

Mr Luke
HEAD OF KEY STAGE 2

Hello from Mr Luke

As we come to the end of Term 1, we are delighted to celebrate the learning, creativity, and achievements across Key Stage 2. From exciting day trips to whole-school events, competitions, and house mornings, this has been a busy but fantastic first term. It has been a privilege to join the KS2 team and work alongside our wonderful children and staff.

Thank you to all families for your support and involvement so far. On behalf of myself and the Key Stage 2 team, I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 27th October.





Key upcoming dates

- 26th October - Staff Training (No School for students)
- 27th October - Start of Term 2
- 6th November - Parents Day
- 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 27th November - inclusion Day
- 10th December - Y1-4 Christmas Concert
- 14th December - sMMIle Week
- 18th December - End of Term 2
- 4th January - Beginning of Term 3



Key Stage 2 Newsletter

YEAR 3



Ms. Clodagh



Ms Keeley



Ms Chloe

What a fantastic start to the year in Year 3! We are delighted to have welcomed so many new faces to our school, and every child has settled into our their campus with remarkable ease. It has been wonderful to see their confidence shine as they jumped into sports competitions, house days, DT days, and a memorable school trip, all while enthusiastically exploring their new learning topics.





In English, the children explored The Frog Prince, writing their own stories and creating exciting setting descriptions. They even had the opportunity to observe real frogs up close! Sensory walks around the school also helped them discover how using the five senses can bring their writing to life.

In science, the children enjoyed learning about plants, pollination and seed dispersal. They investigated how coconuts float and travel through water before becoming young scientists themselves, planning experiments to explore how seeds travel in the wind. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm throughout these practical activities!

In design and technology this term, the children enjoyed a fun and tasty project making their own fruit kebabs! This practical activity linked closely to their Science learning about healthy eating, as they explored different fruits and how these can be part of a healthy, balanced diet.

The children followed the full design process, beginning with planning their kebabs and thinking carefully about different flavours, colours and textures. They then enjoyed making their creations before evaluating the finished products. It was wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm throughout the project!











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YEAR 4



Mr Alex



Ms Angela

What a fantastic first term in Year 4! The children have enjoyed exciting learning experiences and made wonderful progress. In English, they explored The Varmints, developing their descriptive and informative writing. In maths, they worked hard on place value, area and problem-solving. In humanities, they travelled back in time to explore ancient civilisations, while in science, they became young electricians, discovering the exciting world of electricity! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence throughout the term.









In science, Year 4 enjoyed exploring electricity through exciting practical activities, including planning and carrying out their own investigations to see how changing different factors affects a circuit.

In history, the children travelled back in time to discover ancient civilisations and how their ideas and inventions helped shape our world today. They explored important developments in language, mathematics, trade, hygiene and medicine.

In art, the children developed their portrait-drawing skills, focusing on shading, facial features and proportions. They brought these skills together to create their own wonderful portraits at the end of the term!







In English, the children have worked hard to develop their writing skills, creating diary entries, setting descriptions and non-chronological reports.

They have taken great pride in their wonderful work, with some fantastic examples now on display. We look forward to exploring our next exciting novel in Term 2!

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YEAR 5



Mr Daniel



Ms Caitlin

Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic first term, showing wonderful teamwork, enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning!

In English, the children explored The Matchbox Diary, writing thoughtful diary entries from Roberto's perspective. They also enjoyed the exciting story of Beowulf, using descriptive language to bring the fearsome Grendel and Beowulf's heroic adventures to life.

In maths, the children worked hard on place value up to one million, using written methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. They also developed their multiplication and division skills, exploring factors and prime numbers. We are incredibly proud of their progress and growing confidence!



In science, the children explored the properties of materials, learning about reversible and irreversible changes. Through practical experiments, they investigated how substances dissolve and how mixtures can be separated using filtering, sieving and evaporation. A highlight was observing irreversible chemical reactions! It was wonderful to see their curiosity and scientific understanding grow.



In design and technology, the children enjoyed designing and building their own Anglo-Saxon shelters. They explored different ways to join materials, created small models and tested how strong and stable their structures were. It was wonderful to see their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills develop throughout this exciting project!



In art, the children enjoyed developing their drawing skills by exploring light, shadows, perspective and patterns. They discovered how shadows are formed and how to create depth in their artwork. A particular highlight was designing their own repeating patterns, allowing them to show their creativity, patience and attention to detail!

