



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## RE: Primary Update

Dear WSO Primary Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health and I hope that you all had a relaxing half term with your families. This is a short half term (only 5 weeks long) and we already had a great first week back. Today we have celebrated International Day which has been a huge success! Our students have participated by dressing in their national colours or clothing, both on site and at home, and other exciting activities have taken place. My highlight has been watching videos of parents and students reading stories in their own native language; we really are such a diverse and talented community! Our amazing Parent Ambassador group have put together the following video to share with everyone, in celebration of International Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul0IEDde4po&feature=youtu.be>

World Book Day is just one week away and we cannot wait to celebrate the importance of reading and our collective love for it. Next Thursday, costumes will be worn and engaging activities will be enjoyed, however it is vital that we share the reason behind this day, which is to all appreciate what a fantastic and vital skill reading is.

On a personal note, sadly, I have not been able to return physically to school this week due to an outbreak of COVID in the Sadler household. We are still recovering and hope to return to school midway through next week, so long as symptoms have passed. In difficult times, we rely on others for support and guidance and I have been lucky enough to receive this in abundance from our school community. I'm very much looking forward to returning soon and seeing the smiles on our student's faces.

### A look inside Primary this week . . .





**FS1** are getting very good at talking and listening, and we shared our holiday news when we came back to school. This week more classes had a very special visit from the 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' which was so exciting and some of us made our own puppet giraffes. Some classes read the story 'Commotion in the Ocean' and learned about different ocean animals and what they look like. We drew our favorite ocean animal and made some glittery rainbow fish. We celebrated International Day and made our own flags from our home countries.

**FS2** have been celebrating International Week. We have made our own passports and visited different countries around the world. A highlight of this week was the children having the opportunity to tell their friends all about their home countries in Show and Tell.

This week in Maths, **Year 1** have been generating fact families for numbers to 20. We also practiced finding numbers on a number square. In English this week, we have been finding the features of information texts. We sorted books into fiction and non-fiction and spotted features including: a title, sub-heading, picture and caption. This week in Science we completed an ice melting investigation. We tested hot water, salt, sugar and cold water to see what melted the ice the quickest. We had lots of fun! We enjoyed completing our 'International day passports' and finding out about culture traditions across different continents.

In Science, **Year 2** have been busy reviewing the topic on Plants. We are excited to start our new topic on Materials and recently have been assessing our initial learning on this. We can't wait to see what we will learn in this topic! In Social Science, we have been describing ways people use materials around them. We enjoyed exploring homes from around the world and finding out why those materials have been used. We also looked at how the UAE homes were built and what material they used and why.

In **Year 3** this week, we have been collecting and interpreting data in tally charts and pictograms during our Maths lessons. In English, we have learnt about apostrophes for contractions and possession and have applied it to our writing. We have begun a new unit about Plants in Science and have planned a comparative test to investigate next week.

In **Year 4** we've come to the end of another fantastic week and what a week it has been! We began with the shocking news of the assassination of Julius Caesar. Luckily, Year 4 were on hand to use their detective skills and investigate different suspects in the case. We looked at motives and created effective questions to ask our suspects. Once we uncovered that Brutus was behind this shocking crime we planned and created news videos to report on the matter. We then finished the week celebrating International Day and were able to share our cultures and those of others through traditional foods and art activities in class.

In **Year 5** it has been another exciting week! The highlight of our week has been starting our new book 'Oranges In No Man's Land', which is set In Lebanon. The children have loved following the life of a young girl called Ayesha and sharing their opinions about the book in class. International Day has been a great way to finish off the week; the Year 5 children have been so enthusiastic to show off their national dress and discuss their different cultures.

**Year 6's** first week back in school has been an eventful one! Thank you to Miss James and Miss Bates for a fantastic transition afternoon in Secondary. During curriculum time, students have enjoyed starting our new topic of 'Through the Decades'. The first part of this topic saw the children dive into the 60s and 70s. Learning about influential people, events, and cultural movements while comparing them to the present day has left the children with lots of questions that they are beginning to find the answers to.



### Upcoming Events and Dates

**4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day:** Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book to celebrate the day.

**8<sup>th</sup> March – International Women’s Day:** Students will be celebrating the successes of Important Woman from across the world

**9<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Engagement Session (Science at Home)** – this will be made available via seesaw.

**W/B 14<sup>th</sup> March – STEAM Week** – During this week, students will have a ‘STEAM’ focus across their lessons, looking at ways to save the planet. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths)

**W/B 14<sup>th</sup> March – FS and KS1 virtual performances (Music through the Movies)**

**15<sup>th</sup> March – Emirati Children’s Day**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – World Down Syndrome Day (Rock your Socks!)**

**25<sup>th</sup> March – Term 2 Reports emailed to parents**

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the school if you have any questions. Have a lovely weekend and please do stay safe, keep your distance, and remain positive!

Warm Regards

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