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BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

4 October 2018 – Edition (185)

News and Events

Diary Dates

Week 5 Autumn

**IGCSE Options Event
for Students
7 Oct 2018
Starting @12:45**

**AFC Asian Cup
Roadshow Activity Day @7:30
8 Oct 2018**

**IGCSE Options Event
for Parents
9 Oct 2018
17:00-18:30**

**Term 1
Continuous Assessment
7-18 Oct 2018
Normal School Timings**

**Term 1
Midterm Break
21-23 Oct 2018**

**2nd
Parent Coffee Morning
28 Oct 2018 @08:00**

**1st Parents' Evening
29 Oct 2018
@16:00-18:00**

**A Level Options Event
for Students @13:20
4 Nov 2018**

**A Level Options Event
for Parents @17:00-18:30
6 Nov 2018**

Dear Parents,

I hope that this newsletter finds you happy and well. It is as busy as it normally is here at BBS, for staff, parents and our children alike. We have had a parents' coffee morning, Board of Governors' meeting and staff training, along with all of our lessons and CCP activities; If we ever need to think about how we can evidence being part of a school community then these are good examples. The community exists not just because of the events that are run by the school, but through the participation of all of its members; I would like to thank you for your support of what we do here, as well as your time spent with us.

It is easy for me to espouse the importance of school and probably expected for any school leader to state that it is the most important place in the world; however, I strongly believe that family comes first, school a close second, but close ties together is best.

It seems increasingly difficult to come up with a well balanced lifestyle, particularly for people who need to work hard to finance families, apply effort to maintain relationships...even here in Abu Dhabi! However, we can all make time for each other, take time to reassess our priorities and include our children; they are our first priorities.

I hope that you, your families and your students are all well. On occasion you may hear me say, or read when I write about how I believe the most important part of life is to be happy. It is one thing to say, another to believe and something altogether harder to put into action, or even truly achieve. I have shared a link to an Action for Happiness Calendar with you below and I hope that you find it interesting and helpful. You could use it for yourselves and your families; I shared it with teachers earlier. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an 'Optimistic October'.

[Link for Optimistic October Calendar](#)

Many thanks for your continued support,

**Ciarán Cunningham-Watson
Principal
Belvedere British School**



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Letter from the Vice Principal/ Head of Secondary

A new month and we are well underway in our first term. Students and teachers are actively involved in teaching and learning and we are all excited about new challenges and opportunities that will arise this term. We are underway with our Student Counselor process and all Secondary students are super excited to have a chance to be part of our school council. Students have made their choices and the nominees will be notified next week.

Start of the school day

Thank you to those parents ensure their child is at school on time every day. The whole school assembly is an important part of our school day. We are still experiencing latecomers and they are missing out on our Belvedere British School community assembly. Please will all parents make sure their child is at school at no later than 7.30am so they can get registered and then attend school assembly. Your continued support as always is very much appreciated. Also can parents be aware that it is an ADEK requirement to attend school every day and on time.

Parental Communication:

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, it is very important that the school is able to communicate quickly with parents and keep parents informed of any aspect of the school either via our Engage system, telephone or message service. Can parents who have not yet furnished us with any changes to their contact details could contact the school and remedy this.

Uniform:

With regards to uniform, we are seeing an incredible improvement in the consistency of our students wearing full school uniform. Thank you so much to those parents who have actively responded to our request for improving the students uniform status. At BBS we strive to maintain the highest standards across all aspects of school life including uniform. As we are now in our fifth week of school can parents please ensure that their child has the correct uniform every day which will include black leather shoes and white trainers/sneakers for PE.

