

KS4 STUDENTS UNDERTAKE COMMUNITY SERVICE

The year 10 students of FLAME at EBIS went on their community service trip. (FLAME is the new KS4 option at EBIS to follow a British style of education in Yrs 10 & 11 as an option for the College based pathways on offer in the existing IG section)

The day was focused on the a visit to a burns unit (victims aged three to11) from Kasr el Ein Hospital.

The trip was arranged through the non-governmental organisation called Ahl Masr. The organisation was founded in 2013 by a businesswoman and philanthropist, Heba El Sewedy, in order to focus on both burns treatment and prevention in Egypt.

The year 10 students had been putting together bake sales and collecting donations in preparation for this event. This was put together by our school head girl Tamara El Malky (Year 10) and head boy Michael Youssef (Year 10). "Each person got an item to sell in the bake sale and all the profits went directly for this cause", said Tamara. The FLAME students used the money they raised to make 'goodie bags' for the children that included balloons, candy, toys, juice boxes, popcorn and snacks.

The day started with the Year 10 students taking 14 children from the hospital and accompanying them to watch 'Ice Age on

Ice'. The students started to feel very close to the children and decided to take them out to McDonald's for lunch afterwards. The FLAME students used the donations they collected to get the children happy meals as they enjoyed the McDonald's play area.

Amira Ahmed Metwalli, a Year 10 student on the trips said, "I was thanking God every minute."

It was a very touching day and Tamara said "I kept recounting my blessings and my troubles seemed like nothing next to theirs."

It was hard to say good bye but both the children and FLAME students are sure they want to meet again.

"I got inspired by them to help more people," said Verina John.

"It feels good to help someone" said Avantika Singh.

The community service day for all KS3 students has been in place for several years. Each year students from EBIS visit a cross section of the local community causes and projects from a variety of children's homes, hospitals, street projects and animal shelters. All KS3 students will undertake the day with various projects following this early very successful visit by FLAME students to start off the community service year.

