

the Alssonian



Since 1982

Welcome to the new issue of the Alssonian, El Alsson's newsletter. The Alssonian keeps you informed of what's going on at El Alsson in both the American and British Schools. It is a termly snapshot of what we do during our year. Please take a moment to browse through it.

Welcome back Mr. Phil Neild

El Alsson welcomes Mr. Phil Neild back with open arms. Phil is our new Senior Head of School. He worked at El Alsson before, one of his initiatives was The Sixth Form Centre. Thank you for coming back, it is great to see you back home.



A Warm Welcome to our New PSA 2015-2016 Representatives

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous PSA members for their continuous effort, genuine interest in making a difference and for their commitment to the Parent School Association. We would like to congratulate our new members of the Parent School Association (PSA) for the academic year 2015-2016. Please take a moment to find out which representative is responsible for the section your child is in, as well as her/his email address in case you want to reach out to her/him. PSA 2015-2016 Representatives:

Ms. Nahla Samaha & Ms. Nadine Beshr Kenawy co-representing Early Years

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Ms. Fatemah Farag representing Key Stage 2 - KS2_PSA@alsson.com

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Ms. Amira Shereif representing Elementary School - ES_PSA@alsson.com

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KS4/5 : No representative

If you are a parent with students in Key Stage 4/5 (Y10-Y13) and are interested to join our PSA 2015-2016, please complete an online application on <http://alsson.com/parent/psa>

"It was my utmost pleasure to be part of this & I was honoured to be among you. Actually seeing all the challenges that the school is faced with made me realize how trivial a few issues are & the great job the school is doing & it made me feel more connected & bonded to the school. Thanks for giving me this opportunity and good luck with the new PSA"
-Noha Abou Sitta

Mark Your Calendars

January

1: New Year's Day

1-7: Christmas Break

12: Open Day

19: Coptic Epiphany

24: Open Day

25: 25th of January Holiday

26: Y1 Mini Concert / Dress Rehearsal for Alice

26: KS5/Y11 Parents' Evening

28: FS2 Mini Concert / Y5 Suez Trip

30: Dress Rehearsal for Alice

February

1: Alice, The Musical / MFC begins

2: TFC begins /KS5 Year 11 Parents' Evening

3: Alice, The Musical

3: KS3/Y10 Parents' Day , No School for Senior Students

4: FS2 Pyramids Trip, Y3 Concerts, G3 Khayamaya Trip

8: Open Day

9-11: Y5 Luxor Trip

10: G2 Trip to Wissa Wassef

11: G3 Concerts /Barnaby Bear Dress Up Day

14-18: Book Fair

14: Y6/G5 Sports Day

15: Y5/G4 Sports Day

16: Y4/G3 Sports Day

16-18: G5 Luxor Trip

17: Y3/G2 Sports Day

18: FS Sports Day

21: Open Day

22: KS1 and G1 Sports Day

23: FS1 WESC Trip, Y4 Concerts

25: Y11 Iceland Trip departs, G4 Concerts

27: Art Trip Barcelona

28 Feb-3 March: Half Term Holiday

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ONLINE PAYMENTS:

One of the features that we would like to highlight is 'online payments', which is the first of its kind for any school in Egypt. The accounts department will email you an invoice with the requested fee installment and you can simply click "Pay Now" and get redirected to the secure Arab African Bank site and pay online. No one wants to drive around carrying large amounts of cash these days, so the on-line payment system takes away that problem. You can, of course, still come and pay in person, in cash or by credit card and you can still use the HSBC and CIB facility along with the new on-line payment feature. Please make sure your email is updated on our database. If you have changed it, send a mail to preception@alsson.com

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El Alsson's ART EXHIBITION 2015

Friday 20th November was the opening of the El Alsson student exhibition at the Arts-Mart Gallery, opened by contemporary artist - Mohamed Abla. A celebration of work from early years through to secondary British and American Art departments, showcased a wide range of colourful drawings, striking digital practice, 3-Dimensional work as well as paintings (inspired by projects such as Africa, or self-selected independent themes). Our sincere thanks for all the hard efforts and endeavours of all involved - students, staff and support teams. Our thanks extends to the visitors for their kind support and positive comments about the show. We hope you enjoyed the work and look forward to seeing you again in 2016.



