



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCIPAL
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Dear BBS families,

We are truly honoured to be part of the 50 @ UAE celebrations here at Belvedere British School in Abu Dhabi.

We feel privileged to call this amazing country our home and delight in the Union.

The United Arab Emirates is an incredible place to live and work and expats and locals alike live alongside each other in harmony – thanks to incredible hospitality and an unrivalled prevailing welcoming spirit.

This nation constantly amazes us with its kindness; tolerance; creativity and innovation.

Everyone in our fabulous community feels huge amounts of gratitude towards the United Arab Emirates and its marvelous Emirati people for the incredible experience we live every day.

Thank you UAE and many many congratulations on the golden jubilee

We will be holding our celebrations this coming Thursday 25 th November.

We offered our Emirati Parent Group session during Parents in Partnership last Thursday to enable parents to volunteer any help or resources towards our UAE National day festivities.

Please coordinate with Ms Wejdan or the Parents Association should you wish to be involved or contribute in any way at all – thank you.

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UAE at 50

Thursday – 25th December 2021
9:00 to 11:30



- Performances
 - Pavilion
 - Photobooth
 - Popcorn & Cotton candy
- Fun! Fun! Fun!



We have a very successful first term's worth of Tuesday Afternoon Activities. They have all been very well attended and staff and students have done a great job between them. Many many thanks to all participants and leaders. Please see below for the full list of everything we offered this term.

Last Tuesday 16th November was our last session for this term (as we head into revision and assessments) and we looking forward to starting again next term.

Congrats to all for a wonderful Term One Activities programme – particularly Ms Nairoz and her fantastic team.

Any queries please do email her as our Head of Activities in nh.abed@belvederebritishschool.com.

Year 3–Year 6

Movie Club
Gymnastics
Science Booster Club
Arts & Crafts
Ball games/board games/
puzzles on board (hangman)
Music and Dance Club
Football

Year 7–Year 13

Science Experiment Club
Arts & crafts club
Music & Dance Club Beginner keyboard,
lessons & Dance Skills
Let's learn some Italian
MMA Fitness Club (Mixed Martial Arts)
Creative writing + Poetry + Drama
MUN: Model United Nations / Debate club
Maths Booster Club
Board Games Club
Football

FS2–Year 2

Music. Let's all sing
Art and Crafts
Team games
Gymnastic
Quran recitation

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After School Clubs

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Ms. Leanne is the 4B form teacher. She is also our head of department for the maths department in Primary. Ms. Leanne teaches maths to 4C, 5A, 5B and 5C.

She is from Ireland and this is her third year teaching in Abu Dhabi. Ms. Leanne is helped out with our gymnastics after school club. She has a keen interest in sport and is thrilled to be a member of the BBS staff and is looking forward to the academic year ahead.

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A passion for languages and different cultures and people, along with a strong desire to be a lifelong learner, have always underpinned her profession, informed her pathways and influenced her development.

Miss Barbara is an Italian native speaker who moved to the United Kingdom in 2012 to teach in the English school system.

She completed her Postgraduate Certificate in Education (French and Italian) at the University of Cumbria in 2013 and she has seven years of experience in teaching French, Italian and Spanish in secondary schools in London.

In 2019 Miss Barbara moved to the UAE where she started working as a Head of French and in 2020 she joined BBS as a Primary and Secondary French Teacher as well as Head of Languages.

She decided to become a teacher because of her own love of learning and because she enjoys passing her knowledge of modern languages to young learners. She was also inspired by her French Teacher in High School who had a positive impact on her.

What she enjoys the most in teaching is hearing her students explain in their own words what they learned in a particular lesson and watching them participate.

She likes getting her students engaged in discussions and activities and using her skills to help them in their holistic formation.

In her opinion, pupils' motivation is a key element, therefore, she offers her pupils varied and challenging activities, to ensure high levels of participation and involvement.

She strongly believes that the role of teacher is not only to teach their subject but also to teach life and values, so she is committed to the principle of inclusion and the celebration of diversity

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Alan Richardson has recently moved to Abu Dhabi from Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland. Alan studied his bachelor of Arts degree in the National University of Ireland, Galway, completing three years of Geography, Sociological and Political studies. Alan progressed on to study the Professional Master of Education in NUIG. He qualified and began teaching in Ireland in his home town for five years. He has experience teaching Geography, Social Studies and Civic, Social and Political Education. He has a keen interest in Inclusion and Special Education Needs, completing a Level 9 Graduate Diploma in Inclusion and Special Education Needs in Dublin City University in 2020. Alan's love for Geography has allowed him to travel around the world and experience different countries, cultures and food. He has a background in hospitality and a passion for cuisine, sports and exercise. Alan's current role is teaching key stage 3 Humanities with year 7 & 8. He teaches key stage 4 IGCSE Geography with year 10 and 11. He teaches key stage 5 IAL Geography with year 12 and 13. Alan also teaches key stage 4 IGCSE Global citizenship with year 11. He is also our Well Being and Inclusion Coordinator. If you would like to contact Alan you can reach him at:

