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Message from the Principal

The Importance of School Inspections in Promoting Excellence

Dear Parents,

At Belvedere International School, we are committed to providing the highest quality education for our students. A key component in achieving this is through regular school inspections, which play a vital role in promoting a culture of excellence.

The UAE inspection framework, implemented by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), serves as a guiding tool for all schools in the UAE to align with the country's long-term educational goals as part of the National Agenda.

Background of Irtiqaa Inspections

The Irtiqaa program of inspection was initiated by ADEK in 2008, with preliminary surveys conducted prior to comprehensive inspections starting in the 2009-2010 academic year. Initially focusing on private schools, the program expanded to include public schools in the 2012-2013 academic year, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of educational institutions across the emirate.

Educational Landscape in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain

Understanding the scale of education in our region provides context to the importance of these inspections. As of the latest available data, Abu Dhabi hosts a significant number of schools, with a considerable portion located in the Al Ain region. This extensive network of educational institutions underscores the need for rigorous inspection frameworks like Irtiqaa to maintain and elevate educational standards.

UAE's Progress in International Assessments

The UAE has demonstrated remarkable progress in international educational assessments, reflecting the effectiveness of initiatives like Irtiqaa:

- TIMSS 2023: The UAE ranked first in the Arab world, with fourth-grade students improving by 17 points in mathematics and 22 points in science compared to the 2019 results. Eighth-grade students also showed significant gains, with a 15-point increase in mathematics and a 14-point rise in science.



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- PISA 2022: While UAE students scored below the OECD average in mathematics, reading, and science, the nation is committed to continuous improvement. In mathematics, 51% of UAE students attained at least Level 2 proficiency, compared to the OECD average of 69%. Efforts are ongoing to enhance these outcomes in future assessments.

The Role of Inspections in Educational Excellence

School inspections help us:

- Enhance Teaching and Learning: By identifying strengths and areas for improvement, inspections enable us to refine our teaching strategies and improve student outcomes.
- Improve School Facilities & Inclusion provision: Inspections ensure that our infrastructure and resources meet the highest standards and cater to the needs of all students, including those of determination and special needs.
- Ensure highest standards in Health & Safety: Student well-being is a priority. Inspections verify that our safety protocols, emergency procedures, and overall campus environment comply with national regulations.
- Strengthen UAE Cultural Understanding by staff and students: It is essential that our students and staff develop a deep appreciation of UAE culture, values, and Islamic traditions. Inspections ensure that these elements are embedded in our curriculum and daily practices.
- Support National Educational Goals: As the UAE aspires to be a leading nation in education, school inspections help us align with the vision and expectations outlined in the National Agenda.

How Can Parents Support?

We believe that parental involvement is crucial in our journey toward excellence. Here's how you can help:

- Encourage your child to actively engage in learning and uphold school values.
- Participate in school events that celebrate UAE culture and traditions.



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- Provide feedback and collaborate with us to enhance the school experience.
- Promote the importance of education and personal development at home.
- Work with students to complete their assignments.
- Stress on the importance of attendance and punctuality.

Together, we can create a positive, high-achieving learning environment for our students and contribute to the UAE's vision for educational success.

Thank you for your continuous support in making Belvedere International School a hub of excellence.

Best regards,

Israt Daou

Principal, Belvedere International School



Extra Curricular Activities



Active Bodies, Active Minds: Keeping Our Students on the Move

At Belvedere International School, we're committed to fostering a love of physical activity in all our students. From the thrill of the track to the camaraderie of the football field, our students are discovering the joy of movement while building essential skills. Regular physical activity is vital for children and adolescents, promoting healthy growth, improving focus in the classroom, and reducing stress.

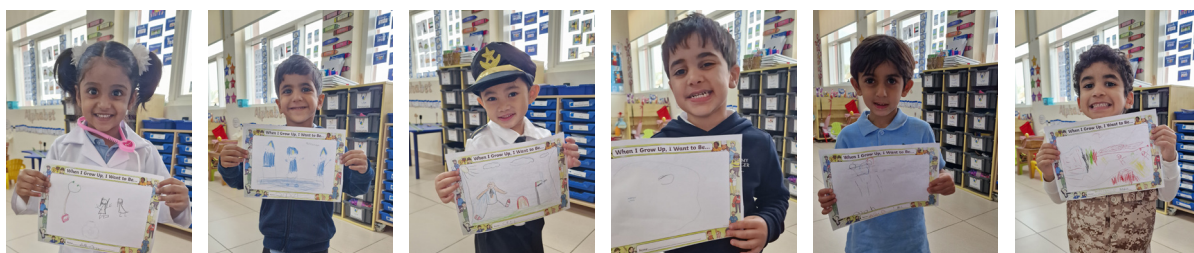
Running builds endurance and discipline, while football teaches teamwork and strategy. We encourage all students to find an activity they love and get involved!



Learning Activities

Foundation Stage 2

The FS2 students had an exciting and memorable week celebrating 100 days of school! They enthusiastically dressed up as elderly men and women, complete with glasses, walking sticks, and grey hair, fully embracing the theme. The day was filled with engaging activities, laughter, and joy as they reflected on their learning journey so far. It was a fantastic way to mark this special milestone and celebrate their hard work and achievements!



Learning Activities

Primary School

Over the past two weeks, we celebrated the Timetable Rockstars competition results in assembly. We are proud of the results achieved at our school. The FS2 and Year 1 students celebrated 100 days of school on Tuesday with excitement and joy. The day was filled with fun activities and memorable moments. On Thursday, we hosted a Sharing Learning Morning, where students proudly showcased their progress in lessons. It was wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm on display. We are incredibly proud of all our students and their dedication to learning!



