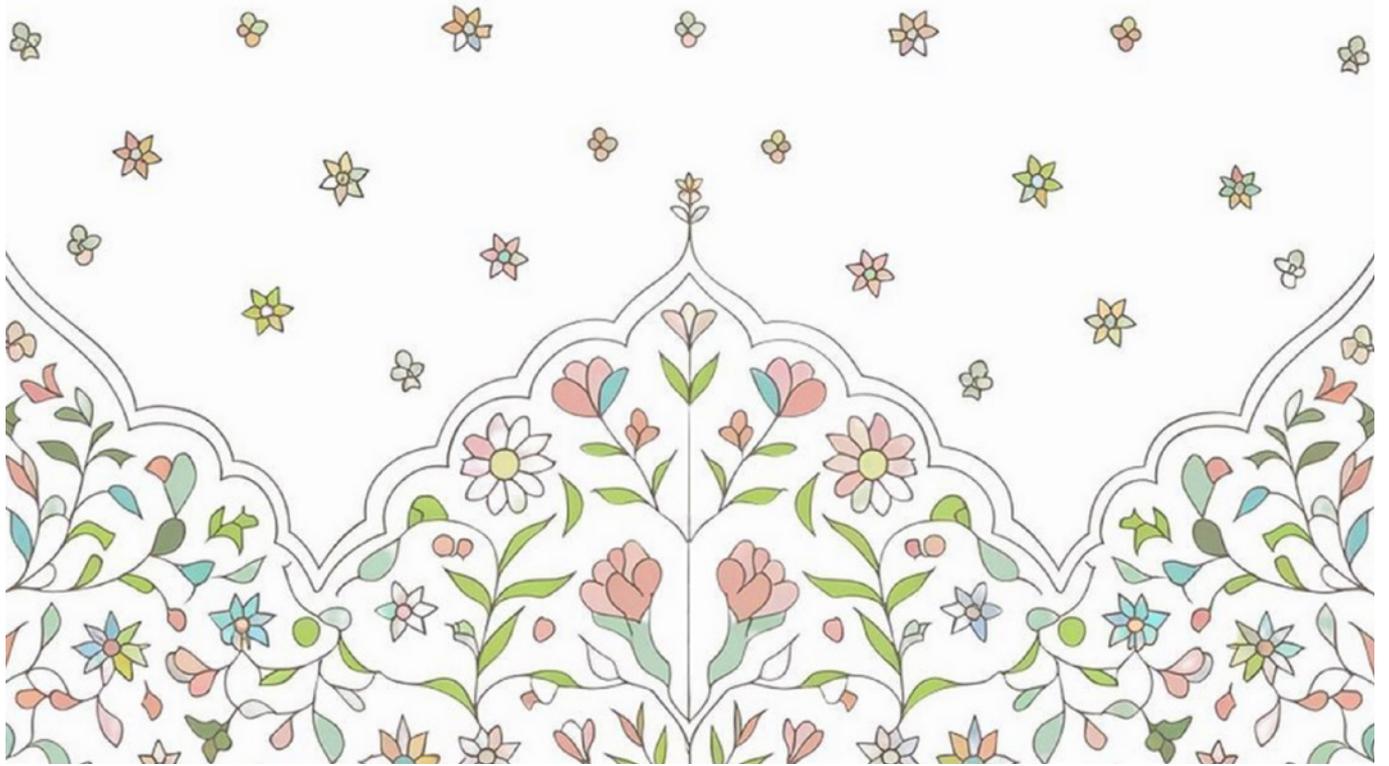


# Ramadan Charity & Kindness Week

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### RAMADAN CELEBRATIONS

Our school celebrated Ramadan with meaningful activities involving students of all ages. Have a look.

### INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

Our KS3 students enjoyed a memorable trip to Rome, while KS4 and KS5 students experienced the vibrant spirit of London!

### BLOOMING TOGETHER

Spring into fun! Our event was a blast!





## WELCOME TO THE SPRING EDITION OF THE MONTESSORI JOURNAL!

Over the past few months, there's been a lot happening across all levels of our school. From parent education events and workshops to celebrations, student travels, and community service projects, this issue shares a glimpse into the many activities that brought us together.