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Belvedere British School is delighted to welcome Ms. Jennifer Flynn to our secondary English department. Ms. Jennifer is from Ireland and has always had a passion for teaching. She got involved in the educational system in 2016 after completing an undergraduate degree in English and History. She later qualified with a first class honors from the Professional Masters of Education in Maynooth University, Ireland. This will be her fourth year teaching in the U.A.E. and she is excited to have both year 7 and 8 for English in BBS this year.

Ms. Jennifer is committed to ensuring a safe and comfortable learning environment for all of her students so each one can reach their full potential and enjoy their time in the classroom.

In her spare time, Ms. Jennifer enjoys travelling, reading and playing sports.

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Rena Soufi is a Business Studies and ICT Teacher at BBS. She is Australian-Lebanese. She finished her MBA in Balamand University. She has around 6 years of tutoring experience in Australia and Lebanon.

Moreover, she has a UN experience where she worked with refugees for a period of time. This experience enhanced her communication skills as she dealt with people from different ages, backgrounds, religions, and cultures.

Ms. Soufi likes her class to be interesting in which students can enjoy themselves during the lesson.

She is interested in all kinds of sports activities and board games.

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Pantomime

We are thrilled to announce that two of our amazing students will be treading the boards later this month!

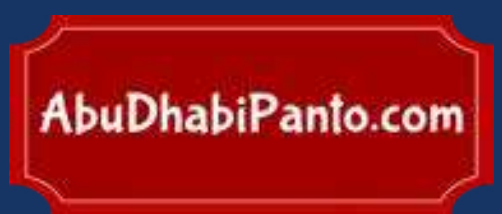
We are very proud of our budding thespians Ruby and Amelia Beaumont will be taking part in the pantomime Cinderella – please find the below details & link for tickets at Erth (old armed forces & officers Club) Hotel.

<https://www.abudhabipanto.com>

<https://abu-dhabi.platinumlist.net/event-tickets/82087/cinderella>

Panto has a very long tradition in the UK and is always staged around December/ January to coincide with the Festive Season. It is loads of fun for the family and I would highly recommend a trip – you will definitely be treated to audience participation and lots of laughs.

Lots of luck girls – break a leg!



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English Department Public Speaking Competition House

Our Public Speaking Competitions took place in the School Hall on 11 November 2021.

We had three main categories starting with the Novice category , followed by the Intermediate Category and finally the Advanced Section.

We awarded first prize for each winning speech per category and then best overall speech. For first place in each category the winning speech house will ge 10 points and the golden prize hence the winning speech will be awarded 15 points, meaning there are four prizes in total.

The houses started on a tie so this event was a huge deciding factor in breaking this tie of 12 points for all houses at the start of this competition.





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English Department Public Speaking Competition House

OUR RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

NOVICE CATEGORY WINNER 10 POINTS

WINNER–Mai Almheiri–Year 7b– TOPIC: If I ruled the world–KINGFISHER HOUSE.

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY WINNER 10 POINTS

WINNER–Eishaal Najam– Year 7B –TOPIC: Cyberbullying–FALCONS HOUSE.

ADVANCED CATEGORY WINNER 10 POINTS

WINNER–Aisha Tijani –Year 11A –TOPIC: Environmental impacts of feminine products –KINGFISHER HOUSE.

BEST OVERALL GOLDEN PRIZE WINNER 15 POINTS.

WINNER–Aisha Tijani –Year 11A.–TOPIC: Environmental impacts of feminine products–KINGFISHER HOUSE.

Thank you all for joining us and also huge amounts of gratitude are extended to Ms Florence and her English team incorporating Mr Sherman our Head of Houses.

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English Department Public Speaking Competition House Winners



Congratulations!



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English Department Public Speaking Competition House Participants



50th UAE National Day

Are you creative?

Do you like writing poems or stories? (English or Arabic)

Do you like drawing or painting?

Do you like making models?

Do you like singing or creating music?

If you answered 'yes' to one of these questions, we invite you to participate in our National Day Celebration Competition.

Theme: Proud to be living in the UAE.

Create anything you like based on the given theme and submit it (or send a video/photo of it to your form teacher via email) by the 24th November 2021* and we will display your creation to the parents as well.

Every submission gets 1 house point! Top 3 students get an extra reward.

Good luck!

If you need more time and you are ok with your work not being displayed in the Pavillion, you can submit your work by the 8th December