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Principal's Message

BELVEDERE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Parents' Newsletter | UAE Flag Day & School Updates

Dear Parents and Members of the Belvedere International School Community,

Warm greetings from Belvedere International School!

UAE Flag Day: Celebrating Unity and National Pride

As we celebrate **UAE Flag Day**, we reflect on the values our national flag represents: unity, loyalty, belonging, and pride in the United Arab Emirates. It is an opportunity to strengthen our students' understanding of the UAE's inspiring journey, its leadership, and the shared responsibility we all have in contributing to the nation's continued success.

At BIS, we are proud to nurture students who respect the UAE's heritage, embrace its values, and contribute positively to their community.

ADEK Compliance Visit – A Positive Step Forward

This week, BIS welcomed the ADEK team for a compliance visit covering several important aspects of school operations and educational provision. These included our daily National Anthem practice, the **"Clean Your Space" initiative**, Nabati poetry provision, our approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI), Physical Education, and other areas of school life.

We are pleased that **BIS has demonstrated high standards across the areas inspected**, reflecting our ongoing commitment to quality education, student wellbeing, national identity, and continuous improvement. We look forward to receiving the official report and will continue working to strengthen our practices and ensure that we meet the highest expectations for our students.

BSO Inspection: 3–5 November 2026

We would also like to remind our families that BIS will welcome the **British Schools Overseas (BSO) inspection team from 3 to 5 November 2026**. The inspection will review different aspects of our educational provision and school practices against the relevant BSO standards.



Principal's Message

This is an important opportunity to showcase the progress made by our school, the dedication of our staff, the achievements of our students, and the strong partnership we share with our parents. We appreciate your continued trust and support as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for every learner.

Thank you for being an essential part of the BIS community. Together, we continue to build a school that celebrates the UAE, values every student, and strives for excellence.

Warmest regards,

Ismat Ezzat Daou

School Principal
Belvedere International School - Al Ain



Vice Principal's Message

Celebrating Student Voice and Leadership

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Belvedere International School, we want every student to know that their voice matters and that they can make a positive difference to our school community. I am delighted to congratulate our **Prefect Team, Student Council representatives, House Captains and Vice-Captains, and Health and Safety Ambassador for 2026–2027**.

Through voting, students chose the candidates they believed would best represent them. This provided a meaningful experience of democracy: considering candidates' ideas and qualities, making informed choices and respecting the outcome. Thank you to every student who stood for election and everyone who participated thoughtfully. Putting yourself forward takes courage, and every candidate deserves recognition.

Our Prefect Team

Role	Student
Head Boy	Kurt Elizander Alcantara Alintanahin
Head Girl	Fayrouz Mohamed Nabil Abdelraouf Elbahkiri
Deputy Head Girl	Farah Mohamed Nabil Elansari Ali Hassan
Head of Communication	Aysha Mohammed Helal Musabbeh Alkaabi
Head of School Spirit	Hanya Mahmoud Salah Mohamed Awad
Head of Academics	Sara Mohamed Moustafa Rashad Elhammadi
Head of Sports – Girls	Natasha Tinotenda Chavarika
Head of Sports – Boys	Youssef Abdul Ghani Abou Hossein
Head of UAE Identity and Heritage	Hamda Al Kaabi

We also congratulate our **Primary School Prefects: Khalifa Omar Saad, Larissa Magdalena Venter, Shamsa Ali Alkaabi and Joud Mohamed Yassir Ibrahim**.



Vice Principal's Message

Our prefects will lead by example, promote our school values and support a welcoming and respectful environment. We look forward to seeing them turn their ideas into purposeful action.

Our Student Council

Our Student Council gives learners a platform to share their views and contribute to school improvement. Representatives will listen to their classmates, bring forward suggestions and work with staff on matters that affect students' daily experiences.