We hope you enjoy reading about the moments and experiences that have shaped this term.

## CELEBRATION OF RAMADAN

Ramadan celebrations at EMC were joyful and memorable! Our students wore traditional outfits and got beautiful henna tattoos. We shared delicious Moroccan treats, kindly provided by our parents, and even our adults couldn't resist joining in on the fun! A wonderful way to experience the rich culture of Morocco and celebrate the end of Ramadan together.



## BAB RAYAN VOLUNTEERING FOR HoY

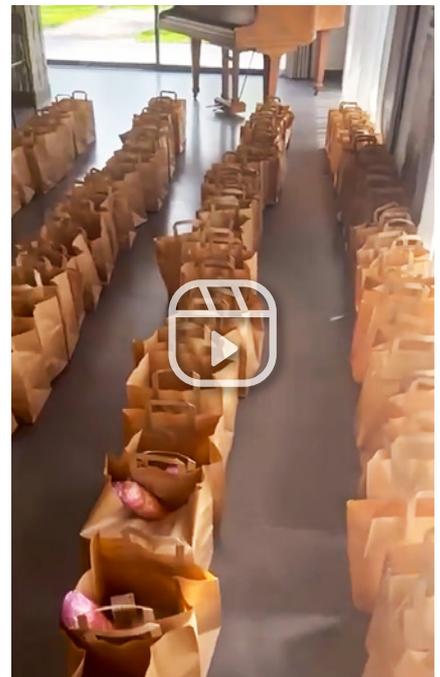


Our dedicated teachers and senior leadership team spent the day volunteering at Bab Rayan, working tirelessly together to prepare and serve warm, nutritious meals for those in need. We were deeply inspired by the kindness, camaraderie, and commitment of the team. Special thanks to our talented Art and Design student for capturing the heartwarming moments. We salute Bab Rayan for their outstanding work and unwavering dedication to supporting Moroccan youth. If you have time, talent, or resources to share, we encourage you to get in touch with Bab Rayan and support their remarkable cause.



## MEAL PREP FOR CHARITY

Led by Neyla, A level student, our secondary students took the lead on a beautiful initiative, preparing 200 meals from scratch to distribute to those in need on the streets of Bouskoura. Their organizational skills, leadership, and compassion inspired their younger peers, teaching them the value of giving back to the community.



## RAMADAN SHOW & TELL

As we embraced the spirit of Ramadan, we invited parents to join us for a special Show and Tell session in our classrooms. This was a wonderful opportunity to share personal traditions, meaningful items, and reflections on this sacred time. Whether it was a special object, a family tradition, or a story about how Ramadan is observed, the contributions helped enrich the children's understanding of this celebration!



## CHARITY ART GALLERY IN ELEMENTARY

As part of Ramadan Kindness Week, our Elementary students turned their classrooms into a charity art gallery!

Using sketching, oil pastels, pencils, and watercolors, they created stunning artworks—and their efforts made a real impact.

- 120+ artworks sold
- 6,371 dh raised

Enough to support 6 children for 1 month at SOS Villages Morocco

We are incredibly proud of our students' kindness and desire to contribute to the world. A huge thank you to our parent community for their generous support!

We were happy to share that all donations have already been transferred to SOS Villages Morocco to support the children.



# PARENT INVOLVMENT



## Kindness Week with KHADIJA

A big thank you to Khadija, from Le Parent Conscient, for leading a wonderful workshop for our Elementary students. Her time and effort mean so much to our school community, helping to nurture kindness and connection among our children. We appreciate her support in making EMC a place where everyone feels valued!



## Baking with AMANI

Huge shoutout to our amazing parent, Amani, for hosting an unforgettable baking and cake design session with our Mimosa Sun class!

