Term 4 got off to a flying start with a Preschool excursion to Symbio in week 1. It was a great chance for the children to get up close and personal with some of the animals. I would like to point out that all the pictures of the tigers were distance shots through a fence. Some animals are best admired from afar.

Our pre-schoolers have also been joining us for Transition in the big school where they get a taste of what Kindergarten will be like in 2016. There were lots of happy children who seemed very settled in the Kindergarten room and can’t wait to be in uniform next year.

We celebrated the contributions of our grandparents at an assembly in Week 4. Grandparents are a wonderful asset to our busy families and their unwavering support does not go unnoticed. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank them for all that they do each and every day for our children. We LOVE having you at school.

START SMART We were lucky enough to have an educational visit from the Commonwealth bank to support our school banking program. The Start Smart classes were offered to Year 1 and Year 2 Students. Our facilitator Stephanie, discussed the importance of being careful with money and explained the difference between needs and wants. With Christmas fast approaching it was a timely reminder that money doesn’t grow on trees!!

The P&C organised Cupcakes at Recess to celebrate Spooky Day and I must say that the parents deserve a big gold star for the effort that went into the costumes. Some of them were truly scary and I had to look twice at a couple of students to see who was under all the make up. The children were very excited and had such wonderful day. Thank you to Manife Youssef and Laila Deeb who were the driving force behind the decorations and cupcake stall.

On Spooky Day it was also World Teachers Day and we celebrated with a delicious lunch from Arncliffe Asian Kitchen. I have to say that we are particularly fortunate at Arncliffe West Infants to have an extremely talented group of teachers that go ‘above and beyond’ every day. They constantly put the children’s needs ahead of their own and I commend their dedication.

Vanda Quinn
Principal
**Kindergarten**

**Ninj:** Settling back into school very quickly  
**Zeinab:** Settling back into school very quickly  
**Mergen:** Working hard in reading groups  
**Jafaar:** Always doing his best  
**Maryam:** Excellent reading results  
**George:** Excellent reading results  
**Viraj:** Great improvement in reading  
**Alina:** Great improvement in reading  
**Angela:** Excellent progress in reading  
**Puujee:** Improvement in English speaking  
**Hassan:** Excellent progress in reading  
**Haidar:** Great knowledge of sight words

**Year 1**

**Doki:** Welcome to AWIS  
**Batoul:** Writing a great description of herself  
**Zeinab:** fantastic work on birthday celebrations  
**Irnmun:** Welcome to AWIS  
**Nandin:** Working well in number  
**Ryan:** Pleasing handwriting  
**Jayden:** Terrific reading  
**Saleh:** Working well independently  
**Fatima:** Excellent comprehension skills  
**Mariam:** Improved expression in reading  
**Charlie:** Working well independently  
**Hussien:** Pleasing effort in writing

**Arabic**

**Miriam A:** Sounding out an Arabic word  
**Mariam S:** Improvement in Arabic reading  
**Youssef S:** Reading Arabic words independently  
**Fatima:** Recognising most Arabic letters  
**Sakina:** Trying her best to learn new Arabic words  
**Hassan H:** Improvement in Arabic spelling

**Year 2**

**Eoin:** Citizenship and leadership  
**Matthew:** Fabulous report on senses  
**Hashimyah:** Participation in all lessons  
**Sarah:** Effort in Maths  
**Abbas:** Fantastic Maths work  
**Aadi:** Great speech  
**Yasmine:** An excellent recount in English  
**Hussein:** Wonderful application to his work  
**Muhammed-Ali:** Great effort in mathematics  
**Eoin:** Thoughtful Haiku writing  
**Hashimyah:** Great effort in adding and Subtracting  
**Hadia:** Fantastic reading development

**SOCIAL SKILL AWARDS**

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October Birthdays...........

Haidar (K)  Maryam (K)  Angela (K)
Jayden (Y1)  Fatima (Y1)  Ibrahim (Y2)
Orla (J)  Laila (J)  Anand (J)  Dion (J)
Chloë (R)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jellybeans
Fatima: Great creativity with art and craftwork
Hongdao: Making wonderful buildings with blocks
Nuhaa: Great work with puzzles
Ayah E: Playing co-operatively with her friends
Zahraa E: Great work with numbers
Shenouda: Making a great castle with blocks
Hussein M: A colourful sponge painting
Jowad: Settling into preschool very well
Laila: Wonderful dancing when playing statues
Mergen: Great work with puzzles
Monique: Playing co-operatively with friends
Hussain: Great participation in music

Rainbows
Marwa: Great participation in singing
Muhamad: For organising the book shelf
Lamar: Great dancing in music
Ayah O: For being a caring friend
Jawad: Great movement in dancing
Nam: Sensible water play
Muhamad: Information about his Lebanon trip
Aanya: Helping her friends
Nour: For trying to do things by herself
Minh: For writing his name
Mariam: For great participation in singing
Eny: For talking to her friends

Crunch and Sip Awards
Hassan S  Mohammed-Ali
Batoul  Jenny
Ali E  Jayden
Esui  Hadia
Nandini

BOOK AWARDS
Zeinab M  Zeinab D
Youssef S  Dion
Nuhaa  Ayah
Maryam  Jafaar
Matthew  Batoul
Thomas  Maddison
Hadia  Nour M

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Preschool visit Symbio
Grandparents Day
BANKING WILL BE COLLECTED ON TUESDAY AND BOOKS RETURNED THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY
Spooky Day
Cupcakes at Recess