

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

Week 38

**Citizenship &
Community**

EVENTS

JUNE

Sunday 30th: Controlled Assessments
School day ends at 12pm
30/6/19- 4/7/19

Sunday 30th: Parents' Coffee Morning
8am, Main Hall
Topic: Safety Online with Mr Lewis

NOTICES

UNIFORM

Please ensure you send your child to school wearing the correct uniform.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

It is important that your child attends school daily and is present by 7:25am.

HEALTHY EATING

Please ensure that you send in a healthy snack at morning snack time and a healthy lunch.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

Have a good Summer Break!

— BBS SLT



BELVEDERE
British School

Dear Parents,

I hope that you receive this newsletter in good health, as we gradually ease into the summer holiday period. Students, staff and parents will appreciate the break and enjoy the timely opportunity to relax, reflect on the school year and think ahead to the next one.

It has been a busy year for all of us at Belvedere British School and we made substantial progress in all areas, as highlighted in our recently received ADEK Inspection Report. We will continue to develop as a school community and we thank you for all of your contributions along the way. As a school community, we have grown so much, but there are still areas of development for us to address and work on together; more on that in due course, as we set out our plans for further school improvements in September.

We have recently started a new initiative, called “Be the Difference!” We are asking all of our students, staff and parents to give us their suggestions on what we can do to make a real difference in the world. Please see the display in school, write your suggestions down and post them in the collection box. We are looking for ideas on where we can make a real impact on life outside the school gates, in Mohammed Bin Zayed City, Mussafah, Abu Dhabi. Once we have ideas on what we would like to do, we can work together to see how we can achieve our goals.

As Mohandas Gandhi said: “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and support staff here at BBS for all of their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank you once again for your support and for placing your trust in us to look after and educate your children. Finally, thank you to the children for all of their efforts and for making this such a wonderful school.

I hope that our children keep themselves and their brains active over the holiday period, by exercising and reading at least one good book. Here is a book that I recommend parents read: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/an-intelligent-persons-guide-to-education-9781472913128/>

With warmest regards and thanks,

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson
Principal
Belvedere British School

Dear Parents,

As another fantastic, productive and extremely busy academic year comes to a close, our students and staff can enjoy a very well earned break. We commend the wonderful effort made throughout the year by both our wonderful students and teachers.

We are currently halfway through our end of term Controlled Assessment schedule which will finish on 3rd July. We congratulate our students thus far on their outstanding behaviour and commitment to their assessments. There has however been many incidents of students requesting either Parents or Drivers to collect them during the school day. This conduct is not beneficial to our students' academic progress and many parents are facilitating this practice and allowing their children to leave school after they have completed an assessment. We strongly advise all parents to keep your children in school for the full day to take advantage of the excellent learning opportunities available.

This year we sadly say goodbye to two of our most respected and outstanding teachers, Mr James Head of ICT and Mr Matthew Head of Maths. Both of these teachers have shown every day what it means to be consummate professionals, teaching with passion, dedication and a complete desire to improve the academic outcomes of all of our students. Both of these amazing teachers are embarking on new adventures and it is with a sad heart we have to say goodbye. We wish both Mr James and Mr Matthew all the best in their new ventures and they will not be forgotten.

Our new school year will be here shortly and all students start school on 1st September 2019. School starts promptly at 7.30am and students are expected to arrive by 7.20am. It is vital that all students arrive to school every day on time and prepared for a busy day ahead. Missing lessons has a negative impact on your child's academic progress. All our students are expected to attend school in their full school uniform every day. This is not an option but a fundamental requirement.

I would like to say a big thank you to all our our incredible staff who have worked tirelessly and diligently throughout the year to provide outstanding education provision to all of our students. Thank you to all of our students for committing to improving and striving for excellence in your studies. Finally thank you to our parents who've been so supportive, compassionate and genuine educational partners to improve Belvedere British School this year.