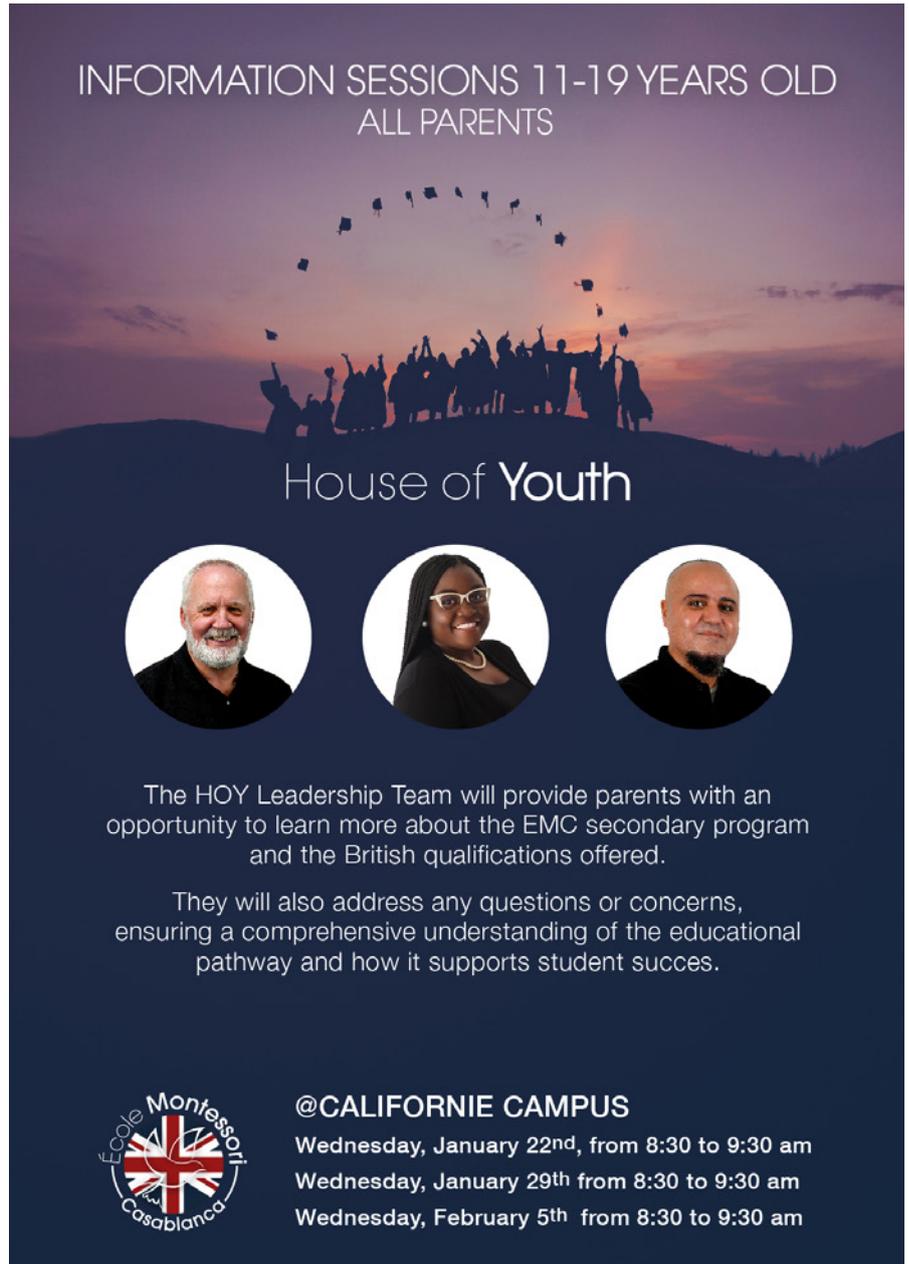
From beautiful personalised aprons to delicious treats and well deserved certificates, every detail was thoughtfully and meticulously planned. Thank you, Amani, for sharing your talents and spreading joy!



## HOY INFO-SESSIONS

The HOY Leadership Team offered 3 sessions to provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about the EMC secondary program and the British qualifications offered.

They also addressed any questions or concerns, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the educational pathway and how it supports student success.



INFORMATION SESSIONS 11-19 YEARS OLD  
ALL PARENTS

House of Youth



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**@CALIFORNIE CAMPUS**  
Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30 to 9:30 am  
Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 am  
Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 am

## OPEN DOORS



1-19 YEARS  
OPEN DOORS

**École Montessori Casablanca**  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL

EMC started greeting families for Open doors sessions Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 10.30am to let them explore the British curriculum for children aged 1 to 19 years old and meet our team of experts.

