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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to inform you about an important upcoming assessment period for our students this May – the **GL Progress Tests**, along with the **ABT (Arabic, Islamic, and Social Studies Benchmark Tests)**.

These standardized tests play a vital role in tracking each student's academic progress from one year to the next – in this case, from the **2023–2024 academic year to 2024–2025**. The **GL Progress Tests** assess students in **English, Mathematics, and Science**, while the **ABT** exams will assess **Arabic, Islamic, and Social Studies**.

All exams will be conducted **online in the computer lab**. Each year group will receive a detailed schedule to ensure all students have adequate time and access to complete their tests in the computer lab.

What You Need to Know:

- **Assessment Period:** Throughout **May**
- **GL Tests:** English, Mathematics, and Science
- **ABT Tests:** Arabic, Islamic, and Social Studies
- **Format:** Standardized online tests, scheduled per year group
- **Feedback:** Results from all tests will be shared with **students and parents** after completion

To ensure students are well-prepared, we are currently conducting mock exams, which simulate the real test environment and allow teachers to identify areas for improvement. Mock results will be shared with parents to provide transparency and help guide further revision at home.

In the lead-up to the tests, teachers and subject leaders have:

- Integrated **practice questions** into daily lessons
- Prepared **revision booklets** aligned with test formats
- Set **personal academic targets** for every student in all test subjects

Your Support Matters

We place great value on parental involvement in helping our students succeed. Your encouragement at home is key to motivating students to take these exams seriously and strive to exceed their targets.



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Message from the Principal

At Belvedere, we understand that early exposure to standardized testing is essential, especially for international school students preparing for future qualifications like the IGCSE. These exams not only benchmark student learning but also help refine our teaching strategies and highlight individual and group progress. Additionally, end-of-year results will consider student performance in these assessments.

Celebrating Student Achievement

We believe in recognizing and celebrating academic excellence. Therefore, we will be awarding:

- The highest achievers in each class and subject
- The highest overall average in each year group

These exceptional students will receive certificates of achievement, and those with the top scores in their year group will be invited, along with their parents, to a special achievement tea party – a moment to honor their dedication and success.

With your continued support, we are confident our students will rise to the challenge and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and growth they've achieved this year.

Thank you,

Israt Daou

Principal, Belvedere International School



Extra Curricular Activities



Celebrating ECA Success & Seeking Your Input for Term 3!

Term 3 ECA has begun with a busy schedule. We still have some students who need to register for their chosen activities. Please email me at reezana@belvedereinternationalschool.com if you require any assistance. This week also included a successful 2-day Robotics Competition where our students demonstrated their talents. Winners in all categories will be announced in Monday's assembly.

Finally, our students had a fun and enjoyable trip to Motiongate, with overwhelmingly positive feedback about their time with peers and teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.



Learning Activities

Social Work/School Counselor

Chilling during break time

Did you know stress isn't always the bad guy? We discovered this and so much more at the recent Stress Awareness Workshop! We dove into what stress actually is and how it can sometimes be a superpower, and other times, a total drag. But don't worry, we're now equipped with some awesome tools to keep our cool! We learned some super-effective breathing exercises, stretched our way to serenity, and even shared our own secret stress-busting tricks. So, next time you feel those butterflies fluttering, remember what we learned – you've got this! Stay calm, and take charge.



Learning Activities

FS2

FS2's Fantastic Start to Term 3!

FS2 has had an exciting and fun start back to school! During week 1 we had Crazy Hair Day, where students showed off their most creative and colourful hairstyles. It was wonderful to see everyone's creativity and excitement. We also celebrated Earth Day, learning about the importance of looking after our planet. The children enjoyed hands-on activities and discussions about recycling, reducing waste, and keeping our environment clean and green.

For World Book Day, we had a special treat, a puppet show! The performance was engaging and helped bring stories to life in an engaging way. Another highlight was a visit from the Animal Welfare team. The students learned lots about different animals and how to take care of them. It was a great opportunity to ask questions and understand the responsibilities of pet ownership.