Kind regards,



Tony McSheffrey

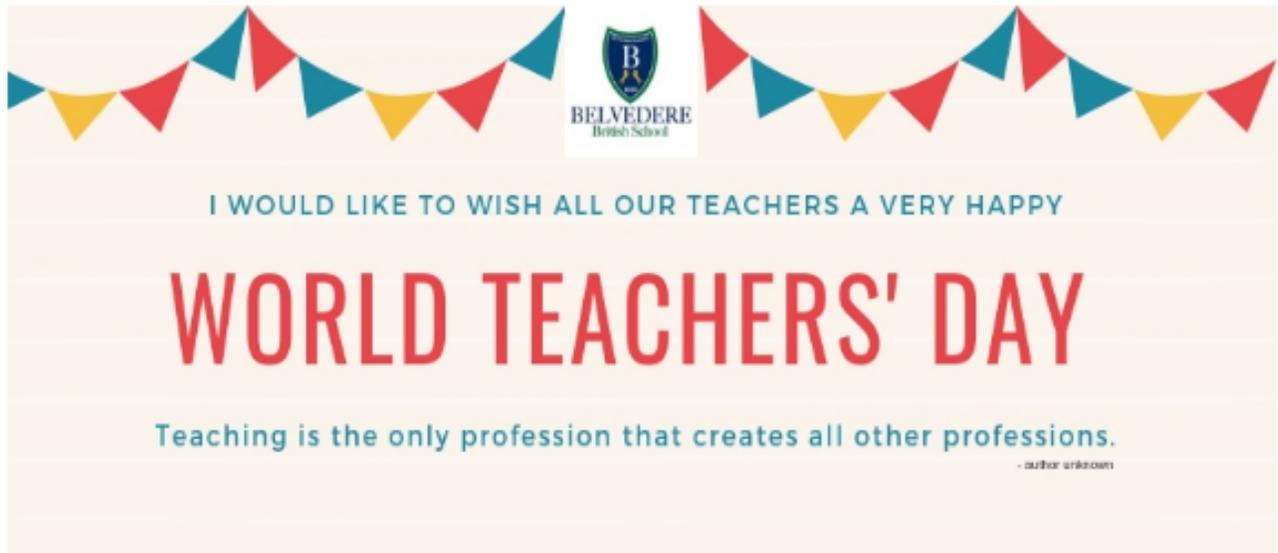
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Letter from the Head of Primary



Dear parents,

It is wonderful to end a fantastic week on a very positive high. As the saying goes, "A teachers' work is never done", these words are so true. Even when something comes to an end, something new is always beginning in a teachers' world. Teachers have to always think ahead, to plan for the next lesson, next topic and even the next academic year. So I would like to say to all our teaching staff at Belvedere British School- Thank you!

Thank you for spending endless days planning to create exciting and engaging lessons. Thank you for giving up your Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings to offer our students extracurricular activities. Thank you for cancelling your Wednesday gym sessions to attend your CPD. Thank you for not going to your own child's sports day because you are teaching somebody else's. Thank you for always thinking about your students and for the care and attention you give them every day. Thank you for being | you!

Leanne Woodward
Head of Primary



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Letter from the Head of Primary

Values

We would like to create a display on 'Values'. Please ask your child to cut out the leaf below and write something about any of the following...

Tolerance - How are you tolerant?

Honesty - Why should you be an honest person?

Kindness - What act of kindness did you do this week?

Care - When did you last show someone that you care.

Respect - What does the word respect mean to you?

