

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Vision, Mission and Values

Belvedere British School to provide an excellent teaching and learning environment where students achieve more due to the high standards expected from our educational philosophy. Ultimately we aim to prepare students for life, based on our values of Tolerance, Respect, and Responsibility.

We provide a holistic education and inspire lifelong learning. Our students are motivated to apply themselves so they achieve their full potential in all aspects of school life. We encourage high and realistic expectations, so our students have aspirations that take them beyond school to their own futures, in the UAE and internationally.

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School Principal | Belvedere British School

What Makes a Great School?

I often hear educators, writers, and presenters asking the question, 'What do you remember from school?' They then go on to talk about great teachers they had and how one teacher, in particular, inspired them and changed their lives. When I hear this, I feel a bit sad. 'One teacher that made the difference?' Of course, that was the teacher who stuck in their mind – I am sure if they really thought about it, they would remember and recognise other teachers, other members of staff, and visitors to the school who contributed to that difference. How about you? Who do you remember from school (or if you are a student reading this, who will you remember)?

I recently read the book *Dare to Be Different* by Will Ryan (2019). In that book, the author talks about second and third-generational lessons. These lessons are the ones that you tell your children about and the ones that your parents tell your children about. Think about it – do you ever say to your children, 'I remember when I was at school and we had this one lesson, I'll never forget it, but the teacher said ... etc'? Or perhaps it was a 'lesson' given by your parents (or their parents or relatives) – 'My mother always said...', or 'I remember when Uncle Fareed once taught us how to make a fire.'

What lessons will your children tell their children and their grandchildren? Can you imagine them saying: 'I remember the lesson where we sat staring at the board while the teacher explained something that I couldn't relate to, but we were told that it was in the test? It was great.' I don't think so. I asked a few of your young people this week, 'What do you like about school?' Some mentioned the nice teachers, but others spoke about meeting their friends, and one or two, sadly, said they didn't like school.

Why can't more lessons be second-generation lessons – the ones your children tell their children why can't they be third-generation lessons – the ones they are still talking about when they have grandchildren? For that matter, why can't every day hold an experience that's memorable – the interaction I saw yesterday when a member of the finance department spent time consoling an upset child by listening to her and making her laugh or the opportunity given to our learners this week to play in a football tournament or visit a model racing event or to address or perform to the school community?

I think it is not too much to aim for something special occurring every day for our young people. For that to happen, the discovery and creation of those opportunities would have to come from us all – teachers, staff, parents, but most importantly from our young people. If we ensure they have the time, space and opportunity to contribute to creating a great learning environment in our school, then they may even grow into the sort of people our universities and employers look out for.

In the end, we want our young people to be able to say that the school I went to was special because it made me the learner for life that I am. It helped me discover and create the opportunities that led to my happiness and success.

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Celebrations

Celebrations are wonderful times for getting people together, whether family, friends, community, or even a nation and creating greater understanding and bonding between us all. Of course, our minds – and especially young minds – can be swept away by the fun, food, and festivities that can sometimes distract us from the meaning of the event we are celebrating. That's why, when I was asked to address the community at our Eid Al-EtiHAD celebration last Friday, I tried to focus, as much as a newcomer can, on the union of the Emirates itself and the reason, we should be thankful for the vision of those who made that union possible. If you missed it, there were just two points:

1. What an amazing achievement the founders of the UAE made in uniting not two but seven Emirates together. When we consider the divisions between people in other regions – even within countries – it is quite an outstanding achievement to do that peacefully. It stands testament to the strength of leadership - their ability to compromise, explore mutual interests, and utilise the power of a vision shared - that those leaders and their people were able to not only create a nation but also to create one that is noted for its tolerance, safety, and sustainable development.
2. How the wealth of the UAE has created opportunities for so many people. Obviously for foreigners - as we walk the streets of our cities, we see people from all over the world working and living alongside each other. Some may be on low salaries, but the fact is that they have the opportunity to work and support themselves and their families better than they might if they stayed at home. For its own children, the UAE has invested heavily in education and continues to create opportunities for the youth of the country, and we see increasing numbers of local citizens leading happy and successful professional lives.

So, as we reflect on our celebrations, perhaps we should be thankful that we have such a place to live and work in, not only for what it brings us but for what we learn from being here – that diverse people can live and work together, that they have the opportunity to pause and learn to understand and accept each other and that we can live with the future and the creation of opportunity in mind.

