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BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

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News and Events

Diary Dates

Week 13 Autumn

UAE National Day
2-3 Dec 2018
School Closed

Controlled Assessment
4-13 Dec 2018

Term 1 Ends
13 Dec 2018

Winter Break
14 Dec '18 - 05 Jan '19

Term 2 Starts
6 Jan 2019

Year 10 & Year 11
Emirates Auto Museum Trip
20 Jan 2019

Year 10 Saadiyat Beach Trip
21 Jan 2019

4th
Parents' Coffee Morning
27 Jan 2019 @08:00

3rd BBS Bake Off
27 Jan 2019

Year 5
Eastern Mangroves Kayak Tour
27 Jan 2019

Year 3 & Year 4
Eastern Mangroves Kayak Tour
27-29 Jan 2019

BBS Open Day
17 Jan 2019
(TBC)

BBS International Day
31 Jan 2019
(TBC)

Dear Parents,

Happy UAE National Day to you all. The United Arab Emirates is still a relatively young country. Still forging its own proud characteristics, achievements and celebrations of what continues to make it unique. So what makes The UAE special, in its own right and in comparison with others?

In this Year of Zayed, it is apt to start with the achievements of the nation's founding father:

- He pursued a visionary path in establishing a modern, forward thinking nation. Bringing the leaders and the people of the Emirates together to form a strong union.
- Bringing people from all over the world to share in this new beginning.
- Creating a solid infrastructure to lay the foundations for the future.
- His belief in the cooperation and cohabitation of people together, working for the common good of all who reside in the UAE.
- Charitable and humanitarian works.
- Leaving a legacy of hard work and determination for all to pursue, to achieve and celebrate.

The fruits of H.H.'s labours are many and we only have to look around us today to see our fine school. The buildings, our multinational community, who in turn come from areas that offer different attractions, amenities and opportunities.

Under the leadership and protection of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the leaders of the other Emirates, The UAE has accomplished great things through knowledge and innovation, including being a country with residents from over 200 countries, high literacy, numeracy and life expectancy rates, leading in oil extraction and production, having a world leading GDP, member of World Trade Organisation, a nuclear energy provider, world's largest solar power plant, home of the world's richest horse race, a venue on the European Golf Tour, showcase end of its season event, Burj Khalifa world's tallest man made building, home of the most visited place on the planet (Dubai Mall), Abu Dhabi Grand Prix the pinnacle of the truly world wide sport, cloned the world's first camel (which gave birth) and Expo 2020 heralding in the introduction of the Hyperloop, the sky is not even the limit, with April 2019 scheduled to see the first Emirati in space, then Mars exploration planned for 2021...

Most of all, The UAE is a world leader in safety and happiness - which, for our school community are our absolute priorities for our children. How can we be sure we continue to make our children safe, happy and ready for the future? Paraphrasing Sir Isaac Newton, 'The reason we are able to see so far into the future is because we stand on the shoulders of giants!' So, be thankful for our shared UAE heritage and let us celebrate and work together for a future of shared successes.

I wish you all a holiday weekend filled with occasions to both celebrate and relax,

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson
Principal
Belvedere British School



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Letter from School Principal

We strive to provide our students with the highest quality of education and of care, however, we can only accomplish this effectively with the continued support of families. We are grateful to receive suggestions from families to help us make improvements and feedback in order to address any serious concerns that may arise.

We would like to make the process as easy as possible for a complainant to submit their complaint to us and we accept that the process should be simple, impartial, timely, honest and reasonably flexible. We appreciate all assistance we receive from you in this way, knowing that we wish to make Belvedere British School a memorable learning environment for your child, and can only do that when any existing problems are brought to our attention. We will do all that we can to ensure that complaints are dealt with seriously and respectfully by all members of our staff, and we hope that all others will respect this vital procedure equally.

We will record the progress of each complaint from the moment it is brought to our attention, including details of all actions taken in response to achieve a resolution and the outcomes of those actions. The BBS Administration staff will hold these records and parents can be assured that all concerns and complaints will be treated seriously and confidentially.

- All parents are members of the BBS Community and have the right to make a comment or complaint about any services, activities, experiences or the way that they are treated.
- Staff at school and in other services must listen to parental complaints and let them know the outcome.
- If any parents have a complaint about any aspect of the school, they should raise it to the attention at the School Reception, so that it is appropriately lodged as a complaint; it would help if they tried to provide a solution too.
- The Administration Staff will log the complaint and pass it on to the most appropriate person to deal with it in the first instance.

1. Primary Class Teacher/Secondary Form Teacher
2. Head of Key Stage/Assistant Principal Pastoral – Mrs. Anam
3. Head of Primary/Secondary – Mrs. Leanne/Mr. Tony
4. Principal – Mr. Ciaran
5. BBS Board of Governors
6. ADEK

The full BBS Complaints Policy, along with all BBS policies, will be made available on Engage very soon.

