

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It is my pleasure to wish you all warm greetings this November in our newsletter. I am pleased to say that it reflects our varied curricular and enrichment programmes, amazing events and learning opportunities we have experienced. There has been an exceptional amount of energy and time given by my colleagues to provide high quality teaching and learning opportunities for our students.

Some awe-inspiring events and achievements have taken place such as The Young Musician of the Year 2017 Awards. Hartland International are exceptionally proud of our five very talented musicians, Mohammed Murad, Gautam Nambair, Nadini Nambair, Chaeili-Jade Pienaar and Daren Tan entering The Young Musician of the Year 2017 Awards. We would like to congratulate Year 6 student, Daren Tan who showcased his phenomenal talent at the Awards. Daren was one of the 10 finalists from over 250 entries submitted. We have gained inspiration from all our students and look forward to seeing them develop and showcase their talents further.

There was no stopping Hartland International School, even the half term break was full of enrichment opportunities, it certainly was an action filled half term for the students who participated in the Sylvia Young Theatre School's Performing Arts Programme. We had the pleasure of hosting Sylvia Young's eight talented professional teachers creating performing arts excellence with students busy honing their skills in dance, drama, auditioning and singing. It was simply breath-taking to watch the performances on the final day of the 3 day programme. The Sylvia Young Theatre School will be back in March 2018, so watch this space!

We are approaching the end of our participation in the Dubai 30 X 30 Fitness Challenge, our students and staff have enjoyed participating in the many different activities here at Hartland International School. I would like to thank the PE department for driving this initiative with passion and dedication to promote healthier lifestyles.

Mindfulness Week was launched by a performance from Year 7 students and Ms Harris leading the assembly on 12 November. This was followed by a series of thoughtful activities and workshops for students to have an opportunity to be mindful. We have been further promoting the Happiness Agenda at Hartland, focusing on the wellbeing of students and staff. Ms Dannawy has received some beautiful photos for the Happiness at Hartland entries and I look forward to seeing those happy images.

I am continually humbled by the dedication and hard work of all our students and my colleagues. It is also important to note and celebrate the crucial role that parents play in their children's success, without your support and engagement in your child's learning much of the success outlined in the newsletters would not have been achieved. It was a great pleasure to see so many of you attending the Parent Consultations during the first of week of this half term.

An inspiring educational experience is the greatest gift we can give our students who will be our future leaders. It truly has been another amazing start to the term, with unforgettable experiences and memories and I look forward to the exciting events ahead such as National Day, the Winter Concert and of course the Jack in the Beanstalk pantomime.

Our vision remains steadfast, we are entirely committed to becoming a leading British international school, through a unique blend of traditional values and innovative approaches to education. I believe the flame of learning is well and truly lit at Hartland International School and I look forward to seeing it glow ever brighter.

Thank you to our students, my colleagues and all our families for a wonderful term of opportunities and achievements.

Our journey continues...



Mrs S Ibrahim
Assistant Principal



PANTOMIME UPDATE

A note from the Director Ms A McKiernan

We had a successful first full run through on Thursday with all of the Principal parts which was very exciting. Thank you to the parents of those pupils for supporting this rehearsal, it was very worthwhile, as it was the first time the actors had left their scripts and attempted to get through the full play from memory. It was great to see the progress and hard work paying off in this rehearsal. We also measured our Principals for their costumes and I am looking forward to seeing what attire will be created for our characters!

Cast Profile: Tony Technology

Oscar Zambarakji is in Year 4 and he is playing the part of Tony Technology.

What is Tony Technology like?

He is sneaky and clever and tricks people into buying stuff from him. He lives in Dilbury Desert and is one of the Marketsellers. He competes with the other sellers to get people to buy his technology.

What is your favourite scene?

My favourite scene is the first scene. The story is introduced and I have the most lines in that scene!

What advice would you give to actors preparing to go on stage?

You need to learn your lines. Don't worry when the play starts, just enjoy it!

