



NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION 2026



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Over the past few months, our school community has enjoyed a rich variety of experiences. From engaging learning opportunities and exploration to celebrations, trips, meetings, sports events, and the unforgettable Lights of December show, so many moments have shaped this term. These experiences reflect the heart of MIS and are what help create lasting memories for our students, parents, and staff. As we approach the holiday season, we wish you a restful, joyful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to create even more special moments in the New Year, beginning on January 11, 2026. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! At MIS, our Mission and Vision emphasise the importance of nurturing lifelong learners while supporting students' wellbeing. With the first four months of the academic year now complete, it is the perfect time to recognise the dedication and effort of our students, parents, and staff.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we began our winter break, I would like to thank you for your continuous support and partnership throughout the first term. It has been a busy and rewarding time for our students filled with learning, growth, and many positive moments and I am proud of all they have accomplished. Your encouragement at home and involvement in school life make a real difference. We truly appreciate the trust you place in us and the strong relationship we share with our school community. I hope you and your family enjoy a well-earned break together. Winter break is a great opportunity for students to rest, recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. I encourage everyone to enjoy the season, stay safe and take time for both fun and relaxation. I look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the rest of the term. On behalf of the entire school community, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and enjoyable holiday.



MESSAGE FROM EYFS SCHOOL

As we pause to celebrate this beautiful season of Christmas, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Your dedication and involvement make our Foundation Stage a nurturing and joyful place for our children to grow and thrive. This holiday season, may your homes be filled with laughter, love, and cherished moments with family. Thank you for being such an integral part of our community. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year brimming with happiness and success!

MESSAGE FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we come to the end of this term, we are proud to reflect on a period filled with growth and achievement. Our students showed strong academic progress, enthusiasm for learning, and increasing confidence, responsibility, and independence. Classrooms were alive with curiosity and creativity, supported by the dedication and guidance of our teachers.

Beyond academics, students actively engaged in a variety of activities that fostered creativity, teamwork and leadership. These achievements provide a strong foundation for the next term, and with continued collaboration between students, teachers and parents, we look forward to even greater success ahead.





EYFS

PRE-EYFS

In Preschool, our little explorers dove into an exciting activity!

Using magnifying glasses, they discovered how these amazing tools help us investigate the fascinating world of Identity Science!

Great job, little explorers!



FS1A

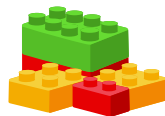
FS1A, we believe learning should always be fun and engaging! This week, our little learners explored the letter S through a creative, hands-on snail-making activity.

It was wonderful to see their imagination shine as they connected letters with real-life objects. With activities like this, every lesson becomes an adventure!



FS1B

FS1B had a fantastic outdoor session filled with fun and learning! They loved counting with colourful blocks - practising their numbers, strengthening fine motor skills, and enjoying the fresh air. What a wonderful way to foster a love for learning beyond the classroom! We can't wait for more adventures like this!



FS1C

In FS1C, our students had a wonderful time learning about colours! Through a fun hands-on activity, they explored colour mixing by making bright handprints on paper. They were so excited to see their colours blend and create new ones. It was lovely to see their creativity shine as they experimented with different shades and discovered how colours work together.

Well done, FS1C!





FS2A

How many? Match me!" FS2A students had an amazing and interactive time exploring numbers through a fun and engaging matching activity! They carefully examined numerals and connected them with the correct groups of objects illustrated on colorful cards. This hands-on experience not only made counting exciting but also helped them understand how numbers relate to real quantities, strengthening their early math skills in a playful and meaningful way. It was wonderful to see our little learners so engaged and enthusiastic about discovering the world of numbers!



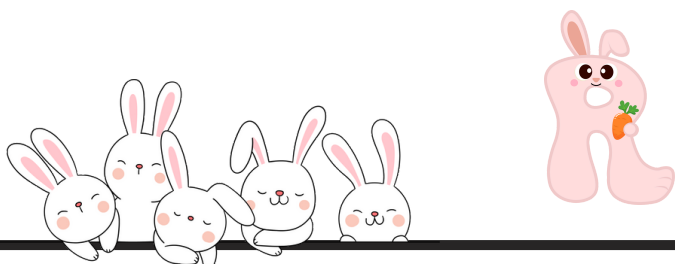
FS2B

FS2B had an exciting and engaging time exploring the world of the letter S through a fun, hands-on activity! Our little learners eagerly discovered new words, objects, and sounds that start with S, combining creativity with their love of learning. Keep shining bright, FS2B—you continue to amaze us with your enthusiasm, imagination, and eagerness to explore the world around you!