Kindness

Tolerance

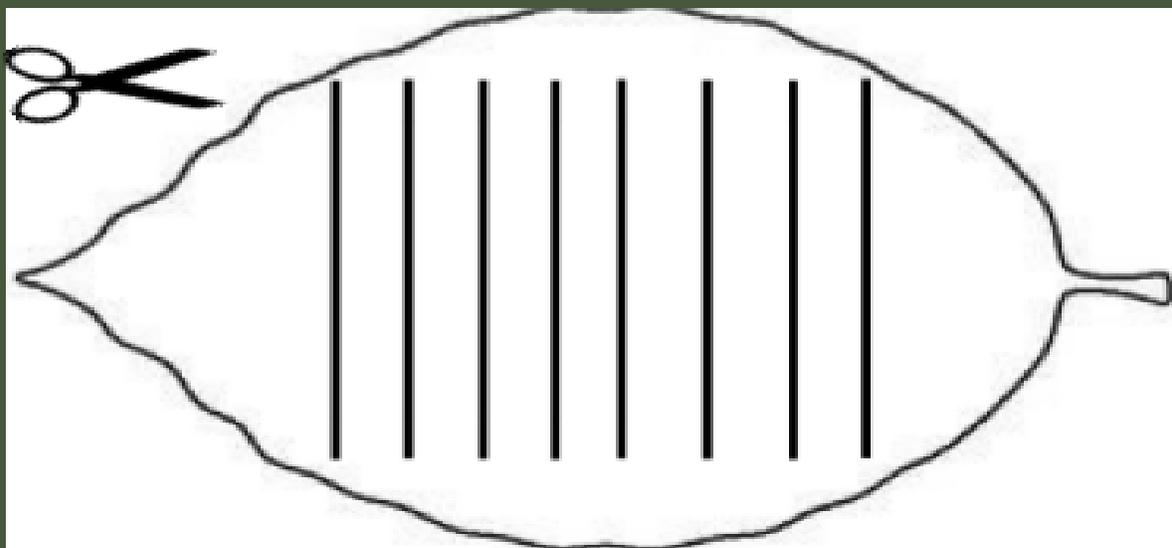
Honesty

Respect

Care



Your child can decorate the leaf, however, please ensure that the writing can still be seen.





Letter from the Director of Studies

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce myself as the school's Director of Studies. Each week we will update you on the latest British Curriculum developments. The British National Curriculum is a set of subjects and standards used by Primary and Secondary schools to ensure students learn the same information. It covers what subjects are taught and the standards students should reach in each subject. We start with a basic overview of how the curriculum is created and how we design the BBS timetables.

Key stages The National Curriculum is organised into Key Stages (KS). At the end of each key stage, teachers formally assess each child's performance.

- **Key Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2**
- **Key Stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**
- **Key Stage 3 – Years 7, 8 and 9**
- **Key Stage 4 – Years 10 and 11**
- **Key Stage 5 – Years 12 and 13**

During **Key Stages 1, 2 and 3**, all students are taught the same ten compulsory subjects at varying difficulty levels. The reason for this is to allow students to develop their knowledge each year they are engaged in education.

English	Mathematics	Science	History	Geography
Art and Design	Music	Physical Education (PE)	Computing	Modern Foreign Languages

During **Key Stage 4** the amount of compulsory subjects are reduced by 50% and the school provides an Options Programme of subjects for students to choose to studying in KS4. Options include: The Arts, Design & Technology, The Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages. These curriculum changes occur to encourage students to start thinking about their future careers and allow them to plan for their future.

English	Mathematics	Science	Computing	Physical Education (PE)
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Key Stage 5/Sixth Form is a term used to describe the two years of education for students aged 16-18, within the National Curriculum. Key Stage 5 is also the stage of education where students follow more intense and challenging courses in very specific subjects. This stage is the last stage of Secondary education for members of Sixth Form.

When students successfully complete their A levels they will be able to apply for university.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Davies
Director of Studies

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 |

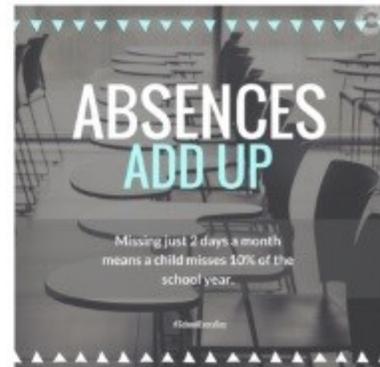
The class with the highest attendance, will win the Attendance Stars Class award .

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.



Health and Safety



News from Primary Department



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Primary: KS2 Assembly

Top Reader Awards

Ahmed Almarar 5c
Turki Mohamed 5A
Elliot Cunningham Watson 5B
Omar Oliba 6B1
Ahmed Alshawabkeh 6B2
Alreem Al Hadhrami 3A
Sanjay Manichithodiyl 3B
Fakhra Alblooshi 4A



Class awards

Faris Sawan 6B1
Muhammad Hassan Kamran Y6B2
Amna Atif 6G
Moustaffa 3A
Madjire Blessing 3B
Geetika Chaudhari 3C
Naser Ahmed 3C
Mohammad Rajab 4A
Washmah Asif 4D
Jay Menghar 4D
Mayar al Mudhani 4B
Ali Al Hammoudi 5B



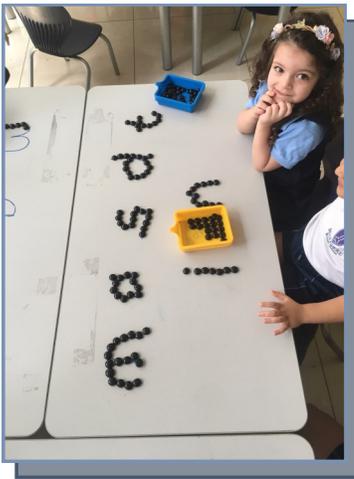
News from FS2



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This week the FS2B children have had a busy week learning new exciting things! They have been learning to write and recognise the sounds and have been learning to count in Maths.

