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Message from the Principal

Dear Belvedere International School Community,

As the winter season approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the upcoming winter break, scheduled from **Monday, 16th December 2024, to Friday, 3rd January 2025**. This is a much-anticipated time for our students and families to relax, reflect, and recharge.

On behalf of the BIS team, I extend my warmest wishes to all our parents, students, and staff for a happy and festive holiday season. We hope this time brings you joy, relaxation, and the opportunity to create cherished memories with loved ones.

Making the Most of Winter Break

While the winter break is an excellent opportunity for students to unwind and enjoy some well-deserved rest, it is equally important to use this time effectively. We encourage parents to plan a balanced schedule for their children that includes:

Fun and Recreational Activities: Allow your children to engage in activities they enjoy, whether it's outdoor play, creative hobbies, or spending quality time with family.

Travel and Exploration: For those traveling, we hope you have safe and enriching experiences.

Educational Engagement: Students should take this period to recharge but not completely disconnect from their educational goals. Encouraging light academic activities, such as reading or solving puzzles, can keep their minds active.

Digital Learning Support

In a previous newsletter, we introduced various digital apps that support student learning at home, including Accelerated Readers, Alef Platform, Abjadiyat, ArabBites, MyOn and Rock Star. These resources remain accessible during the break and can be a valuable tool for reinforcing reading, writing, math, and other essential skills.

We encourage parents to incorporate these apps into their children's holiday routines for consistent progress.



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Accessing Student Report Cards

We would like to remind parents to activate the Engage app, a detailed email of how to activate it was shared with all parents, in order to view their children's report cards, which will be available after the winter break. Ensuring that the app is active will help you stay informed about your child's academic progress.

Balancing Screen Time and Physical Activity

As we all know, maintaining a healthy lifestyle is essential. Alongside the use of digital tools, we suggest finding a balance between screen time and physical play. Encourage your children to participate in outdoor activities, family sports, or other forms of physical exercise to promote their well-being. Additionally, we encourage families to take advantage of the lovely weather in Al Ain during this time to plan outdoor activities that promote both relaxation and physical well-being.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare to welcome students back for the next term, we are confident that a balanced and meaningful winter break will allow them to return energized, focused, and ready to achieve new milestones. Let us work together to ensure our students have a well-rounded holiday experience.

Once again, we wish you all a joyous festive season filled with happiness, health, and harmony. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing the success of our students.

Warm regards,

Israt Daou

Principal, Belvedere International School



Extra Curricular Activities



Mandatory ECA from Term 2!

We are thrilled to announce that Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) will be mandatory for all students from Year 5 to Year 9 starting in Term 2. We believe that these activities play a vital role in our students' overall development, fostering teamwork, creativity, and personal growth. To accommodate our students who may have transportation challenges, we have arranged for a suitable ECA schedule, particularly on Wednesdays from 1:40 PM to 2:20 PM. This ensures that all students have the opportunity to participate and benefit from these enriching experiences. Please take some time to review the ECA booklet that will be sent out. It contains a variety of activities designed to engage and inspire your child. We kindly ask that you choose at least one ECA for your child to participate in. We are looking forward to a fun-filled term ahead, and we appreciate your support in making this initiative a success!

P.S. Please take a moment to complete the ECA survey we sent via Class Dojo. Your feedback will help us improve our students' experience

Learning Activities

Foundation Stage 2

The FS students thoroughly enjoyed their Animal Day dress-up event, where they showcased their creativity and enthusiasm by dressing up as their favourite animals. The day was filled with excitement and joy as they participated in various themed activities. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about different animals while fostering their imagination and social skills. The event left everyone with smiles and cherished memories!



Primary School

As we conclude Term 1, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible effort and dedication our students have shown throughout their learning journey. Their hard work during assessments and the progress they have made this term are achievements they should all be proud of. We also wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to parents for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement in your child's education. Your partnership plays a vital role in their success and growth.

As we head into the holiday break, we hope you take this time to relax, recharge, and create wonderful memories with your family. We wish you a safe and joyful holiday season and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and enriching Term 2.

Learning Activities

Secondary School

As Term 1 comes to a close, our secondary school students have been diligently completing their assessments over the past two weeks, demonstrating their hard work and the knowledge they have gained throughout the term. It has been rewarding to see their growth and dedication to their studies. We are proud of their achievements and efforts this term. As we conclude this chapter, we wish all our students and their families a joyful and restful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next term!

Arabic Department

تواصل استعدادات قسم اللغة العربية للفصل الدراسي القادم ، فبعد أن أنجز الجميع تدقيق الدرجات ورصد الملاحظات لجميع الطلاب ، عقد القسم دورة خاصة مع شركة ألف للتعليم للبحث عن كل السبل المتاحة لتفعيل عمل وأداء المنصة التعليمية في جميع أجزائها للعربية أ ، والعربية ب للمواد الوزارية جميعها ، وقد تم عقد ورشة العمل بحضور جميع الفريق يوم الثلاثاء 2024/12/10 وكانت المداخلات والتعليقات مثمرة وبناءة

وعلى صعيد آخر تم التواصل مع شركة توزيع لتوفير الكتب المدرسية في الموعد المناسب للتخطيط للأسبوع الأول من الفصل الدراسي الثاني الذي سيعمل بدايات المشاركة أيضا في تحدي القراءة العربي الذي ينطلق مع أسبوع اللغة العربية 2024/12/18 وتبدأ مرحلة تسجيل الطلاب للتصفيات الأولى .



Library Activities

As we wrap up Term 1, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making this term a wonderful one in the library! We hope you're all looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable term break.

We're excited to share some great news about our reading achievements this term! Year 4 has emerged as the top reading year group, having read an impressive total of 524 books on the Accelerated Reader program. Congratulations to Year 4! Following closely behind, Year 3 read 352 books, and Year 5 completed 229 books. Well done to all for your dedication to reading! We also want to recognize the top individual readers for Term 1. The overall top reader in the school is Ruqaiyah Siddeek from Year 5, who completed a remarkable 95 books. In second place is Jireh Pascual from Year 4 with 53 books, and in third place is Mansoor Aldarmaki from Year 6 with 49 books. Fantastic job, everyone!

Even though it's exam time for many students, our FS children brought lots of joy to the library by wearing adorable animal costumes. We had so much fun reading stories and playing games together! Enjoy your well-deserved break, and we look forward to seeing you back in the library for more exciting reading adventures in Term 2!