Class	Elected Representatives
3B	Ahmad Anas Mohd and Hiba Faisal Javed
3R	Hamdan Ali Al Kaabi and Sara Sehmi Ali
4B	Hind Hamad and Eyad El Hussanin
4R	Hana Islam Ibrahim and Sultan Kaab Saeed
5B	Khalifa Omar Saad and Sultan Mohamed Ali
5R	Ghanem Hamad Saees and Alya Rashid
6B	Rashed Mohamed and Mohamed Saeed
6R	Yara Nourdin and Hoorain Raza
7B	Saeed Khalid and Saif Rashid Saif
7R	Maitha Mohamed Aldarmaki and Mariam Al Kaabi
8B	Mubarak Juma Ali and Kalaf Saeed Khalaf
8R	Tasneem Moustafa and Hamda Batool Sad
9B	Saif Husam Said and Mohamad Mutaz
9R	Joury Waleed Safwat and Eleen Moath Abdelraoof
10B	Malek Mohamed Ezzat and Khalid Omar Moustafa
10R	Hamda Al Kaabi and Hind Mohamed Obaid
11B	Youssef Abdul Ghani and Salem Awad Saeed
11R	Sara Mohamed Moustafa and Madjire Francies



Vice Principal's Message

Our Primary House Captains and Vice-Captains

House	House Leadership Team
Eagles	Larissa Magdalena Venter Ghanem Hamad Saeed Ghanem Almansoori
Horses	Abdulla Mohammed Awad Khalfan Alnuaimi Ghanem Rawdha Butti Ahmed Mohammed Alqubaisi
Falcons	Rashed Mohammed Rashed Musabbeh Alkaabi Rawdha Butti Ahmed Mohammed Alqubaisi
Leopards	Yara Nourddin Hussein Hoorain Raza Sufyan Mujaddidi

Our house leaders across Primary and Secondary will encourage participation, strengthen house spirit and promote teamwork, fair play and respect. The house system gives every student opportunity to contribute, celebrate achievement and develop a sense of belonging. We look forward to seeing our captains and vice-captains encourage their peers, recognise effort and represent their houses with pride.

Our Health and Safety Ambassador

Congratulations to Madjire Francies Blessing, our Health and Safety Ambassador. Working under staff guidance, Madjire will help promote safe choices, encourage students to care for their surroundings and report concerns to the appropriate adults.

Across all student leadership roles, our expectations are clear: listen carefully, act fairly, include others and follow through on commitments. These responsibilities will help our young people develop confidence, empathy and communication skills while contributing to school life.

Strengthening Partnerships and Looking Ahead

Alongside student leadership, we continue to value the partnership between school and home. Our Parent Representative Committee provides an opportunity to strengthen communication and ensure that parents' perspectives contribute to our school's development. Thank you to the families giving their time and ideas to support this work.



Vice Principal's Message

In Secondary, careers guidance and the planned Al Ain University visit on **Thursday, 29 October** support students in exploring future study and career pathways. Connecting classroom learning with future possibilities helps students make informed decisions and approach their next steps with confidence.

As we prepare to welcome our BSO inspection team next week, our focus remains on purposeful learning, student wellbeing and high expectations. We look forward to sharing our school community's strengths and reflecting on how we can continue to improve every learner's experience.

Looking ahead to **UAE Flag Day on Tuesday, 3 November**, we will mark the occasion with the flag-raising ceremony only. Additional activities and permitted finger food will take place on **Friday, 6 November**. Please do not send food on 3 November.

Congratulations once again to all our student leaders. Thank you to our staff and families for supporting our young people as they grow into thoughtful, responsible and active members of our school community.

Warm regards,

Ms. Karima Slama

Vice Principal and Head of Secondary
Belvedere International School - Al Ain

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

Our Extra-Curricular Activities programme continues to offer students opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills and build friendships beyond the classroom. Through sporting, creative and practical activities, students are encouraged to grow in confidence, work together and discover their talents. Thank you to our dedicated staff for supporting the programme and to parents for encouraging their children's participation.