FS2C

In FS2C, we dove into the world of letters by focusing on the letter "R"! Our young learners had a blast creating adorable paper R-rabbits as part of a fun, hands-on activity. This engaging project not only reinforced their understanding of the letter but also encouraged creativity and teamwork.





WHAT'S HAPPENING WITHIN MIS CLASSES

ARABIC



Our Year 2A students had fun learning about (أسم الإشارة) through creative hands-on activity that brought the lesson to life! At MIS, we ensure a comprehensive Arabic programme that helps our pupils develop strong language skills. Great job, Year 2A!



MUSIC

Our Year 4A music class is having an amazing time exploring a variety of instruments! From the melodies of the piano to the rhythms of the drums, and the harmony of the guitar and xylophone, each student is discovering their unique musical talent. Watching them develop their skills and express themselves through music is truly inspiring. We can't wait to see where this musical adventure takes us next!



ART

FS2A had a fantastic time in their art class! They took turns drawing each other on a transparent canvas, blending creativity with fun. The laughter and joy were contagious, fostering not only artistic skills but also friendships. This hands-on activity beautifully reminds us how art connects us all in the most delightful ways!



HOME ECONOMICS

During Home Economics class, Year 3A is embracing the festive spirit by baking delicious Christmas biscuits! The sweet aroma fills the room as we mix ingredients and share laughter. It's a wonderful way to bond while learning essential cooking skills. We can't wait to share our tasty creations with family and friends this holiday season—let's spread some joy through our homemade treats!





FOREIGN LANGUAGES

FRENCH

Nos élèves de Year 5 explorent le français avec enthousiasme ! Pratiquer des dialogues renforcent leur confiance et ouvrent un monde de culture et de découvertes.

Our Year 5 students are exploring French with enthusiasm! Practicing dialogues boosts their confidence and opens up a world of culture and discovery.



GERMAN

Die Schüler lernen auf unterhaltsame Weise, zwischen Verben, Substantiven und Adjektiven im Satz zu unterscheiden und zu verstehen, wie man einen korrekten Satz auf Deutsch bildet. –

Our Year 5 students had a fun outdoor German session, learning how to tell the difference between verbs, nouns, and adjectives, and how to form correct sentences in German!

Great job, Year 5!



TRIPS AROUND MIS

PRESCHOOL & FS1 MONZOO TRIP

Our Preschool and FS1 students had a wonderful time at MonZoo!

From feeding animals and riding ponies to playing, planting, and watching colorful parrots, it was a day full of learning and joy.



FAGNOON TRIP

Our Year 1 and 2 students had an unforgettable day at Fagnoon, filled with creativity, exploration, and laughter!

From painting to pottery, they immersed themselves in hands-on activities that sparked their imaginations. It was a fantastic experience that beautifully blended art, adventure, and joy – creating memories that will last a lifetime!

We can't wait for our next creative journey!





FS2 MONZOO TRIP

Our FS2 students had an unforgettable and exciting day at MonZoo, packed with fun, learning, and new experiences! They loved interacting with friendly animals, riding gentle ponies, planting seeds, and exploring the zoo grounds. Watching the vibrant parrots and other colorful creatures sparked their curiosity and wonder, while every activity encouraged teamwork, discovery, and hands-on learning. The day was filled with laughter, smiles, and joyful memories that the students will cherish for a long time!



SKY PARK TRIP

Our Year 5 and 6 students had an unforgettable adventure at Skypark, filled with excitement, challenge, and teamwork. From thrilling rope and obstacle courses to a wide range of action-packed activities, students were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and push their limits in a safe and supportive environment. Throughout the day, they demonstrated resilience, cooperation, and determination as they tackled each challenge with enthusiasm and confidence. It was a fantastic day of learning, growth, and fun, creating memories our students will cherish for years to come!



YEAR 1 PROJECT PRESENTATION

Our Year 1 students showcased their creativity and understanding of 2D and 3D shapes through a fantastic project presentation!

Their hard work and enthusiasm shone brightly as they explained each shape and proudly displayed their unique creations.

We're so proud of their teamwork and ingenuity.

Keep up the amazing work, little learners!





EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MONEY WITH YEAR 2A

Our Year 2B students had a fun and interactive session exploring the world of money! Through a creative buying and selling activity, they practiced using coins and notes, negotiating, counting, and making transactions. This hands-on experience not only strengthened their understanding of currency but also encouraged teamwork and social skills.



