



Ms Leanne
HEAD OF KEY STAGE 2

Hello from Ms Leanne

As we reach the end of Term 1, we are excited to share a roundup of the fantastic learning and events that have taken place in Key Stage 2. It has been a term full of engaging activities and achievements that we are proud to highlight.

Myself and the Key Stage 2 team wish you and your family an enjoyable break! We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 8th October, for the start of Term 2. Additionally, we look forward to seeing many of you on our Parents' Days on 8th November.



Key upcoming dates

- 29th October - Start of Term 2
- 8th November - Parents Day
- 11th-15th November - Anti Bullying week
- 20th November - Teacher's Day
- 22nd November - ECAs End
- 12th December - Y1-Y3 Christmas Concert
- 16th-20th December - sMMile week
- 20th December - End of Term 2



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had an exciting and action-packed start to the year, adjusting well to new routines and expectations on our Nha Be campus. Term 1 was filled with engaging learning experiences, and we are looking forward to even more exciting opportunities ahead!



Mr Daniel



Ms Caitlin



Year 3 has been busy with exciting learning in the classroom. They have collaborated on challenging Maths problems and explored rocks and fossils in Science. Their studies in Humanities have taken them to the Stone Age, where they learned many interesting facts, including about woolly mammoths. In writing, we have focused on creating engaging diary entries and vivid setting descriptions. They have also learned the basics of computer coding in Computing lessons!

In PE lessons, Year 3 have taken part in exciting football drills to improve teamwork and coordination. They have also enjoyed gymnastics activities that help them work on balance and flexibility through fun routines!





YEAR 4

We have been delighted with the start Year 4 have made this year. They are a kind and caring group of children who have quickly adapted to being role models for new Year 3 students. We have had an action packed term, exploring ancient civilisations, working with electricity kits, improving our writing skills and challenging ourselves in maths and beyond!



Mr Alex



Ms Keeley



It has been a joy to see our students collaborating and solving problems during their recent learning activities. In our science lessons, they have been busy creating electrical circuits, showcasing their creativity by making their own switches using various objects as conductors.

In History, we explored trading in ancient civilizations. Students had the chance to design their own currency and role-play as traders and sellers, which helped make their learning come alive.



Reading has been a highlight for Year 4 this term! We are enjoying a wide variety of stories from our new Sora online library as well as books from our school library. It's great to see such enthusiasm for reading!



YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 has been busy with exciting activities! Students participated in role play to understand different perspectives from *The Matchbox Diary* by Paul Fleischman. They also wrote diary entries to express their thoughts and feelings from the perspective of the main character, Roberto.

In Science, they explored how materials dissolve and separate while learning about conductors and insulators through fun experiments.



Mr Iwan



Ms Tina



Ms Rachel



It has been a term full of creativity and learning!

We enjoyed a Design and Technology day, where we built Anglo-Saxon structures to link with our Humanities topic. In Humanities, we started to recognise bias in historical sources, discovering that the Vikings may not have been as bad as we first thought!

In Art, we explored landscapes by using vanishing points, adding depth to our drawings.

YEAR 6



Mr Daniel



Ms Louisa



Ms Chloe

In the classroom, Year 6 have been busy with a range of exciting learning activities! They have immersed themselves in the novel *Street Child*, creating insightful diaries, engaging letters, and informative non-chronological reports. In Maths, they have tackled challenging problems, working hard to sharpen their skills.



In Term 1, our first class assembly with Year 6D explored life in Victorian Britain. We look forward to sharing details about 6C and 6L's assemblies in our next newsletter.

In Computing, Year 6 have made great use of the school's Computing room, developing their skills in using different software to present their work effectively. It has been a fantastic opportunity to integrate technology into our learning!



In Science, we have focused on the human circulatory system, exploring how it functions. We had fun making blood, as you can see in the photographs!

In History, we have studied the Victorians, discovering how their innovations and way of life have shaped the world we live in today.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Council



Ms Angela

The Key Stage 2 Student Council has had a fantastic start to the academic year! In August, candidates prepared speeches for an exciting election, where all Key Stage 2 students voted for their student leaders.

Since then, our elected Student Council has been learning about leadership and planning projects focused on Student Voice during their weekly meetings. To end Term 1, they successfully organised activities for Inclusion Week alongside the House Captains and are excited to lead their first assembly next term.

We are proud to have such a strong Student Council representing Key Stage 2!