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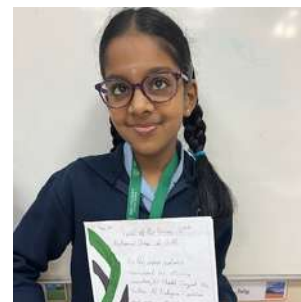
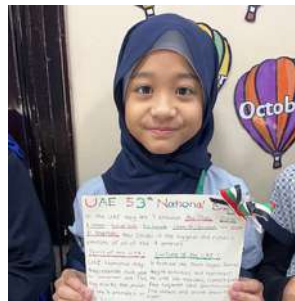
Ms. Charney
KS2 Leader



Ms. Nash
KS3 Leader

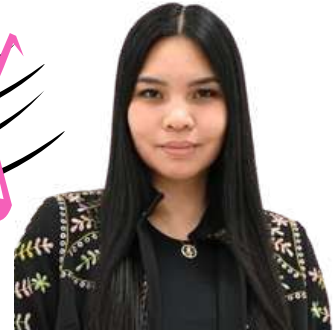


The BBS English department recently held a writing competition for KS2 and KS3, to write a piece for the 2024 Eid Al Etihad celebration. Students were asked to write two paragraphs celebrating the spirit, culture and achievements of the UAE and to decorate their writing with UAE flag colours, symbols, traditions and events. The entries were amazing and several students received awards. We are so proud of our English students and their interesting and creative work!





Music



MINI MUSIC RECITAL

Last week, our online assembly came alive with joy and creativity as we hosted a Mini Music Recital, highlighting the remarkable talents of our primary students.

Performing from the comfort of their music classroom, the students demonstrated their dedication and passion for music, inspiring us all to celebrate the creativity within each of us. Their performances captivated everyone, leaving a lasting impression on both students and teachers alike.

In recognition of their effort, students were proudly presented with well-deserved music certificates.

Bravo to all recipients and performers, you were amazing!





NATIONAL DAY IS NOW EID AL-ETIHAD: A NEW CHAPTER IN UAE HISTORY

Last week, we celebrated Eid Al-Etihad, the officially renamed National Day which means “Union Day.”

This change reflects the UAE’s deep commitment to unity, collaboration, and shared progress. The name “Eid Al-Etihad” celebrates the historic unification of the emirates in 1971, which marked the beginning of the UAE as we know it today. The term “Eid” highlights the joyous spirit of the occasion, akin to a festival that unites people across the nation.

This rebranding also emphasises the UAE’s dedication to its founding principles –unity, prosperity, and a shared vision for the future. It is a powerful reminder of the enduring legacy of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and the founding leaders who laid the foundations of this remarkable nation.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to discuss with your children the significance of Eid Al-Etihad, its values, and what it means for the future of the UAE. Let us inspire our young generation to carry forward the pride and responsibility of this great union.

I would also like to thank our newly formed Parents-in-Partnership group for doing an amazing job assisting with our celebrations for Eid Al-Etihad.

*Dr. Ahmed Al Zuhairi
Vice Principal*





مسابقة مزمار داوود

Dawood's Flute Competition



نرجو منكم التصويت لأفضل متسابق في مسابقة مزمار داوود.
كل صوت منكم له دور كبير في دعم المتسابقين والمساهمة في تحقيق
النجاح

اللهم اجعلهم من حفظة القرآن الكريم

We sincerely ask you to vote for the best applicants in
Dawood's Flute
competition.

Every vote is essential for success.

Here is the videos drive link:

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Please find below link for the google form for parents voting:

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COMMEMORATION DAY OF UAE

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الشهيد

بمناسبة يوم الشهيد الإماراتي، نظم طلابنا الأعزاء مجموعة من الأنشطة الهادفة التي تعكس روح الفداء والتضحية التي قدمها شهداء الإمارات الأبطال في سبيل حماية الوطن ورفعته. هذه الأنشطة هي تعبير صادق عن وفائهم لشهداء الوطن الذين ضحوا بأرواحهم الطاهرة من أجل أن يظل وطننا العزيز شامخًا وآمنًا.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

DECEMBER 3RD

THEME

This year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPwD), observed on December 3, is centered around the theme: **"Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future."**

IN THE UAE

This aligns with national efforts to empower individuals of determination, as outlined in the National Policy for Empowering People of Determination and the UAE's commitment to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UAE continues to prioritize accessibility, inclusion, and leadership opportunities for individuals with disabilities, fostering an environment where they can thrive and contribute to society meaningfully.

AT BBS

we are proud to support this vision by celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion within our community. Through educational activities and awareness initiatives, we aim to inspire our students to recognize the value of diverse abilities and empower every individual to lead in their own unique way.



WHAT IS DISABILITY?

A disability is a physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairment that, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder an individual's full and effective participation in society. Disabilities can be visible or invisible and can occur at any stage of life.