Our Pink Day celebration brought the school community together to raise breast cancer awareness and promote kindness, care and solidarity with those affected. Students enjoyed a variety of activities while our student leaders supported teachers, assisted younger learners and helped the event run smoothly.

A heartfelt thank you to all staff, students and parents for your enthusiasm, generosity and support in making Pink Day a success. Whether through organising activities, contributing treats and materials, participating or helping behind the scenes, every contribution made a difference. Together, we created a meaningful day of awareness, compassion and community spirit.



FS2 to Year 2

Last Wednesday, our FS2 students had a fantastic time celebrating Monster Phonics Dress-Up Day! The children came dressed in colours inspired by their favourite Monster Phonics characters and enjoyed a morning filled with fun and engaging phonics activities in the courtyard.

The excitement continued with a special Maths lesson featuring Robot Amal! The children were thrilled to see a robot in their classroom and enjoyed this unique and interactive learning experience.

Throughout the week, our little learners also explored their creativity through Arts and Crafts, developing their cutting and sticking skills. They also learned about the four seasons through engaging hands-on activities.

It was a wonderful week filled with creativity, exploration, excitement, and learning!





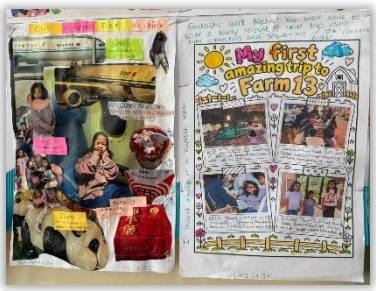


In Year 2, during English lessons, our students have been learning to write recounts using past-tense verbs and time connectives to put events in the correct order. They have also enjoyed reading **The Day the Crayons Quit**, exploring the characters' feelings and sharing their opinions about the story.

To show what they have learned, the students were given five fun project choices: **Memory Scrapbook**, **My Day in a Film Strip**, **Adventure Postcard**, **Past Tense Time Machine**, or **Story Opinion Poster**.

Through these activities, the children had the chance to practise their writing, share their ideas and use their creativity. We are proud of their enthusiasm and the wonderful work they have created!









Primary School

Pink Day Celebration

Our school was filled with joy, excitement, and shades of pink as we celebrated Pink Day!

The day began with a wonderful assembly and a special Arabic sketch, followed by a variety of fun and engaging activities. Students enjoyed exploring different stalls, participating in games, and treating themselves to delicious popcorn, cotton candy, and other goodies.

The children particularly enjoyed the sensory activities, which encouraged exploration, creativity, and interaction with their friends.

It was a memorable day filled with laughter, teamwork, and togetherness, creating beautiful memories for everyone!







Secondary School

Global Collaboration for a Sustainable Future

During October, our secondary students took part in an exciting international collaboration with students from Poland, exchanging ideas and exploring creative solutions to one of the most pressing global challenges: **climate change**.

From reducing waste and conserving energy to protecting local environments, students shared practical actions that can make a meaningful difference in their schools and communities.

This enriching experience provided an opportunity to build international friendships, strengthen communication and teamwork skills, and recognise that young people around the world share a common vision for a more sustainable future.

We are proud of our students' curiosity, open-mindedness and commitment to making a positive impact. We look forward to more meaningful international partnerships and learning opportunities!





Arabic Department and National Identity Team

يسرّنا أن نشارككم أبرز الأنشطة والمبادرات التي نفذها قسم اللغة العربية وفريق الهوية الوطنية خلال هذا الأسبوع، في إطار حرصنا المستمر على تطوير مهارات الطلبة، وتنمية مواهبهم، وتعزيز ارتباطهم باللغة العربية والتراث الإماراتي والقيم الإسلامية والوطنية.