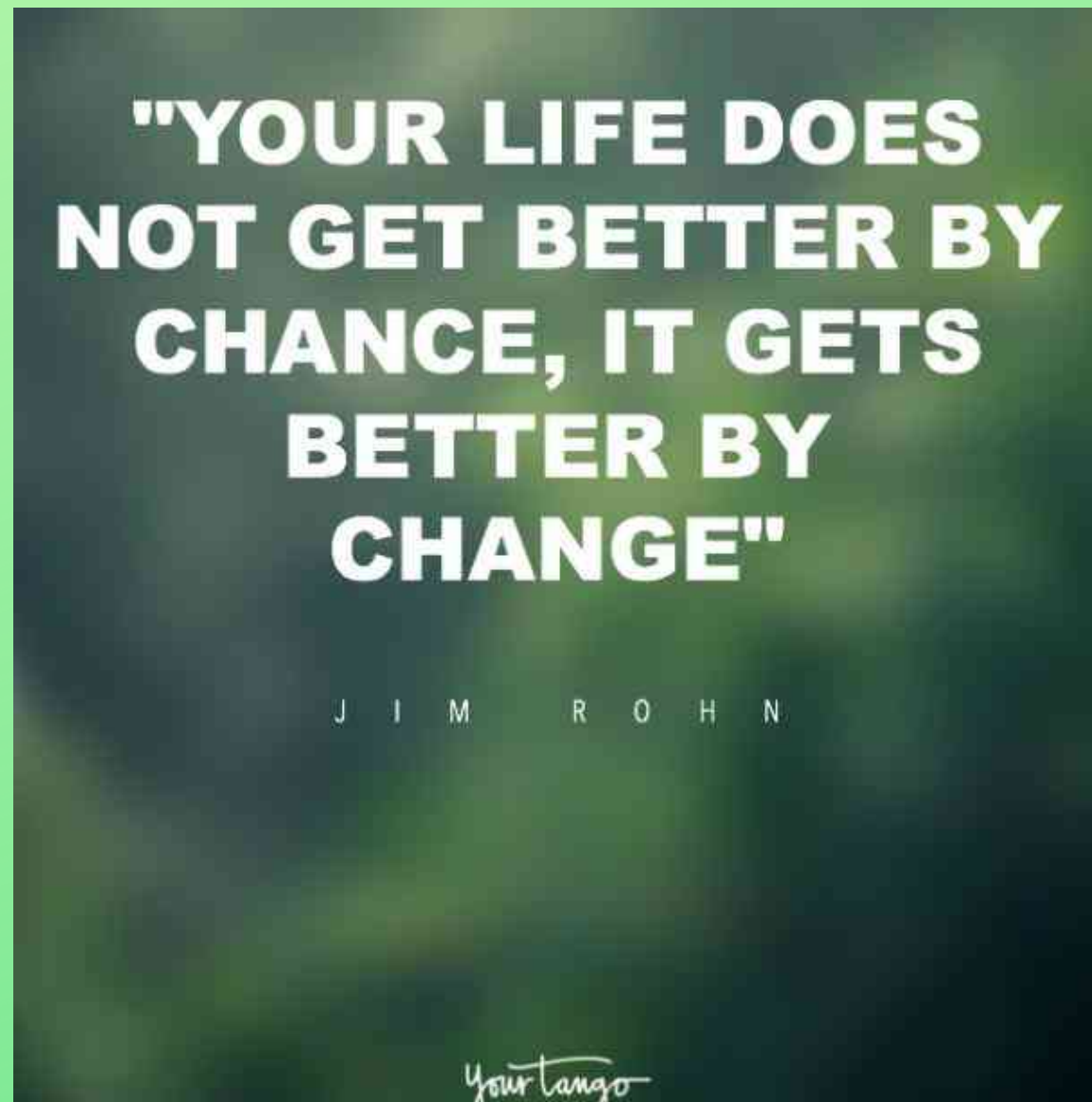
I look forward to welcoming all students both new and old back to the Belvedere British School family next academic year. Have a restful and happy Summer break.

Kind regards

Tony McSheffrey
Vice Principal/Head of Secondary

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic year we've had. There have been a few hiccups along the way and I wouldn't be human if I didn't acknowledge that. But we have overcome those challenges by communicating and working together. There have been many changes, which will take time for all of us to get used to, but we must continue to strive towards becoming better together which can only happen through change.



Graduations

Congratulations to all our FS2 Students who graduated today. I would also like to say well done to all our year 6 students who will be moving on to Secondary next year. We will miss them all. Please remind them to come and visit us in Primary next year. Also well done to all our students for trying their very best this year.

Thank you

I would like to thank all our teachers who have given up their evenings, weekends and holidays to give your children the best education possible. I would also like to thank all the support staff at BBS for always helping out.

Finally I would like to thank you, our parents. Thank you all, for allowing us to mould such delicate minds and for trusting us with your most prized possessions. I look forward to working even closer with you all next year.

Have a wonderful summer.

Kind regards,

Leanne Woodward
Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

Here we are, at the end of yet another wonderful academic year...This year had been very progressive in many ways. We are really proud of our students with massive improvements in terms of behaviour, attitude towards learning and attendance. This year was just a beginning and we will keep moving forward and bringing more improvement in our Pastoral department.

This year, the Winner House for whole academic year 2018/2019 with total score of 3597 house points os LEOPARDS. Congratulations to all the students in Leopards for your efforts and making your house a winner! Well Done!

Best of luck to all of you for your future and hope to see you back in September, ready and fully prepared to start another year full of learning and good experiences.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer Break,

Anam Zulfiqar

Social Worker/Assistant Principal Pastoral

Dear Parents,

End of Year Assessments

The first week of End of Year Assessments has just been completed and the students should be fully prepared for all assessments next week. Assessments are used to summarise and offer feedback, in order to assess and compare the level of pupil achievement compared to specified and anticipated pedagogical and educational goals. The Final Assessment is performed after the completion of a topic or module. The aim is to systematically assess the result of the teaching procedure and pupils' efforts.

Assessment techniques are directly correlated with the particular characteristics, the aims and content of each subject. They aim at exploring the pupils' cognitive achievements, whilst emphasising their ability to acquire, manage and apply knowledge in various ways. In addition, they highlight the communicative skills and learning profile of each pupil. Various assessment techniques, which at the same time consist of teaching practices and apply to all subjects.

Student Progression

Tracking sheets are used by all staff at Belvedere British School to monitor Progression for each student in each individual subject.

We are pleased to report that Belvedere has shown a great deal of progress across all subjects and year groups over the course of this academic year.

I hope that the good work and progress achieved this year is maintained over the summer break and you all have a wonderful and relaxing holiday

I look forward to seeing you all in September for the new academic year.

Paul Davies

Director of Studies