

JUNE NEWSLETTER

VALUES OF THE MONTH

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Tolerance

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Citizenship &
Community

EVENTS

JUNE

Monday 10th: Google Information Session for Parents 17:00 (Main Hall)

Sunday 23rd: Controlled Assessments begin (school day ends at 12pm 30/6/19- 4/7/19).

Thursday 27th: FS2 Graduations
08:30 - 09:30: FS2B,
10:00 - 11:00 FS2A,
11:30 - 12:30 FS2D,
13:00 - 14:00 FS2C
BBS Main Hall

Wednesday 26th: Year 6 Graduation
5:30pm Al Ain University

Wednesday 26th: Year 13 Graduation
5:30pm Al Ain University

NOTICES

UNIFORM

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

CCPs

CCPs will resume on the 9th June for 1 week only.

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. From 10th March any sweets/candy will be confiscated from students.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

“Eid Mubarak to our BBS families.”

— BBS SLT



BELVEDERE
British School

Dear Parents,

Ramadan Kareem. I hope that you receive this newsletter in good health.

May has been a busy and productive one for us here at Belvedere British School. We find ourselves at that time of preparing for the end of the academic year, putting plans in place for the future, whilst continuing to provide the best quality education for our children that we can.

Thank you for all of you who have contributed to our charitable causes, including our Red Crescent collection and food distribution initiative. It is very encouraging to see how our school community comes together to help those people who are less fortunate than ourselves. In the time remaining this term, I will be asking for ideas on other school initiatives that we can implement, to help make a real significant difference to the lives of others, in Abu Dhabi and beyond.

In our presentation to parents, at 17:00 on Monday 10th June, we will go through details on our partnership with Google and give information on how parents (Years 4 +) can purchase Chromebooks, to enable our children to receive a truly 21st century education. I look forward to seeing as many of you then as possible.

As the Holy Month of Ramadan comes to a close, we look forward to our Eid Al Fitr celebrations with our families. Whether you travel, or spend your time here in Abu Dhabi, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Eid Mubarak to you all.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson

Principal

Belvedere British School

Dear Parents,

Eid Mubarak to all our wonderful students and parents.

It has been a whirlwind term and only four weeks remaining after Eid break. All of our students have been working so hard during the Holy Month of Ramadan and we celebrate their commitment and observance during this period. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students have all be actively studying and sitting their respective external Edexcel exams. They have all worked extremely hard and have been supported throughout by our dedicated and passionate team of subject specialists. We wish them every success in their external exams.

After Eid al-Fitr we will have two weeks of normal lessons then our final two week block of Controlled Assessments with an early finish during the second week. We require all our students to maintain their enthusiasm for learning and progression right up until the end of term. We will issue term three reports directly after the Controlled Assessments have been completed so it is imperative all students are in school and complete their assessments.

Our amazing Year 13 students will be graduating on Wednesday 26th June at Al Ain University of Science and Technology. This will be a very special evening to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students and to wish them every success in their future academic endeavours.

Finally I wish all our students and parents a wonderful, peaceful and prosperous Eid al-Fitr

Tony McSheffrey

Vice Principal/Head of Secondary

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful half term with all our students and are looking ahead to getting things done for the end of the year.

Our students are working hard towards completing their year group curriculum coverage and then we'll be starting to prepare them for their end of term assessments. Several parents have asked for us to change the dates of assessments due to travel arrangements. I would like to urge you not to travel during term time as this may have an impact on the attainment of your child. The end of the term for all our students is July 4th. Please support us in getting the best out of your child by sending them to school until the last day of term.

Golden time

As you are aware, the students have golden time on a Thursday to reward them for all their hard work during the week. We have seen a disturbing increase in the number of students bringing in electronic devices to school for golden time. From Sunday 9th June, no electronic devices should be brought to school. If you do send your child with an electronic device it will remain in their bag until they return home. We take no responsibility for any loss or damage to any personal items whilst at school. Golden Time is an opportunity for your child to be off their devices and interacting face to face with their friends. Please encourage them to bring in a toy/game that students can play together.

As we are now approaching the end of Ramadan, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Eid. Stay safe if you are travelling. We look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday 9th June.

Kind regards,

Leanne Woodward

Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Ramadan. I would like to thank all those parents who attended our BBS Iftar. It was thrilling to see so many Parents participating and coming for Iftar.

There was improvement observed in students attendance during Ramadan in comparison to last year though we Punctuality is still a concern where many students are choosing to come late on regular basis. It is important that all the students be in school by 7:30 and attend morning assembly. Majority of our students displayed positive attitude during Ramadan.

For Ramadan, Our Charity club arranged collection Donation Booth and Raised money for Iftar Meal Packs for underprivileged members of our community. Thank you to all those parents, students and teachers who participated. With all your help and contributions, Charity club members distributed 258 iftar meal packs. Well Done Charity Club, Keep up the good work!

With Ramadan ending, I wish you all a very joyous Eid with your family and friends. We look forward to welcome back our students after Eid holidays with more positive attitude and fully prepared for the last few weeks of this academic year.

Eid Mubarak!

Anam Zulfiqar
Pastoral

Dear Parents,

End of Term Assessments

End of Term Assessments are scheduled to take place during the final 2 weeks of Term 3 and the assessment 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, include:

Written questions

Written or oral exams of various types

Short written essays

Short questions, written or oral

Summarisation of content (written or oral)

Judgement tests

Projects.

Student Progression

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

Tracking sheets are used as a method of planning and assessing, which will allow all of our students to make rapid and sustained progress through a focus on their strengths and their next steps in each subject.

Tracking sheets are designed to show students their areas of strength and what they need to do to make progress in each of their subjects. It also ensures that all students are aware of what excellence looks like in each aspect of their work.

Paul Davies

Director of Studies