أولًا: قسم اللغة العربية والمسابقات الثقافية

واصل قسم اللغة العربية جهوده في تنمية المهارات اللغوية الأربع لدى الطلبة، وهي القراءة والكتابة والتحدث والاستماع، من خلال المتابعة المستمرة لمستوياتهم وتقديم الدعم اللازم لهم لتعزيز تقدمهم الأكاديمي.

كما تم الإعلان عن عدد من المسابقات التي تهدف إلى اكتشاف مواهب الطلبة وتشجيعهم على الإبداع والمشاركة، وتشمل:

- **مسابقة خطّاط بلفدير:** لتشجيع الطلبة على إتقان الخط العربي وإبراز مواهبهم الفنية.
- **مسابقة الحديث الشريف: لتعزيز ارتباط الطلبة بالسنة النبوية الشريفة وتشجيعهم على الحفظ والمشاركة.**
- **مسابقة شاعر بلفدير للشعر النبطي:** لتنمية مهارات الحفظ والإلقاء، وتعريف الطلبة بأحد ألوان التراث الأدبي الإماراتي الأصيل.

ثانيًا: تميّز طلبتنا في مبادرة الشعر النبطي

شهد هذا الأسبوع زيارة من فريق دائرة التعليم والمعرفة في أبوظبي (امتثال) للاطلاع على جهود المدرسة في مبادرة الشعر النبطي. وقد أظهر طلبتنا في الصفوف الصغيرة أداءً متميزًا في حفظ القصائد وإلقائها أمام اللجنة الزائرة، مما عكس ثقتهم بأنفسهم، وحماسهم للتعلم، واعتزازهم بالتراث الإماراتي.
ونثمن جهود الأستاذة عائشة الكعبي، منسقة المبادرة، ومعلمات الدراسات الاجتماعية، ومعلم الموسيقى، في تدريب الطلبة وتشجيعهم على تطوير مهاراتهم في الإلقاء والأداء.

ثالثًا: فريق الهوية الوطنية – العمل التطوعي

خصص فريق الهوية الوطنية نشاط هذا الأسبوع لموضوع **العمل التطوعي**، بهدف غرس قيم العطاء والتعاون والمسؤولية المجتمعية في نفوس الطلبة، وتعريفهم بأهمية المبادرة إلى مساعدة الآخرين والمساهمة في خدمة المدرسة والمجتمع والوطن.

ونؤمن بأن غرس هذه القيم منذ الصغر يسهم في إعداد جيل واعٍ ومسؤول، يحرص على خدمة مجتمعه ويترجم القيم الوطنية إلى ممارسات إيجابية في حياته اليومية.

رابعًا: الزي الإماراتي وتعزيز الهوية الوطنية

نواصل كل يوم جمعة تشجيع طلبتنا ومعلمينا على ارتداء الزي الإماراتي والملابس التقليدية، تعبيرًا عن الاعتزاز بالهوية الوطنية والتراث الإماراتي الأصيل، وتعزيزًا لارتباط أبنائنا وبناتنا بثقافة وطنهم وتقاليده.

خامسًا: تعزيز القيم الإسلامية والمحافظة على الصلاة

انطلاقًا من حرصنا على تنشئة طلبتنا تنشئة متكاملة تجمع بين التفوق الأكاديمي والقيم الأخلاقية والإسلامية، نولي اهتمامًا خاصًا بتعزيز المحافظة على الصلاة وأدائها في أوقاتها.

Arabic Department and National Identity Team

وفي هذا الإطار، نحرص على أداء الصلاة جماعة خلال وقت الفسحة لطلاب وطالبات المرحلة العليا، بما يعزز الالتزام بالصلاة ويرسخ قيم الانضباط والمسؤولية. تحت إشراف الأستاذ علي والاستاذة مها

كما نشجع طلبة الصفوف الصغيرة على أداء الصلاة، ونحرص على تعريفهم بأهميتها بأسلوب تربوي يناسب أعمارهم، وغرس محبتها في نفوسهم منذ الصغر، لتصبح جزءًا من عاداتهم اليومية وقيمهم الراسخة.