On a Random Week for Y3 Students...

Year 3A were busy one working on their sorting skills and learning how to sort shapes using different properties and place them into a Venn diagram. But in KS2 that doesn't mean a boring textbook activity - it means using hula hoops to help us sort! Year 3C were also busy in ICT! They were learning how to be animators. They had to use the traditional tale of The Lion and The Mouse to make a cartoon! We even had some ICT Experts on hand to help! Fantastic work from Y3!



Eid Adha Galabeya Day



Check out our SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



EY Concerts Rocked El Alsson this Term



Instruction Writing for Year 3

Ms Tossoun and Year 3E were having a fantastic lesson based around their Literacy topic of Instruction writing. They had learnt about Traditional Tales and Fairy stories in the previous weeks of Literacy and they had put it together with instructions. The result was a classroom full of chefs following instructions. They were making porridge for the Three Bears, Mr Wolf's chocolate cake in a cup and gingerbread men. An amazing lesson by Ms Tossoun, Miss Radwa and 3E! Well Done!



WESC field trip to Dahab Island.

On November 8th, 9th and 10th of this month the Year 4 classes visited Dahab Island and carried out investigations into the water quality of the Nile. Under the guidance of WESC staff they had fun collecting water samples, searching for the presence of living organisms, using chemicals to test the quality of the water and making comparisons with bottled water for consumption. This was to support the importance of our environment. Everyone survived the ordeal of not having any toilets on the island! The children were complimented by WESC staff for their scientific approach to the activities, their listening skills and general good behaviour. They were great ambassadors for El Alsson!



"All About Deserts" Enriched @Wadi Degla

After studying "All About Deserts", third graders had the opportunity of exploring the Wadi Degla Protectorate. Not only was their trip much fun, but it was also extremely informative & enriching! They saw a bat & learned a lot about bats & their different species. They also saw an owl & pellets! They used tools to dissect the pellet & discovered what the owl had eaten by comparing the bones found to a chart. They found shells & concluded that this place was previously an ocean! Not only that, but they also got to make fossils. Lastly, they used maps to find different plants & then found more information about those plants & how they adapt to be able to survive in a desert environment. That was indeed a wonderful trip organized by WESC. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed it!



EY BOOK CHARACTER COSTUME DAY



G4 Suez Canal Trip

حرصاً من المدرسة على عرس حب الوطن والانتماء إليه ، والفخر بانتصاراته ومآثره ، قام تلاميذ الصف الرابع الابتدائي بزيارة هيئة قناة السويس بمدينة الإسماعيلية ، وشاهدوا هذا الصرح العظيم الذي أنجزه المصريون بجهدهم وعرفهم وأموالهم في وقت قياسي ألا وهو (قناة السويس الجديدة) .
وعلى أرض العبور (سيناء الحبيبة) قام التلاميذ بزيارة خط بارليف الحصين موقع (نبه الشجرة) هذا الموقع الذي يدل على عظمة وشجاعة الجيش المصري العظيم واستمعوا لشرح وافٍ لمعركة الشرف والكرامة وحرب تحرير سيناء



FS1 Go to Fagnoon

Our trip to Fagnoon was a blast! We had a great time making clay modeling, planting different flowers and baking delicious yummy bread. We had lots of fun and we can't wait till we go there again. From FS1 Children



HANY RASHED visits EL ALSSON

Year 6, Grade 5 and Grade 4 students attended a workshop that was led by Egyptian artist Hany Rashed to teach students about collage and painting. It was truly inspiring and the students enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks to Hany for giving us his valuable time and knowledge.