TYPES OF DISABILITIES

The following list describes the categories of disability recognized as requiring additional or different approaches within schools operated by the **Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK)**.

- Intellectual Disability
- Specific Learning Disability
- Emotional and Behavioral Disorder
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Speech and Language Disorder
- Physical and Health related Disabilities
- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment
- Multiple Disabilities

DID YOU KNOW?

Globally, over 1 billion people live with some form of disability.

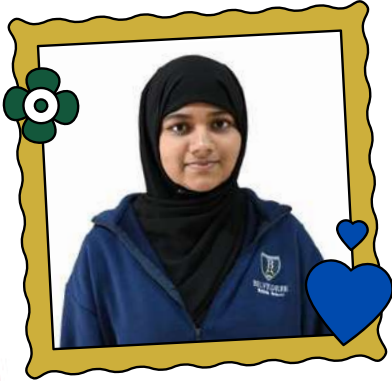
Disabilities are not always visible – conditions like autism or chronic pain are often misunderstood.

Education and awareness are the first steps toward breaking down stigma.



HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- **Educate Yourself:** Learn about the different types of disabilities and their unique challenges.
- **Ask, Don't Assume:** Always ask how you can assist rather than assuming what someone needs.
- **Spread Awareness:** Share information about disabilities with friends and family.

**Afsheen 10A**

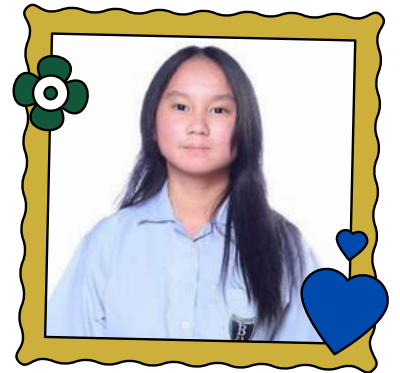
Dear students and parents, we have an exciting announcement!

BBS celebrated Eid Al-Etihad on Thursday, November 28th. We conducted a wide range of activities for our students to enjoy and honour the nation's prosperity and heritage. Activities included face painting, henna stalls, food stalls, art tents, egg decorating, games, and a National Day Trivia.

Did you know? On 2 December 1971, the rulers of the Emirates signed a unification agreement to create the United Arab Emirates, transforming the separate states into one thriving nation. And guess what? This year marks 53 years of the Emirates' unison!

End of Term Exams

As the end of the term rolls around, exams are just around the corner! We know this can be a stressful time, but remember, it's a great chance to demonstrate the knowledge and skills you've learned. While things may get a bit hectic—especially the day before—we are cheering you on and wishing you the best of luck!

**Kaitlyn 10A**

We're also hopeful that these exams will inspire you to keep learning throughout the year. On the bright side, they mean the holidays are just around the corner! It's a well-earned break after all your hard work, giving everyone a chance to recharge and get ready for the next adventure!



Student Leadership 2024-2025

Head Students



FATIMA IDREES 13A
HEAD GIRL



ABDULLAH MUNIR 13B
HEAD BOY



YASMINE BENAYAD 12A
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



MOHAMMED OMAR FARSHORI 12B
DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Deputy Head

Leaders



MAHNOOR BUKHARI 12A
EVENTS



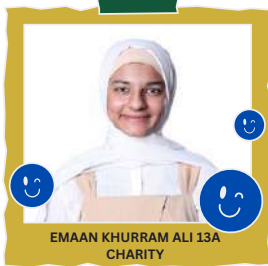
MUHAMMAD INAAM NAJEEB 12B
SUSTAINABILITY



MARCEL TAYAR 12B
STUDENT WELFARE



AARYAN SHIVALKAR 12B
SPORTS



EMAAN KHURRAM ALI 13A
CHARITY



ZAINAH RAJAB 13A
CHARITY



MOHAMMED ALMHEIRI 13B
UAE CULTURAL

Committee Members



AAMINA HUSNA RILA 12A



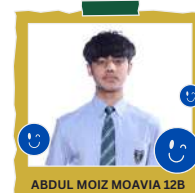
ASMA MOHAMMED UDDIN 12A



AFFAF NOURANI 12A



SARA AL GHOLEH 12A



ABDUL MOIZ MOAVIA 12B



MOHAMMED OTHMAN 12B



MUHAMMAD FARRUKH 12B



SURIYA KIRAN 12B



FATIMA SIDDIQUI 13A



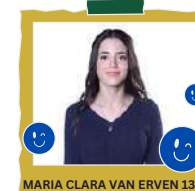
YOMNA AHMAD 13A



HANIA NADEEM 13A



GERALDINE ZAMBUKO 13A



MARIA CLARA VAN ERVEN 13A



AZIZUR RAHMAN 13B

BBS EID AL ETIHAD CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations!

