



مدرسة الإمارات الوطنية
Emirates National School

ABU DHABI CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PYP News

January has been an exciting month here at ENS ADC with lots of scientific and social studies learning taking place....

Grade 1

Grade 1 were **INQUIRERS** as they were finding out about how "Light and sound can be used as a form of expression". They have been doing lots of experiments into finding out the properties of light and sound and how they are produced. We look forward to their summative assessments where they are going to animate their very own narrative stories with light and sound effects!

8 classes, each with a different name and color. We showed enthusiasm by singing and shouting and cheering the teams on as they were participating in the races! The grade 1s showed commitment to their teams and it was a fantastic fun filled sports day and a great start to the New Year!



G2 @ Heritage Village

Grade 2

Grade 2 had an amazing time being inquirers. We wanted to find out as much as we could about life in Abu Dhabi in the past. We went to visit the Heritage Village. We saw how people lived, the types of clothes they wore and what things they ate. Then we went and had a picnic on the beach. We think that we are so lucky to be living today. The people who lived in the past worked very hard for us.



Grade 2 have been preoccupied with how "People create solutions to changing landforms". They used maps to identify landforms, conducted experiments to see how they change and were **THINKERS** when they came up with solutions to prevent these changes.

Grade 3

Grade 3 has had a very busy last month! Right after the winter



holiday they set a financial goal of making enough money to go to Kidzania for a field trip. They decided to have a Market Day at school to

try and make enough money to meet our goal. After surveying the wants and needs of the future customers, the Grade 1s, 2s and 4s, Grade 3 students got busy preparing their shops. Market Day was a huge success—Grade 3 students made over 10,000 dirhams!



In January, Grade 3 students also had a wonderful field trip to Manarat Al Saadiyat on Saadiyat Island. They saw an exciting exhibition called Emirati Expressions which featured artists from UAE! They even sat in a very cool house of chairs- an incredible piece of art which is owned by Sheikha Fatima, the wife of Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed!

The children in Grade 3 experienced what it feels like to be business people as they understood that "A marketplace is a system of trading goods and services to meet the wants and needs of a community." Their unit climaxed with Market Day where they sold lots of goods and services to their fellow school mates. They proved themselves to be great **COMMUNICATORS**, through conducting research in each Grade, advertising at assemblies etc. and being persuasive sales people on the day itself!

The grade 1s at ENS were very busy during the month of January.



We went on a field trip to the Emirates Park zoo where we saw lots of different animals. We were risk-takers as we fed the different animals and touched some of them. We showed curiosity as we walked through the zoo and asked the teachers and the zoo guides many different questions.



G1 Sports Day!

Another exciting event that took place was our annual Grade 1 sports day. There were

Grade 3 put many of their skills to practice as they worked hard in



their groups to prepare a shop for Market Day. Grade 3 hosted the Market Day as a way to make money to meet their financial goal of having enough money to go to Kidzania.

Grade 4

The final part of our How We Express Ourselves unit was the

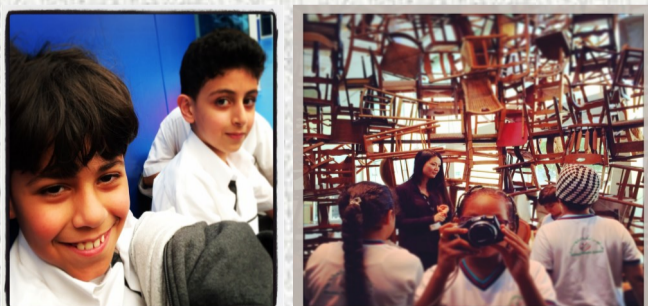


Performance Task. Here, the children had to create a short v i d e o presentation

expressing their perspective on a certain topic. The children really enjoyed working with the iPads and highlighting their views in this manner.

Grade 4 have been put through the ropes during their current unit as they are discovering how "The proper functioning of body systems contribute to well-being". All classes have been very **BALANCED** during this unit, partaking in vigorous daily exercise, observing how their bodies react to it and why it is important for their body systems to function properly.

The children went on their first official field trip this month. We took a bus to Manarat Museum in Al Saadiyat Island. The children explored paintings and art work from local Emirati's. The children found the experience very worthwhile.



Grade 5

In Literacy, Grade 5 girls have been creating their own advertisements for a dream location. They have worked really



Rowdha, Khulood, Fatima Mo and Maitha made an advertisement for London "If it's good enough for the Queen, its good enough for me!"

hard to include the main features of advertisement- slogans, special offers, information, images, celebrity quotes and a company name. All the advertisements definitely made their teachers want to go on holiday!

The boys and girls in Grade 5 are becoming very **KNOWLEDGEABLE** as they delve into how "Geography influences the history of a region." Like Grade 2, our Grade 5 students have been working with maps also, but they are concentrating on regional representations and uncovering how the geography of a region affects its history.

On Thursday January 23rd at Medina Zayed teams of Grade 5 boys joined grades 6 and 7 to play in a mini tournament hosted by ADMA Academy. Three teams of Grade 5 coached by PE teacher Mr. Mike played with points accumulating for a trophy.



Sharifa, Shamma and Salama Eid made an advertisement for the Maldives "The Sunny Side Of Life!"

The ENS boy's behaviour really was a credit to the school and themselves, with the youngsters waiting patiently for their games. There was an excellent display of individual skill, team play and sportsmanship. Of special note in Grade 5 was the performance of Salem Al Dhaheri, Abdulla Alshehhi, and ENS Grade 5 player of the tournament was goalkeeper Mohamed Yousef Al Mansoori.



Grade 5 boys were the evening winners with Ahmed Babiker lifting the trophy for ENS.

THANK YOU to our parent volunteers Ms Yisra and Ms Fatima who are providing wonderful support to our students. All parents are very welcome to get involved and join our team of helpers. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Ms Patricia by email: p.maher@ens.sch.ae

PYP WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS are up and running with a great turnout from Grades 1 & 2 parents. For more details, please see each Grade's Weebly.