

Primary Week Ending 11th February 2022

Dear Community,

What a fantastic end to a wonderful half-term. This week we have been inspiring our children to have a love for reading through visits to our primary library and encouraging students to try reading some new titles. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents who have supported our youngest children in making every child a confident and fluent reader, by reading every night at home. Please continue to read with your child as much as you can during February half-term and get your thinking caps on for a costume for our World Book Day theme of coming dressed as your favourite book character. World Book Day is held on Thursday 3rd March 2022.



MFL Marathon

As part of this weeks French and Spanish lessons, students attended the annual MFL Marathon. This event saw students involved in cultural experiences such as virtual reality tours to countries; dancing, games and fun fact finding. Thank you to the Modern Foreign Languages team for putting this exciting event together, the children had an amazing time!

Personalised Learning

This week, teachers met with parents to discuss the progress individual children have been making, celebrated the successes they have made and set individualised targets for **personalised learning**. As a school we have focused on personalised learning to ensure that all of our students achieve success, make sense of their learning and develop skills and knowledge for lifelong learning. We provide opportunities for our students to make connections with the “real world”, develop an understanding of the learning process and guide them in their future pathways.

At GEMS Metropole, provision is personalised through individual learning plans, small group work, individualised feedback or through individual target setting.

Teachers determine student's point of need in all curriculum areas through various forms of pre and post assessment and high quality learning tasks.

Student Voice

Student voice is also an integral part of our education programs. This may occur through classroom meetings, individual conferences, student surveys and our Student Leadership Programs. We acknowledge that students have unique perspectives on learning, teaching, and schooling, and should have the opportunity to actively shape their own education. Our students actively contribute to decision making processes and are given opportunities to put forward their views, concerns and ideas. Student voice allows students to engage, participate, lead and learn.

Today I met with some of the Year 5 and 6 student leaders, who confidently told me about "commitment" which is the current leadership competency they are working on. These leaders are truly showing that they are committed to their role and improving the school through a number of planned initiatives.

Term 2 Key Dates

Due to COVID, many of our planned trips have had to be postponed to March. This means that next half term is a very busy time in terms of events and trips, so that we can fit in as many missed excursions as possible before Ramadan and the hot weather. However, I hope you agree that these trips and events are an important part of the children's learning and positive experiences in school. Thank you to all of the teachers who have rearranged these trips and events to ensure that children are continuing to make memories at GEMS Metropole. More trips and camps to follow in April, please check teacher emails for updates.

Date	Activity
21.02.22	Mother Tongue Day
21.2.22	Y3 Green Planet visit to MTS
23.02.22	Happy Meet
28.2.22 – 02.03.22	Y6 Camp
02.03.22	International Day
03.03.22	World Book Day
03.03.22	Early Finish PD
07.03.22 – 08.03.22	Y3 Camp Days
08.03.22	Y1 and 2 Shared Learning
09.03.22	Y3 and 4 Shared Learning
10.03.22	Y5 and 6 Shared Learning
11.03.22	Great British Street Party
14.03.22	STEAM Week
15.03.22 – 16.03.22	FS2 trip
19.03.22	Farmers Market
21.03.22	Y3 EXPO 2020

Kind Regards

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