HABITATS MODELS PROJECT WITH YEAR 2C

In Year 2C, our young learners have taken their curiosity to new heights! Through imaginative designs and hands-on construction, they've brought fascinating habitat models to life. It's inspiring to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine as they explore the wonders of science. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 2C - your teamwork and passion make us proud!



VERBS IN ACTION IN YEAR 3B

Year 3B had a fantastic time in their English class as they engaged in a hands-on activity focused on practicing verbs! They explored actions through play, creativity, and teamwork, bringing learning to life. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and how well they are grasping the concept of verbs in such a fun and interactive way. Watching them collaborate and express themselves truly highlights the joy of learning when paired with creativity. Keep shining, young learners—your energy is absolutely contagious!



WORLD OF VERTEBRATES AND INVERTEBRATES WITH YEAR 4

Our Year 4A and 4B students explored the world of vertebrates and invertebrates through the lens of scientific inquiry!

They asked questions, made observations, and classified animals just like real scientists. It was inspiring to see them apply critical thinking and curiosity to deepen their understanding of living things.

Well done, young explorers!





MATHS IN ACTION IN YEAR 6

In Year 6, our students dove into the world of mathematics with enthusiasm and curiosity! They explored concepts that strengthen their problem-solving skills and applied them to real-life situations. Each lesson is a step towards building their confidence in math while fostering critical thinking. We are proud of their progress and look forward to seeing how they continue to grow in this essential subject!



BINARY IN ACTION: HOW COMPUTERS TALK WITH YEAR 7

In a 20-minute ICT mini-workshop, students explored how computers use binary to send messages. Using breadboards with buttons and LEDs, they first tried a “manual” communication system: one student pressed a button to blink an LED in a pattern, while a partner decoded the flashes into letters and words. Next, they used an Arduino Nano to automate the process. Typing a word into the program allowed the Arduino to instantly encode it into binary and blink multiple LEDs at once—demonstrating how computers send complex messages faster and more reliably than humans.



THE MAGICAL ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE REACTION WITH YEAR 8

Our Year 8 students had an exciting science class in the lab, exploring the magical Elephant Toothpaste reaction! They eagerly mixed ingredients and witnessed a spectacular chemical reaction that produced a colorful foam eruption. This hands-on experience sparked curiosity and excitement for science among our young learners. We can't wait to see how experiments like these inspire the scientists of tomorrow!





PHYSICS IN YEAR 9

A glimpse into Year 9 Physics in action, where curiosity drives every question and exploration leads to deeper understanding. In these lessons, students work together, turning challenges into opportunities to solve problems and think critically. From hands-on experiments to thoughtful discussions, each activity uncovers new insights, fuels their passion for science, and sparks excitement for learning. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and teamwork make every lesson engaging and inspiring.



PROBLEM-SOLVERS IN ACTION: YEAR 10 MATHS

Our Year 10 students, during their Maths session, are sharpening their critical thinking skills and exploring new concepts. Their growth and engagement highlight the importance of nurturing curiosity and preparing them for future success! Keep up the great work, Year 10 - your dedication and enthusiasm truly make us proud!



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES SWIMMING

At MIS, we believe swimming is more than just a sport – it's an essential life skill that builds confidence, strength, and wellbeing.

Our swimming programme helps students develop vital water safety skills and enjoy fun, healthy activities in the pool.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our students for achieving:

- 🏆 First place (tied) - Under 12
- 🥈 Second place - Under 10

Special congratulations to:

- Andrew Wasim - Best Goalkeeper
- Anthony Tamer - Top Scorer





BEYOND CLASSROOMS 6TH OF OCTOBER CELEBRATION



On the 6th of October Victory Day, we commemorate the brave soldiers who fought fearlessly for our beloved country's triumph in the October War. Their sacrifice and dedication will forever be remembered and honored. A heartfelt thank you to our Music and PE Departments for the amazing performance that reminded us all of this historic victory, and to our students for their wonderful participation.



PINK DAY



MIS Turning Pink!

Pink is a symbolic color associated with breast cancer awareness, and as the MIS community, we are proud to support this important cause. By turning the school pink, we helped spread awareness and support those affected by breast cancer by donating all proceeds to @baheyafoundation.

As a special reward, the class that raised the highest donations was treated to a pizza celebration!

SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week at MIS is an absolute blast! Each day has brought out the best in our students as they embrace fun themes like Mix and Don't Match, Crazy Hair Day, and Character Day! The creativity and enthusiasm have been amazing to see. From formal outfits to crazy hairstyles, our students have filled the school with incredible energy and school spirit.