Why should people come and watch Jack and the Beanstalk?

It's exciting, magical, fun to watch and a fantastic story.



PINK DAY



Thank you to those of you that helped support our PINK DAY Bake Sale. To all of you that made cakes and donated towards this great cause. To the Pink ribbon crafters for coming along with their beautiful crafts. Thank you to Brian from Centre of Musical Arts who came along to serenade us on the saxophone while we were enjoying our tasty cakes. Huge thanks to our Hartland Friends that helped us on the morning and later ensuring all the children got a treat. Special thanks for the amazing gifts that were donated by our parents and our whole school community. Your presence and generosity made it a really special morning.

With best wishes

Z White

Parent Relations Executive



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YEAR 2 PIRATES DAY

On Monday 13 November a strange phenomenon occurred in Year 2. The pupils all came into school dressed as pirates!

Why? Well because it was the very exciting start to their new topic, 'People of the Past' and what better way to look at the life of a pirate.



From the start the pupils were engaged in a variety of activities. Music and singing could be heard echoing along the Year 2 corridor, with the odd, "Shiver me timbers!" and even an, "Aye, Aye Captain!"

The Year 2 pupils learnt how to tie knots and went on a treasure hunt around the school looking for well hidden clues to point them in the direction of the gold. They even took part in a pirates feast trying a selection of delicious morsels such as rancid rum (apple juice), dry biscuits, cold baked beans and that pirate favourite of tough old bird (beef jerky).

However, the excitement did not end as there was a rumour that around the school a pair of scoundrels had been spotted! When apprehended, it appeared that the villainous pirates were no other than Captain Cottam and Bosun Butterworth a notorious pair of pirates well known in the Nad Al Sheba district. The Year 2 pupils soon got to grips with dishing out their sentences! A unanimous decision was made and the pair were made to walk the plank into the depths of the Hartland swimming pool. Fear not, as we did have the year 3 swimmers on standby in the guise of sharks. Captain Cottam and Bosun Butterworth made it to dry land and were then rushed off to the brig!



YEAR 2 PIRATES DAY



Captain Cottam walks the plank



2R on a treasure hunt



2T Pirates

Listening to the chatter of the pupils on the way back to class and hearing the excitement of bringing our new topic alive was the best possible start to our new unit of work. Finally, here to give their opinion on the Year 2 Pirates Day are a few of the pupils' comments:

"I enjoyed the treasure hunt. It was so exciting to walk around and look for all the clues and then find the treasure in the end. Tasting the pirate food was interesting... Some of it tasted really good and some really not so good!"

Rei 2T

"I enjoyed tasting all the different types of pirate food. Mrs Butterworth and Mrs Cottam walking the plank was the highlight of the day. We had so much fun playing the pirate game too!"

Sebastian 2T

"I really enjoyed finding the treasure because it was chocolate! I also enjoyed the treasure hunt clues and making my pirate flag."

Alexis 2R

"My favourite part of the day was the treasure hunt because we got a treat at the end. I liked reading out the clues and finding the treasure in our classroom."

Lim 2R

"Dressing up as a pirate and having our photo taken in the rigging. It was really the climbing frame in FS2. But the best part was when Captain Cottam was made to walk the plank, even the parrot got wet!"

Jessica 2H

"Making Captain Cottam and Bosun Butterworth walking the plank! Trying the pirate food was awesome. Dressing up and doing the treasure hunt. We even made pirate maps with co-ordinates!"

Aidan 2H

Well I think we can safely say that the pupils in Year 2 at Hartland have certainly had an amazing experience and will be talking about this for days to come!

LAMDA & MEMORY PROJECT

LAMDA

LAMDA Tuition

I am very excited to announce that Hartland have been officially accepted as an International Centre to deliver LAMDA exams (**London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art**). This comprises of acting, speaking and listening and various other types of performance exams.