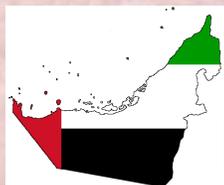
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Letter from the Head of Primary

Dear Parents,



UAE National Day

It has been an eventful week at BBS. We had a wonderful program to celebrate the 47th UAE National Day which was planned and implemented by our very skilled Arabic team (lead by Ms Wejdan). I'm sure you all had as much fun as we did. It was very pleasing to see so many of our student's, staff and parents embrace the culture here in the UAE. The children's performances were very well executed.



Commemoration day

Today we marked the UAE Commemoration Day. We remembered those who had fallen and died for the UAE and the sacrifices made so that we could keep living in this beautiful country. We held a 1-minute silence during our special assembly and the children were very respectful.



Assessments

This week concludes the last teaching week of 2018. From Tuesday the 4th December students will be revising their curriculum coverage. As well as this, it is assessment time. Please note the only homework until the end of the term will be the revision packs which were sent out last week. An assessment schedule was sent out via engage on Thursday 22nd November. Unfortunately, there will be no changes made due to absences. If your child does not attend, his/her end of term mark will be made against the continuous assessment during the year.

I would like to remind all parents that school will end as normal (at 2:30 pm) on 4th, 5th & 6th December however from Sunday 9th December- Thursday 13th December, students will finish at 12 pm.

Parents can get very anxious when it's assessment time but I would like to say that there's no need to. Assessments confirm that the teacher's judgement through continuous assessment is correct. So please don't put pressure on your child to perform, just encourage them to do their best and leave the rest up to us. When we see a gap in learning, we can plug that gap in the next term. Please remember: Kids will be kids, some will remember things, some will forget things but if you give them the encouragement they need, then they will always do their best.

Communication

The Engage app is now ready to download! If you are having difficulty, please contact engage@belvederebritishschool.com

Have a wonderful long weekend celebrating the 47th UAE National Day.

Kind regards

Leanne Woodward
Head of Primary





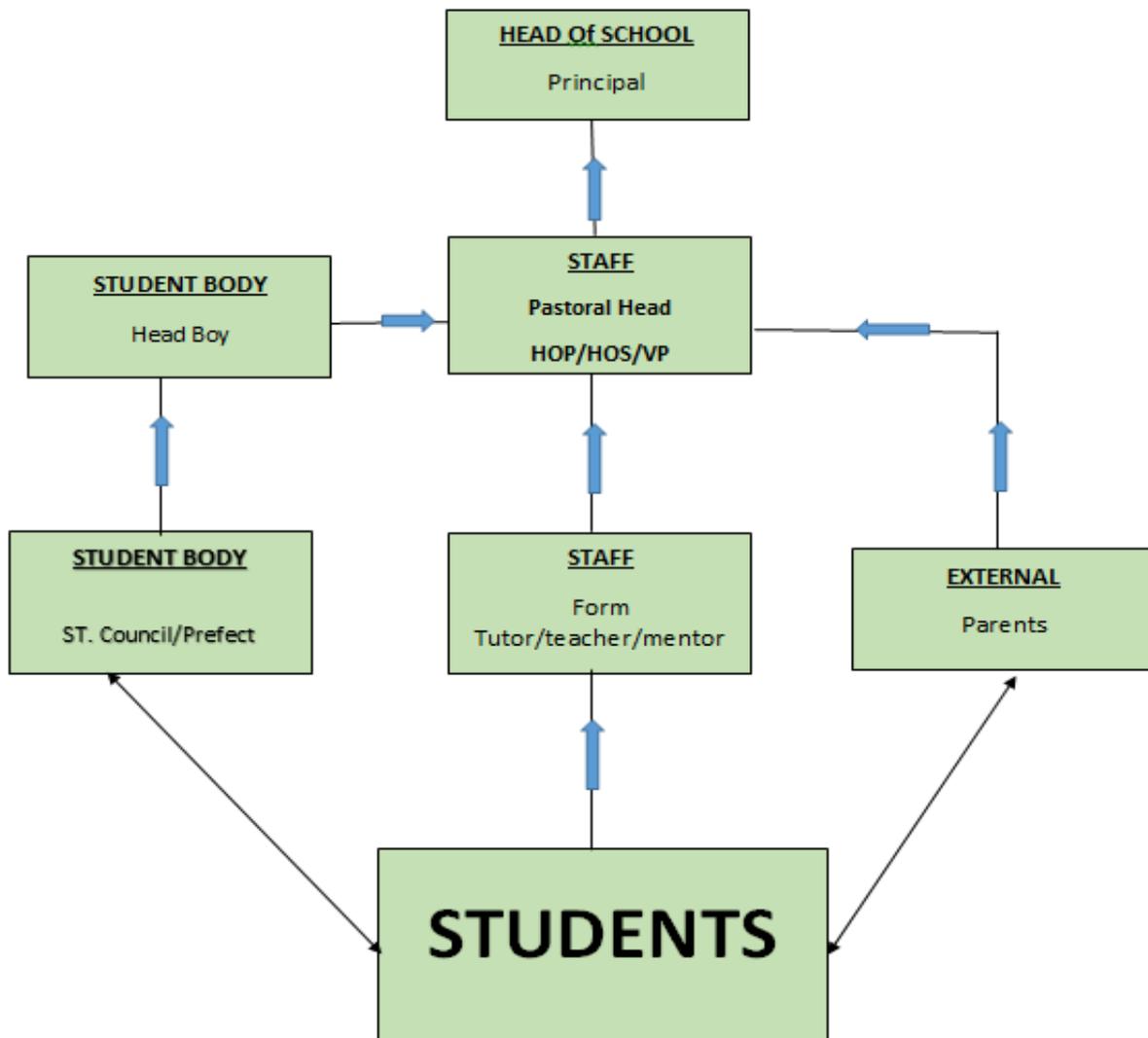
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Pastoral Message



