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Message from the Principal

Subject: Reflecting on Progress and Preparing for Final Assessments

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we're pleased to share some exciting updates and important news from across the school.

Over the past few weeks, **students from Year 4 to Year 10 have successfully completed their GL Progress Tests in Mathematics, Science, and English.** We are proud to report that **initial results reflect significant academic progress** across all three subjects. These assessments are a valuable tool in measuring individual and collective growth, and we are currently compiling detailed reports for each student. Once finalized, these will be shared with both students and parents.

In addition to the GL assessments, **students have also completed the Arabic Benchmark Tests (ABT) in Arabic**—covering **reading, writing, listening, and speaking.** Next week, the ABT testing will continue with **Islamic Education and Social Studies.** These evaluations help us track student development in key Ministry subjects.

Looking ahead, **final examinations are scheduled to begin in mid-June** and will run for **two weeks.** These assessments are a key part of our academic program, and we encourage early preparation. To support this, we would like to offer a few tips:

- **Create a structured study timetable**
- **Ensure a quiet and organized study space**
- **Encourage regular breaks and healthy habits**
- **Provide positive reinforcement and emotional support**

We are also very excited about our upcoming **Enterprise/Open Day**, a signature event where students will showcase their **entrepreneurial skills and creativity.** This is a great opportunity for them to take the lead, present their ideas, and demonstrate the leadership qualities we nurture at Belvedere. We look forward to welcoming our parent community to celebrate this event.

At the same time, we have launched a new initiative to **promote positive behaviour across the school.** Each student's behaviour is recorded lesson by lesson and tracked using a year-group behaviour sheet. This encourages **friendly competition between classes**, with rewards for the top-performing class in each year group. This campaign is designed to reinforce **respect, responsibility, and teamwork** among our students.

We thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are working to ensure that every student at Belvedere International School reaches their full potential in a safe, inspiring, and supportive learning environment. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or feedback.

Warm regards,

Israt Daou

Belvedere International School - Al Ain



Extra Curricular Activities

Our students have been working hard in preparation for Enterprise Day, which will take place on 31 May 2025. This event provides an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial thinking. From developing business ideas and designing marketing materials to budgeting and planning logistics, students are gaining valuable real-world skills that align with our vision of nurturing future-ready learners. It has been inspiring to see them take initiative, solve problems collaboratively, and bring their business ideas to life.

Our Year 8 students have taken the lead in organising a whole-school Talent Show, aimed at celebrating the wide range of talents within our student body. They have been busy coordinating and putting together an exciting programme that promises to entertain and inspire. This student-led initiative not only encourages creativity and confidence but also fosters leadership and event management skills.

Both events highlight the incredible energy and enthusiasm of our students, and we look forward to seeing their hard work come alive. Parents and staff are warmly invited to attend and support these fantastic initiatives.



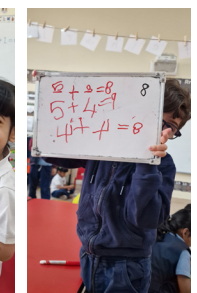
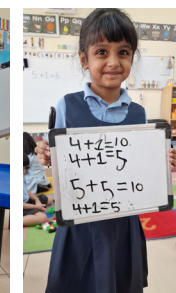
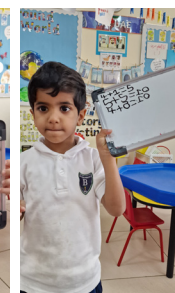
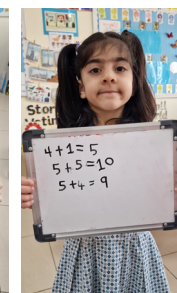
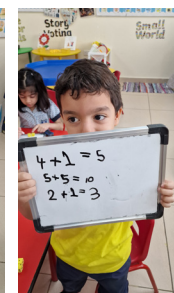
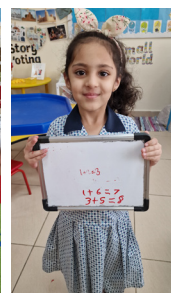
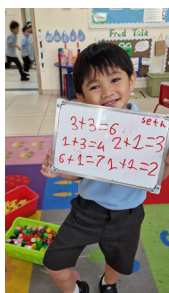
Learning Activities

FS2

This week, FS2 has shown fantastic progress in Maths! We have been exploring addition and working with great independence. The students have impressed us with their confidence in using different methods to solve number problems and their enthusiasm to challenge themselves. It has been lovely to see them supporting each other and taking pride in their achievements.

In preparation for next week's exciting Enterprise Day, we have also begun designing and creating outfits for our fashion show. The students have been bursting with creativity; choosing materials, exploring textures, and thinking about how to bring their imaginative designs to life. They have worked very hard and shown real problem solving skills as they begin crafting their unique fashion pieces.

