



CES Newsletter

October Edition

Dear Parents and students at CES,

2011-12 has started extremely well with successes across a number of areas. One area we have focused on is communicating well to parents. As such I am delighted to share our new-look newsletter with you.

Our Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent every five weeks to you electronically, and will be a combined effort from the primary and secondary schools. For now Foundation will have their own fortnightly newsletter.

The editions will come out on the following dates:

- Term 1, week 8 (this edition)
- Term 1, week 14
- Term 2, week 5
- Term 2, week 10
- Term 3, week 3
- Term 3, week 8
- Term 3, week 12

Headmaster's Coffee Mornings

On the theme of Parental Communication I would like to remind parents of the opportunity to meet with myself at the Headmaster's coffee mornings. The purpose of this get-together is to talk about how things are going at the school in general. It would be great for me to hear the perceptions of all parents, not just parents who have particular issues or problems. This is not a forum in which parents should come to air specific issues about their children or a teacher; instead it is a chance to speak about school progress and your hopes and dreams for the school.

These are scheduled eight times throughout the year, with the first on the 24th October. These will always be held at 8.15am in T40.

The dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 15th November
- Tuesday 6th December
- Tuesday 10th January
- Tuesday 7th February
- Tuesday 6th March
- Tuesday 3rd April
- Tuesday 8th May
- Tuesday 5th June

Parents are asked to book a particular date with Ms. Sarah (Headmaster's PA) at selkhetib@cesegypt.com.

As always we are striving to be "Better than Before" and I for one have greatly appreciated the positive response about this academic year to date from you our parental body.

Yours educationally,

Craig Monaghan
Headmaster



Whole School News...

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House Launch

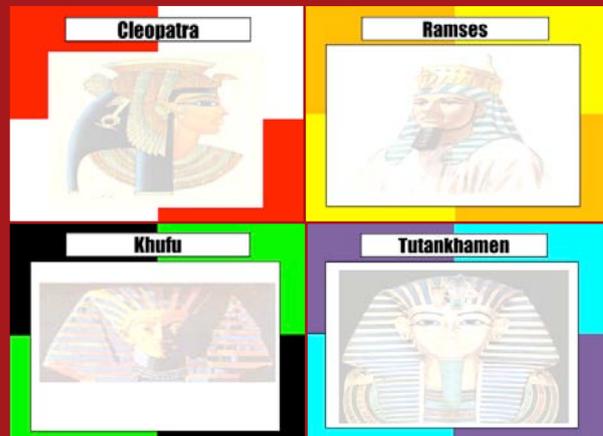


Sunday the 25th: picture this! The students, along with some of their parents, were looking at the teachers and Student House Leaders wondering what on Earth they were doing and why they were dressed this way. It was the launch of the CES 2011 House System! Teachers and Student House Leaders were dressed up in their house colours and children were joining in with face painting requests.



House chants were created and challenged. Enthusiasm and competitive spirits were encouraged. Teamwork, respect and a sense of humour are a must.

We all know the house we are in and we support each other through house unity and being in the CES team. We couldn't have asked for a more positive and supportive response from the students and their families here at CES. Thank you all. What followed was an amazing swimming sports and we look forward to our next House event: Athletics Sports.



Cairo English School Student Council – CESS

We, the students of Cairo English School (CES), in order to fulfill our commitment to the school's motto of "Together Achieving Personal Excellence", believe that all students and staff, regardless of their gender, race, creed, social, cultural, or political beliefs, should have the opportunity to be involved in a student governing body. We believe that all participants in this student governing body should be responsible members of the school community and beyond. The student governing body should be based on democratic principles that support not only the school's Vision, as outlined in the Parent and Student Handbooks, and the school's philosophy of being "Better Than Before", but also the belief that all students shall have certain rights and freedoms as guaranteed to them as students of the school.



