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- ABT Assessments – Years 2-10 (for Social Studies B only)
- Robotics Competition Practice

16-Sept (Tuesday)

- ABT Assessments – Years 2-10 (for Social Studies B only)
- The Colour Monster Dress Up Day – FS2
- Fire Emergency Drill
- Health and Safety Committee Meeting
- Robotics Competition Practice

17-Sept (Wednesday)

- ABT Assessments – Years 2-10 (for Social Studies B only)
- Robotics Competition Practice
- Year 10 Parent Meeting

18-Sept (Thursday)

- ABT Assessments – Years 2-10 (for Social Studies B only)
- Storytelling with Parents (English and Arabic) – FS1 to Year 4
- Maths Workshop
- Staff CPD: The Wellbeing Hub

19-Sept (Friday)

- Nursery Green Day
- Volunteer Day: Launch of the Student Volunteering Team

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of Belvedere International School in Al Ain, I am delighted to welcome you and your children to a new academic year. We wish you all a year filled with success, happiness, and personal growth.

This year, we have proudly chosen the theme "The Year of Growth", as we strongly believe that our school is growing and flourishing in every aspect.

Some highlights include:

- Enhanced learning spaces, including the development of attractive environments around classrooms—starting with the Year 7-11 boys' area and gradually extending to all school premises.
- Upgraded play areas for our students to enjoy active and engaging outdoor time.
- Improved teaching approaches and greater consistency across teaching practices.
- Stronger partnerships with our parent and wider school community.
- Increasing student numbers, reflecting the trust and confidence families place in our school.
- An expanded leadership team to ensure continuous development and support.
- A greater focus on student wellbeing and social skills, preparing children for life beyond the classroom.
- Development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills, embedded across the curriculum.
- Growth in innovation and practical skills with our enhanced Robotics Lab and the integration of AI tools.

Most importantly, we will dedicate this year to strengthening our students' independent learning skills, empowering them to take ownership of their learning journey and preparing them for a successful future.

We look forward to working hand in hand with you, our valued parents, to make this academic year truly remarkable. Together, we will make 2025–2026 a memorable year of growth for our students, our school, and our community.

Warm regards,

Israt Dawn

School Principal
Belvedere International School - Al Ain



Extra Curricular Activities

We've successfully completed our second week of the Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) program! It's been a great start, and we're thrilled to see so many students participating. We did face some initial challenges with student registrations, but we've now resolved most of these issues.

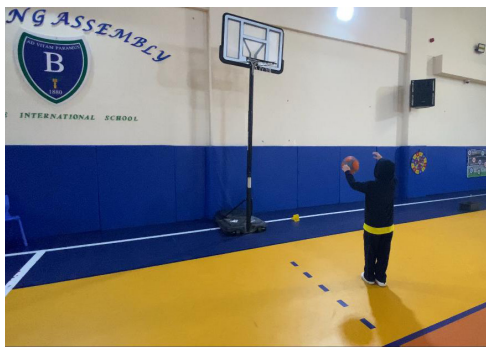
It's been fantastic to see the enthusiasm across all our clubs. The badminton and table tennis clubs have been particularly popular, and as always, our football clubs are a huge hit.

Due to the overwhelming interest in some of our ECAs, we'll be making a few changes to accommodate all students. We'll be adding an additional day for different year groups in some of these popular clubs to ensure everyone gets a chance to participate. Parents will be notified of these specific changes via email in the coming days.

We strongly encourage all students to get involved in the ECA program. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to develop new skills, build friendships, and grow both socially and academically.

Finally, we want to remind all parents to please collect your children promptly at 3:15 PM. Timely pickup is crucial for the safety of our students, teachers, and the entire school community.

By working together, we can ensure a successful and safe program for everyone. Thank you for your continued support!



Learning Activities

FS2

Our FS2 students have had a wonderful start to their school journey and have settled in amazingly well.

Over the past few weeks, they have shown great confidence and enthusiasm as they explore their new environment and develop their independence by learning to manage their belongings, make choices in their learning, and follow daily routines.

They have quickly made new friends and are learning how to work and play cooperatively. Navigating their way around the school and meeting new teachers has helped them feel part of the wider school community. Students have been learning classroom expectations and rules, which supports their Personal, Social, and Emotional Development.

In Phonics and Maths this week they are beginning to build strong foundations through engaging and practical activities. They are also exploring all other areas of learning, from creative play to role play, building their curiosity and love for learning.

They have enjoyed being active in P.E. sessions and have shown great enthusiasm playing instruments in Music. A special moment was joining FS1 and FS2 friends to celebrate the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), helping to nurture their understanding of faith and community.

We are so proud of you all!



Learning Activities

PRIMARY

It has been wonderful welcoming our students back to school! Over the past two weeks, children have successfully completed their baseline assessments, setting a strong foundation for the term ahead.

Today, we enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl Day, where students immersed themselves in the magic of stories and imagination. We also proudly recognised our Students of Responsibility, who have already shown commitment, dedication, and positive attitudes in their learning.