We can not wait for you to see their hard work in action next week, as they take to the catwalk! Thank you for your continued support at home, it really helps reinforce the learning we do in school.



Learning Activities

Primary

Our primary students have been putting in tremendous effort over the past few weeks, and we are so proud of all they have accomplished. They have recently completed their GL tests, demonstrating great focus, resilience, and determination throughout. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we could not be prouder of their commitment to doing their best. In addition to their academic efforts, students have been enthusiastically preparing for Enterprise Day.

From developing creative ideas to designing products and setting up their stalls, their teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit have been a joy to witness. We are excited to see their creativity and innovation come to life during the event. We are also delighted by the number of students who have signed up for the Talent Show. Whether performing music, dance, comedy, or other special talents, they are showing incredible confidence and enthusiasm. We look forward to celebrating every student's unique strengths and achievements—it is shaping up to be a wonderful term filled with pride and celebration!



Secondary School

It's been a productive and energetic start to the final half-term in Secondary. Over the past two weeks, our students have completed their GL Progress Tests, reflecting their hard work and academic progress across key subjects. As final exams approach, students continue to stay focused and engaged in their learning across all year groups.

This week's assembly featured an important non-smoking awareness session, encouraging students to make informed and healthy lifestyle choices. Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing for our upcoming Enterprise Day, with students enthusiastically working on their business ideas and projects.

We wrapped up the second week with an inspiring Talent Show, where students took the lead in planning and bringing their creative visions to life. It was a fantastic celebration of talent, teamwork, and initiative. Well done to all our students for their dedication and enthusiasm!



Learning Activities

Arabic Department

يذل معلمو قسم المواد العربية جهوداً متميزة خلال الأسبوعين الماضيين، حيث عمل الفريق بروح عالية من المسؤولية والتعاون، وتركزت الأعمال على تنفيذ اختبارات الـ ABT، إلى جانب تنظيم عدد من الفعاليات الثقافية التي عززت من ارتباط الطلبة باللغة العربية والهوية الوطنية. بدأت الجهود بتكثيف التدريب على امتحانات الـ ABT، حيث تم توجيه الطلاب وتدريبهم على مهارات التعبير والتحدث، وفقاً لمعايير البرنامج المعتمدة. وقد أظهرت هذه الحصص التدريبية تفاعلاً ملحوظاً من الطلبة واستعداداً جيداً، ما ساعد في تقديم الامتحانات بثقة وكفاءة. وبالفعل، تم الانتهاء من مهاراتي التعبير والتحدث في نهاية الأسبوع الأول.

مع بداية الأسبوع الثاني، شرع الفريق في تنفيذ مهارة القراءة ومهارة الاستماع، في أجواء منظمة وهادئة تعكس الاستعداد المسبق والجهد المبذولة لضمان جودة التنفيذ. وقد تم رصد مؤشرات إيجابية على أداء الطلبة في هذه المهارات.

وفي جانب آخر من العمل الأكاديمي، يولي قسم اللغة العربية اهتمامًا خاصًا بطلاب المراحل المبكرة، حيث يركز على مراجعة الحروف وتحليل الكلمات لطلبة FS2 و11، بهدف تأهيلهم للعام الدراسي القادم وتعزيز مهاراتهم الأساسية في القراءة والكتابة بطريقة مبسطة ومحفزة.

وتابع القسم بفخر وصول الطالبة المميزة تالين حمزة أبو صيام إلى التصنيفات الثالثة على مستوى دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة في مسابقة تحدي القراءة العربي، وهي حالياً في مرحلة الاستعداد لخوض المرحلة النهائية وقد عبّر الفريق عن دعمه الكامل لها، متمنين لها دوام التوفيق والتميز. أما على صعيد الفعاليات والأنشطة المصاحبة، فقد تم تنفيذ مسابقة وطنية بعنوان "في حب الإمارات"، هدفت إلى تعميق مشاعر الانتماء الوطني وتعزيز المشاركة المجتمعية، وقد شهدت المسابقة تفاعلاً رائعاً من أولياء الأمور وموظفي المدرسة الذين شاركوا بأعمال معبرة ومؤثرة.

كما أقيم يوم الجمعة الماضي مهرجان الحنة بتنظيم من قسم الطالبات الجبار، وكان يومًا حافلًا بالأنشطة الترفيهية والاجتماعية. وحضره عدد من أولياء الأمور الذين قدموا مشاركات فعّالة وساهموا في نجاح هذا الحدث، ما عكس روح التعاون بين المدرسة والمجتمع المحلي.