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Miss Tamara Brunskill
Mr. Christopher Kalff
Mr. Craig Monaghan

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Year 5	Raed Tamer
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Year 7	Marwan Tarek Riad
Year 8	Haya Mohamed Aref
Year 9	Nour Nashaat Samir
Year 10	Donia Mamdouh Tawfik
Year 11	Hanna El Dakroury

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Primary Head Boy	Hesham Sharaf
Primary Head Girl	Farida Kassem

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House Swimming Gala

We had a fabulous two days with a large majority of all CES students participating in the Swimming Gala. It was impressive to see the variety of costumes, hear encouragement being shouted at the pool through some innovative house chants, and even see parents supporting their children's houses with matching coloured clothing and face paint! All of the houses had their swimmers in their house-coloured swim caps. This helped to make the swimmers visible to the spectators and added to the noise and enthusiasm of the cheering house chants. When walking into the pool area while the action was happening, it was fabulous to see such a positive atmosphere of support created by the children, staff and families.



Our PE department did a fantastic job by encouraging so many children to swim. The senior student leaders were outstanding with the help they gave to the younger children in the Primary School, both in the pool and out of it. It shows us all that our house system encourages, supports and values all of our students in personal participation and leadership roles.

The results for the two days were:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Key Stage 1	Ramses	Cleopatra	Khufu	Tutankhamen
Key stage 2	Tutankhamen	Cleopatra	Khufu	Ramses
Secondary	Khufu	Cleopatra	Ramses	Tutankhamen

Total Overall Points:

1st	666 points - Tutankhamen
2nd	644 points - Cleopatra
3rd	444 points - Ramses
4th	362 points - Khufu



After School Activities

Our After School Activity programme (ASA) is a great opportunity for teachers to get to know the children in a more relaxed environment while identifying their true personality and potential talent. Children tend to fulfill their true potential when feeling relaxed and having fun.

So far the ASA has been a great success with **over 700 pupils from Year 1- Year 10** taking part in over **20 different activities** in the first 3 weeks.

The children and the teachers have been having great fun in ICT designing Mr. Men Cartoons, while the science departments have captured the children's attention and imagination in the animal biology lessons. Orienteering, (treasure hunting) is particular popular throughout the whole school with large numbers in attendance. We believe the programme will go from strength to strength with your valuable support and we look forward in the future to offering a variety of even more innovative activities for your children to enjoy.

The ASA is also another way for our staff to identify your child's talent and continuous progress throughout their school years. Talented children are not simply identified by tri-outs but by constant and continuous monitoring whether that is in lessons, trials, after school activities or simple play in the play areas.

PTSA Picnic 2011

On Saturday 22nd October 2011 parents, students and teachers descended on the campus for a fantastic evening of fun and festivity.

The PTSA has grown from 3 members in 2010-11 to 20 this year. It is a great group of people who have one thing in mind: to create fun and fundraising activities for the less fortunate. Collectively we worked hard to ensure that what was on offer was low-key, yet an opportunity to come and touch base together: students, parents and staff collectively. We did just that and what an evening we had.

The Headmaster and PTSA are planning a number of similar events for this year. We thank the parent body for their support to date.



From the Secondary School...

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From the desk of Head of the Secondary School

As you can see from the myriad of activities reported on in our first newsletter 2011-12 has been fast paced and full of opportunities for students to love learning at CES.

We have worked tirelessly in the secondary school to address standards of uniform and behavior and reinforce respect and manners as cornerstones of the school. Our student body has been absolutely magnificent in their reaction to this.

Equally our talented staff has worked tirelessly to ensure that our curriculum documents and our teaching are second to none. You will have already seen and met our talented group of teachers whom I have the privilege to lead. They are an amazing group of hard-working professionals: in 15 years of school leadership I have not worked with a better team.

Our new report has been extremely well received by our community, especially our students, where they are really aspiring to be "Better than Before". We have had a number of follow-ups, from personal letters of congratulations and invitations to parents to attend a celebratory assembly, through to academic and behavioural probation which highlights concerns and asks more of the children.

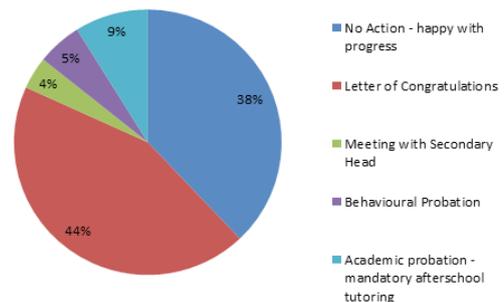
I provide a graph below which illustrates how well our student body is reacting to their studies. This clearly shows the very small numbers of students who have not reacted positively and the very large proportion who have reacted extremely well to this report and their teachers.