Secondary School

On Monday, we celebrated student successes across various subjects, recognizing their hard work, perseverance, and dedication. A standout moment was our Year 8 students' participation in an international science event, where they explored groundbreaking ideas in innovation and sustainability. This experience not only broadened their scientific understanding but also encouraged them to think critically about real-world environmental challenges and sustainable solutions. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were evident as they engaged with experts and presented their own ideas.

Later in the week, our Year 10 students undertook their mock assessments under exam conditions, mirroring the structure and rigor of official board examinations. This approach allows students to experience the formal exam setting, helping them develop essential skills such as time management, resilience, and exam techniques. By simulating real exam conditions, students gain a deeper understanding of expectations and learn to navigate challenges with confidence. These assessments provide valuable insights into their strengths and areas for improvement, enabling them to refine their knowledge and strategies ahead of their final exams. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and the maturity they have shown throughout this process.

On Thursday, we hosted a highly successful Sharing Learning Morning, where parents were invited to visit the school and observe their children's learning in action. This event provided a valuable opportunity for parents to engage with the teaching and learning process, gaining first hand insight into classroom activities, instructional methods, and student progress. Parents had the chance to interact with teachers, ask questions, and celebrate their children's achievements.

As we move forward, we remain committed to fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and sustainability, ensuring that our students continue to grow and succeed in all areas of their education.



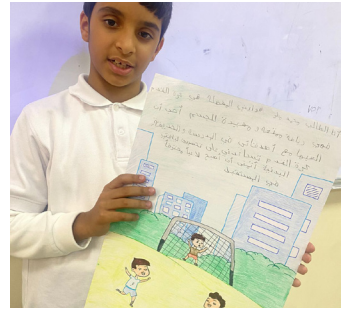
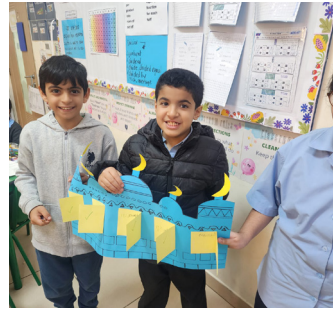
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Arabic Department

نطل عليكم من جديد وقد لاحت نسائم الخير وفاحت روائح رمضان ، وها نحن الآن مع هذا العدد في ليلة النصف من شعبان التي كانت رمزا لبداية تحول القبلة إلى الكعبة المشرفة قضى المسلمون خمسة عشر عاما قبلها يتجهون إلى بيت المقدس ، فنهض الجميع بحلول هذه الأيام المباركة ونفخر بما تم إنجازه في الأسبوعين الماضيين بداية من مبادرة تحدي المجتمعية التي ربطت بين الماضي والحاضر وعمقت مفهوم هويتنا الإماراتية .

ونذكر كذلك بتقييم مهارة التحدث التي قدم فيها طلابنا الأعزاء مهاراتهم في اللغة العربية والتي تساهم في بناء شخصيتهم واستقلاليتهم ويظهر دورها جليا في بقية مواد القسم خاصة ، وقدراتهم في بقية المواد عامة ، هذا بالتزامن مع القراءة الصباحية التي حملت عنوان شتاؤنا مميذا مع قرائنا الصغار .

كما اختتم القسم مسابقات تحدي الخط العربي التي سيتم تكريم الفائزين بها يوم الاثنين القادم السابع عشر من فبراير .



Inclusion

On Tuesday, 04 February, we hosted a Fruit Day event aimed at raising awareness about the benefits of fruits and healthy nutrition through engaging activities such as fruit tastings, nutrition workshops, and interactive games.

We had a Parent Coffee Morning on Thursday, 06 February., The goal of this gathering is to foster open communication, collaboration, and a sense of community between parents and the school. We discussed important updates, addressed any challenges or concerns, and explored ways to support the educational process and enhance student success. It's a great opportunity to meet with teachers and parents in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.



Physical Education

Celebrating Inclusivity and Bravery in Morning Assembly

This morning, two of our Students of Determination took centre stage to deliver the assembly, demonstrating incredible bravery, confidence, and leadership in front of the entire school. Their success highlights the inclusive ethos we champion within our PE department—ensuring that every student, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to step up, take part, and shine. By embracing such opportunities, these students have not only showcased their personal growth but also reinforced the school's commitment to equity and inclusion in all aspects of education, including sport and leadership. A proud moment for them, and for all of us!

Success at the 10th Madarathon!

Students from our school proudly took part in the 10th Madarathon, with both boys and girls showcasing their endurance, speed, and determination throughout the event. This experience not only tested their physical fitness but also helped them develop key skills such as pacing, strategic race planning, resilience, and mental toughness—all essential for competitive running. A special congratulations to Salem (7B) for an outstanding performance, securing 1st place in the 100m sprint, and to Lawida (6R), who demonstrated incredible endurance to finish in the top 10 of the 800m race. Their achievements reflect the dedication and effort of all our participants, and we look forward to seeing them continue to excel in future competitions!



Learning Activities

Library

It has been an exciting and engaging week in the school library! Our students had a wonderful time exploring stories and discovering the joy of reading. One of the highlights of the week was watching Zog, a delightful story about a determined young dragon who learns important lessons about perseverance and teamwork. The students enjoyed following Zog's adventures and discussing the valuable messages in the story.

We also had a fantastic storytelling session featuring Billy and the Beast. The students were captivated as they listened to the tale of brave Billy and her clever ways of outsmarting the beast. The storytelling sparked their imagination and led to lively discussions about courage and quick thinking. In addition to these activities, students spent time reading a variety of books, diving into new worlds, and expanding their knowledge. It was wonderful to see them so engaged with different stories and eager to share their thoughts.

Overall, it was a fun and enriching week in the library, and we look forward to more literary adventures next week!