وفي إطار مواصلة التميز، كان الحدث الأبرز يوم الخميس الموافق 22/5/2025 في تمام الساعة 12:00، حيث قُدمت ورشة مميزة ضمن فعاليات "تحدي المستنكرين ذوي التأثير"، وشارك في تقديمها نخبة من الشخصيات الملهمة:

- خديجة الحمادي - عضو مجلس إدارة جمعية كشافة الإمارات / رئيس اللجنة
- نور الحسيني - نائبة رئيس لجنة مستشاري الشباب الكشفية العربي / عضو اللجنة
- عبدالرحمن الحوسني - نائب رئيس لجنة الشباب

وقد هدفت الورشة إلى تحفيز الطلبة على الإبداع والابتكار، وتعزيز دورهم المجتمعي، وتنمية مهاراتهم القيادية ضمن إطار تحدي المبتكرين ذوي التأثير. وفي ضوء هذه الجهود، يواصل قسم المواد العربية استعداداته لتنفيذ مزيد من الأنشطة والمبادرات خلال الأسابيع القادمة، مع التأكيد على أهمية استمرارية التنسيق والتخطيط لضمان تحقيق الأهداف المرجوة.



Learning Activities

Inclusion

Coulours Day

The activity was designed to engage children in creative, hands-on learning experiences centred around colours. Through art, games, and collaborative activities, students explored the world of colours in a fun and meaningful way. This event supported the development of key skills such as:

- Colour recognition and concept reinforcement
- Fine motor and sensory development
- Social interaction and teamwork
- Self-expression in a supportive environment

We were also delighted to have the support of several secondary school student volunteers, who contributed to the event by assisting younger students and creating a warm, positive atmosphere. Their involvement added great value and promoted a strong sense of school community.



Library

This week in the library was full of color, stories, songs, and special celebrations!

Celebrating with the Inclusion Department, our Phase 1 and 2 children enjoyed the story *Colours* by Shirley Hughes. Through the book's gentle rhythm and vivid illustrations, the children explored the magic of colors in everyday life. We added extra fun with our "Find Two Words That Rhyme" game, encouraging children to think playfully about sounds and words. We also sang our favourite nursery rhymes, filling the library with happy voices and music.

Exciting News!

Thanks to your amazing support during the school book fairs over the last two terms, we were able to bring in a wonderful collection of new books from the Big Bad Wolf Book Fair!

Library Returns & Borrowing Reminder

As we near the end of term, a reminder that borrowing is now closed due to exam preparations and the upcoming holidays and summer break. We've started the book return process, and beginning next week, we'll be visiting classrooms to collect all unreturned books. Please help your children return all outstanding library books.

Keep Reading on Accelerated Reader, myON and Kutubee!

Even though borrowing has paused, reading doesn't stop! We encourage students to keep reading on Accelerated Reader, check their myON and Kutubee assignments regularly.

Next week, we'll be recognizing and rewarding our top student readers and the top reading classes for the month of May, so keep those pages turning!

Thank you for another joyful and book-filled week in the library. Happy reading and good luck to all students in the upcoming exams!



Learning Activities

PE

Abu Dhabi Racket Club Festival

Our Students of Determination (SOD) recently had the opportunity to participate in the Abu Dhabi Racket Club Festival, hosted at the Zayed Higher Organisation for People of Determination. The event was designed specifically to introduce racket sports to students of all abilities, encouraging inclusion, participation, and physical development in a supportive and engaging environment.

Led by professional coaches, the students explored a variety of racket-based activities, helping to build their physical literacy through the development of key skills such as hand-eye coordination, balance, reaction time, and movement control. These fundamental physical skills not only support sporting development but also contribute to improved confidence, spatial awareness, and social interaction.

Aligned with the UAE's national values, this event celebrated inclusion, resilience, and community spirit. Our students demonstrated tolerance, respect, and a strong sense of belonging, as they actively engaged with peers and coaches in an atmosphere of mutual encouragement and joy.

The day concluded on a high note, with each student being awarded a medal for their enthusiasm, effort, and determination. It was a truly enriching experience that highlighted the importance of accessible sports opportunities and the power of sport to unite, inspire, and uplift.



Social Work/School Counselor

Behaviour Campaign in Action: "My Behaviour, My Power"

This week, our school was buzzing with positivity as we launched the campaign "My Behaviour, My Power" across all sections.

Teachers and students were actively tracking positive behaviours using follow-up sheets provided by the Social Work and Counseling Department. The campaign aimed to **encourage daily commitment to respectful and responsible behaviour**.

Excitement was building as classes competed to earn recognition, and individual students stood out for their outstanding conduct.

We look forward to more inspiring moments as the campaign continues into next week.