Yours educationally

Craig Monaghan
Headmaster



Results of report follow ups week 6



Swimming Festival at Narmer American College

On Thursday 13th October, CES Secondary Swim teams (under-14 and under-16) took part in a Swimming Gala at Narmer American College. There were 6 schools competing and CES finished in 4th place with 15 points. Our boys and girls demonstrated great team work and a competitive spirit.

Thirteen children from Year 7s, 8 and 9, represented Cairo English School in the event:

Y7

Mahmoud Khaled Fawzi - Marwan Tarek Riad

Y8

Gharam Ashraf Hassan - Saeed Ashraf Sharaf

Seif Mohamed El Dera - Nadine Ali Nassar

Ahmed Awad Eid - Hannah Walaa Tantawy

Marwan Hatem Alaa

Y9

Mariam Mohammed Youssef - Rafael Ibrahim Zaki

Abdulla Ahmed Gendia - Farouk Mohamed El Gharbawy



WELL DONE BOYS AND GIRLS! Our swimming programme is in it's infancy but we want to enhance this programme in the upcoming years.

From the Secondary School...

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Ski Trip - Switzerland



This year marks the very first Cairo English School ski and snowboard trip to Switzerland! The trip includes 5 days of skiing and snowboarding in addition to a visit to Geneva where we will tour the UN and see other sights. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in evening activities which include, among other things: ice skating, sightseeing, shopping, watching movies, swimming, night skiing and sledging.

Students will be staying in Verbier, which is southwest of Geneva, in the breathtaking Swiss Alps, with a panoramic view. During our stay at Verbier, students will also have the chance to meet other students from around the world and make new friends.

With 3 hours of instruction a day students will surely learn some new skills and have the opportunity to compete in a skills competition at the end of our stay. We have received overwhelming interest in the trip and we are ecstatic to be running two separate trips this year in what will inevitably become an annual event, with even the Headmaster and his wife joining in on the action.

Our year 7 students will be traveling from March 10th until March 17th and the rest of our students from year 5 to IB and A level will be traveling from February 11th until February 18th. It will surely be an epic adventure and a fantastic time for all those involved.

Exam results, Summer 2011

When the exam results came out in August there were a number of high points, namely in the Core IGCSEs, taken by Year 9 students. The following achieved 5 C grades:

- Youssef DARDIR
- Omar EL DAKROURY
- Omar EL LAKANY
- Reem EL BARBARY
- Salma NABAWY
- Youssef OMAR
- Salma SROUR
- Youssef TORKY

In the Extended IGCSEs, the following students also scored impressively:

- Mariam EL DESSOUKY (A:3; B:5)
- Hisham KADRY (A*3; A:3; B:1)

There is work to do with our results and our fantastic group of staff and students are absolutely up for this challenge. As a result we have tightened school policy so that students will be encouraged to aim for higher grades. I am sure that, by the time the next results are issued, we will be 'Better Than Before!'

Certainly, it is a challenge for all members of the school community – but, looking at the secondary Pupil Progress Reports that have just been issued, I am confident that we will see a great improvement this year.

UK University Conference Visit



A group of 75 CES students attended the annual UK University Conference on the 10th Oct, as part of the school's drive to set high expectations amongst all students.

The conference included stalls and talks from representatives from a host of UK institutions, including Southampton University, Queens College, and the University of West of England. These world class Universities are hoping to enroll students from across the globe, including our very own CES candidates.

The half-day visit allowed the students to gain knowledge of the courses offered by UK Universities, the entry requirements, and the cultural experience they might gain during time spent in the UK.

From the Primary School...

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From the desk of the Head of the Primary School



This will be the first of series of newsletters from the Primary School in our new format. In this newsletter I would like to reflect on the start to the year and also on what makes us the “Cairo English School in the Primary School”.