Big school is so much fun!



Miss Stacey Gregory
FS2 Teacher

News from Year 1B



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This week, Year 1B went on a "bear hunt". We had to go through grass, a river, mud, a forest and even a snowstorm. We did this by following our very detailed maps.



Miss Gerlien Laubscher
Year 1B Teacher

News from P.E Department



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Special Assembly - Monday, 8th of October

Dear BBS parents, it is our pleasure to announce our special assembly on Monday 8th October, to celebrate the UAE's AFC Asian Cup in 2019. Our assembly will start at 7:30 am and we would like to have all our student present at this special event.

We count on all your collaboration to make this a successful event.

Sincerely,
Physical Education Department

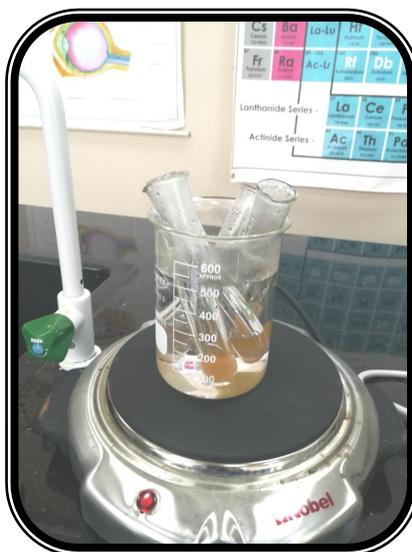
Mr Vasco Lima
PE Teacher

News from Science Department



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Year 8 Groups tested various food for the presence of starch, glucose, fat and protein.



Ms Remya Praveen
Science Teacher



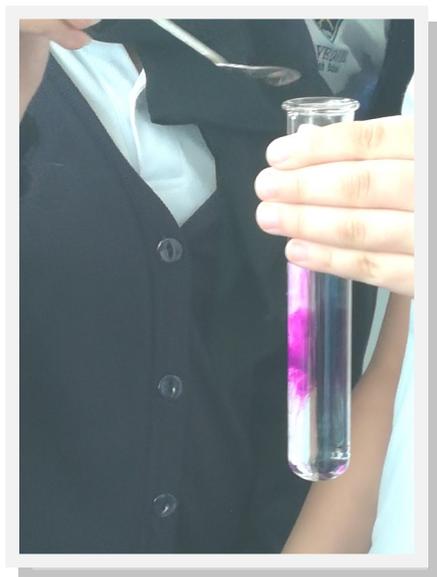
The
Experiment

News from Science Department



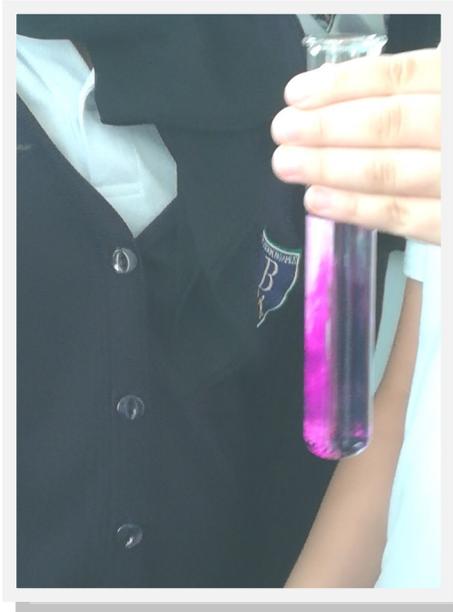
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Year 7 Groups investigated the movement of Potassium Permanganate particles in water. Potassium Permanganate particles move up the water from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration. This process is called Diffusion.