نفخر بما يحققه طلبتنا من إنجازات ومشاركات متميزة، ونؤكد أن تعاون المدرسة والأسرة يمثل ركيزة أساسية في دعم تعلمهم، وتنمية مواهبهم، وتعزيز قيمهم الأخلاقية والوطنية.

نتقدم بجزيل الشكر لأولياء الأمور الكرام على دعمهم المستمر وتعاونهم المثمر، ونشكر جميع المعلمين والمعلمات على جهودهم في توفير بيئة تعليمية محفزة تجمع بين المعرفة والإبداع والهوية والقيم.

معًا نعمل على بناء جيل معتز بلغته العربية، وفخور بهويته الإماراتية، ومتمسك بقيمه الإسلامية، ومبادر إلى خدمة مجتمعه ووطنه.

مع خالص الشكر والتقدير،
















Inclusion Department

Parent Workshop: Understanding Child Development

On Wednesday, 21 October 2026, Belvedere International School, in collaboration with **Bedaya Center**, organised an informative workshop for parents on Child Development.

The workshop was delivered by specialists in speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and behavioural therapy. Parents gained valuable insights into developmental milestones, recognising early signs of developmental difficulties, and understanding when to seek professional support.

The session aimed to raise awareness and strengthen the partnership between parents, the school, and specialists to support children's growth, learning, and overall well-being.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Bedaya Center for their valuable contribution and to all parents who attended and participated.

Library

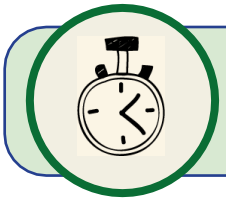
Our library hosted a variety of activities this week.

Students enjoyed the story *"Sinan and His Sharp Teeth"* and enthusiastically participated in worksheets featuring a range of fun activities and puzzles about books and the library. These activities created an atmosphere of fun and learning while encouraging students to develop a love of reading and a spirit of exploration.

We look forward to another exciting week filled with inspiring stories and creative activities that make our library a place where knowledge and enjoyment come together, opening new doors for students to explore the wonderful world of reading and discovery. 📖✨





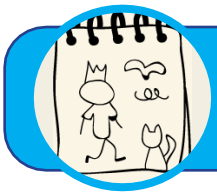
Social Work

Support and School Wellbeing

This week, we continued our efforts to support students' psychological, social, and behavioural wellbeing through ongoing follow-up, addressing students' concerns, resolving issues, and promoting positive behaviour to ensure a safe, supportive, and inclusive school environment.

* Student Council: The role of the Student Council was further activated by assigning its members meaningful awareness-raising responsibilities. Student Council girls actively participated in delivering awareness sessions to students in other classes on Staying Safe Online. The sessions aimed to promote safe and responsible internet use and raise awareness of digital safety and online protection.

* Eco-Ambassadors: We followed up on the roles and responsibilities of our Eco-Ambassadors and reviewed their participation in environmental initiatives across the school. They were also recognised and awarded in appreciation of their efforts and positive contributions, encouraging them to continue promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices among their peers.



Wellbeing

Staff Wellbeing – Breathwork Workshop

Last week, our school staff came together for a refreshing breathwork workshop focused on managing workplace stress and restoring balance. Guided by the science of our parasympathetic nervous system, we practiced simple, science-backed micro-techniques—like the physiological sigh and box breathing—that offer instant resets right at our desks. A big thank you to everyone who joined us; remember that no matter how demanding the day gets, a calm reset is always just one intentional breath away!

Year 8 Girls – Self-Care and Wellbeing

Secondary Year 8 girls practiced self-care using Komodo cards, whereby we drew circles looking into our social support systems and practiced breathing exercises together. Students took turns to discuss their own individual support systems. We concluded our session with a conscious deep breath.



