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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

At Belvedere International School, we recognize the vital role that technology plays in enhancing education. Used wisely, technology supports students' academic progress, improves engagement, and develops essential skills for the future.

However, we are equally aware of the importance of **balancing screen time** to ensure that students benefit from these advantages while minimizing the risks associated with excessive device use.

How We Use Technology for Growth

- Technology is integrated into lessons to monitor progress, support interactive learning, and encourage creativity.
- Devices are used purposefully during class, for specific learning activities, and often for limited periods to avoid unnecessary screen time.
- In some classes, students' personal devices are collected at the beginning of the day and used only when required.

Online Safety and Monitoring

To ensure a safe digital environment, the school maintains a **strict firewall system** that is continuously updated to block unauthorized applications such as games, messaging, and call services. Our IT team, along with the Social Work, Counseling, and Wellbeing teams, regularly deliver **awareness sessions on online safety and cyber security**.

We have noticed challenges with a few students attempting to use VPNs to bypass the school's firewall or accessing devices during break times. Please be assured that our teams are monitoring this closely and updating systems regularly to prevent misuse.

Working Together with Parents

We believe that promoting e-safety is most effective through a strong partnership between students, parents, teachers, and the school's leadership team. Together, we can:

- Reinforce safe internet and social media practices at home and at school.
- Protect students' personal data and mental wellbeing.
- Encourage healthy limits on device use, especially during non-academic times such as breaks or while waiting for pickup after school.



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Next Steps

- Ongoing awareness sessions for students will continue throughout the year.
- Our Parent Council will be invited to collaborate with us on promoting best practices for safe technology use.
- Families will receive additional resources on cyber safety and screen time management.

At BIS, our goal is to help students harness the power of technology while equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and discipline to use it responsibly. With your support, we are confident that our students will continue to grow in both learning and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued partnership

Israt Daou

School Principal
Belvedere International School - Al Ain



Extra Curricular Activities

Our ECA program continues to be a hub of learning, skill-building, and fun for our students. We love seeing so many students taking advantage of the diverse opportunities available.

Our Knitting Club has been a huge hit, with students not only having a blast but also developing patience and fine motor skills. In our Chess Club, students are sharpening their strategic thinking and problem-solving abilities with every move.

We are happy to see so many students signing up for our booster lessons. These sessions are a fantastic way to deepen their understanding of core subjects, and we strongly encourage all students to continue attending to give their academic skills a boost.

A huge shout-out to our dedicated Robotics Club members! Their hard work and commitment are truly inspiring. They're practicing three times a week—Mondays through Wednesdays from 2:30 PM to 3:15 PM—as they prepare to compete in the highly anticipated MWRC Competition. We wish them the best of luck!

Our IGCSE Art and Geography students recently had a rewarding trip to the Al Qattara Art Centre. The Art students were able to capture inspiring photographs for their portfolios, while our Geography students got a unique glimpse into the region's rich archaeological history. These real-world experiences are invaluable for their studies and future careers.

We encourage all students to get involved in our ECA program. Participating in these activities is a great way to discover new interests, build confidence, develop leadership skills, and create lasting friendships outside of the classroom. It's an essential part of a well-rounded education and a chance to explore your passions.



Learning Activities

FS2

This week in FS2, we have had an exciting time exploring our five senses in fun and hands-on ways! The students have been learning how we use our senses to experience the world around us.

We focused on our sense of taste and smell by trying different foods and learning to describe them as sweet, sour, or salty. The students were very brave trying new things and had lots of fun sharing their reactions!

Last week, we celebrated Yellow Day in FS2 to mark the start of a bright and successful year ahead! The students wore yellow clothes, shared yellow-themed snacks, and enjoyed lots of fun activities with their friends. We talked about kindness and friendship, helping to build positive relationships—an important part of the EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development area.

It was a joyful day filled with colour, smiles, and laughter. Yellow Day helped us create a warm, welcoming environment where students feel happy and ready to learn. We are excited for all the learning adventures ahead!



Learning Activities

PRIMARY

Over the past two weeks, students have been enthusiastically developing new skills across a range of subjects. Their curiosity, creativity, and teamwork have shone through as they applied their learning in new and exciting ways. A highlight was our Sharing Learning Morning, where parents were warmly welcomed into classrooms to see activities, and written work completed over the past five weeks.

In addition, we started the first round of our Spelling Bee competition today. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and friendly competition as students demonstrated their spelling knowledge and confidence in front of their peers. It was wonderful to see their hard work and preparation pay off, and we look forward to the upcoming rounds.

SECONDARY

Over the past two weeks, our secondary students have continued to work hard on their learning journey, showing great commitment and enthusiasm in their lessons. We were also delighted to host a Sharing Learning Morning, where parents were welcomed into classrooms to observe and celebrate the progress their children are making. In addition, our Year 10 and Year 11 students enjoyed an enriching educational trip to the Al Qattara Arts Centre, where they explored Emirati heritage and culture through art and history. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership and highlight the achievements and experiences of our students.

