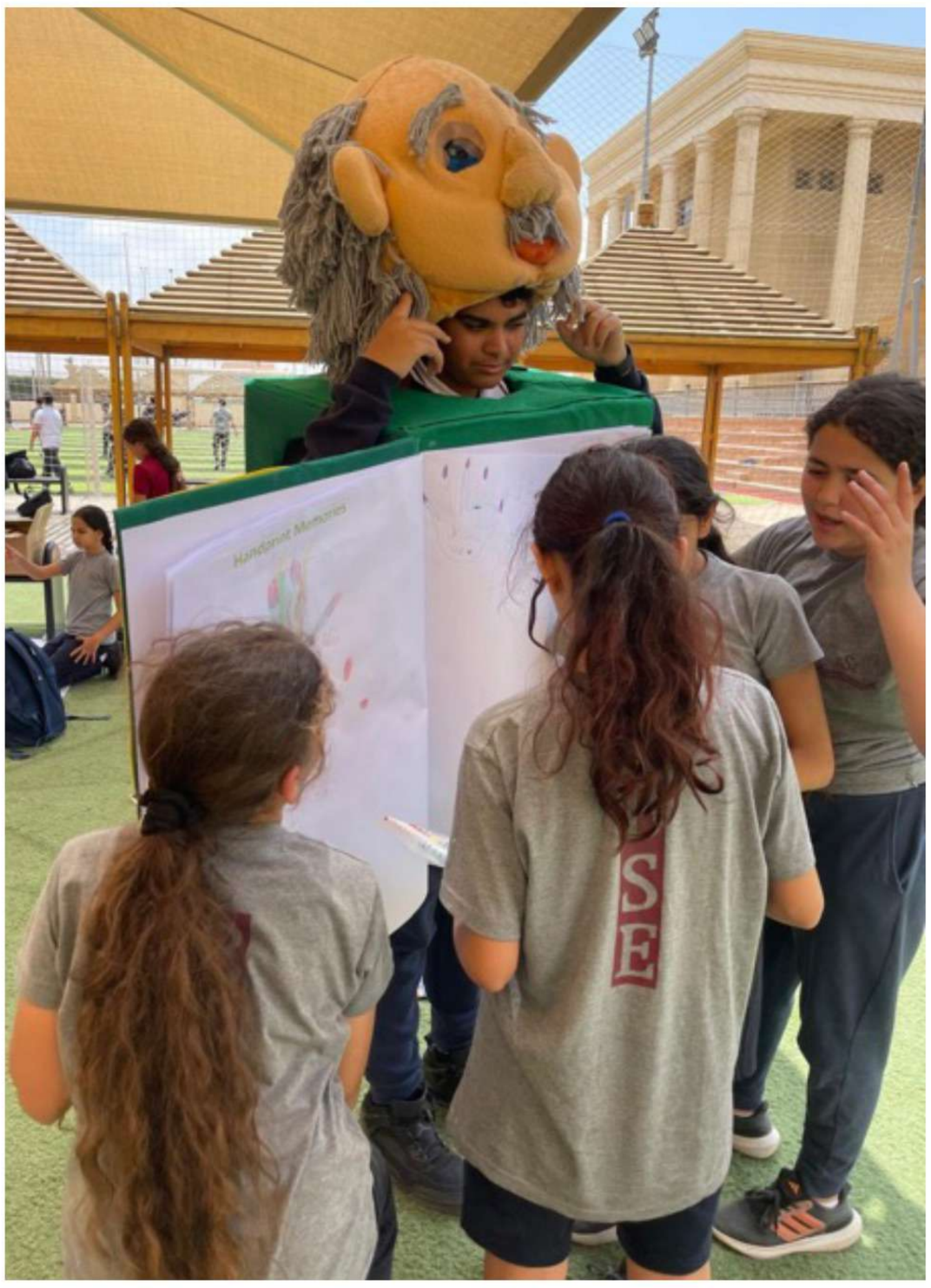



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Super Reader Winners

We are proud to announce our Year 7 and Year 8 "Super Reader" champions! These students have shown incredible dedication to their reading journeys and have truly made the library their own this academic year.

- Year 7: Lara Mohamed

- Year 8: Joury Islam





A Special Visit from Author: Nazek Elkhaiashy

Our Primary students were treated to a wonderful experience this term with a visit from author Nazek Elkhaiashy. She led a vibrant, interactive storytelling session in both English and Arabic, captivating our young readers with her tales. It was a joy to see the children so fully engaged, participating in the stories and celebrating the magic of bilingual storytelling!









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BSE Reading Competition 2026 Winners

After ten weeks of dedication and thousands of pages read, we are thrilled to announce the winners of our Annual Reading Competition. This challenge saw incredible participation across all year groups, with students demonstrating remarkable stamina and a genuine passion for literature. We are so proud of every participant who took on this journey of discovery—congratulations to our champions!















Productions and Assemblies News

What a wonderful term it has been, full of amazing productions and assemblies from our talented Primary children. I am extremely proud of all the children who have taken part in the shows. Each and every one of them demonstrated confidence, resilience, and teamwork. Learning has been at the centre of all the assemblies this year, with children showcasing their learning alongside their talent—from the legends of Egypt and assemblies about teamwork, to a fantastic performance of Julia Donaldson's The Gruffalo.

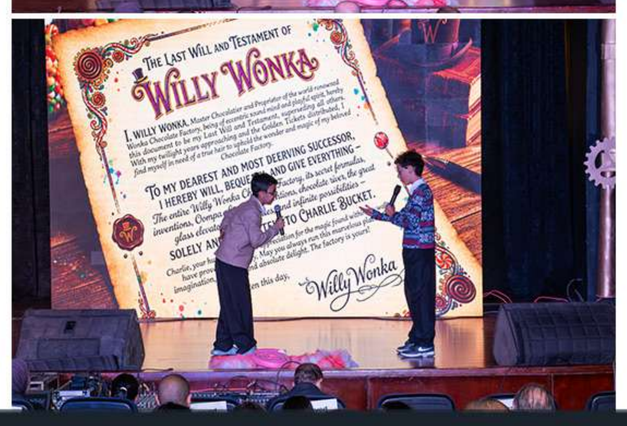
Year 5 put on an amazing performance of Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It was a sweet treat for us all! You could see the excitement and passion in the children, they were extremely dedicated to putting on a good show, even giving up their break times to make sure it was as magical as it could be. The amazing costumes, decorations, songs, and the incorporation of AI made it so much more special.

Behind the scenes of every assembly and show, there is a dedicated team of teachers trying to make this as memorable as possible for both the children and parents. It is no easy task, and hours of preparation and effort are put into bringing it all together. I would like to say a huge thank you to the CAD team for their hours of dedication and their belief in the children, as well as to the teachers and co-teachers for their hard work and effort.

We still have a few more assemblies to come, including the Year 2 and Year 4 productions, as we approach the end of the year. So, don't put your popcorn away too soon—the best is yet to come!







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