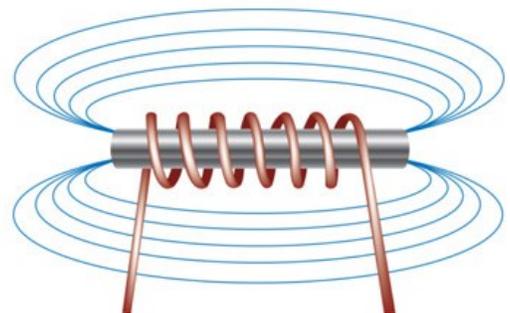
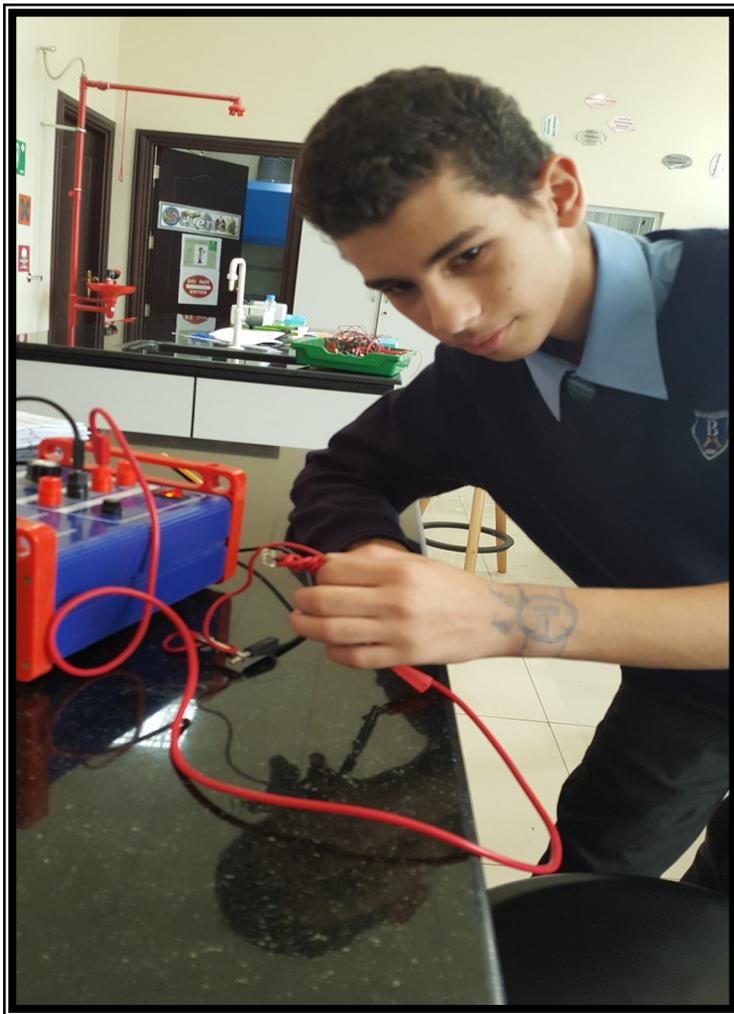
The Experiment

Ms Remya Praveen
Science Teacher



The Year 11 Boys were constructing electromagnets and using them to pick up paper clips.

Electromagnets



Mr Pádraig Guiney
Science Teacher

News from Arabic Department



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Year 2



قام طلاب السنة الثانية بعمل أنشطة متنوعة تطبيقا لدرس (بوبي بومة) (بَيْضَاء)

Year 2 students made many activities as application of lesson (بوبي بومة بَيْضَاء) in collaborative atmosphere .



By : Samah Kamel





School uniform

Dear Parents,

Within Belvedere British School we have a strong history, vision and ethos for our students which encourages strong minds, independence, academic rigor and community spirit. With that we also want our students to feel part of the BBS family. The way this is shown is through engaging in school life, meeting our expectations and striving to accomplish their goals. Meeting our expectations encompasses wearing the correct school uniform which publically displays the students' acknowledgment and respect for Belvedere British School values and traditions.