Prospective parents got a glimpse of our progressive learning methods and see why we stand out as a school and as a community!



# THE DAILY SEVENS- NEW HOY STUDENT PUBLICATION

Breaking news! Our talented Year 7 reporters have just published their very own newspaper! Great job, The Daily Sevens team!

## EMC OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

The second and third edition of Read & Play at Bloom Books & More were a total success!

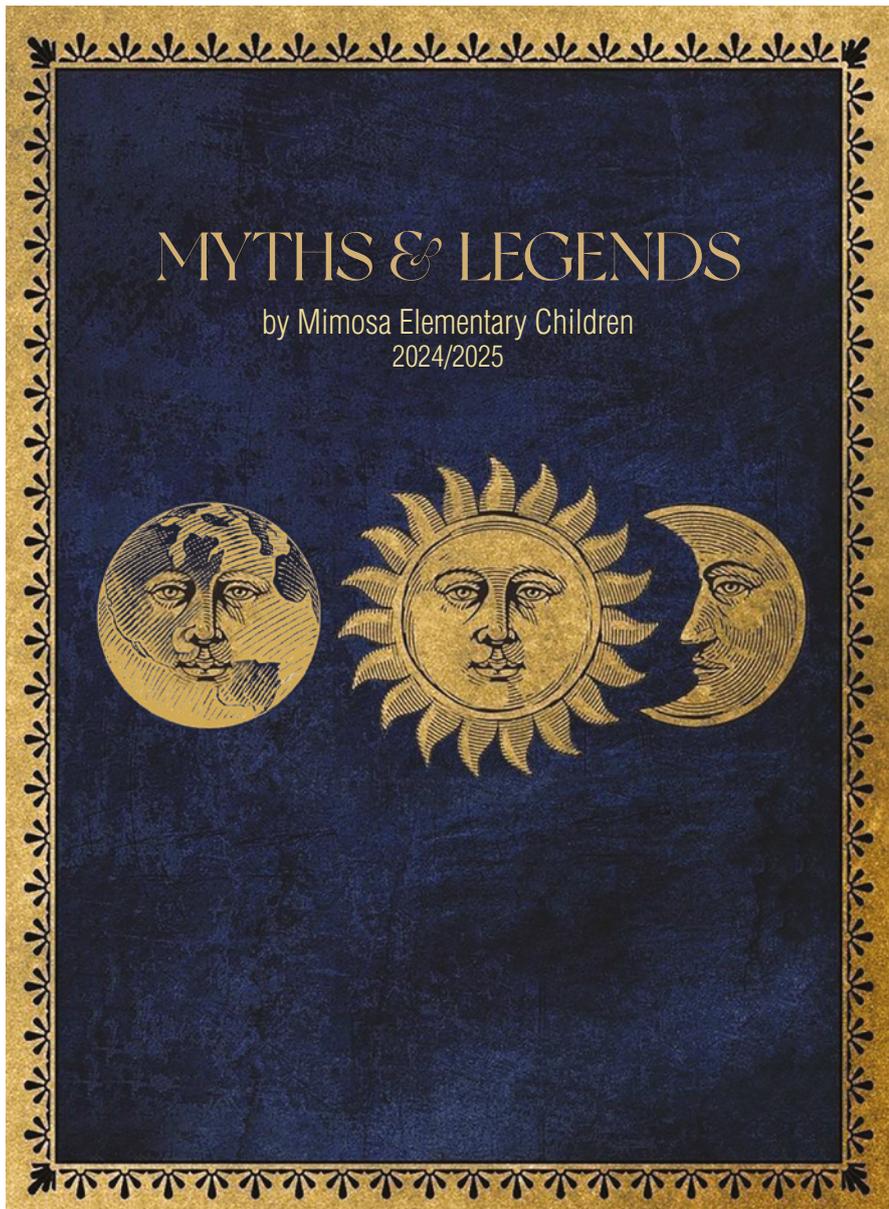
This collaboration helped us build a wonderful working relationship with Ms. Karima Benjelloun, founder and CEO of Bloom Books & More, as well as raise awareness about the authentic Montessori Pedagogy.

We congratulate our 9-12 guide, Ms. Damilola DADA, who presented her book, Ian's book of gratitude during the read aloud third session.



