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Message from the Principal

Fostering Growth: Insights into Student Progress and Plans for Term 2

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to address an important aspect of your child's educational journey: understanding and interpreting their academic results. At Belvedere International School, we are committed to fostering a culture of excellence, and this involves evaluating student performance through a comprehensive and balanced approach.

While attainment levels remain an essential indicator of your child's academic progress, it is equally important to consider the broader picture. Teachers' comments provide invaluable insights into your child's learning experience, the skills and attitudes they have developed, and their areas for growth. These qualitative aspects, combined with academic results, create a well-rounded perspective of your child's achievements this term.

This term, we have enhanced the quality of our exams to align more closely with international standards. These high-quality assessments are designed to challenge students and promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills, reducing the emphasis on rote memorization. =

Such improvements are a vital step in bridging the gap between internal school results and international exam outcomes, including GL Assessments, CAT4, PIRLS, PISA, and IGCSE.

It is also important to recognize that academic progress is a journey. True progress is measured not just by performance on one test but by consistent improvement over time.

Our ultimate goal, in alignment with the UAE's educational vision, is to prepare our students to excel in international assessments while equipping them with the skills and attitudes needed for lifelong success.



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Message from the Principal

We are immensely proud of our students' achievements this term. These results represent an important milestone in pushing each child to new heights in their academic performance. While some students may perceive their results as a drop compared to previous years, this is not a setback.

On the contrary, these results reflect the increased rigor of our assessments, which focus on higher-order skills. This approach ensures that our students are not only gaining knowledge but are also developing critical thinking and analytical abilities that will serve them well in future endeavors.

Looking ahead to Term 2, there will be no final exams. Instead, student performance will be measured through high-quality assignments and quizzes conducted throughout the term. The results will be based on the cumulative average of formative and summative assessments, with more weight given to formative assessments.

These include quizzes, homework, in-class assignments, projects, class participation, and other activities. We encourage all students to seize this opportunity to work effectively in class and diligently complete their assignments. This will ensure that their results reflect their true effort and perseverance.

We are confident that Term 2 will bring even greater progress. With the support of our dedicated teachers and your invaluable partnership, we aim to help every student reach their full potential. Together, we will continue to build a foundation for success that aligns with the highest standards of education.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Should you have any questions about your child's results or their learning journey, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

Israt Daou

Principal, Belvedere International School



Extra Curricular Activities



We've had a good first week of ECAs at our school. It's been full of fun and excitement, with students eagerly participating in a wide range of activities. We understand that some students haven't yet registered for ECAs. There's still time to join the excitement!

To register, you can contact Ms. Reezana at reezana@belvereinternationalschool.com or reach out to the administration department for more information. This term, we're happy to introduce a new initiative: during-school ECAs on Wednesdays for students in Years 5-10. This program ==recognises that not everyone can stay after school, and it ensures all students have the opportunity to explore their interests and develop new skills.

The launch of this program has been a big success, and we look forward to seeing it continue to flourish. We encourage all students to get involved in ECAs. It's a fantastic way to make new friends, discover hidden talents, and have a lot of fun along the way!



Learning Activities

Foundation Stage 2

Understand the World:

The students met a fireman and participated in a fire evacuation drill, learning important safety procedures. They also had a special visit from a dentist, which linked to their focused theme of "People Who Help Us in Our Community." These experiences helped the students understand the roles of different community helpers and how they contribute to our safety and well-being.

In Maths, we have explored 3D shapes like cubes, cuboids, and pyramids. We have identified and used key words such as not flat, faces and curved surface.



Learning Activities

Primary School

It has been wonderful to welcome the students back to school for Term 2, and there is a real sense of excitement in the air. Extracurricular activities (ECAs) began in Week 2, giving students the chance to explore different interests and try new things. The Civil Defence carried out an important fire drill, making sure everyone knows how to stay safe in case of an emergency. In the classroom, students have taken part in a range of engaging and enjoyable lessons, helping them to build their knowledge and develop new skills as they begin an exciting term of learning.



Secondary School

Welcome back to an exciting term at Belvedere International School! Week 1 saw our students returning refreshed from their winter holidays, ready to dive into the new term. In Week 2, our Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) kicked off with great enthusiasm, and we're thrilled to share that our Head Boy, Khalifa, and Head Girl, Fatima Shahriz, are actively leading their own ECAs, inspiring their peers with their leadership and creativity.