We are so proud of how well FS2 has settled back into school. A fantastic start to term 3!



Primary

The primary students have had a fantastic start to Term 3, settling back into school life with energy and enthusiasm. It's been a busy and exciting few weeks! We kicked things off with Crazy Hair Day, where students showed off their wildest and most creative hairstyles—it was a colourful and fun-filled day enjoyed by all. Year 6 students also had the opportunity to go on a memorable trip to Motiongate, where they explored thrilling rides and created lasting memories with their friends.

In addition, students from Year 2 to Year 6 proudly took part in a robotics competition, showcasing their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and innovation. It was inspiring to see their creativity in action as they tackled challenges using coding and engineering skills.

Meanwhile, our dedicated Year 4-6 students have been working hard in preparation for their upcoming GL assessments. They've been revising key concepts, practicing exam strategies, and showing great focus and determination. We're proud of their efforts and are confident they'll do their best!



Learning Activities

Secondary School

Term 3 began with great momentum as our students engaged in focused preparation for the upcoming GL assessments. Teachers incorporated revision activities and strategies into daily lessons to ensure students felt confident and ready. In Week 2, students took part in Mock GL assessments held in our school's ICT lab, giving them the opportunity to experience the format and structure of the real exams in a supportive environment. These mock sessions were instrumental in identifying areas of strength and those needing further improvement, helping students to approach their final assessments with greater assurance.

Week 2 was also an exciting time for our young innovators, as selected students proudly represented our school in a Robotics competition. The event showcased their creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork as they competed against other schools with their own robot designs and coding projects. Their enthusiasm and commitment to STEM learning were truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Beyond academics and competitions, students also enjoyed a memorable school trip that offered a perfect balance of fun, learning, and bonding with their peers. To end the week on a high note, we celebrated student achievements during a special assembly on Friday. Students were recognised and awarded certificates for their excellent performance and progress in Term 2. It was a proud moment for both students and staff, highlighting the hard work and dedication shown throughout the previous term.



Arabic Department

في أجواء من الحماس و الانطلاقة المتجددة، استقبل قسم المواد العربية الأسبوع الأول من الفصل الدراسي الثالث بأنشطة متنوعة وملينة بالحيوية. كانت البداية مميزة، حيث استقبل المعلمون والمعلمات الطلبة بابتسامة ودفاء، في بيئة صفية مليئة بالتفاؤل، استعداداً لرحلة تعليمية جديدة

ولم تكن الحصص مجرد دروس، بل كانت منصات للإبداع والتفاعل، حيث نُفذت أنشطة صفية تدمج بين التعلم والمتعة، وتغرس القيم والهوية الوطنية في نفوس الطلبة بطريقة مبتكرة ومحفزة. وقد أظهر الطلبة تفاعلاً رائعاً وحرصاً على المشاركة الفاعلة ومع إشراقة كل صباح، كان الطابور الصباحي منصة لتكريم المتميزين. حيث غمّت الفرحة وجوه الفائزين في مسابقة "مؤذن بلفدير"، الذين أبدعوا في أداء الأذان بأصوات ندية وقلوب خاشعة. كما تم تكريم نجوم مسابقة "شهر رمضان المبارك" التي جمعت بين الثقافة والمتعة، لترسيخ القيم والمعلومات الدينية في قالب من التنافس الجميل.

كما تم تسليم الكتب الوزارية لمواد اللغة العربية، والتربية الإسلامية، والدراسات الاجتماعية، لكافة المراحل الدراسية، بعد تنظيمها والتأكد من استكمالها وفق الكشوف.

