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## EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AND PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER WONDERLAND

As we reach the end of the first term, we can proudly reflect on all the exciting events and activities that have taken place across our school community. It's been a busy and productive few months, filled with learning, growth, and anticipation for what's to come!

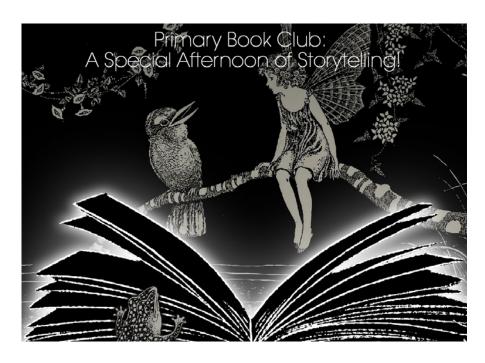
This term has been rich in academic learning, with a variety of workshops and assessments. Teachers have been guiding students through assessments that help track their progress and ensure that each child is on the path to success. We are excited to see how our students have grown in both knowledge and confidence. These assessments not only help with individual growth but also allow us to provide targeted support where needed.

Our school community is stronger than ever, thanks to the active involvement of our staff and parents. This term, we've held several parent education sessions and workshops to help equip families with the tools they need to support their children's academic and personal growth. Topics have ranged from effective communication strategies to understanding student assessments, and we look forward to hosting more sessions in the upcoming months.

The excitement is building as we prepare for our highly anticipated Winter Wonderland event! It's an annual tradition that brings together the entire school community in music, dance, and holiday cheer! This year holds great promises, with students, staff, and parents working hand-in-hand to create a magical experience.

As we look forward to the upcoming months, we're excited about the opportunities for continued learning, growth, and community engagement. We are confident that the rest of the year will be filled with many more memorable moments.







# A LOOK BACK AT ALL THE PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS















#### **EMC CULTURE DAY**









CELEBRATION

Honouring a child's cultural background is essential for fostering a sense of identity, belonging, and respect for diversity. The children had the opportunity to share and learn about each other's traditions and customs, it was a wonderful celebration of our community's richness in diversity.



#### LIFE IN A DROP OF WATER

## Exploring the Universe in a Drop of Water!

Our Upper Elementary students embarked on a fascinating scientific journey, inspired by Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, and made their own incredible discoveries!

Curious about the unpleasant smell coming from a vase of water, they decided to take a closer look under the microscope. Imagine their excitement when they discovered protista!

But the exploration didn't stop there! The students tested different types of water, including boiling smelly water. They observed that most of the protista stopped moving when heated. They also noticed that dirty but non-smelly water didn't contain any protista at all.

Finally, everyone was relieved to see that filtered water was absolutely clean!

What a great way to spark curiosity!



#### THE ART PROGRAM AT EMC

The art program at EMC offers a dynamic and inspiring environment where students can truly thrive. With the guidance of passionate and dedicated teachers, each student is supported in developing their own distinct artistic voice.









## **GOODBYE MS. IKRAM**

Ms. Ikram will be leaving this month. We will miss her lively spirit and beautiful energy. We wish the very best, and look forward to having her visit us soon!



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#### **Year 11 Takes on the IGCSEs: A Strong Start!**

After a few months of preparation, our Year 11 students tackled their first IGCSE exam in French. Nervous but determined, they gave it their best effort, backed by their supportive teacher who encouraged them throughout. They are now ready to face the rest of their IGCSEs with confidence and determination. We're excited to see how they continue to excel!

#### **Afterschool Clubs: Discover, Create, and Thrive!**















At HoY, we believe in fostering creativity and curiosity outside of the classroom. This term, we've offered a variety of afterschool clubs where students can explore new interests and passions. Whether it's dancing, media production, or fitness challenges, there's something for everyone. Some popular clubs this term include:

Contemporary Dance & Cheerleading: Students explore dance and cheerleading, learning choreography and stunts while building teamwork and confidence. Our cheerleaders gave us a taste of their choreography during the Coolympics Event.

**Cookie Bookie:** A fun blend of books and snacks, where, each week, a student from the club bakes for the group, and students and teachers discuss their favorite reads while enjoying delicious treats.

**HoY TV:** A great opportunity for aspiring filmmakers to learn about film production, from scripting to shooting and editing.

**No Pain, No Gain:** An intense bootcamp led by the ruthless Cristian POPA! Students challenge themselves to get stronger and fitter in a supportive environment.



