

## The Art Competition

By Rahaf (Year 7)

I was in the Art Competition, and I did my painting of a moon with a tree at night. I was showing the beauty of nature. It was the first time I tried to do something like that. There were somethings that were hard, but I did it! Mrs Maria, who organized the competition, helped me so much. I want to thank her because she wants anybody that has an artistic hobby to put their attention on art and show other people that they can do it too.

## Why we should read books

By Jannat (Year 7)

Why reading is good for you:

- It helps you focus.
- Reading improves your vocabulary.
- It helps you imagine new experiences.
- Reading can help you in real life situations.
- It helps with skills for school.

Some advice about reading:

- We should try to read at least three times a week.
- We should try to read for more than 20 minutes each time.

Some recommendations:

- Choose books about topics you are interested in. It's easier to stay focused.
- You can find good books in the library and online, or even ask friends to bring some for you!



The talented entries from the Art Competition. Photographer: Madani (Year 7)

## Preparing for Mock Exams – Advice from a Year 11.

The first stage for any examination is to prepare for it. If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail. It really is as simple as that!

Preparing for your exams requires continuous work from the beginning of the year. Going through everything taught in class after school hours and then asking the teacher about things you don't understand the next day will save you.

On the other hand, cramming just before the exam will not only be insufficient, but will stress you out, which affects your performance during the exam.

To prevent this happening, we have to tackle some problems head on:

Procrastination... So how do we stop procrastinating? We have to keep in check the things we do while procrastinating, such as staying on our phones. Sticking to routines helps too. If we are stressed out or in a bad mood, our performance during an exam will be affected. To keep us mentally happy, we can keep a good sleep schedule and stick to a healthy diet.

By following this advice, you will be ready for your exams. Good Luck!

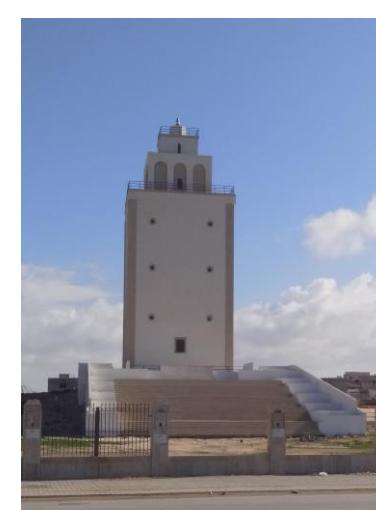
## What is happening for the Science Fair?

By Firas (Year 7)

The Science Fair is being organized by Mrs Sahar and Mrs Laman. My science fair project is using electricity from batteries to generate heat in the air. So that people can stay warm.

Students feel interested in the Science Fair because they want to try out their knowledge of science and have fun.

The teachers organized the Science Fair because students like studying science and they might want to be scientists one day.



## **Movie Review: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**

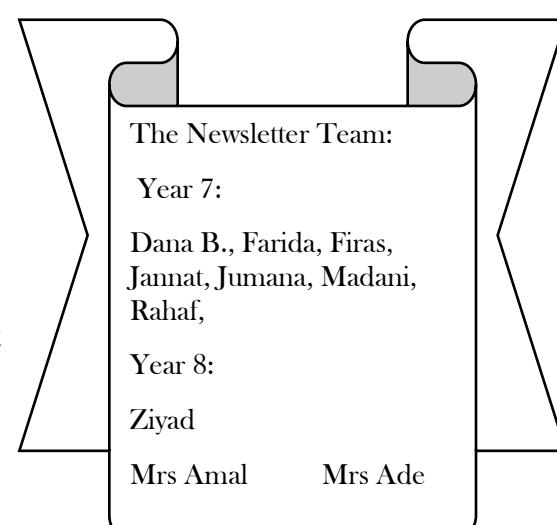
By Farida Year 7

The amazing movie of Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, was released on May 31 2004, it was rated 11+.

It was a really nice movie to watch, and it even would be a good movie to watch with your parents. I mostly loved the bond between the characters, it really seemed that they were not acting, you can even see the bond between Harry and Sirius, and it almost seemed like that Sirius was not only Harry's godfather but also his real father. If you have not seen the past movies, you would know that Harry's mum and dad, James and Lily Potter, were killed by Lord Voldemort. Harry was one month old and he was forced to live with his aunt and uncle, the Dursleys, and his cousin Dudley.

Thirteen years later, Harry is in Hogwarts and he finds out that the first person that has escaped Azkaban was Sirius Black and he was out for Harry! But he had his friends and his professors including his father's friend Remus Lupin. Soon Sirius was found by whom they called "The Fat Lady," told them that she saw Sirius in the hall. The headmaster Dumbledore told the Gryffindor house that they will sleep in the great hall for the night. Soon after, Harry found out that someone who was supposedly dead was found on the Marauder's Map that Fred and George gave him, his name was Peter Pettigrew, so Harry started going all around the school looking for Peter, but Snape found Harry lurking through the hallways. And the rest is history.

Overall, I would rate this movie a 4 1/2 out of 5, mostly because it felt like I was there, I could see the bond between characters, I saw how they felt, and I was in love with it!



A scene from Harry Potter and The Prisoner of Azkaban.

## **A Man with a Secret**

By Jumana (Year 7)

Once upon a time, there was a guy named Des. Des was a normal guy, who lives with his fish. Des doesn't like to be around people because they are really mean to him. Most of the time he changes his body to become animals or other people!

One day Des turned on the TV. On the news, the reporter said that there was a mystery man who shifts all the time and has a super power. Des was shocked because he knew it was him. He went to research everything and then he knew his super power was shape-shifting.

But no one else knows...

Des used his powers millions of times. In the end, he stopped shifting and liked being around people, because he used to shift into many celebrities and was treated nicely. One time he shifted into Ed Sheeran. He realized that even Ed Sheeran gets bullied but he just keeps smiling.

Eventually, the celebrities complained to the Police about being shifted into. The investigators went on a hunt, but there was no hope.

They never found Des the Shapeshifter!

## **BES Poem**

We are the best,

I will say it with chest.

We are so cool,

We are the best school.

BES stands for Best Exciting School.

Our curriculum's nice and light as a feather,

But as informative as a mother.

By Ziyad (Year 8)

Remember to check out the colour version of BESt Family News on the school website:

<https://www.bes-edu.org/>