واستمراراً في التفاعل والتنوع، شهد يوم الجمعة إقامة ورشة عمل مميزة بعنوان "الماء والكهرباء وعي ومسؤولية"، هدفت إلى رفع مستوى الوعي لدى الطلبة بأهمية ترشيد الموارد، من خلال أنشطة تطبيقية وتفاعلية نالت إعجاب الجميع. كما اختتمنا أسبوعنا الثاني بتكريم الطلبة المتفوقين دراسياً، في لحظة بهيجة احتفل فيها الجميع بالتميز والاجتهاد، وسط أجواء من الفخر والتحفيز. وفي إطار المشاركات الخارجية، شارك عدد من طلابنا في مسابقة بن حرميل في مجال الإبداع الأدبي والقرآن الكريم، مقدمين أداءً متميزاً يعكس قدراتهم ومهاراتهم العالية، وممثلين المدرسة بأفضل صورة ممكنة.

هكذا مضت أيامنا، بين التعلم والفرح، وبين التقدير والإبداع، لنصنع أسبوعين من العطاء والتفاعل والتميز، تُضاف إلى سجل الإنجازات المستمرة لقسم المواد العربية حتى تظل راسخة في ذاكرة طلابنا



Learning Activities

Inclusion

On Thursday, 24th April 2025, we celebrated Autism Awareness Day with a special event at school. Students and teachers wore blue as a symbol of support and solidarity. The day included an engaging assembly where pupils learned more about autism and the importance of acceptance and inclusion. We also showcased creative work by some of our talented students. In addition, students took part in a variety of activities both inside and outside the classroom, making the day meaningful and enjoyable for everyone.



Library

Hello Families! We had a fantastic week in the library, and we're excited to share everything we've been up to!

Puppet Show: The Magical Book in the Jungle. Our amazing students put on a delightful puppet show this week! The story, The Magical Book in the Jungle, was full of fun characters and adventure. The performers brought their roles to life with energy and creativity. A huge shoutout to our cast:

Narrator – Shahriz (10R)

- Grandpa – Chad (9B)
- Mom – Maitha Mohammed (5B)
- Grandma – Shahnaz (5B)
- Dad – Kurt (8B)
- LeoLion – Mariam Mohammad (5B)
- Ella Elephant – Taleen (6R)
- Gigi Giraffe – Rafa (6R)
- Max Monkey – Shamsa (4B)
- Lily Sister – Larissa (3B)
- Tim Brother – Muhammad Ibrahim (5B)



They did an incredible job and had the whole audience smiling!

Author Visit – Kemi Adegbola

We were thrilled to welcome Kemi Adegbola, author of Good Night, Dubai. She read her beautiful story and answered questions from our curious young readers. It was such a special moment for everyone!

World Book Day Fun!

We celebrated World Book Day with book swaps, character dress-up, and lots of joyful reading. It was wonderful to see the students share their favorite stories and discover new ones.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this week so magical!



Learning Activities

PE

This week, our students proudly represented the school in the ADEK Futsal competitions, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout their matches. Their positive attitude and commitment to fair play truly stood out.

In addition, the PE department celebrated student successes from the previous term. Pupils who consistently showed dedication by maintaining 100% attendance, always bringing the correct PE uniform, and excelling in their physical education lessons were recognised and rewarded. Medals, certificates, and trophies were presented to commend their outstanding efforts and achievements. Well done to all our students for setting such a great example!



Health and Safety

BIS has received a “Very Good” rating in Health and Safety from Irtiqaa Inspection Team, reflecting our unwavering commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment. This recognition underscores our proactive approach to implementing rigorous safety protocols and fostering a culture of health awareness within our school community.

The assessment by Irtiqaa highlights our comprehensive training programs, safety audits, and effective emergency response plans, which prioritize the well-being of every team member. Our management’s dedication to continuous improvement in health and safety practices not only ensures compliance with industry standards but also enhances overall operational efficiency.

Also, we have successfully undergone an external audit from ADOSH SF (Abu Dhabi Occupational Safety and Health System Framework) resulting in full compliance across all elements of our health and safety protocols. This achievement is a clear indication of our commitment to maintaining the highest standards in workplace safety and health.

We take great pride in this accomplishment, as it reflects our unified commitment to prioritizing health and safety throughout all areas of our operations. As we move ahead, we will build on this foundation, aiming for excellence and ensuring that the well-being of our school community remains central to our mission.