As part of the Hartland way and focusing on developing a creative curriculum, LAMDA exams will offer an opportunity for pupils to engage with the creative and performance elements of the Hartland passport. It is an opportunity for pupils to develop confidence and build performance skills, eventually resulting in an internationally recognised exam qualification.

I am currently looking for the first pilot group of pupils from Year 5-8 and look forward to you registering your child's interest in LAMDA.

Please email if you are interested and have any further questions regarding LAMDA at Hartland International School.
amckiernan@hartlandinternational.com

Memory Project

This year's Emirate Literature Festival is focused on the theme of memories. I will be working with a select group of pupils on delivering a performance based on Memories to coincide with the literature festival in March. In order to deliver this, I need your memories!

Using the theatre form of Verbatim theatre (a person is recorded and an actor recites what they have said as it has been recorded), I want to engage with the wide range of parent partners. The rich and diverse backgrounds that exist among the parent community offers an opportunity for a beautiful collection of memories. This project is to be a celebration of your happiest childhood memories through to your memories of Dubai, how long you have been here and your memories of Dubai as it has emerged into the Emirate it is today.

Those who are recorded will be used to craft a script to be performed by pupils at Hartland International in March.

Please email me if you are interested in being involved in this exciting project.

amckiernan@hartlandinternational.com



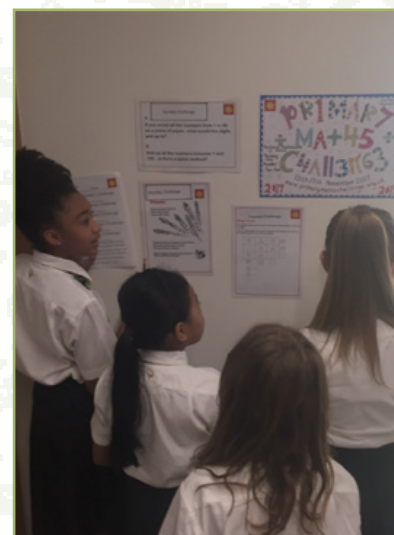
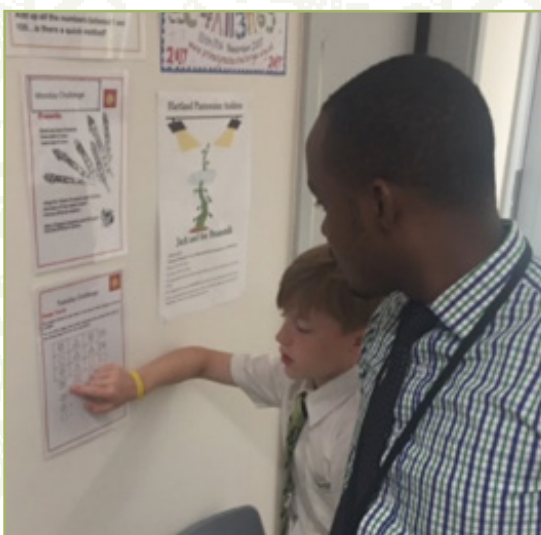
MATHEMATICS NEWS



Congratulations to Year 3H for being this last months' Mathletic Champions.

Mathematical development has again been evident beyond the classroom. 83 pupils across the school received a bronze, silver or gold certificate for their efforts in supporting learning using the interactive programme 'Mathletics' during October - November. A particular mention goes to the pupils in Year 3H who received the most certificates as a class.

Additionally, individual pupils who demonstrated excellent effort are: Magdalena Slavkova (Year 1R), Meylis Amanmammedor (Year 2R), Maria Slavkova (Year 5R); who collectively attained 12 bronze and 2 silver certificates.



Pupils and Adults solving the Problem Solving Questions as part of the daily challenges during Primary Maths Challenge Week.

The school has subscribed to www.stopsproblemsolving.co.uk. If you would like to further support problem solving with your child at home, access the family zone area within the website where an array of problem solving tasks can be completed.