We look forward to an exciting term filled with growth, achievements, and memorable experiences.



SECONDARY

The past two weeks have been very productive for our secondary students. They successfully completed their baseline assessments and continued with their regular learning. Our ECA and booster classes have also begun, giving students further opportunities to enrich their skills.

This week was particularly exciting as we selected our new student leaders across the school, with the announcements made during our Friday morning assembly. We also held a parent workshop focusing on assessments, homework, attendance, and punctuality, which was very well received.

Secondary is off to a strong start, and we look forward to an engaging and successful term ahead.



Learning Activities

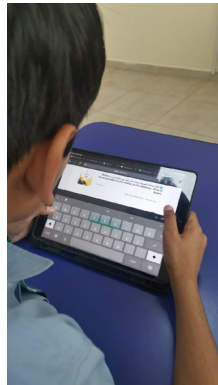
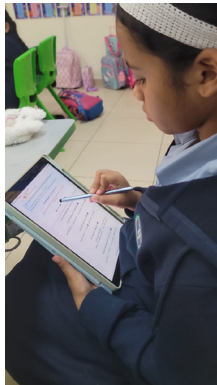
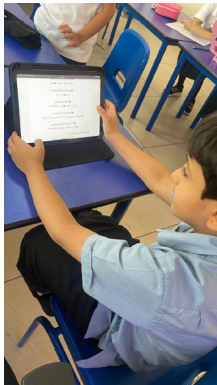
ARABIC DEPARTMENT

مع بداية العام الدراسي الجديد، يسرنا أن نبارك لكم ونتمنى لأبنائنا عامًا دراسيًا موفقًا مليئًا بالنجاح والتفوق. لقد استقبلنا طلابنا بحفاوة، وحرصنا على تفعيل المسابقات والأنشطة التفاعلية التي عززت من روح التعاون والإبداع بينهم. كما تميز الأسبوع بالحديث عن المولد النبوي الشريف خلال الطابور الصباحي، حيث شارك الطلاب والمعلمون في تقديم فقرات وأسئلة ومعلومات عن هذا الحدث العظيم بما أضفى جواً إيمانياً ومعرفياً مميزاً. وفي هذا الأسبوع تم تنفيذ امتحان ABT كاختبار تشخيصي لجميع المواد العربية، وذلك بهدف تقييم مستويات الطلاب بدقة، والتعرف على نقاط القوة والضعف التي تحتاج إلى دعم إضافي لمواصلة تقدمهم الأكاديمي.

كما يسرنا أن نرحب بانضمام الأستاذة أمل مهني، معلمة متميزة للغة العربية للصفوف Y6B - Y5 - Y4، ونتمنى لها ولطلابها عامًا دراسيًا ناجحًا ومليئًا بالعطاء والتميز.

وقد بدأ قسم اللغة العربية بتنفيذ الأنشطة اللاصفية بعد الدوام المدرسي، وكان من أبرزها حلقة القرآن الكريم وبرنامج "أهلاً بالعربية" لغير الناطقين بها وشهدنا خلالها حضوراً مميزاً من أبنائنا الطلاب وأولياء أمورهم، الأمر الذي يعكس تعاوناً مثمراً وتفاعلاً إيجابياً نطمح لاستمراره في الأسابيع المقبلة.

سنعرفكم على فريق المعلمين كاملاً من خلال رسالة رئيس القسم المرفقة، للاطلاع على مسؤوليات كل معلم ومتابعة أداء الطلاب بشكل أفضل. نشكر لكم تعاونكم المستمر وثقتكم، ونتطلع معكم إلى عام دراسي مثمر حافل بالإنجازات والنجاحات لأبنائنا الأعزاء.



Learning Activities

LIBRARY

A Week Full of Stories & Fun!

The library has been extra busy this week with lots of exciting activities and magical stories. Here's what we've been up to:

Library Orientation

During the very first week, we welcomed both old and new students to the library. Everyone got to learn (or review) how to use the library, explore the shelves, and discover all the exciting things waiting for them. We also gave out the circulation letter so students can start borrowing books and enjoy reading at home too!

Big Kids Reading to Little Kids

Our amazing Year 7R students, Raffa and Lawida, read the funny story *My Hat* by Jill Eggleton and Jo Windsor. The little ones were so happy to listen to their big friends read!

More Story Adventures

Taleen, also from 7R, shared the story *Watch Out, Ned!* and made everyone laugh.

Ms. Hamda read a special story to FS2 and Year 2 children about عوشة بنت خليفة السويدي (Ousha bint Khalifa Al Suwaidi) for Emirati Women's Day—a wonderful way to learn and celebrate! We also enjoyed the story الصديق الجديد (The New Friend) together, followed by coloring activities. Ms. Juvy brought out her puppet book and told the story of Cheeky Monkey to Year 1. The puppet made the story extra fun! She also told a magical story about the butterfly cycle, where the book slowly turned into a flower page by page. The children were amazed!

Roald Dahl Week!

All week long we celebrated the amazing author Roald Dahl. Children watched *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and had popcorn after enjoying the movie. We even had a mini photo shoot—lots of smiles and chocolatey fun!

