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Message from the Principal

Dear Belvedere Parents,

As we proudly raise the UAE flag today, we celebrate not only a national symbol but also the unity, history, and shared values of our great nation. UAE Flag Day, observed every year on November 3rd, is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the spirit of our country and its remarkable journey.

When UAE Flag Day Began

UAE Flag Day was first celebrated in 2013, as initiated by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai. Since then, November 3rd has been a cherished day where all citizens and residents unite to express their pride and loyalty to the UAE. This date was chosen to mark the anniversary of the accession of late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as President of the UAE.

The Colors of the UAE Flag and Their Meanings

Our flag, a symbol of national pride, features four colors, each with its own significance that reflects the values and vision of the UAE:

Red represents courage, strength, and sacrifice – values that lie at the heart of our nation's spirit.

Green signifies growth, hope, and prosperity, reminding us of the flourishing future we aim for.

White embodies peace and purity, reflecting the UAE's commitment to peace within and beyond our borders.

Black stands for resilience and determination, symbolizing the strength to overcome challenges and adversity.

Together, these colors form a powerful symbol of unity, diversity, and ambition.



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UAE Flag Day Celebration



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Historical Facts About the UAE Flag

The UAE flag was designed by Abdullah Mohammed Al Maainah, and it was first raised on December 2, 1971, on the same day the Union was established. The flag was hoisted by the Founding Father, Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, in Dubai.

It marked the formation of the United Arab Emirates, representing a new beginning of unity and solidarity among the seven emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al-Quwain, Fujairah, and Ras Al-Khaimah.

Words of Inspiration from the President of the UAE

On this Flag Day, we are reminded of the words of our current leader, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, who has emphasized the unity and resilience symbolized by our flag. His words remind us of our shared responsibility to uphold and honor our nation's values:

"Our flag is a symbol of our unity and ambition. Raising it high reminds us of the promise we make to our country to continue its journey of excellence."

"The UAE flag embodies our hopes, dreams, and determination. It flies for peace, tolerance, and the future we build together."

On this UAE Flag Day, we reflect on our nation's vision for unity, tolerance, and progress, and we look forward to all that lies ahead. At Belvedere International School, we encourage our students to carry forward these values as global citizens, striving to make a positive impact in the UAE and beyond.

Warm regards,

Israt Daou

Principal, Belvedere International School



Extra Curricular Activities



This week, our students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Emirates Scouts and Red Crescent office! This visit aimed to introduce our students to the values of volunteerism, community service, and environmental awareness promoted by the Emirates Scouts and Red Crescent.



During the visit, our students learned about the various skills and activities offered by the organisation, including: Students participated in team-building activities and learned about the importance of leadership and cooperation. They learnt the importance of the UAE flag and how to raise the flag. Students discovered the many ways they can volunteer their time to help others in their community. This enriching experience inspired our students to become active members of their community and make a positive impact on the world around them.

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 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

في الأسبوعين الماضيين قام قسم المواد الوزارية بمجموعة من الأنشطة الأكاديمية التي كانت تهدف إلى إظهار قدرات الطالب الكامنة ومن أبرزها :

- تفعيل دور المكتبة في المواد العربية وتنظيم جداول خاصة لزيارة المكتبة والاطلاع على مجموعات الكتب العربية في المكتبة

- انطلاق مشاريع المواد الوزارية المشتركة وقد قام الطلاب بإنجاز الجزء الأكبر من هذه المشاريع مع المعلمين في الصفوف ، وسيخصص يوم الاثنين القادم لعرض المشاريع واكتشاف قدرات الطلاب في التحدث والتعبير عن إنجازاتهم

- انطلاق مسابقة بن حرملة والبدء بحصر الطلاب المشاركين في هذه المسابقة الخارجية .

- وعلى صعيد آخر تشارك مدرسة بلفير العالمية في تقييم مقياس الضاد الذي سيعقد في المدرسة الأسبوع القادم لاكتشاف قدرات الطلاب في فهم المقروء



Inclusion Department

On Thursday, October 31, 2024, we held a productive meeting with the students' parents to provide feedback on their progress and strengthen our relationship with them.

The session focused on keeping parents informed about all aspects related to their children's education, and overall, it was a positive and valuable experience.



Learning Activities

Library Activities

In the past weeks, our library has become a vibrant hub of activity, thanks in large part to our dedicated student librarians. These enthusiastic individuals have taken on a variety of roles, helping to organize books and lead programs that foster a love of reading.

One exciting development is the introduction of Arabic library classes. These classes have attracted students eager to explore literature and culture in Arabic, creating a diverse learning environment. The participation in these sessions not only enriches students' language skills but also broadens their understanding of different cultures.

Storytelling has also become a highlight in our library. Teachers and students alike have taken turns sharing stories, bringing literature to life through engaging narratives. This collaborative storytelling fosters creativity and encourages a sense of community, as everyone gathers to listen and participate.

Overall, the involvement of student librarians and the introduction of new programs have transformed our library into a dynamic space for learning and connection.