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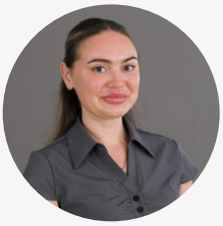
YEAR 6



Mr Daniel



Mr Iwan



Ms Amy

Year 6 have enjoyed a fantastic first term, filled with exciting learning experiences! The children have shown wonderful enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork while developing their confidence and independence.

In English, the children explored the Victorian novel Street Child, using the story to inspire diary entries, letters and non-chronological reports. They also discovered what life was like in Victorian England, bringing their learning to life through detailed drawings of Victorian streets in art. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and understanding grow throughout the term!









A wonderful highlight of the term has been our Year 6 class assemblies! 6I shared their learning about the circulatory system, explaining how the heart and blood help keep our bodies healthy. Meanwhile, 6D took us back in time to Victorian Britain with a fantastic performance linked to their English and history learning. Both assemblies were a lovely opportunity for the children to showcase their learning, build confidence and celebrate their achievements!





In computing, the children enjoyed using Tinkercad to create their own 3D designs. They explored how to combine and change different shapes, developing their creativity, planning and problem-solving skills as they brought their ideas to life!



In science, the children explored the human circulatory system, learning how the heart, blood and blood vessels work together to keep us healthy. A highlight was creating their own models of blood to understand its different parts. They also investigated microorganisms, including Plasmodium, discovering how some can affect our health.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Ms Chloe

Student Council



It has been a fantastic first term for our KS2 Student Council! The children have shown wonderful enthusiasm, responsibility and commitment to making our school an even better place for everyone.

The term began with exciting student elections, where children shared their ideas before voting for their class representatives. Our new councillors quickly got to work, organising fun Heart Day activities and running a fresh fruit pot stall to raise money for charity.

Throughout the term, they have also met regularly to share ideas, listen to their classmates and discuss ways to improve school life. One of their key projects has been exploring how to make break times even more enjoyable for everyone, helping to develop ideas for a wider range of games and activities so that all children can get involved and have fun.

We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, leadership and positive contributions to our school community. They have already shown how important the student voice is in making our school a happy and welcoming place, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve next term!



House Captains

Ms Angela





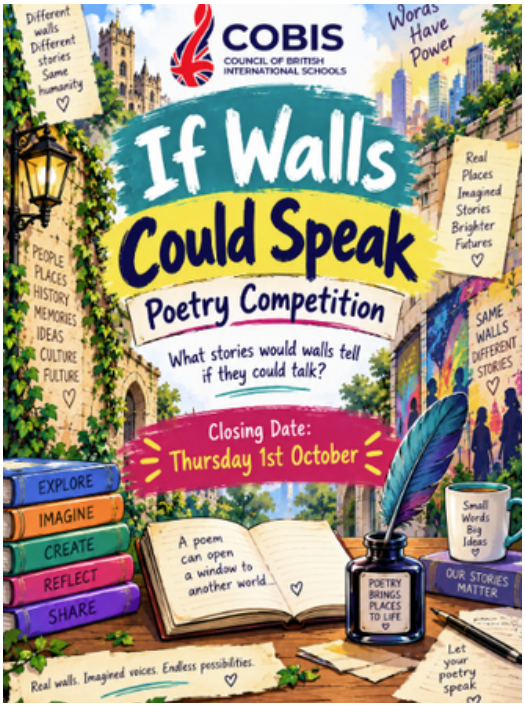
Our new House Captains have made a fantastic start to their leadership roles this term! They quickly took on their first exciting challenge, visiting Trung Son Campus to lead an assembly and introduce themselves to our younger children in Key Stage 1. It was wonderful to see them show such confidence and courage as they became role models for others.

Since then, our House Captains have been busy welcoming children at weekly assemblies, counting house points and helping to make House Day a fantastic celebration of teamwork, competition and fun!

They have already made a wonderful contribution to building house spirit and encouraging everyone to show our school values of Achieving, Belonging and Caring. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and leadership and look forward to seeing what they achieve next term!