The library is always full of stories, surprises, and happy moments. We can't wait for more adventures next week!



Learning Activities

INCLUSION

This week, the Inclusion Department organised two sessions to introduce students to the department and its role in supporting them. During these sessions, students took part in a variety of activities designed to encourage teamwork, strengthen collaboration, and promote inclusion. These activities helped to build positive relationships among students and highlighted the importance of learning together in a supportive and inclusive environment.



SOCIAL WORK / SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Student Council Election and Announcement

Students were given the opportunity to nominate themselves for the Student Council. Voting then took place within the classrooms. On Thursday, we held our first meeting with the elected team, where roles and responsibilities were discussed and assigned. We look forward to seeing their leadership in action throughout the year!

PE

It has been a very positive start to the term in PE, with the majority of students arriving fully prepared in their PE uniforms and ready to learn. A gentle reminder that all students should bring a water bottle to every lesson, especially as we continue to encourage activity and participation both indoors and outdoors.

Students have also been taking part in morning exercises during assembly, which has been a fantastic way to start the day with energy, focus, and a positive mindset.

It has been great to see students making the most of our ground markings, enjoying active play, games, and sports during lessons and break times. Our swimming programme has also begun, with students developing their water confidence, refining techniques, and learning the importance of water safety.

We are delighted with the enthusiasm shown so far and look forward to building on this strong start as we move further into the term.



Learning Activities

HEALTH AND SAFETY

School Bus inspection (September 8,2025)

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. As part of our ongoing efforts, we conducted a school bus safety inspection on September 8,2025. The inspection was carried out by Ms. Reem and Mr. Glenn.

Inspection Details

The inspection focused critical aspects of school bus safety:

1. Fire Extinguisher
2. Seat Belts
3. Bus stop lights
4. Bus Hammer
5. Tires
6. First Aid Kit
7. CCTV
8. Emergency Exit
9. Bus AC unit

Results

We are pleased to report that our school buses met the required safety standards. The fire extinguishers, bus stop sign, CCTV, AC and emergency exit were found to be fully functional. The seat belts, tires were in good condition. Also bus hammers and first aid kits are available in the bus.

Commitment to Safety

We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students. We will continue to conduct regular safety inspections to ensure our school buses meet the highest safety standards.

Enhancing Safety with HSE Additional Equipment At Belvedere International School

We are committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students, staff, and visitors. As part of our ongoing Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) initiatives, we have recently acquired additional equipment to bolster our safety measures.

Commitment to Safety:

Belvedere International School prioritizes the well-being of our community. These enhancements reflect our dedication to providing a secure learning environment.

WHAT'S NEW!

1. Science Laboratory
 - New emergency eyewash station installed
2. School Clinic
 - Male nurse staff
 - New treatment room for male and female students
3. Music Room
 - New wall soundproofing installed
 - New music equipment
4. Play area
 - Additional new play area for FS2 to Year 2
 - Wonderful floor activity paint
 - Safety padding installed
5. School CCTV and Cameras
 - New installed cameras
 - CCTV Fire rated door installed

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6. Fire alarm system modified
 - Fire alarm system
 - Fire equipment
7. School AC units rectified and maintained
 - AC units well maintained, cleaned and repaired
8. Quality and clean school water supply
 - Frequent water quality test (both water tanks and swimming pool)
 - Frequent inspections, monitoring and maintenance of Water pump system (both water tanks and swimming pool)
9. School classroom
 - New student tables and chairs for Year 10 class

Chemical Safety with Students (September 3,2025)

Ensuring a Safe Learning Environment At Belvedere International School

We're committed to prioritizing the safety and well-being of our students, especially when it comes to handling chemicals in our science labs and classrooms.

Key Aspects of Chemical Safety

- Proper Training and Education: Teachers and students receive comprehensive training on chemical safety protocols, including handling, storage, and emergency response measures.
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Students are required to wear appropriate PPE like lab coats, gloves, and safety goggles when working with chemicals.
 - Safe Storage and Labeling: Chemicals are stored in designated, secure areas with clear labeling indicating contents, hazards, and handling instructions.
 - Risk Assessments: Regular risk assessments help identify potential hazards and implement necessary precautions.
 - Emergency Preparedness: We have emergency response plans in place, including evacuation routes and access to safety equipment like fire extinguishers and eyewash stations
- Best Practices for Students- Follow Instructions: Students must carefully listen to and follow teacher instructions when handling chemicals.
- No Taste or Smell: Students are taught never to taste or smell chemicals due to potential toxicity.
 - Proper Disposal: Chemicals are disposed of according to established guidelines to prevent environmental harm and accidents.

Why Chemical Safety Matters

Chemical safety is crucial for preventing accidents, injuries, and exposure to hazardous substances. By fostering a culture of safety, we equip students with responsible habits that benefit them throughout their lives. We're dedicated to maintaining a safe, engaging learning environment where students can explore science with confidence. Our focus on chemical safety reflects our broader commitment to student well-being and academic excellence.