Y1 Art Exhibition Trip

Last week, Year 1 visited the El Alsson Art Exhibition at Arts Mart. We had lots of fun looking at all of the amazing art work and we even managed to find our own work from FS2! We were very proud to have our beautiful art work displayed for everybody to see. Visiting the exhibition made us realize how many different types of art there are! We saw paintings, drawings, sculptures and even clay pots. We hope that one day we will be able to create masterpieces just like the senior school children have!



Y1 Nafas Trip

In Year 1 we went on a fabulous trip to Nafas agro culinary school in Maadi. At Nafas we learnt about taking ownership of our own health and nutrition—from the type of seed our food comes from, to the way our meals are prepared. We cooked, planted seeds, sprayed crops and read a story.



'Alsson All Stars' Clubs

The Primary and Elementary School's PE department is utterly dedicated to getting children active and involved in sport from a young age. So this year they have been running activity clubs called the 'Alsson All Stars'. These clubs take place during first break (10.10am – 10.50am). This activity is run in addition to the pupil's PE lesson and has two main goals:

To get children more involved in sport.

To have lots of fun.

The clubs have been received very well and surprisingly, have been attended by all ability levels, including those who may normally shy away from sport.

Sunday Grade 2 & Year 3

Monday Grade 3 & Year 4

Tuesday Grade 4 & Year 5 / Grade 1 & Year 2

Wednesday Grade 5 & Year 6



British Embassy Christmas Carols

El Alsson was the main school organiser this year for the British Embassy Christmas Carols. It was a fantastic night filled with Christmas cheer. The weather also helped make it a more Christmassy night just by turning colder one day before the carols' night. The British Embassy Christmas carols took place on December 6th in the British Ambassador's garden. It featured five British Schools' choirs namely; El Alsson School, The British International School in Cairo, The New Cairo British International School, Modern English School and the Maadi British International School. The event featured the Fair Trade Egypt Foundation. The audience enjoyed a lovely evening listening to the best Christmas Carols and songs just to get them in the Christmas mood while enjoying homemade mince pies and Christmas drinks. It was a festive concert enjoyed by all. This year was the first time to welcome 30 EY students from El Alsson to start off the night with the cutest Christmas carols. The little ones were amazing. Following the EY carols, the older students from the five British Schools awed us with the best selection of Christmas carols/songs. Special thanks go to Mrs. Jo Eyres, Mr. Christopher Langshaw & Ms. Rita Samir for leading the singers as well as Mr. David Eyres, Ms. Julie Clarke, Mr. Nick Catalano for being part of the band as well as our own Youssef Barakat who played the bass guitar. We would also like to thank Mr. Magued Nagati on the drums; he teaches drums to our students during the peripatetic music classes.



One of our own in the Egyptian National Team

Nadine El Shafei (G10) was scouted by Sahar El Hawary two years ago while playing soccer in a school tournament in Gouna. She was then asked to go try out for the Egyptian National Team and she successfully made it through. Nadine is now one of the youngest Egyptians playing for the Egyptian National Team. She travelled last month to Jordan to represent Egypt in a tournament. Moreover, Nadine also plays for EL Alsson Team as well as Maadi Club. EL Alsson is proud to have one of its own make it to the Egyptian National Team, we cannot be more proud!



Sixth Graders Bullying Prevention Posters

Our Anti Bullying campaigns and awareness sessions do not stop at the Primary Elementary School. Just as our primary elementary students have their campaigns, the senior school does as well. The following posters are contributions from grade 6 students as a proactive stand with the theme of "El Alsson Beat Bullying". This is in celebration of October as the Bullying prevention month.



On a regular Day at El Alsson...