Career-University Guidance Counselling

Years 10-12 Al Ain University Educational Visit

Students visited various academic departments in Al Ain University, including Civil Engineering, Pharmacy, Business Management, Artificial Intelligence and Computer Software, gaining insights into different fields of study and their practical applications.

They also met with the Dean and university representatives to learn more about academic programmes, university life and future career opportunities. The visit encouraged students to explore their interests and consider possible pathways for their future studies and careers.

The visit supported students in:

- Broadening students' awareness of university courses and career opportunities.
- Connecting school subjects with possible degree programmes.
- Exploring opportunities in engineering, healthcare, business and technology.
- Developing confidence in communicating with university professionals.
- Identifying areas of interest for further research and individual career guidance.



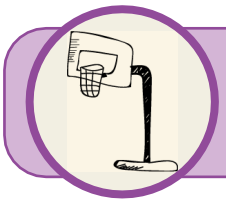












Physical Education (PE)

Physical Education and Sporting Achievements

Our Physical Education programme continues to provide students with opportunities to develop their sporting skills, improve their fitness and demonstrate teamwork, determination and sportsmanship.

During PE lessons, instruction will continue to focus on developing specific track and field skills, including the long jump, with particular emphasis on technique and performance. Students will also have opportunities to participate in additional sporting activities, including the upcoming football league, while continuing to represent the school in the remaining Abu Dhabi Sports Championship events.

We are particularly proud of our students' achievements in the Abu Dhabi Sports Championship. **Yousef, a Year 11 student, demonstrated outstanding athletic ability in the triple jump**, earning recognition for his performance.

Our volleyball teams also achieved excellent results, showcasing their teamwork, commitment and competitive spirit. **The Under-13 team secured a position in the overall standings**, while our **Under-15 girls' team proudly claimed third place overall** in the volleyball competition.

These achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of our students, as well as their commitment to developing their sporting abilities. Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches for representing the school with pride. We look forward to celebrating more sporting successes in the coming months!







Health and Safety

Strengthening Safety at BIS

As part of Belvedere International School's continued commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment, the school's **fire protection and alarm systems underwent periodic preventive maintenance** this week.

This scheduled maintenance was carried out to help ensure that the school's fire safety systems remain in proper working condition and are ready to respond effectively in the event of an emergency.

Safety is our priority, and prevention is our responsibility!

Promoting Laboratory Safety Through Awareness and Preparedness

On 20 October 2026, Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in a **Science Laboratory Safety Awareness Session** led by Mr. Muhammad Al Khalil, School Laboratory Technician. Students learned about safe laboratory practices, proper chemical handling, identifying hazards and responding appropriately to chemical spills.

Through this practical safety activity, students gained a better understanding of how to recognize potential laboratory hazards, respond appropriately to spill incidents, and follow established safety procedures while conducting science experiments.

Learn Safely. Act Responsibly. Stay Safe!







Apprenticeship Training Collaboration

Belvedere International School (BIS) was pleased to collaborate with **Abu Dhabi Vocational Education and Training Institute (ADVETI)** in supporting its apprenticeship training programme. Apprentices completed their final assessment at BIS under the supervision of Mr. Glenn Balboa, HSE Officer, demonstrating the knowledge and practical skills gained throughout their training.

This collaboration highlights BIS's commitment to supporting educational partnerships, practical learning and the development of future professionals.

What's On?

02-06 November

19 OCT	Monday	Maths Week Climate Action Project – Years 7-10 Whole School Assembly After-School ECA Clubs
20 OCT	Tuesday	BSO Inspection KS1 Assembly UAE Flag Day (Flag Raising) After-School ECA Clubs
21 OCT	Wednesday	BSO Inspection KS2 Assembly National Stress Awareness Day
22 OCT	Thursday	BSO Inspection Secondary School Assembly
23 OCT	Friday	UAE Flag Day Activities الاماراتي Emirati Sanaa المخوره والغتره Al-Mukhwara and Al-Ghutrah



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