Attached is a breakdown of our school uniform requirements. Can you please take some time to view the attachment and provide your child with the correct uniform as this is a vital component of your child's school life. We will be monitoring uniform infringements closely as with all aspects of your child's academic life. If there are continuous uniform infringements we will impose our uniform sanctions as stated in our Uniform Policy.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Kind regards



Tony McSheffrey

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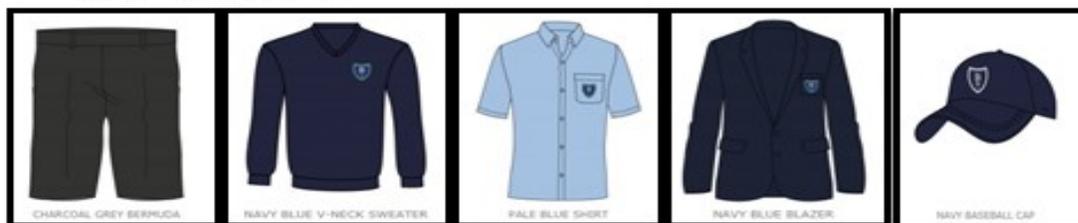
School uniform

Boys' summer

FS2



Year 1-Year 3



Year 4-Year 13



Boys' Sports Kit

FS2- Year 13



Important

School uniform

Boys' winter

FS2



Year 1- Year 3



Year 4- Year 13



Important

School uniform

Girls' summer

FS2



Year 1- Year 3



Year 4- Year 13



Girls' sports kit

FS2- Year 13



Important

School uniform

Girls' winter

FS2



Year 1- Year 3



Year 4-Year 13



Important

ATTENTION!



OF THE DAY

7:25

Bell Ring- Students go to their classroom
(Primary and Secondary)

7:30

Form Registration Time

7:35 AM

Side Doors Close
-No Entry to classrooms/Assembly Yard
-Late Students wait in the Foyer

7:40

ASSEMBLY

7:55

Period 1

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School Parents Communication
Group



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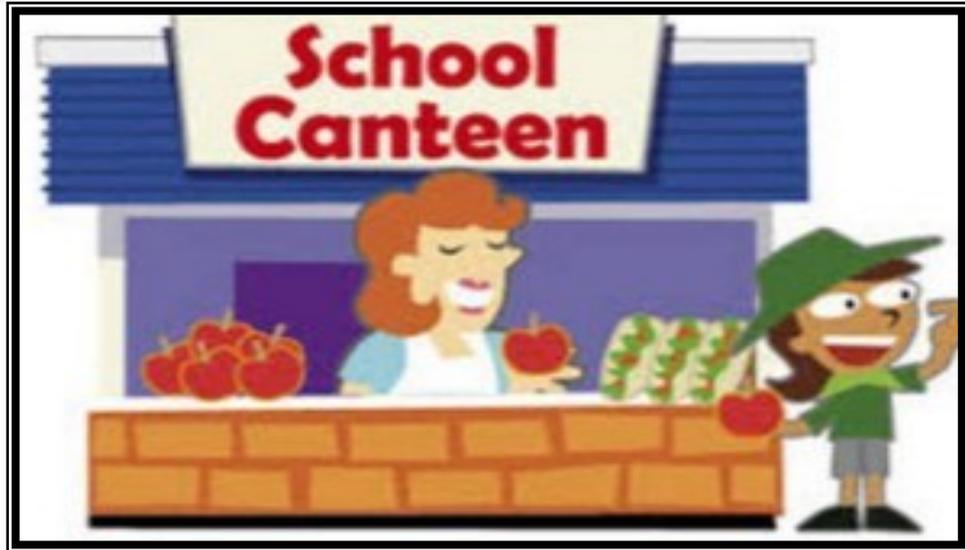


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ATTENTION!

Available
NOW



Canteen Newsletter

We are pleased to have our new catering company, Raptors ready to start delivering meals to students and staff of BBS. Raptors' vouchers are available to purchase as whole booklets from the Finance Department office. They come in booklets of different values: 100 Dhs, 150 Dhs, 200 Dhs, 300 Dhs, 450 Dhs and 500 Dhs. The cafeteria staff will not accept cash for payment after Thursday 4th October.

If you have any remaining old vouchers, please take them to the Finance Department, to exchange them for cash.



ATTENTION!



Dear Parents,

We sent a **MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM (inside the bag of your child/ren)** for you to fill up and return to us so we can update your child/ren medical information. We already received some forms but still waiting for the others to return their forms. Hence, this a gentle reminder to please fill up the Medical Information Form and submit it to the clinic as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is highly appreciated. Thank you !

**Best Regards,
Arlene Manluyang Calamba.,HAAD-RN/SN
HAAD Lic. GN16718
Nurse
Belvedere British School**

