



مدرسة الإمارات الوطنية
Emirates National School

ABU DHABI CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

November Newsletter 2013



PYP News

November has been a very eventful month at Emirates National School ADC. Our children were very busy conducting inquiries into how...

Grade 1

"Humans impact the ocean habitat"

Grade 1 showed great responsibility when they went on a field trip to put what they had learned into practice by cleaning up a local beach.

Rainy weather and thunderstorms to National Day celebrations with Sheikh Mansour visiting are just some of the great things that the Grade 1s at ENS got to experience this past November. It has been a month full of excitement. We came to school and got soaking wet in the pouring rain which we all enjoyed so much!



Dark Skies & Pouring Rain

We also spent many hours embracing the celebration of the UAE'S 42nd National Day by creating art that depicts the beauty and heritage of the UAE. We ended this fun filled month with our wonderful National Day celebration where we all got to wear our lovely national clothing complete with tasty treats which we brought from home to share with our friends



and teachers. November was a fun-filled & exciting month indeed!



Sheikh Mansour & Gr 1 Students

Grade 2

"History impacts who we are today"

Grade 2 used their research skills and made an amazing timeline, showing their understanding of the history of Islam all over the world.

Although the school's National Day celebrations were cut short, the children of Grade Two enjoyed an exciting and fun-filled experience. One of the best parts of National Day is walking into the playground at the start of the day



and seeing everyone dressed so colorfully and so differently! Trying to recognize people we see every day is fun, especially the teachers! There was plenty to interest and excite the children, not least the army's Drill Formation team, henna painting and face-painting by Mr. John's own daughter. There was even free popcorn!



In addition, a number of children had been selected by Ms. Hayfa to take part in the school's official National Day presentation in the theatre. They also acted as a Guard of Honor to welcome Sheikh Mansour who was making a visit. Our thanks go to everyone who took the trouble to send things in for us all to enjoy. So, whilst the fun didn't last as long as we had anticipated, we certainly packed a lot into a busy and enjoyable day!

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The children's' eyes lit up as they were greeted by the sight of three huge inflatable play areas.

Grade 3

"Advertising influences thinking and choices"

Grade 3 also went on a field trip to Bawabat Al Sharq Mall to tune into their unit on advertising. They took lots of photographs of eye-catching advertisements and were communicators as they explained their thinking and choices.

As part of our Unit Of Inquiry Grade 3 explored the theme of advertising. We discussed different

types of advertising and looked closely at the 5 elements of print advertising. We had great fun on our Field Trip to Bawabat Al Sharq Mall, which highlighted how we are surrounded by advertisements.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating National Day on November 27th. All students looked wonderful in their national dress



and we all enjoyed a day of treats and fun! In the concert, Grade 3 boys and girls took to the stage to show the traditions of the UAE. Well done everyone!

In math we have been working in groups to design and create function machines. Students showed they are math whizz kids as they worked with figures to produce wonderfully creative designs. Fantastic work everyone!



Grade 4

The 6th grade students from the Boys and Girls school came to the Primary School to partner up with the 4th graders and share their puppet shows. They created animated versions of their stories using PowerPoint and they also



created an entire puppet show theatre with characters for the 4th grade students to enjoy! The 6th graders shared their stories, asked the 4th graders comprehension questions, and then asked for opinions about the stories—exactly the skills we've been practicing in our HWEO unit. The feedback was used to help the 6th graders enhance and reflect upon their writing and computer skills.



"People's perceptions influence their reactions"

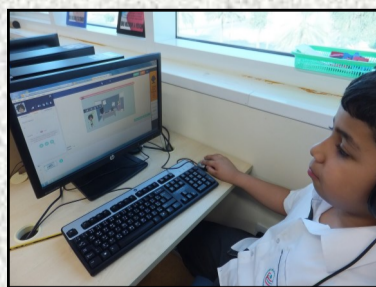
Grade 4 students and teachers are courageous risk takers using iPads in their summative assessment task. Grade 4 also showed how caring they are when they responded to the Philippines typhoon disaster by fundraising and bringing in donations of clothes and blankets.

This month, the grade 4 students have been working hard to create a media presentation using animation software on their iPads



Gr 4 Students Creating on iPads

and using websites. They are working in groups to express their reactions to an art piece. Each person in the group will be sharing



their own perspective by creating an animation using one of the

digital story-telling tools. At the end, the groups will present their animations using the whiteboard for the entire class to see so that the students can all witness how peoples' perspectives influence their reactions!

Grade 5

"Certain conditions change substances"

Grade 5 have been inquirers, conducting lots of amazing experiments and are finding out about what happens when substances mix.

Recently, Grade 5 students went to the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital. We learned a lot about this prominent creature. Students were provided with a tour of the facility and were able to see how these wonderful animals are cared for. Students were also treated to holding one of these majestic birds.



The PE department at the Boy's School held a football tournament for the students in Grade 5. Students formed teams and competed in a series of matches. There was a lot of cooperation and excellent displays of sportsmanship among the players and spectators. Mr Mike said there was some excellent football skills being used. Congratulations go out to 'Team A' in Mr Evan's class for winning in the finals.

Our teachers were also very hard-working as they attended IB training workshops over a weekend to learn more about teaching through inquiry. They will be putting lots of their newly learned ideas into action in the classrooms over the course of this year.

"Libraries are not book warehouses anymore; they are active places to find inspiration or knowledge." - Beth Barlow