HYGIENE CAMPAIGN

At our school, the well-being of our students takes centre stage alongside their academic achievements. Recently, we launched a hygiene campaign and had the pleasure of hosting Signal & Sanosan, who generously provided hygiene giveaways for our students. A big thank you to our school doctor for sharing valuable hygiene tips in class. Together, we remain committed to nurturing both the minds and the well-being of our students.





PARENTS MEETING

Our first Parents' Meeting for the 2025-2026 academic year was a wonderful opportunity to connect, share, and collaborate! A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended—your dedication, support, and partnership are invaluable in guiding our students toward success.

We look forward to a year filled with collaboration, inspiration, and shared accomplishments!



PUBLIC SPEAKING ASSEMBLIES

This year, we introduced monthly public speaking assemblies, and we were delighted to see our FS2A students take the stage! They confidently showcased their incredible knowledge and passion while presenting "Our Amazing Brain" during their public speaking assembly. Their enthusiasm and creativity truly shone. We look forward to welcoming more year groups to the stage in the coming terms!



CAMBRIDGE GRADUATION

Thrilled to have hosted representatives from the Cambridge Assessments Board at our school!

It was a wonderful occasion celebrating the hard work and achievements of our Checkpoint students. Their dedication—and that of their incredible teachers—truly reflects our commitment to excellence. Seeing them in their caps and receiving their special pins was such a proud moment. Let's continue striving for greatness together. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!



THE ATOMIC CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION



Our Year 10 students showcased their impressive skills and knowledge at the Atomic Championship competition. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through, making us extremely proud. Well done, Year 10! Your enthusiasm for learning is inspiring, and we look forward to seeing how you apply these experiences in the future. Keep up the excellent work and continue exploring the wonders of science!



ARABIC LANGUAGE DAY

On World Arabic Language Day, we honour our rich cultural heritage and the Arabic language.

On this special day, Arabic reminds us of the vital role it has played in science, literature, and many other fields. It also aims to raise awareness of our beautiful language and the essential role it plays in fostering human connections.

Together, let us celebrate the diversity and depth of the Arabic language.

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LIGHTS OF DECEMBER

What a truly memorable celebration our Lights of December festivities were! Our gifted students amazed everyone with wonderful performances, from energetic dances to powerful drumming. The lively bazaar was full of excitement, and the entertaining games brought even more fun for everyone. It was genuinely touching to see the MIS community unite in such a joyful and festive atmosphere. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and precious memories!



MIS IN KIDS EXPO

We were delighted to participate in Kids Expo this year, an exciting event that brought together families, educators, and organizations. The expo provided us with a valuable opportunity to connect directly with parents, answer their questions, and share insights about our school's mission, vision, and values. It was also a wonderful chance to showcase our special offers, highlighting the innovative and supportive learning environment we provide for our students.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN!



We are delighted to announce the launch of the admissions season for the Academic Year 2026/2027, welcoming applications from EYFS to Year 12.

In recognition of our valued MIS families, siblings of current students were given first-priority consideration during the application process.

APPLY NOW!



WINTER CLOTHES

Students are required to wear the school uniform daily, except on days when they have Physical Education (PE) sessions. On PE days, students must wear the designated PE uniform. During the winter season, students are expected to wear the official school jacket or hoodie only.

Failure to comply with the uniform policy may result in the temporary confiscation of any non-compliant jackets. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a neat and consistent appearance for all students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the uniform policy, or if there are any issues related to uniform sizing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7-8 Jan: **Coptic Christmas**
- 19 Jan: **Epiphany Day**
- 25 Jan: **Police Day**
- 8-9 Feb: **Half-Term Break**
- 17 Feb: **First Day of Ramadan**
- 20-23 Mar: **Eid El Fitr**
- 5 Apr: **Palm Sunday**
- 9 Apr: **Holy Thursday**
- 9-16 Apr: **Spring Break & Coptic Holidays**
- 12-13 Apr: **Coptic Easter & Sham El-Nessim**
- 26-28 May: **Eid Al-Adha**
- 16 Jun: **Islamic New Year**
- 18 Jun: **Last Day for Students**

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the DATE**



PARENTS COMMENTS

WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES OF MIS THAT NEED TO BE CONTINUED?



I would like to thank all
Merryland International School team for being
always there with my girls

A sincere thank you to MIS & to every dedicated teacher
who has guided, supported, and believed in Mohamed
from the beginning. We are truly grateful for your efforts,
patience, and continuous encouragement.



مدرسة ممتازة عن تجربة
بناتي الثلاثة فيها فى اعمار مختلفة مبسوطين وفيه تحسن ملحوظ
اكاديمياً. بيدوا كل طالب حقه فى التعليم و التعبير عن نفسه



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