Ms M McDonough
Primary Leader of Mathematics

MUSIC & DRAMA WORKSHOP



On Wednesday October 15, eight wonderfully talented students from Hartland were invited to a mini enrichment league event at Jebel Ali School. These year 5 and 6 students were thrilled to be invited and eagerly set off with their instruments, drama kits and packed lunches.

The morning began with a vocal warm up, introducing students to an African themed workshop. Students worked on their vocal skills and then set off in their assigned groups, which included singing, percussion work, dance and drama. The morning just flew by with students working extremely hard and developing so many wonderful music and drama skills.

Later that day, all students excitedly reconvened back to the auditorium and produced a wonderful performance of what they had learnt. The progress made was only super to watch, with all students focused and actively learning. A wonderful day of music and drama!

Thank you Jebel Ali School for having us, and we look forward to inviting you to Hartland soon.

Ms E Egan, Mrs H Green

COMPUTATIONAL THINKING + CREATIVITY+ PASSION = INNOVATIVE LEARNING

There has been a lot of buzz about children learning to code lately. From self-driving cars to robot-assisted surgery, computer science is revolutionising every aspect of our lives. Whilst learning to code at Hartland International School is a truly exciting and fun part of our Computing Curriculum, this is not an end in itself.

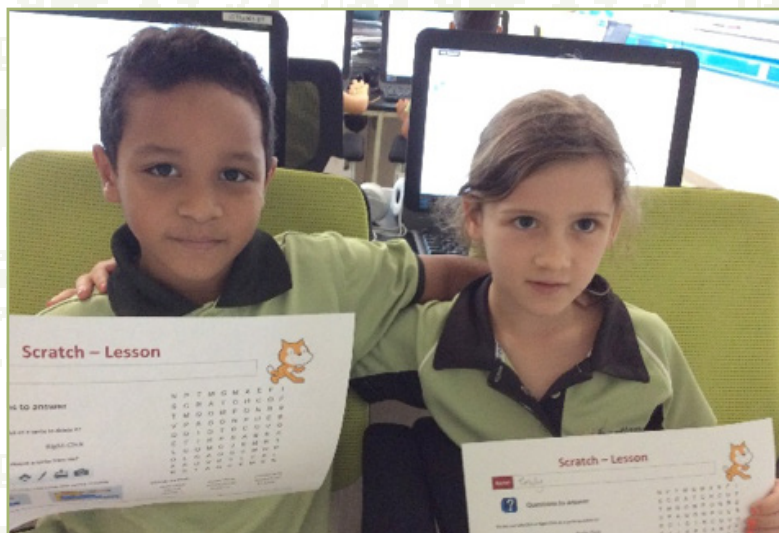
Here at Hartland, computational thinking is at the heart of our Computing Curriculum. We are aligned with the UAE vision 2021 agenda which stresses the importance of developing a first-rate education system, by designing and developing innovative curricula that equip pupils with the 21st century skills and knowledge in the fields of technology and engineering. While all our students may not enter jobs in the software industry or make use of their programming in academic studies, all are likely to find ways to use computational thinking.

Computational thinking is not thinking like computers or about computers. Computers simply do not think for themselves. Not yet, at least! Computational thinking includes concepts such as logical reasoning and step-by-step approaches such as; algorithms, decomposition, abstraction, generalisation and evaluation, all of which are now firmly embedded in our computing lessons. Pupils are encouraged to tinker (experiment and play), create and debug, collaborate and persevere in their learning. This approach has incredibly wide applications for problem-solving and naturally paves the way for innovative learning to occur.



Pupils in KS1, use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. We use the colourful fun and easy to operate Bee-Bots to teach sequencing, directional language, planning, and working together, whilst bringing fun and excitement into the classroom. By making abstract concepts tangible, they foster collaboration and encourage self-guided learning.

