

Announcement of the

'Spelling Bee'

Grade Three

Academic Year 2017 - 2018



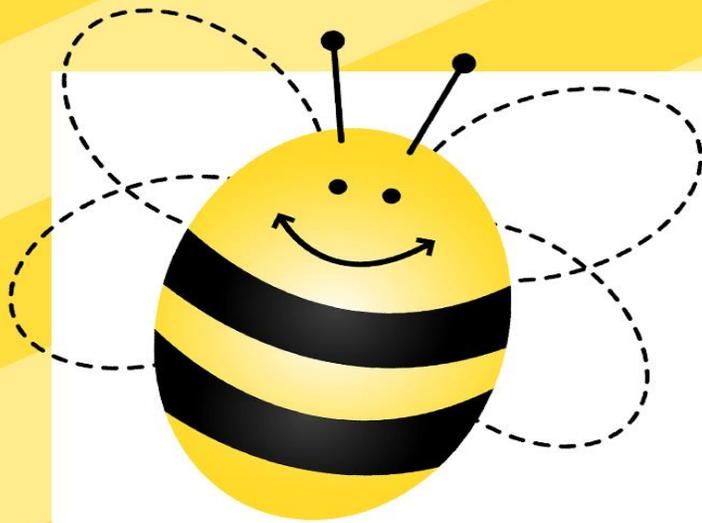
Thursday, 23rd November 2017

Dear parents,

The English Department is excited to announce Al Ansar International School's Spelling Bee Competition, which will be held on the following dates during school hours:



1. **Round 1- Classroom Spelling Bee** will be conducted on **Tuesday, 16th January 2018** (Top students will advance from each class to the 2nd Round) **In Round 1 students will be tested on the Beginning and Intermediate list.**
2. **Round 2- Semi Final Spelling Bee** will be conducted on **Tuesday, 6th February 2018** (Top students will be given the last set of words to practice to compete against each other in the Final Campus Spelling Bee to win the title.) **In Round 2 students will be tested on the previous list (Beginning and Intermediate) as well including the new set of words provided.**
3. **Round 3 – Final Round Campus Spelling Bee** will be held on **Tuesday, 20th February 2018**. Top 3 winners will be announced. **In Round 3 students will be tested on all the previous list of words (Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced) as well including the new set of words provided.**



Confirmation Slip

We encourage your child to study the words in preparation for the Spelling Bee Competition. This is a great opportunity for each student to improve their spelling and have fun!

- **Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the winners.**
- **Participants will receive certificate of participation.**

Those who wish to participate in the Spelling Bee Competition please register your child by filling in the information below and submitting the form to the respective English teachers by Thursday, 7th December 2018.

I give consent for my child _____ Grade/ Section _____
to participate in the **Al Ansar Spelling Bee Competition.**

I do not give consent for my child _____ Grade/ Section _____
to participate in the **Al Ansar Spelling Bee Competition.**

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Spelling Bee Rules

1. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. The judges may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it.
2. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, and/or provide the part of speech. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.
3. The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.
4. The role of the pronouncer is (1) to correctly pronounce the word (2) to give a sentence, definition, and other information about the word at the speller's request. The role of the judges is to determine whether the contestant has spelled the word correctly. The role of the speller is (1) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and (2) to spell the word correctly. The judges may not disqualify a speller for asking a question.
5. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. In retracing, however, there cannot be a change of letters of their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
 - a. **Please note that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade spellers can correct his or her mistake before a judge indicates that the word is misspelled.**
6. The speller shall not be disqualified for failing to note that a word is capitalized.
7. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which word is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or distinguishing the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym of the word will be accepted.
8. The competition shall be conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round, except as provided in Rule 13.
9. Upon missing the spelling of a word, a speller immediately drops out of the competition, except as provided in Rule 13. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next speller.
10. If all spellers in one round misspell their word, all spellers shall remain in the competition.
11. If only one speller in a round spells a word correctly, a new round shall begin and the speller shall be given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list. If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the new word, the speller shall be declared the champion. Otherwise, if the speller does not succeed in correctly spelling the new word, all the spellers at the start of the previous round shall remain in the competition. A new round will begin and spellers will remain in their original spelling order.
12. The rules change once the round consists of two players:
 - a. When one of the two spellers misspells a word in one round, the speller who spelled the word correctly shall be given a new word to spell. If that speller spells that word correctly, then the speller shall be declared the champion.
 - b. If both spellers misspell their word, then both shall continue in the competition and a new round begins.
13. In the event that more than one speller is tied for 2nd or 3rd place, a spell-off will be held to determine final place.
14. The pronouncer must give all spellers in each round a word from the same level of difficulty on the list being used (e.g. beginning, intermediate, advanced, challenge).
15. Spellers may be asked to spell words from a non-study list after successfully spelling words from the challenge list on their grade level. It is not required that the challenge list be exhausted before moving on to the non-study list. The pronouncer must announce that the words will come from a non-study list before that round begins.
16. Appeals may be filed by a parent, legal guardian, or teacher of the speller who is seeking reinstatement in the contest. The judges will not entertain appeals from individuals seeking to dislodge another speller from the competition. The deadline for filing an appeal is before the speller affected would have received his/her next word had he/she stayed in the competition. No appeal will be entertained after that word has been given to another speller. When only five spellers remain, an oral appeal must be made immediately, that is, before the speller affected would have received his/her next word had he/she stayed in the contest.
17. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decision shall be final on all questions.



ROUND ONE



**‘Spelling Bee
Competition’
Round 1- Classroom Spelling Bee
Grade Three
Academic Year 2017- 2018**

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Thank you for encouraging _____ of Grade/ Section _____ to participate in Al Ansar International School’s Spelling Bee Competition.

1. **Round 1- Classroom Spelling Bee** will be conducted on **Tuesday, 16th January 2018**
(Top students will advance from each class to the 2nd Round)

The top students will be given new sets of words to practice to compete for entering to the Round 2.

- **Children should memorize the word list given and should be able to spell the word orally.**

Beginning Words

clock	treat	past	prize	today	also
only	your	stopped	scream	queen	balloon
knew	crawl	happen	build	together	saturn
raised	smiling	loose	museum	merry	flies
voice	finish	tenth	heard	Saturday	wag
suit	picnic	colour	climb	caught	dollar
corn	grand	pick	rich	zoo	zero

Intermediate Words

stretch	know	heard	windy	summer	february
breakfast	cardboard	disappear	whistling	handsome	libraries
griddle	lumberjack	floated	heavier	container	throat
Shoulder	talkative	wrist	piñata	avenue	consistent
wheelchair	quarter	trouble	criticize	pioneer	controversy
Vacation	neighbour	west	striving	graceful	attendance
island	numeral	surprise	academic	mechanic	beautiful