## We Make a Difference: Focusing on Sustainable Development Goals

At HoY, we're committed to making a positive impact on the world. This term, we've focused on several Sustainable Development Goals, such as Zero Hunger, Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Sustainable Energy. Our Year 7 students have taken the lead in organizing events that engage the community and promote change. It's been inspiring to see them use their creativity and initiative to contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive world.

#### **A-Level Photography Explores Casablanca**

Speaking of photography, our A-Level students had the opportunity to visit some of Casablanca's wonders. They explored the city's history, architecture, and culture. From skateparks to bustling markets, they captured stunning shots that reflect the city's versatile spirit. They also visited art exhibitions and connected with local artists—an unforgettable experience that brought contemporary art to life.





#### **Coolympics: A Community Event to Remember!**







The HoY community came together for the much-anticipated Coolympics! Students, parents, and teachers took part in a variety of fun races, from 100-meter sprints to 800-meter relays. The event was full of energy and excitement, with everyone cheering each other on in the spirit of friendly competition. It was a fantastic display of community spirit, and we're already looking forward to the next one! Coolympics 2025: HERE WE COME!!





#### **Year 12 Begins A-Level Prep**

Our Year 12 students have started their A-Level studies in subjects like Economics, Maths, Sociology, and Art & Design. They're diving into new challenges and deepening their knowledge in preparation for future success. A standout opportunity this term was their hands-on exploration of photography, capturing the vibrant sights and sounds of Casablanca!

#### **Highest Mark in the WORLD Award!**

We proudly announce that on Top of a 100% As, one of our students received the PEARSON'S highest mark in the WORLD Award for the French IGCSE exam.

Our student is among the over 2200 learners from 750 schools from 82 countries globally who are eligible to receive the award out of thousands of candidates who sat a Pearson Edexcel exam in 2023/24. We are extremely proud of her remarkable achievement.



### House of Youth

École Montessori Casablanca

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION









### **Celebrating Our Year 12 IGCSE Graduates @EMC, School of Excellence**

We're also preparing for a special graduation ceremony to celebrate our Year 12 students, who recently completed their IGCSEs. It will be a wonderful opportunity to recognize their hard work and achievements, with a performance from our Contemporary Dance Club.

The students will receive their high school diplomas and a variety of awards.

#### **EMC SCHOOL OF ARTS**

The first term of our afterschool program at EMC is coming to a close and we are delighted to share what a success it has been!

EMC offers a variety of different activities from sports to arts and crafts, there's something for everyone! The program is a safe space where students can explore new realms, make new friends, and feel supported. We believe these hours after school are just as important as those in the classroom, and we're excited to see our students have such a great time while learning!

Enrollments are now open for the second trimester, here's a sneak peek into what it would look like for your child. Details of the programme can be found on our website.

Interested?

Contact Kaoutar by WhatsApp : 07 66 48 42 17









#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 



**3-6 WINTER DECORATIONS** @CALIFORNIE & CIL



16 DECEMBER 1-3 COOKING WORKSHOP @CALIFORNIE & CIL



16 & 17 december HOY PARENT TEACHER **CONFERENCES** 



WINTER WONDERLAND @HOY - (NO SCHOOL)



20 DECEMBER TO 05 January



14 january AMAZIGH NEW YEAR (NO SCHOOL)



17 january 3-6 MULTILINGUAL CHILD @CALIFORNIE & CIL



18 january TODDI FR TO FI FMENTARY OPEN HOUSE



**JANUARY** 1-3 PARENT ED - ACTIVITIES @CALIFORNIE & CIL



24 JANUARY 6-12 PARENT DISCUSSION @CALIFORNIE



25 JANUARY HOY **OPEN HOUSE** 



27 to 31 January 6-12 CLASS OBSERVATIONS @CALIFORNIE



JANUARY TO 2 february 1-3 CLASS OBSERVATIONS



07 FEBRUARY **ELEMENTARY** @CALIFORNIE



08 FEBRUARY **PRIMARY** @BLOOM BOOKS



10 to 14 FEBRUARY PRIMARY OPEN AFTERNOONS @CALIFORNIE & CIL



**11** february 1-3 PARENTS & KIDS READING CLUB



13 february **UPPER ELEMENTARY** HOY ORIENTATION



HOY KEY STAGE 4/5 INTERNATIONAL TRIP



19 & 20 FEBRUARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)



21 february STAFF DAY (NO SCHOOL)



24 FEBRUARY TO O<sub>2</sub> MARCH (NO SCHOOL)

All the important dates for this school year can be found on KEY DATES page of our website.

**CHECK IT REGULARLY!**