# INTERNATIONAL WORLD BOOK WEEK!

Our Secondary «Cookie Bookie» club had a very creative celebration, sharing the joy of reading with fellow book lovers. We're proud to have students who are passionate about getting lost in a good book!



Our elementary students worked on a remarkable book on myths and legends! Guided by their teachers, they worked together to research, write, and illustrate this impressive collection of stories. This collaborative project celebrates their dedication to learning and their love for storytelling.

The book was released on April 2nd, for the International Book Day.

## TRIP TO VOLUBILIS



Our elementary students stepped back in time to explore the Roman Vestiges, Volubilis. They had an absolute blast discovering the rich history and marveling at the ruins.



## BRITISH VALUES OF DEMOCRACY AND MONTESSORI SPIRIT

Mimosa Moon elected its first group of class supervisors through a truly democratic process. Several children campaigned passionately for these roles, presenting their ideas and earning the votes of their classmates.



The elected supervisors are now responsible for maintaining order and cleanliness in different areas of the classroom. They have eagerly embraced their new duties with enthusiasm and dedication, ensuring the classroom runs smoothly and remains a pleasant space for everyone.

One particularly heartwarming event unfolded within the role of chief kitchen manager. Noticing the tireless efforts of a classmate assigned to kitchen duties for the week, she took it upon herself to recognize his hard work. In

an inspiring act of camaraderie and leadership, she presented him with a certificate of appreciation to honour his contributions.

This moment beautifully reflects the Montessori spirit, where children are encouraged to take initiative, support one another, and foster a sense of community and mutual respect.

# INTERNATIONAL TRIPS FOR HOY STUDENTS

## An unforgettable London adventure!



Our students explored the Houses of Parliament, watched a live debate, and stood beneath Big Ben. They cruised the Thames, took in London's skyline, and got lost in the magic of Covent Garden.

From the Science Museum to the British Museum and Natural History Museum, they uncovered history and innovation. They also experienced modern London at Canary Wharf and the revamped Battersea Power Station—with a student even giving a surprise piano performance!

Topped off with The Mousetrap at St. Martin's Theatre, this trip was packed with learning, culture, and unforgettable moments.

### Economics Workshop @ Imperial College London

An incredible experience for our students at Imperial College London! They explored how economics shapes our world—tackling big issues like climate change, inequality, and the cost of living. Led by passionate student ambassadors, the workshop also offered valuable insights into university life and applications.

Beyond the session, we toured Imperial's vibrant campus, including student halls and the iconic Royal Albert Hall. Our students represented Ecole Montessori Casablanca with curiosity and enthusiasm—an unforgettable day for our future economists!

## Roaming in Rome - La Dolce Vita!

Our KS3 students had an unforgettable adventure in Rome! They explored ancient ruins, soaked up the city's magic, and shared their experiences in our latest newsletter, «Roaming in Rome».

Check it out!



# LEARNING EXPERIENCES @HOY

## Education Beyond School:

Our school's dedication to academic excellence is complemented by a unique blend of inspiring guest speakers, global connections through students' exchanges, innovative learning tools and amazing teachers. Sneak-peak into HoY's life!



## ACADEMICS AND MUCH MORE!

### Learning Through Cooking: A Rich and Rewarding Experience

A cooking activity offered Elementary pupils a truly enriching experience that went far beyond the kitchen. What began as a simple baking task evolved into a comprehensive exploration of History, Mathematics, and Science.

The children investigated the origins of the Japanese dish Chicken Katsudon, researched recipes, submitted a budget request to the administration, purchased ingredients, and calculated potential pricing in case the dish were to be sold. Alongside this, they engaged in scientific inquiry, discussing, for example, why onions cause tearing.

The aim may have been to prepare a meal, but the process revealed a wide range of cross-disciplinary learning opportunities. From planning and budgeting to critical thinking and scientific curiosity, the children demonstrated remarkable initiative, creativity, and collaboration throughout the activity.