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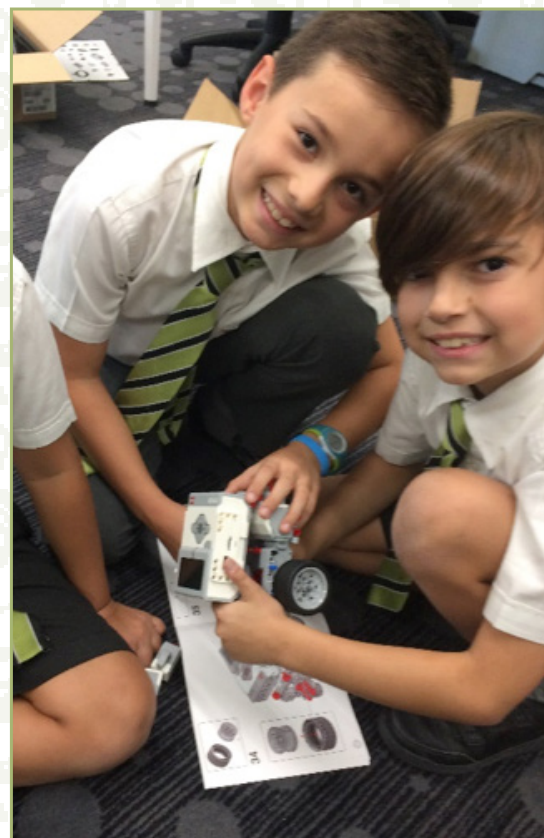
Older pupils are taught to, 'use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs'. Computational thinking is most obviously apparent, and probably most effectively practiced, through the rigorous, creative processes of writing code. The ever-popular Scratch programming language developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is used predominantly with KS2 pupils. With Scratch, pupils program their own interactive stories, games, and animations often working alongside a coding buddy. It helps students to learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively – essential skills for life in the 21st century.

In addition, we use Lego Education – EV3 Mindstorms which promotes engineering and coding through play. Lego has always been a great toy to build things. The Mindstorms edition is no exception. The great thing about learning to code is that sometimes progress can be most effective when you are not aware you are learning – you are just having fun. Using their creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts. The logical clarity, thinking with models and problem-solving skills are not just for robotics but are key to solving many problems in the world.

As students move into Secondary school, they continue to use logical reasoning when thinking about programs, including, 'to compare the utility of alternative algorithms for the same problem'. Students get a chance to learn and experience a high level textual programming language such as Python, which is a powerful, expressive programming language that is easy to learn and fun to use.

As Steve Jobs once said, "Everyone should learn how to program a computer because it teaches you how to think."

Mrs J Naidoo-Van Den Peereboom
Coding Teacher



GIFTED & TALENTED UPDATE

We are pleased to announce two exciting writing competitions open to all students from Year 3 upwards at Hartland. Details of the first two are attached. The Flash Fiction will be a monthly competition, with house points and certificates to be won. The 'Save Our Seas' competition will be initially judged internally and will lead on to a National debate hosted at Hartland International, with finalists offered the opportunity to attend the International debate in the Seychelles next year. We look forward to receiving many submissions for both competitions. If you have any requests for internal competitions within Hartland, please contact Mrs Green hgreen@hartlandinternational.com

Mrs H Green

Gifted and Talented Leader

Flash Fiction November Beam



Write a story of 150 words or less using the word:

BEAM

Send it to Mrs Green via email hgreen@hartlandinternational.com or leave it on her desk. Certificate and House points awarded to the winner in each Year group.

Closing date is the last day of this month.

Hartland Performance Poetry Competition

On October 25 we held the first ever Performance Poetry Competition for Hartland International School. This competition is in conjunction with the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature. During this first round of competition we were looking for three students to represent Hartland in the Semi-Final round which will be held in February 2018.



All of the competitors were outstanding and after a day of deliberation and discussion in the English and Drama departments we are pleased to announce the following winners:

Maria Slavkova – Year 5

Ariana Zambarakji – Year 5

Abeer Gassim – Year 5

All three students performed their poems in a confident and fluid manner. They all incorporated their own ideas of meaning through their performances and produced engaging and entertaining readings. Well done to all of the participants! We wish them luck in the Semi-Finals.