Lia the lion cub was found being sold at one of the weekly markets (sort of like the Friday market and the like). A lovely family saw her and bought her to save her. They contacted Dina Zulfikar to ask about rescue centres for lions in Egypt but there is nowhere other than the Giza Zoo. The family were willing to keep the cub at their home and raise it however they preferred having the cub grow in its natural habitat. Dina then talked to Jill at Egypt Equine Aid to ask if she would be prepared to look after Lia until she travelled abroad. It was during her stay at Egypt Equine Aid that we were privileged to have Lia visit us at school. She was accompanied by Jill and a qualified vet who were able to handle her and give proper directions to the few students who stayed behind to meet Lia. The students who met Lia were the members of Animal Care in the senior school along with some staff children who stayed with their parents. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet Lia. It is lovely to be able to say now that Lia made it safe and sound to a Lion Sanctuary in South Africa and is enjoying her time with her new friends. If you would like to know more about Egypt Equine Aid, or make a donations to their great work, please check their Facebook page or email Jill on jillbarton25@yahoo.com.au



A Big Thank You to Karim Mashhour, MD

Special thanks to Dr. Karim Mashhour for taking the time to visit El Alsson last month to give a presentation on cardiovascular diseases to our Year 12 AS Biology students. It all began when Mr. Bolos our AS Biology teacher asked us if we have any parent cardiologists who can volunteer some of their time to have a talk with the AS Biology students. Dr. Mashhour even brought an ECG machine and showed the students an actual ECG performed on one of them. A big thank you from El Alsson.



High School Fast Forward Conference

On the 9th and 10th of October, El Alsson's high school students had the opportunity to attend the fast forward conference, organized by Fast-forward and hosted by the Nile University, located in 6th of October. Fast forward is a series of career simulation workshops for high school students in the fields of:

- Software Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Architecture Engineering
- Business
- Arts
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine
- Pharmacy



Most of the students enjoyed the business simulation. They learned new skills, such as teamwork, leadership and problem solving. In the business track, the students were able to create a mini-restaurant. Each team had capital, a location, staff and profit. Even though the competition was between more than 17 teams from 10 different schools, El Alsson's blue team was able to win the competition. The Blue Team's restaurant name "**el Gahez**" and slogan "**Wafar Zershak, Dala3 Kershak w el Helw Zalena**" immediately grabbed all the investors' attention which made them interested in investing in their restaurant.

Other students, who attended the medicine and pharmacy tracks, were able to experience the real jobs of doctors and pharmacists. In the pharmacy track, students were able to inject living animals and record the results. In the medicine track, students were able to do a brain tumor extraction operation. Other than that, students in both tracks were able to interview doctors and pharmacists and ask them about their daily jobs.

On the other hand, in the civil and architectural engineering, each group of students received plans for the project and tools to establish it. Some of the projects were associated with the business departments, since their project was to build a miniature booth for the teams in the business track. Overall, the students benefited from the Fast Forward conference. It helped them develop new skills, as well as showed them what they would be studying or the work they would be doing in various careers. I'd like to thank Nile University for hosting this conference and finally the Fast Forward staff for the work they put in to help the students decide what they want to do in their future.



Tamara Mobarak (Y11) @the Cairo Jazz Festival

A big shout out to Tamara Mobarak - Y11 for her outstanding performance at the Cairo Jazz Festival last October at the AUC Greek Campus in Tahrir. Tamara is one of the many talented musicians we have at the school and we are so proud of her. Way to go Tamara!



Year 7 Trip to Wellsprings Camp

In October, a group of 38 Year 7 students, accompanied by Miss Abigail, Mr Gavin and Mr Tony, spent a weekend at Wellspring Camp. During this weekend, the students participated in a range of sports and leisure activities to learn about teamwork and responsibility. During this weekend, students were not allowed access to any mobile phones or other technology, which encouraged independence and allowed them to focus on enjoying the here-and-now, and build better relationships with each other. The group was divided into two teams, Aqua and Vida, and each activity throughout the weekend earned points for the teams. Particular highlights were the high rope activity, where students tackled an obstacle course suspended around 15 feet above the ground, and the game Luminosa, in which they had to roll basketballs through the legs of the opposing team- in the dark, lit only by glow sticks taped to their trousers! As well as physical pursuits, each day included 'priceless time', in which students worked with the camp counsellors to review and evaluate what they had learned during the day, and discussed ways to solve problems.