BBS STUDENT COMES SECOND IN EMBASSY COMPETITION

Rayashree Rajesh, a student of Year 4B, recently participated in the art contest conducted by Arts and Crafts.co team in the Embassy of India Abu Dhabi on 24th November on the theme "Celebrations" and was declared the second winner in the category under 8-12.

This achievement is a testament to her hard work, creativity, and the encouragement she has received from the school and its wonderful faculty. We truly appreciate the support and opportunities the school provides for its students to showcase their talents.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



2nd Prize
Winner

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

Rayashree Rajesh

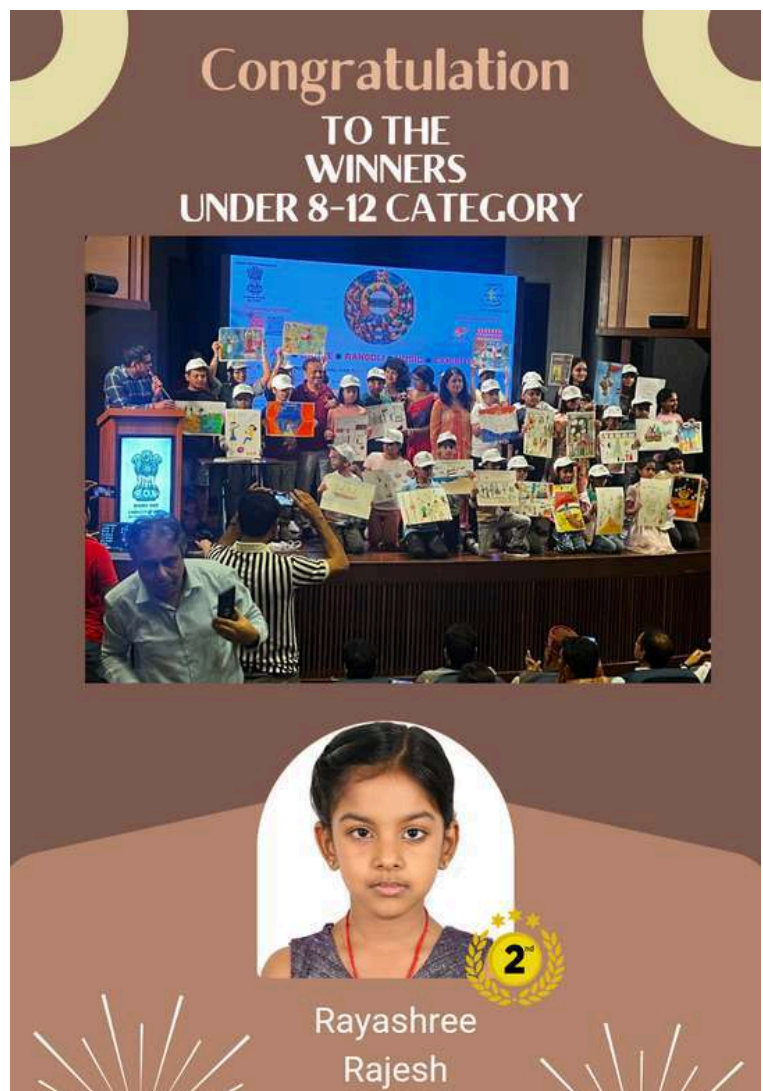
ON THE OCCASION OF THE LIVE ART COMPETITION,
"CELEBRATIONS BEYOND BOUNDARIES"
HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2024,

ORGANIZED BY ARTSCRAFTS.CO, DUBAI, UAE.





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www.artscrafts.co, Dubai, UAE

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Congratulation TO THE WINNERS UNDER 8-12 CATEGORY

Rayashree
Rajesh



We are happy to share with you the below achievements of Afsheen Banu Sheikh of Year 10A,

1. She got the opportunity to be an Youth Ambassador and Speaker of the largest student art show of the Gulf, ASAS organized by Funun Arts Group, Dubai held on 9th and 10th of Nov 2024 where more than 1000 national and international school students participated. Her artwork was exhibited in the art show.
2. She has won the Certificate of Excellence for being a finalist in the UAE Space Olympiad 2024 after clearing two rounds of tests.

Mrs Parveen Sheikh
Mother of Afsheen



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Congratulations to our Employees of the Month! Your hard work, dedication, and positive energy inspire us all and make BBS a better place every day. Thank you for going above and beyond for our students and staff!