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Students' Voice – How do we hear it?



Attendance Letter

Attendance Matters



Dear Parents,

A child who is late for 12 minutes each day for a whole week loses 1 hour their learning. It is very important to ensure that your children are in school on time everyday.

We begin each day at 7:30 sharp. Please ensure your child arrives at least 5 minutes before the start time. The playground doors open at 7:10am.

If your child arrives after 7:30am, they are LATE. You cannot hold us accountable for the academic success of your child, if your children are not on time and present to learn.

Our aim is for attendance to be its highest compared to previous years. I know that we can do it because **you** want your children to succeed just as much as we do here at BBS.

What are we doing to improve attendance?

If your child has-

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| ● 100% attendance for a full half term | = Bronze Attendance Award |
| | = Bronze Punctuality Award |
| ● 100% attendance for a full term | = Silver Attendance Award |
| | = Silver Punctuality Award |
| ● 100% attendance for a full year | = Gold Attendance Award. |
| | = Gold Punctuality Award |

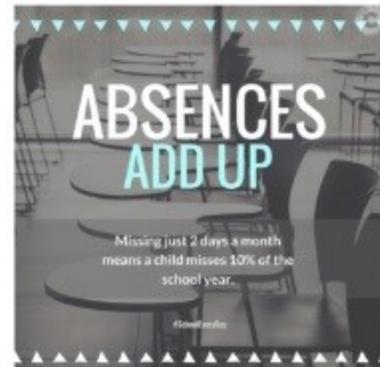
The class with the highest attendance, will win the Attendance Stars Class award .

The class with the highest punctuality rate, will win the Punctuality Stars Class award.

How can you help?

You can support us by:

- Sending your child to school daily and on time.
- Discussing with your child that it's important for them to come to school.
- Celebrating their success with them.



Commemoration Day at BBS



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BBS Celebrates 47th UAE National Day



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Photos Credit to:
Miss Francheska Camacho



BAKE OFF

November Winner



Ghala
Hussein
4c





FS2B Celebrates 47th UAE National Day

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Photos Credit to:
Miss Stacey Gregory



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F\$2C Celebrates 47th UAE National Day



**Photos Credit to:
Mrs Martha van Wyk**

FS2D Celebrates 47th UAE National Day



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Photos Credit to:
Miss Laura Carter

Year 1B went to Emirates Park Zoo



Year 1B Celebrates 47th UAE National Day



Photos Credit to:
Miss Gerlien Laubscher



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Year 6 went to Emirates Park Zoo



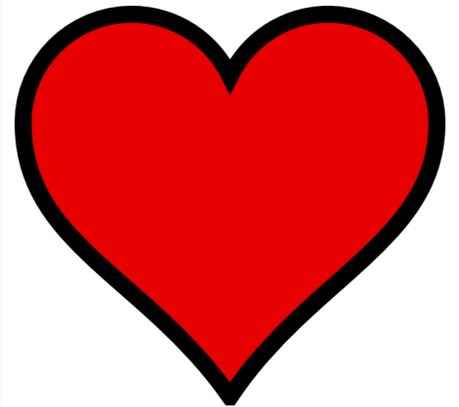
Photos Credit to:
Miss Netanye Nash

News from Year 5



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Year 5 receiving science lesson about “Heart” from Mr Jay.



Photos Credit to:
Miss Aoife Whelan

News from Arabic Department



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Year 6

لمساعدة الطلاب على التذكر والفهم والحفظ وتثبيت المعلومة بشكل بصري (صور ورسوم) تم تصميم مطوية وإعداد وسائل تعليمية لدرس "كان وأخواتها" من قبل طلاب السنة السادسة.

Year 6 students made a teaching aid as application for their lesson (كان وأخواتها)



**By : Maha
Hababeh**