El Alsson Apprentice

All Year 10 business studies students participated in the EL Alsson Apprentice Competition. The first round students are required to organise themselves into groups and thoroughly plan out a business idea that would be feasible on parents' day. By the end of this round all groups have to present a presentation that includes information about their idea, their target audience, marketing strategies and finance, to their class teacher, who then decides which group will make it in to the finals. The finals then consist of the four groups who are required to carry out their idea on parents' day, in an attempt to win the competition and raise money for charity. On parents' day we saw students provide a wide range of services from pancakes to sandwiches to personalised mugs. By the end of the parents' day the four groups raised a total of 4,283LE towards their chosen charities. With the winning group 'Legitimate' (selling mugs and waffles) raising a whopping 2,000 LE of the accumulated amount. Although students have great fun participating in the competition they also gain a lot from this experience. It has given them the opportunity to put their business knowledge into practice whilst also aiding them to develop a wide range of skills such as leadership, creativity, problem solving, etc.



Dragons' Den went to Sala7ly this Year

In Dragons' Den each of the 3 groups who went to the finals presented their business ideas to the Dragons and tried to convince the dragons to invest in their ideas. The finalists were Bekya, Gahezleey and Sala7ly. The participants and I made the most of this opportunity and produced business plans full of cash flow forecasts, researched data and ways that we saw our ideas could work in the real world of business and even though Sala7ly officially won the Dragons' investment, I think each and every one of us went back home as a victor; we learned, struggled, worked hard and in the end we all came out of this experience learning something new about ourselves! Congratulations Sala7ly.

We would like to thank our special dragons this year; Mr. Tarek El Dars, Ms. Fatemah Farag and Ms. Angie Taha.

Written By: Omar Barakat



Updates on Charity & Community Services

El Alsson grade 9 and 10 students from the Amercian section paid a visit to the Food Bank as part of their community service program - part of High School graduation requirement. The experience provided an opportunity for them to learn new things outside the school, taught them to work in a team and transfer learning to real life situations. The students were engaged in food packaging; they worked six hours a day on three consecutive days and they were able to pack 9000 boxes over three days. The volunteer experience has developed in each of them the understanding of citizenship and culture identity. It has fostered self-discipline, responsibility, respect, and compassion for others.



"On behalf of G10 parents, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and many thanks towards the school, and Mr Ahmad Refaat who arranged, and facilitated the going of our kids to the Food Bank . It was really wonderful, and truly benefited our sons/ daughters. They really enjoyed it. It provided an opportunity for them to learn new things outside the school, and develop in each of them the understanding that citizenship is an individual and group responsibility towards community, being able to work in a team and transferring learning to real life situations. We would like to thank Mr Mustafa Hammad, Mrs Angie for their support and encouragement to our sons / daughters and many thanks to Mr Ahmad Refaat for his efforts to make this a successful learning experience ." - Mohamed Ismail's Mother and G10 parents

Update on our Charity Work

Our ongoing charity activities include families in need, Nour Al Iman Orphanage, and special medical cases. We have 26 families we support monthly by giving them monthly allowances. These families have been researched by our staff and their need for support verified.

***Abees Village:** A lady had a sewage problem following the severe rain and flooding. Her house; which is comprised of two rooms; was flooded by sewage water. We fixed her pipes and drainage system and redid her flooring.

***Aswan Family:** another family in Aswan had part of their house collapse due to rain. We helped fix their ceiling.

***Badr:** is a young man who is the sole provider for his family (mother and siblings). He did not want a monthly allowance. He is young and wanted to start a business and support his family. The school donated 4 computers to Badr to start his own Cyber Café and make an honest living.