Ms Rachel

House Captains

I am thrilled to announce the election of our new House Captains for this academic year! These enthusiastic young leaders have hit the ground running, dedicating their time and energy to making House Day and Inclusion Week a tremendous success.

Their hard work and creativity continue to enhance our community, fostering a spirit of teamwork and inclusivity. I look forward to working with them throughout the year as they inspire and engage our school community.



EVENTS

ECAs Begin

We have had an amazing start to our Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) programme! Students have eagerly joined a wide variety of ECAs, including sports, arts, music, and languages.

From Photography to Yoga and Football to Origami, there is something for everyone! We are also excited to partner with external STEM providers Snapology for Engineering and Robotics classes!



Mid-Autumn Festival

Our students had a fantastic time celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival! They tasted delicious mooncakes and enjoyed the beautiful lanterns.



FOBISIA Codebreaking



Year 4 to Year 6 had a fantastic day of problem-solving in the FOBISIA Code Breaking Maths Challenge. Students used their skills to solve clues and unlock the passwords needed to advance to the next level.

A special congratulations to those recognised in assembly for their exceptional achievement in completing a Key Stage 3-level code-breaking challenge!

EVENTS

Key Stage 2 House Day



Our recent House Day was a fantastic success, filled with sports, team-building, and creative activities. Students showcased their teamwork skills while bonding and strengthening connections within their houses.

Congratulations to the **Saigon Serpents**, our House Day winners!



Heart Day

Key Stage 2 had a great time on Heart Day. Students joined in fun activities to learn about being healthy and taking care of their hearts. Led by Mr. Rob, they completed the Cardio Challenge and raised a lot of money for VinaCapital Heartbeat, a local charity!



Inclusion Week



We celebrated the power of diversity and inclusion! From assemblies to Cultural Appreciation and UN Day, our focus was on equal access, opportunities, and breaking barriers to discrimination. We even learned Makaton to better understand inclusive communication. Together, we are striving for a world where everyone feels valued, seen, and heard.



Key Stage 2 Newsletter

SPORTS



Season 1 is in full swing! Key Stage 2 Football and Cross Country teams are competing, while students are training in swimming, football, badminton, and running. It is great to see how these activities help our students' education and well-being. A big thank you to all the parents who have come to the fixtures and shown their support!



Mr Rob W

The Primary Football season has seen 60 different students represent ABCIS. The U9 Girls celebrated their first-ever win with a 1-0 victory, thanks to a wonder goal from Jasmine. The U9 Boys have been impressive, scoring nearly 20 goals in just three games. Our U11 Boys and Girls teams have also shown tremendous skill and determination.

Everyone involved has represented the school in a way that makes us all proud.



The Cross Country team has been training hard during lunchtimes and has already competed in a competition at SSIS. U9 students run 1km and U11 students run 2km.

There is one more friendly competition before the City Championships on 2nd November.





SORA AND READING

What is Sora?

We are excited to introduce the **Sora reading app** in Key Stage 2! Sora is an award-winning digital platform that helps students discover and enjoy age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks.

How to use

Students can use the app daily on their iPads, and it has quickly become a favourite because of its wide range of texts. They can also access the Sora digital library of ebooks and audiobooks from home.



WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT ALL THINGS READING AT ABCISI!

This term, students have been enjoying lots fun stories with their teachers during reading and writing lessons, library time, and class story time. Our library is filled with new books of all different genres for students to enjoy. We have also started R&R time, where everyone in Key Stage 2 takes 10 minutes to stop and read each day.



R&R Time
Read and Regulate
12:30-12:40 PM
every day in class

Get ready to learn and enjoy your reading!

Read
Dive into a physical book or an e-book on Sora!

Regulate
Take 10; Relax your body and mind so you are ready to learn.

Make sure to visit the toilet and fill your water bottles by the end of R & R time!



Some examples of new texts that have landed in the Primary KS2 Library!

Reading at Home

Research shows that good reading skills are important for success in school. We encourage parents to have their children read for at least 15 minutes every night. This small habit can make a big difference, and including reading in your child's evening routine will help them become enthusiastic readers.



TOGETHER, WE CAN INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!

Next term, we will host a parent workshop at our Nha Be campus titled "The Reading Journey: Why It is Essential for Your Child's Success." This session will focus on the importance of reading for students and how to support reading at home. We will share more information at the start of Term 2.