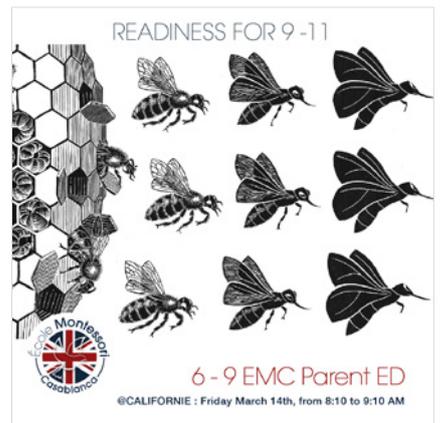
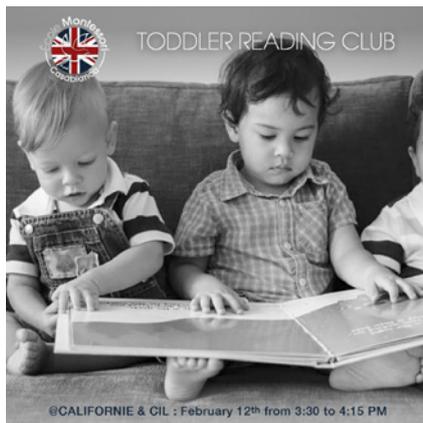
A sincere well done to all for their impressive work and enthusiasm!



# PARENT ED

## Open Afternoons

Parents were invited at the end of the day in their children's Primary class to spend quality time with their child in their environment, as their child guided them and proudly showcased an activity of their choice. It was not just an activity – it was a chance to connect, celebrate, and witness the joy of learning. Parents explore, discover, and shared their child's educational experience.



## Toddler Reading Club

At EMC, toddlers are a BIG thing! Their Parents were invited to come and read a book of their choice, in their preferred language, to all the children present at the Reading Club.

## Readiness for Upper Elementary

During this session, we provided insights into our programme, schedules, homework policies, and exciting research activities. We also answered any questions parents had.



## Discovery of the Elementary Programme

A world full of exciting discoveries, inspiring lessons, and a strong academic foundation!

To ensure a seamless transition, we invited parents of the older Primary children to join us for a discussion. This was the opportunity to learn about the changes children undergo at the age of 6, as well as what the Elementary environment is all about.

# BLOOMING TOGETHER

## Spring into fun!

Our «Blooming Together» event was a blast! Kids enjoyed an egg-cellent hunt, creative hat contest, piñata smashing, bouncy castles, and more! Thanks to everyone who bloomed with us!



## SPRING & STUDY CAMPS

Many children for our community and new friends joined our camps this spring.

Toddlers had a blast with Ms. Mila and her team, Primaries explored, played and crafted while elementaries enjoyed the magic of coding and science experiments at the House of Youth Campus!

A well deserved tap on shoulder for our A level and IGCSE students who were on study camp preparing for there exams during two full weeks. We appreciate their efforts and commitment towards excellence.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**16 MAY**  
3-6 READING CLUB  
@CIL



**19 TO 23 MAY**  
6-11 ASSESMENT  
PREPARATION WEEK



**19 MAY TO 16 JUNE**  
IGCSES  
@HOY



**26 TO 30 MAY**  
6-11 ASSESMENT WEEK  
@CALIFORNIE



**26 TO 30 MAY**  
HOY ASSESMENTS



**06 & 07 JUNE**  
AID AL ADHA  
(NO SCHOOL)



**16 TO 20 JUNE**  
3-6 VISITING 6-9  
6-9 VISITING 9-11



**17 JUNE**  
9-11 BRIDGING CEREMONY  
& VISITING HOY



**20 JUNE**  
@CALIFORNIE  
(1/2 day NO SCHOOL)



**21 JUNE**  
COMMUNITEAMS  
@HOY



**23 JUNE**  
AWARD CEREMONY  
@HOY



**24 JUNE**  
HOY PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES



**23 & 24 JUNE**  
ELEMENTARY  
END OF YEAR TRIPS



**25 JUNE**  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(1/2 day NO SCHOOL)



**25 & 26 JUNE**  
1-11 • PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES



**30 JUNE TO 18 JULY**  
SUMMER CAMPS  
@CALIFORNIE & HOY



**18 JULY**  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL CLOSURE

All the important dates for this school year can be found on  
KEY DATES page of our website.

**CHECK IT REGULARLY!**