***Aleya (Dar Al Salam):** a single mother of orphans. She has many debts. We supported her with part of her debts and we will still support her monthly.

***Noor Al Iman Orphanage on Mansoreya Road:** We donated computers for the children, we bought them a new TV and fridge as well as their school bags and supplies.

***Mahmoud:** Mahmoud was born with an enlarged pituitary gland. This means that his body keeps growing at a very fast rate while his mind is not keeping up. This condition also causes Mahmoud to suffer epileptic fits. El Alsson has been supporting Mahmoud for a while. Other than paying for his tuition fees and school, we recently shared in having his surgery done. It was a surgery using a new machine (Gamma Byte) to fragment his pituitary gland.



Sohbet Khair Community Service Event @EL ALSSON

Special thanks go to the students who supported Mr. Ahmed Refaat to make the Sohbet Khair NGO community service event possible. It was a wonderful day. 22 students helped make 45 orphan children from Sohbet Khair happy, they offered the children many activities (face painting- art class - games of all sorts and kinds) and above all, they did a great job in doing that. Thank you from Mr. Ahmed Refaat and the children of Sohbet Khair.



Note about JCIMUN 2015,

A few months ago, El Alsson was invited once again to participate in the prestigious Junior Cairo International Model United Nations Conference 2015 at AUC. There were 500+ delegates in attendance, and it was a week long conference, but these challenges did not deter the students, but instead motivated them. The Alsson delegates impressed the JCIMUN secretariat and their peers, with their vast knowledge of international relations and current affairs, which lead them to win a number of awards and they all received merit in their councils. The delegates performed extraordinarily, and sharpened their communication and debating skills while further developing their understanding of global politics. This event was entirely organised by the students, and it encouraged the students to act independently. They organised their own buses to and from AUC, as well as scheduling time to research and prepare amongst themselves. El Alsson's participation was coordinated by the Sixth Form Model United Nations Committee, they provided support and guidance to the students both at the conference and in school. The MUN Committee would also like to congratulate the students on winning their awards, and for being invited to participate in Cairo International Model United Nations, which is a conference at the collegiate level, which of course is a great achievement.

The following students received awards in their councils:

Omar Barakat: Best Delegate / Youssef Sadek: Best Delegate / Leila El Sahhar: Best Delegate / Abdelrahman Issa: Best Delegate / Hassan El Abd: Honourable Mention / Kamal Aziz: Honourable Mention / Yassen El Orabi: Distinguished Delegate / Yehia Shamseldin: Invited to Cairo International Model United Nations (at collegiate level) / Zein Selim: Invited to Cairo International Model United Nations (at collegiate level).



Update on our English Club (Teaching English to Village Children)

English Club has had a great first term this year with loads of new recruits from Y7 in the British Section and across the whole of the American Section. The term started by assessing the level of the students' English and now the Alsson student/teachers are working in small teams each responsible for a class of students.

When asked why they gave up their time after school to take part in the English Club the Alsson student/teachers said "It's for a good cause to help the people around the school who don't get that much of an education. I want them to be better and for Egypt to be better." Dina El Toukhy 7A. Tala Gazzaz G6 said "I want to help people to learn English and it brings me such joy when they learn." "I like getting to know the students and try to make the learning as fun as it can be for them." Said Nelli Abd El-Raouf. Tia Radwan Y10B who teaches a challenging group of level 2/3 Boys said she "needed to work with young people to work on leadership skills and to connect with society". Omay Fathy Y12D said he'd joined the club "to help those who are less fortunate and because it makes me feel I'm helping my country be better." Khadiga Abed Y7B said "I like doing after school activities and I like having the role of a teacher, for a change I am not the student! I also really like teaching the children because they don't get the chance to learn like we do." All of the students shared the opinion that they were doing something important and that they valued the chance to make a difference in peoples' lives. Miss Julie and Miss Chantal who organise the after school club would like to say how proud they are of the Alsson volunteers who not only give up their time after school but also work hard in



the week to prepare their lessons and resources. They are all doing a wonderful job and should be proud of themselves. If any other students would like to get involved in this club, it is not too late, please approach Miss Julie or Miss Chantal who will be happy to sign you up.