Mrs M Naylor



P.E. UPDATE

We are now nearing the end of the Dubai 30 X 30 Fitness Challenge. The initiative has been thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school with both staff and students being involved in many activities. I hope that you have been able to explore some of the sporting opportunities as families outside of school. The challenge ends on 18 November and as part of the final week programme we had a special mobile 'urban gym' that came into Hartland. This included sports that ordinarily the students would not be able to enjoy such as a parkour station and a BMX area.

FOOTBALL

We have had victorious matches versus Kent College for the Under 9 and Under 11 Primary team and also had our first secondary football fixture versus North London School last week with our Year 6-8 girls enjoying a very competitive match. The Secondary boys' team will have their first fixture next week at Next Generation School. The season will climax at the start of December with the finals tournaments.

Results:

8/11 Hartland Girls (Years 6-8)

0-2 North London Collegiate School

14/11 Hartland Under 9 Boys

6-1 Kent College

14/11 Hartland Under 11 Boys

3-2 Kent College

SWIMMING

The swimming galas continue to come thick and fast with both primary and secondary squads competing well at Wellington Silicone Oasis and Safa Community School respectively. They continue with the Secondary team at Swiss International School on the 16 November to conclude the swimming gala season.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country season also starts next week with our secondary team participating in their first meet on Monday 20 November at Rashid School for Boys and the Primary Team have their first meet on December 11 at the same venue.

Thank you for all your continuing support as we approach the end of the football season and the beginning of the Cross Country. I also hope the Dubai 30x30 challenge within Hartland has helped raise the profile of health and fitness with your son or daughter.

Mr L Britten

Head of PE

DXB WEEKEND ACADEMIES



Sports DXB Academies Now Launching At The Weekend

Come along for a **50AED Trial** and get to know our coaches.

Football DXB:

Ages 5-10yrs
Saturday 10am -11am
Location: Hartland International School Sports
Pitch

Swim DXB

Ages: 3-5yrs
Saturday 08:30 - 09:00
Hartland International School Small Pool

Ages: 6yrs+
Saturday: 09:15 - 09:45
Hartland International School Main Pool

For More Info And To Register

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more info, get in touch at

contact@sports-dxb.com



Save Our Seas!



Hartland Students aged 7 and above are invited and encouraged to submit an essay entitled:

'My plan to protect and manage our oceans, seas and marine resources'

Primary students (ages 7-11): max. 400 words

Secondary students (ages 11-17): max. 600 words

Further competition details can be found on the link below or see Mrs. Green.

<https://www.livingrainforest.org/explore/schools-debate/>

Entries will be marked internally and the best entries will be submitted to the living rainforest competition, with a chance for finalists to travel to the Seychelles to join in an international debate.

All entries must be submitted to Mrs Green by the deadline of November 29th. Please send electronically to hgreen@hartlandinternational.com



School Art and Design Competition 2017

to celebrate the

46th UAE National Day

**Express your passion for the UAE and stand the chance of
winning a prize by creating a piece of Art that celebrates
innovation in the UAE**

Base your Artwork around the theme of

New UAE v Old UAE

Take influences from local buildings,
local wildlife and Islamic culture

Create a painting, collage drawing or 3D model

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories

FS1-FS Year 1-3 Year 4-6 Year 7-8 Parents and Teachers

**Please complete the application form and attach to the back of your artwork
Closing date is Sunday 26 November at 3.15pm**



[Click here to download the form](#)

UAE NATIONAL DAY



Hartland celebrates UAE National Day Nov 29, 2017

Students are encouraged to wear National dress or colours of the UAE flag for the day.

Several cultural activities will take place during the morning before a showcase assembly takes place at 12:40pm.

Help celebrate UAE National Day with your involvement in these events!