



12th April 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a long and successful Spring Term with many highlights that come to mind; ECO day, STEAM day, Reading Week with the Poetry competition, Pancake Day races, the trip to the museum, the many sporting fixtures, and of course the wonderful charitable fundraising for the Syrian refugees and Ramadan collection. It is also wonderful seeing the children playing on the new multi-purpose court in break times and PE classes. We also had the termly visit from Kent College U.K. and by now you should have read the Inspection Report from Simon James, the Headmaster of Kent College Junior School. The report was very impressive for a school in only its second term and this is a credit to the hardworking staff who care so deeply about your children. I am proud of what we have achieved in just two terms and, with your support and feedback, we will continue to improve.

These past few days I have met with a good number of parents for their feedback regarding improvements in communication as too many parents are not reading the Newsletter. So from next term it will also be broadcast on Whatsapp. We will also repeat some of the Parent Partnership Programme sessions that we initially ran for you; these topics will include: "Internet safety," "How to raise a healthy Child", as well as the academic subjects. The attendance was disappointing for such important issues and we want to ensure that there is a shared message between us, for the benefit of your children. Once again, I ask you to register for the ECAs for the next term. [[ECAs Registration Link](#)].

When we return on Sunday 30th of April the College day will go back to normal, pre-Ramadan, timings, Students are expected to arrive at College between 7.30am and 7.45am. We then have the Flag Raising ceremony and Registration, followed by lessons; the end of the day will return to 3:00pm.

I encourage you to make your child/children do a little bit of work on a daily basis throughout the holiday. We have many online and fun activities for them to use: LiteracyPlanet, Mangahigh, TTRS, Rising Stars, etc. This will ensure that there is no drop off in the holidays and they are ready to begin the final term of the year. We have repeated many times how important reading is and just twenty minutes a day does make a valuable difference, so please get them to use Literacy Planet. Likewise being able to recall their times tables is so important and Times Tables RockStars and MangaHigh do this in a fun way, again just twenty minutes a day will help. Teachers have set tasks for the Students.

There are Ministry Arabic and Religion exams for many of our Students very soon after we return from the holidays so please ensure that your child/children has/have revised for these. There will also be end of year assessments a few weeks into term, which will be reported to you in full written reports at the end of term; these reports will be given out just before the end of term so that you can speak to a teacher and they can help with anything further.

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mr Morsi as our new Music Teacher. He is passionate about singing and even got the Year 5 class singing in harmony in his demonstration class!

You will join me, I am sure, in wishing Miss Dina Fahmy good luck as she leaves us for maternity leave from May 1st. She will be replaced by Dina Mouhran who is a very experienced counsellor and those that require Dina's support will have already met her.

There will be a Summer Art Exhibition next term of the Students' work that they have produced over the year. This will be a chance to witness the wonderful progress that the children have made since September as well as the progression throughout the school from FS1 to Year 7.

I am very excited to mention other activities, as there will be: trips, House Competitions, French Days, STEAM and Wellbeing Day and an ECO Day which should see us get an award for being an ECO school. A very pleasing end to our first year!

I am delighted to say that we are opening a second FS2 class next year and as we are growing into having a Year 8 we have employed more specialists for English and Humanities and Maths and Science. More about them next term.

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct College uniform next term. If they have PE on that particular day they can wear PE kit but on the other days they should be wearing full school uniform.

Lastly, I have been impressed by the mental strength of those who have been fasting throughout Ramadan and wish you all a very happy Eid holiday and look forward to seeing you all for the Summer Term.

Congratulations to **Chaucer** for winning the House Cup this week.

Stars of the week:

FS1K - Rana	Year 2 - Adam	Year 6 - Nevein
FS2K - Hussein	Year 4 - Celine	Year 7 - Sedra
Year 1 - Farida	Year 5 - Abdullah	

Have a lovely holiday and Eid Mubarak.

Johnnie Kittermaster
School Headmaster
