



BIS Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

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What's On

29 April– 03 May

- 29-30 Apr – New Group Reading Test
- 29-Apr – AS Exams – Year 12
- 29-Apr – KS3 Department Meeting / KS4/KS5 Department Meeting
- 30-Apr – FS2 Department Meeting / KS1 Department Meeting / KS2 Department Meeting / Arabic Department Meeting
- 01-May – Parent Coffee with the Head of Arabic Department
- 02-May – English Department Meeting
- 02-May – Student Leadership Principal's Tea Party
- 02-May – iGCSE and AS Exams – Year 11 to Year 12
- 03-May – iGCSE Exams – Year 11
- 03-May – UAE Identity Committee Meeting

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 3, the final term of this academic year. We are prepared for a great term ahead.

Firstly, please join me in wishing our Year 11 and Year 12 students every success in their upcoming IGCSE and AS board examinations. We know our students have been working hard in preparing for their final exams.

Also, next week we will hold our Year 9 IGCSE Options evening. We would like to welcome all Year 9 parents to please join us for an information evening on their subject choices.

We are also very excited to introduce to you all our new canteen app, DirectCard. It is a cashless payment system for our students. Letters have been shared by email with the guidelines to download the application. Our students received their cards today and will be able to use it as soon as the application is activated.

Download link is provided below:

Google play store -

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.directschool.parents&pli=1>

App store - <https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/directschool-app/id1198204119>

Our students wellbeing is a key priority for us at Belvedere. Part of this is ensuring that their school bags are the correct weight so that they will be comfortable in carrying their bags to and from class. Form teachers will be sharing the mandated bag weight for each year group along with a schedule of the required books each day. We will appreciate your support in checking your child's bag daily to ensure it does not exceed the limit. We will be monitoring daily at school as well.

Finally, I'd like to share with you the importance of students' participation in the GL Progress tests, an international benchmark test, issued by ADEK. From 6th May 2024 we will be conducting progress tests in English, Mathematics and Science with Year 4 to Year 10. Each test is standardised against international benchmarks using GL Assessment (www.gl-assessment.co.uk) The tests will provide key information to support your child's progress. Teachers are supporting students in class daily in preparation for the assessments. They will share resources with you as well on how to best support your child from home. It is important that all students take these assessments very seriously and give it their best effort.

We hope everyone enjoys this third term and makes the most of the opportunities and events available to our community.

Antonette Naidoo

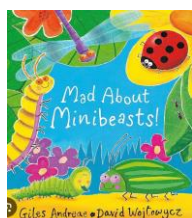
Acting Principal

Library Activities

Story of the Week:

Mad about Minibeasts!

By Giles Andreae and
David Wojtowycz



Our early years students loved joining in with all the noisy sound words and looking at the colourful pictures, as they discovered all sorts of minibeasts. From slithery snails and buzzing bees, to wriggly worms and munching caterpillars. Each page introduces a different animal, with a short read-



Learning Activities

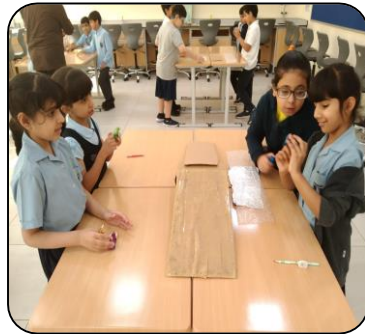
Foundation Stage 2

The students have had a great start to the new term. Our new theme is transport and they have had so much fun discussing how they come to school and dressing up for careers day. The students have also begun to write their own sentences and we are so proud!



Primary School

It's been fantastic having our students back at school for Term 3! We've already seen so much enthusiasm and energy, and we're looking forward to channeling that into a term full of growth, learning, and memorable experiences. We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and inspired to succeed. Here's to a successful and rewarding Term 3 ahead!



Secondary School

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3! As we dive deeper into the academic year, it's an opportune moment for our students to embrace a fresh start and set their sights on new achievements. With determination and dedication, let's strive to inch closer to our best selves. A special shout out to our Year 11 students who are currently tackling their Mock 2 exams, a significant step in their academic journey. Additionally, they showcased their eloquence and communication skills this week during the IGCSE English Speaking assessments. The IGCSE subject teachers are continuously helping the students through after school booster lessons on daily basis. Let's continue to support and motivate each other as we navigate this term together. Here's to a week filled with learning, growth, and success!



Arabic Department

مع بداية فصل دراسي تتجدد الطموحات والأمانى ، وينظر الجميع بشوق لنهاية هذا العام بالخير والتوفيق ، وقد كانت انطلاقاً القسم في هذا الفصل قوية، فالكتب المدرسية تم تقديمها للجميع ، كما كانت التصفيات في المسابقات الداخلية والخارجية حدثاً ظاهراً في هذا الفصل، فانطلقت تصفيات ابن حرملة للقرآن والإبداع الأدبي ، كما شكلت تصفيات تحدي القراءة جزء آخر من التحدي الخارجي ، أما على صعيد المدرسة ، فبدأت تصفيات تحدي الكتابة الإبداعية وانطلقت مسابقة الخط العربي كما بدأت التصفيات النهائية لحفظ القرآن



Student of Determination

The SoD department dedicated a morning assembly for World Autism Day to spread awareness, foster understanding, and acceptance of children with Autism. Students participated in some exercises to show their support.



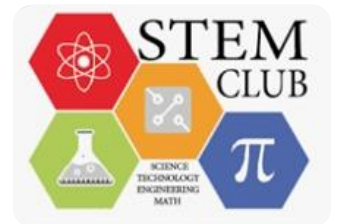
Extra Curricular Activities

We are excited to announce that our Extracurricular Activities (ECA) program for Term 3 commenced on Monday, April 22nd. However, we have observed that the current sign-up rate is notably low. We kindly urge you to take the time to sit down with your child and review all the available programs.

It is crucial for every student to register for at least one ECA per week. Participation in these activities not only enhances various skills but also plays a significant role in their academic achievement.

Should you have any inquiries or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's form teacher or directly contact me via email at reezana@belvedereinternationalschool.com.

Let us collectively guide our students towards success.



Staffing Update



Ms. Mabelle Rodriguez
Teacher Assistant –
FS2G



Ms. Marilyn Manligas
Housekeeping Staff



Ms. Ardelyn Acido
Teacher Assistant –
Year 5

House Points



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