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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

At Belvedere International School, we recognize the transformative power of technology in enhancing educational experiences. In today's world, educational apps are designed not only to teach but also to engage through gamification and interactivity, helping students to build essential skills while enjoying the learning process.

By integrating fun, game-based learning at home, we aim to equip our students with the skills they need in a format they enjoy, making their education journey both effective and enjoyable.

The Role of Gamification in Learning

Gamification and interactivity in educational apps allow students to learn through exploration, rewards, and interactive feedback. This approach turns practice and review into a game, where students are motivated by progress and achievement, reinforcing their skills and boosting their confidence. By embracing these tools, we can support a holistic approach to learning, where students view their education as a series of rewarding challenges rather than traditional tasks.

Recommended Apps for Home Learning Accelerated Reader (AR)

Purpose: To improve reading comprehension and foster a love for reading.

How It Helps: Students can read books at their own level and then complete quizzes on AR to track progress and receive immediate feedback. This app encourages consistent reading and aids in building vocabulary.

Alef Platform

Purpose: Comprehensive learning tool covering various subjects with interactive lessons and quizzes.

How It Helps: Alef's engaging content and gamified learning approach make it an ideal way for students to reinforce what they learn in class and track their understanding across different subjects.



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Abjadiyat

Purpose: Arabic language learning for reading, writing, and comprehension.

How It Helps: Abjadiyat provides structured Arabic language content with interactive exercises that help students improve their language skills, catering to both beginners and advanced learners.

ArabBites

Purpose: Enrichment in Arabic language and culture.

How It Helps: Through videos, stories, and interactive activities, ArabBites provides cultural context while enhancing students' language skills in a way that is accessible and enjoyable.

Rock Star Math

Purpose: To make math practice fun and engaging.

How It Helps: Rock Star Math uses games to build essential math skills, such as arithmetic, problem-solving, and number sense, making it ideal for building foundational skills at home.

How You Can Support Your Child's Learning at Home

We encourage you to explore these resources with your child, integrating them into their daily routine. As students engage in fun, interactive learning, they build a growth mindset, and studies show that these methods improve both engagement and retention of skills. Your support in encouraging consistent practice can make a tremendous difference in your child's learning journey.

If you have any questions about these resources or need guidance on how to access them, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or our Phase leaders to provide the needed support. Together, we can make learning both effective and enjoyable for our students.

Warm regards,

Israt Daou

Principal, Belvedere International School



Extra Curricular Activities



A Trip Back in Time: Year 6-10's Heritage Express Adventure

Yesterday, our Year 6-10 students embarked on an unforgettable journey through time, exploring the rich history and culture of Dubai with Heritage Express. This unique experience allowed our students to step back in time and learn more about the traditions and customs of the UAE.



As they traveled through the bustling streets of Old Dubai, our students were captivated by the stories of the city's past. They viewed iconic landmarks like the Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, and the Al Shindagha Historical District.

The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the opportunity to learn the history of the Emirati culture and the knowledgeable guides shared fascinating insights into Emirati culture, traditions, and heritage. Students were able to ask questions, engage in discussions, and get a deeper understanding of the UAE's history. This experience not only broadened our students' horizons but also fostered a sense of appreciation for the UAE's cultural heritage.

Learning Activities

Foundation Stage 2

The FS2 Students have had another great few weeks of learning. The students have explored the weather around the world and created weather experiments whilst also learning about the seasons. They've explored new concepts in Maths such as height, weight and capacity and have continued to develop their phonetic knowledge learning new sounds and vocabulary.



Primary School

This week in Primary School, we enthusiastically continued our celebration of student achievements by presenting behaviour awards and Timetable Rockstars certificates. Our Year 3 and Year 4 students engaged in a vibrant exploration of UAE culture and cuisine, learning about traditional dishes and their significance in Emirati society. The students delighted in sharing a variety of delicious UAE foods with their classmates. This activity not only fostered a sense of community but also allowed the children to appreciate the rich culinary heritage of the UAE, enhancing their understanding of the diverse culture in which they live.



Secondary School

Over the past two weeks, our secondary students have been actively engaged in an International Climate Action Project! Students eagerly shared their insights, posed thoughtful questions, and participated in meaningful discussions with peers from around the world. It was inspiring to see them explore real-world issues and contribute their voices to global conversations on climate change.

This week continued the momentum with more enriching and interactive learning experiences! Students embraced hands-on projects, collaborative activities, and new challenges that made each lesson impactful. It's been fantastic to watch them delve into topics that spark curiosity and creativity—an inspiring couple of weeks for our school community!



Learning Activities

Arabic Department

استكمالنا لما تم التخطيط له في الأسابيع الماضية ، تابع قسم اللغة العربية إجراء اختبارات مقياس الضاد والتي عقدت بالشراكة مع ألف للتعليم ، وقام الطلاب بتقديم جهود طيبة ومميزة أظهرت تقدما ملحوظا في فهم النصوص المقررة وتم رصد العلامات الإلكترونية لجميع الطلاب لتقديم جوائز للطلاب على تميزهم ، وعلى صعيد آخر كان الأسبوع العاشر أسبوع مشاريع العربية وشارك أولياء الأمور الكرام في الاطلاع على مشاريع أبنائهم الطلاب وتابعوا التقدم الذي تم أنجازه.

وانطلاقا من النشاطين السابقين ينظم القسم مسابقة ، صوت الضاد الذي يبرز أفضل المتحدثين في المشاريع ، كما تابع المدرسون الأعضاء الزيارات المكتبية التي تساعد الطلاب في اكتساب المفردات وإثراء القراءة وتطوير مهارة التحدث



Inclusion Department

On 07th November, our department organized a delightful tea party to foster a stronger connection between students and the principal, creating a joyful atmosphere for everyone involved. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with the principal in a relaxed setting and strengthen community ties within the school.