In my years teaching in international education I have come across many schools which call themselves: The British School, The American School, The Canadian School or even the Cambridge School. Many of these schools are very good, while others are poor; some follow a curriculum based on the curriculum of the country in their name closely; others follow a curriculum that has only a passing resemblance to what would be taught in that country.

Following this theme then you might ask then how we can say we are the Cairo English School in the Primary School. Let me make some explicit links to the “National Curriculum for England and Wales”. I could write about the curriculum and how it is organised and blind you with words but let us look at some specifics.

Specific one: we use the maths text book Abacus Evolve. This does not mean we slavishly go from page to page - this is not how a good modern western education systems works - however we do follow and teach its content in the order in which it is represented in the book. Abacus Evolve is one of the two most commonly-adopted text books which is designed to cover the National Curriculum of England and Wales; it is just not a text book but comes with plans for teachers and even support material for smart boards.

Specific two: in writing we cover the different genres (different kinds of writing e.g. letters, arguments, newspaper articles) as laid out by the National Curriculum for England and Wales. We cover these genres over the year: each year group works to improve the children’s writing skills in that genre over a block of time prescribed in our teacher handbook.

Specific three: in reading we use a reading lesson where pupils work on a series of reading books at a variety of reading levels. In the National Curriculum for England and Wales, it is not about memorising that book, or just being able to say the words but the improvement in the actual skill of reading and comprehending that is important.

Specific four: The International Primary Curriculum, IPC. In adopting the International Primary Curriculum which covers the National Curriculum for England and Wales in a range of other subjects in the best of ways we are using the same curriculum organisation and teaching methods as some of the best schools in England. Many IPC schools in England have been rated by the English inspectors as outstanding. In short the IPC covers the National Curriculum for England and Wales in a creative and exciting way that children find much easier to understand.

See: <http://www.internationalprimarycurriculum.com/>

Further to this, I will over time expand on some of themes that I have touched upon in the above paragraphs. What I do need to say, though, is a huge congratulation to our teachers. They have come to grips with a new school (every school even inside the same country is very different), a new country, a new home and a whole new culture within which to live. This has been no small task. While we have worked hard on making the school better than before, and have already accomplished so much, we have not finished yet: in other words there is still a lot of work that I would like to accomplish. However, I can only ask so much of our staff, who are already giving 150%. Some things may take time. What I would ask of you is to please value the work and efforts of these amazing, hard-working teachers.

Finally, I have met with many parents. All meetings have been completed with respect and good grace, and I say thank you to those people whom I have met with. I wish you all well.

Mark Thompson
Head of the Primary School

From the Primary School...

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Primary Football

Our great Year 5-6 students played against The British School in Rehab and defeated both teams significantly. Our Girls' team won by 3 to 1 and our Boys' team won by 5 to 1. What a great start to the year. GO CES! Roll on our upcoming game against AIS this coming Thursday during our Spirit Week.



Who? Under 16 Football

When? 2pm

Where? CES Fields

Welcome

Whole school and parental body
(wear school colours)

Upcoming Events...

Week 9 – Spirit Week - House Mural competition and judging

Sunday, October 30, Orange and Black day - Halloween day

Monday, October 31, 8.15a.m, PTFA Meeting, T40

Tuesday, October 24, 8.15am, Coffee with the Headmaster Parents Meeting, T40

Thursday, November 3, Maroon and white day and Game versus AIS at 2pm at CES

Thursday, November 3, 3pm, Graduation posted, KS1-5

Eid, El Adha School Break, 4 November – 8 November- CES All Schools

Week 11 – Primary and Secondary Individual and Class Photographs

Sunday, Nov. 13 – Thursday, Nov. 17, Primary School Individual and class photographs

Tuesday, November 15, 8.15am, Coffee with the Headmaster Parents Meeting, T40

Week 12 – Foundation testing

Sunday, Nov. 20 – Monday, Nov. 21, Secondary School Individual and class photographs

Monday, November 21, Secondary School photograph catch ups

Monday, November 21, 8.15a.m, PTFA Meeting, T40

Thursday, November 24, Homework Diary Check, KS1-5

Friday, November 25 – Monday, 28 November - Well Springs – Heart of a Champion Camp

Week 13

Tuesday, November 29, House Athletics Sports, CES All Schools



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