Additionally, our Year 10 students had a fantastic opportunity to visit Abu Dhabi University's Al Ain campus on a school trip, sparking curiosity and excitement about future possibilities.

Here's to a term filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences!



Arabic Department

ومع انطلاق مسابقات تحدي القراءة العربية قامت المدرسة بمجموعة من الاستعدادات للدخول بروح تنافسية عالية ، فقد بدأت حملة القراءة الصباحية لتطوير قدرات الطلبة بالتعاون مع الأقران ومدرسي العربية لرفع الكفاءة لدى الجميع ، كما تم تجهيز غرفة المكتبة والمساحات الخارجية لاستقبال الطلبة في جميع الأوقات.

وعلى صعيد آخر قام قسم الدراسات الإسلامية بتفعيل مجموعة من الأنشطة ارتبطت بتجهيز غرف الصلاة وأماكن الوضوء وقام الصف الرابع بتخصيص يوم لأداب الزيارة وكيف نظهر السنع الإماراتي الذي ينبثق من تعاليم الدين والثقافة العربية والتراث الإسلامي القويم .

كما تابع قسم الدراسات الاجتماعية تقييمات الهوية الوطنية لقياس جاهزية الطلاب لزيارة الهوية وتعميق فهم الطلاب لقيمها الثلاثة المتمثلة في الثقافة والمواطنة والقيم وكيف سينعكس ذلك على فخلا الطلاب واعتزازهم بوطنهم .



Learning Activities

Inclusion

This week began positively with a workshop for teachers, emphasizing the significance of integrating students into classrooms and school activities while also highlighting the importance of supporting teachers to ensure the success of all students in their educational journey.



Social Worker

"Breakfast with My Family"

Parents joined us at school for a delightful breakfast, where they had the opportunity to spend quality time with their children. The event provided a wonderful chance for meaningful conversations, fostering stronger connections between students, families, and the school community.

It was a heartwarming morning of shared moments and valuable discussions aimed at building positive relationships and creating a supportive environment for everyone.



Learning Activities

Physical Education

Healthy Eating for a Healthy Future

At Belvedere International School, we are committed to promoting the health and well-being of all our students. A balanced and nutritious diet plays a crucial role in helping children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn. We kindly ask parents to ensure that the snacks and lunches brought to school support this goal by being both healthy and balanced.

Healthy eating not only fuels the body but also benefits your child's **physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being**. Providing nutritious meals and snacks helps improve **concentration and academic performance**, supports **physical growth and development**, and boosts **energy levels** to keep them active throughout the day.

Staying active is equally important. Regular physical activity combined with a healthy diet helps children build **strong bones and muscles**, manage stress, improve their **mood and self-esteem**, and develop important **social skills** through teamwork and play. By making small changes to packed lunches, such as including more **fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains**, we can work together to instil lifelong healthy habits in our students. Let's give our children the best start in life by ensuring they are fuelled with the right foods to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote a healthier school environment

Library

This month, we'd like to shine a spotlight on Fatima from Year 10R for her outstanding dedication and service in the library. Fatima has consistently volunteered her time, not only telling engaging stories to the younger children, but also lending a hand in organizing and tidying up the bookshelves. Her enthusiasm and positive energy make the library a more welcoming and lively place for all.

Fatima's commitment to helping others and her love for storytelling bring so much joy to our community. We are grateful for her continued support and look forward to seeing her contribute further to the library in the months ahead.

Thank you, Fatima, for making a difference!



Health and Safety Environment

Emergency Fire Drill - January 14, 2025

Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) Compliance

Belvedere International School successfully conducted a fire drill on January 14, 2025, testing the preparedness and response efficiency of staff and students in the event of an emergency. The drill was conducted simultaneously and smoothly, with some students demonstrating their understanding of the school evacuation plan by occupying their designated lines promptly. Overall, the drill seemed to be a valuable exercise in school safety preparedness.



Drill Details

1. Date: January 14, 2025
2. Time: 11:41 AM to 11:43 AM
3. Duration: 2 minutes and 37 seconds
4. Participation: 434 of students, 118 teachers and staff, 19 visitors