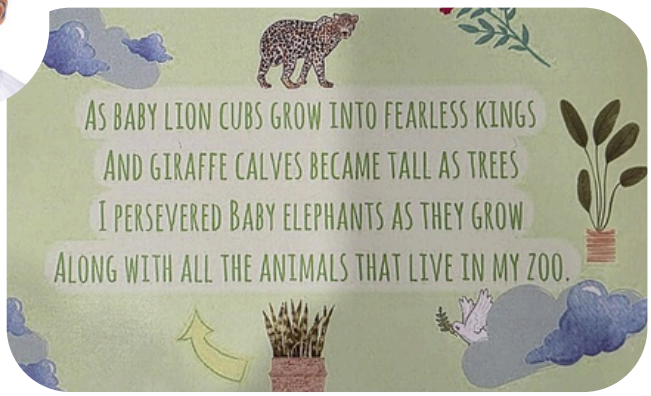
EVENTS

Poetry Competition





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In Term 1, we held a COBIS Poetry Competition, inspired by the theme 'If Walls Could Speak, What Stories Would They Tell?' Congratulations to Khanh Nghi in Y5D for their poem, which was selected as our winning entry. Well done also to all of the pupils who took part. Good luck to Khanh Nghi with their entry in the COBIS competition..

Code Breaking Competition

FOBISIA

BREAK THE CODE

This term, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the FOBISIA Codebreaking Maths Challenge, an international online competition that tested their mathematical reasoning, logical thinking and problem-solving skills. Pupils worked through a series of increasingly challenging codes and puzzles, providing a fun and engaging opportunity to apply their maths skills in a different context alongside students from other FOBISIA schools.



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EVENTS

KS2 House Morning











Our KS2 House Morning was a brilliant event where children got the opportunity to represent their house in a wide range of activities from bench ball, to obstacle courses, house quiz and tower building.

It was wonderful to see the children strengthening their team work, cheering each other on and deepening their sense of belonging to their houses.

Congratulations to Hanoi Hornets who were our House Morning winners!

Heart Day

This year's Heart Day was a fantastic success, filled with fun, learning and exciting activities! Throughout the week, children enjoyed a range of activities, including special PE challenges, fundraising sales and creative events organised by our wonderful KS2 Student Council.





Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival was a wonderful event, filled with colour and excitement. The children enjoyed purchasing the beautiful lanterns and even got to try a range of delicious mooncakes too! Lots of festive fun was had!



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MUSIC

Year 3 have enjoyed a wonderful term of music! They learnt the fun song I've Been to Harlem, which celebrates travelling around the world. The children then used their creativity to make their own exciting versions of the song.

Year 4 have been exploring how machine sounds can inspire music. They enjoyed using their voices, bodies and instruments to create their own machine-inspired pieces. It was wonderful to see their imagination, creativity and teamwork shine!



Ms Alex







Year 5 have enjoyed learning to play the ukulele this term! They practised holding and strumming their instruments, learnt three chords and chose songs to perform. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they played music together and performed for others.

Year 6 have been bringing history to life through music! Linking to their Victorian topic, the children created and performed their own Victorian street cries. They also enjoyed singing together and preparing songs for their class assemblies. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and growing confidence as performers!



Extracurricular Music

What a fantastic start to the year for music at ABCIS! We have already enjoyed two wonderful lunchtime concerts, with many talented children taking to the stage to share their musical skills. It has been lovely to see their growing confidence, as well as the fantastic support from friends cheering them on. These concerts are a great opportunity to celebrate children's talents and build confidence.

Our choir and band have also made a brilliant start, learning new music and enjoying performing together. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and musical progress. We look forward to sharing more of their talents with the school community in Term 2!







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ECAS



Ms Aimee

Our Key Stage 2 Extra-Curricular Activities have made a fantastic start this term! The children have enjoyed taking part in a wonderful range of clubs, developing new skills, making friends and having lots of fun. Our U9 and U11 football teams have been working hard alongside other exciting sports clubs, while creativity has been shining through in diamond painting, crochet, drawing and art. Children have also been exploring their interests in music, science, building and many other activities. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence grow as they try new things. We are incredibly proud of everyone taking part and look forward to seeing their talents develop throughout the year!

















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SPORTS

Our boys' and girls' football teams have enjoyed an exciting start to the year, taking part in some fantastic matches both at home and against other schools across District 7. The children have shown wonderful teamwork, determination and enthusiasm, working hard in training and developing their skills. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to cheering them on at the City Championships in Term 2!



Mr Andy









Cross-country has been incredibly popular this year, with over 50 children joining the squad! Our runners recently enjoyed a friendly competition at SSIS, showing fantastic determination and teamwork. With another competition and the City Championships on 6 November coming up in Term 2, we look forward to seeing their confidence and skills continue to grow!



Swimming has made a fantastic start this year, with over 40 children joining the squad! During the term break, 15 of our primary swimmers will proudly represent ABCIS at an international swimming competition at UNIS Hanoi. This is our largest primary team ever to enter the event, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. We wish them all the very best of luck!