Year 9 Ain Sokhna Trip 22nd October to 24th Oct. 2015

40 students participated in a range of team building exercises such as a sand castle competition, murder mystery game, bin liner fashion show, mini olympics and T-shirt painting activity during their trip to Ain Sukhna last October. They stayed at the Teda Swiss Inn Hotel. The key purpose of the trip was to develop life skills such as time management, leadership, problem solving, etc. Skills that are essential for school and every day activities. Students also had 'time' where they could use the facilities of the hotel and get involved in waters sports, swimming and beach activities. This time allowed them to develop relationships between each other as well as with the teachers that attended. Overall we felt that the students and teachers gained a lot from this external visit.



Campaigning for Student Council

Campaign Week Experience - The Union (British Section)

"Where there is unity, there is always victory". This is something each and every member of our team believes in, and that is what led us to create a diverse, hardworking team that is devoted to making noticeable changes by uniting with the students to improve the school.

When the campaign started, we chose people with various qualities that when brought together, made a group of very different people all wanting the same thing; to ensure all students are represented in El Alsson. We then came up with ideas on how we could make improvements to the school. We all envisioned a school that made people a little more motivated to attend. We then started our campaign. We started making posters, discussed our ideas, and asked for suggestions from the students. The one thing we were missing was a name for our group. Then we came up with "The Union", because we were all united and worked so well together and wanted the rest of the students to unite as well to make our school a better place. Team work came naturally to us and we all worked hard to campaign for our team.

Campaign Week was very intense as we had strong and very creative opponents. However, we all agree that it was one of the best experiences we have had. It brought us all closer and taught us what teamwork is all about. We used various ways to advertise our campaign and made sure that everyone knew how devoted we were to offering Alssonians what they deserve. On voting day, both groups made very influential speeches to the students and then they were allowed to give their vote.

We were ecstatic to find out that we had won the title of Student Council of El Alsson School and to have been given the opportunity to take part in such an amazing experience, because we really believe that we can make a change and we are willing to work as hard as we need to to ensure that these changes take place. We can't wait for everyone to see what we have prepared!

Nour Hamed - Student Council

ACCEPTED (American Section)

In 2006, a movie called Accepted was released in the cinemas. The movie was about a group of high school graduates that were rejected from each and every college in the country. But they didn't give up. They decided to open up their own college and Accept anyone. We call ourselves Accepted because everyone is Accepted to join us. We help whoever needs support or comes to us with problems at school with grades, behavior or teachers. We always put the students first because they are in need of our help and attention. By the end of this school year, we will have a set of goals and a vision to fulfill for the greater good of all Alssonian students.

On Sunday October 25th, Miss Bailey stood by the flag and announced the launch of the student council elections, then a group of British students came up, took the mic from her and said that they are running for student council. We quickly formed a group of 8 individuals, 7 grade 12 students and 1 grade 11 student. Mohamed El Araby, Hussein Helmy, Mohamed El Guindy, Abdallah El Hadidy, Omar El Refaei, Youssef Rahmy, Mostafa Gouda and Hussein Marei. The next day our social media representative, H.Helmy launched an instagram and snapchat account to attract students to vote for us. On Tuesday and Wednesday we started our campaign and explained to the students what our vision is by addressing them both in private and to classes as a whole. The campaigning continued on Thursday but ended by the first break. The voting took place later in the day and the results were announced by 2:00. At first, we couldn't believe the fact that we actually did it, but with your support, we succeeded. We strive to become the best student council that the school have ever seen, and you will see that happen.

Accepted.