ARABIC DEPARTMENT

في إطار تعزيز التعاون المهني وتبادل الخبرات بين المعلمين، نظم القسم زيارات متبادلة بين الزملاء للاطلاع على أفضل الممارسات التعليمية والتربوية، مع التركيز على الأنشطة التي تعزز الهوية الوطنية لدى الطلاب. ساعدت هذه الزيارات على تبادل الأفكار والطرق المبتكرة لتطبيق الأنشطة داخل الصفوف، مما ساهم في رفع جودة التعليم وتحسين تجربة الطلاب التعليمية.

كما شمل نشاط القسم تكريم الطلاب الفائزين في مسابقة المولد النبوي، حيث تم الاحتفال بالطلاب المتميزين وتسليم الجوائز تقديرًا لإبداعهم ومشاركتهم الفعالة، ما عزز روح المنافسة الإيجابية والتحفيز بين الطلاب.

وفي إطار نشر قيم السلام والتعايش، نظم القسم احتفالاً بيوم السلام العالمي، تضمن فقرات تعليمية وتوعوية ركزت على أهمية التسامح، الاحترام المتبادل، والعمل الجماعي، لتعزيز الوعي بالقيم الإنسانية والاجتماعية داخل المدرسة. النتائج المتوقعة:

- تعزيز التعاون المهني بين المعلمين وتبادل الخبرات.
- ترسيخ قيم الهوية الوطنية والفخر بالانتماء لدى الطلاب.
- تحفيز الطلاب على المشاركة الإيجابية في الأنشطة والمسابقات.
- تعزيز قيم السلام والتعايش السلمي داخل المجتمع المدرسي.



Learning Activities

LIBRARY

The library was buzzing with fun, music, and stories this week! Ms. Juvy filled the room with smiles as she strummed her ukulele and shared wonderful stories. The older students also enjoyed exploring books on Kutubee, our exciting digital reading platform.

Sunflower class went on a dino adventure with Ms. Hamda, who read الديناصور الكبير جداً (The Very Big Dinosaur) by Richard Byrne. To make it even more fun, every child got a cool dinosaur bracelet—roars of happiness everywhere!

Year 1 had a magical time listening to جدي واللؤلؤ (My Grandfather and the Pearls) by Aisha Al-Ghais, beautifully read by Ms. Hamda. She surprised the children with shiny pearl balloons, which made their faces light up with joy. To make the moment even more special, Taleen from Year 6 joined in and told the same story to Year 3, giving the little ones the chance to enjoy it from a big sister's voice.

Sunshine class also had their turn for a treat when Ms. Juvy read The Hungry Fox by Claire Llewellyn. The children were hooked on the clever fox's adventures and loved talking about the story afterwards. What a wonderful week of stories, music, and imagination. It's always an adventure in our library!



SOCIAL WORK / SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Parent Representative Council 2025–2026

Our parents had the chance to nominate themselves by filling out the Parent Representative Form. After the nominations, we are proud to announce that the Parent Representative Council has officially been formed for the Academic Year 2025–2026. The first meeting was held on Thursday, 25 September 2025, where the new representatives gathered with the school team to discuss their ideas and future plans. Their role will be vital in building stronger connections between families and the school community.

We are excited to see the positive impact of their active participation throughout the year!

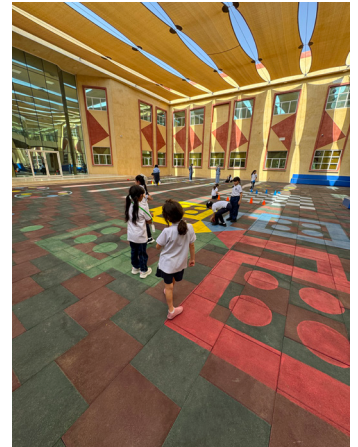
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PE

Active Breaks at BIS

It has been fantastic to see our students making the most of the outdoor areas during active breaks. Many subject teachers are also using these spaces to promote active learning and short brain breaks during lessons. These opportunities not only help students re-energise and refocus, but they also support concentration, wellbeing, and improved academic performance.

Being active is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. We encourage all students to continue these good habits outside of school too, whether it's through sports, walking, cycling, or simply enjoying family activities. Together, we can ensure our students develop lifelong habits that keep both their bodies and minds strong.



INCLUSION

The Inclusion Team hosted the Bedaya Rehabilitation Centre to deliver a workshop for teachers entitled: "Scientific Approaches to Managing Classroom Challenges". The workshop included a series of engaging activities that highlighted the issues students face and explored practical strategies to address them.

Additionally, the Inclusion Department organised a celebratory assembly during the morning line-up for International Sign Language Day. The event featured a short play demonstrating the meaning of sign language, with both students and teachers participating by signing their names. All participants wore blue, symbolising support for the initiative and raising awareness.

