



# NEWSLETTER - 1

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

**Message from the Principal - Mr. Dene Bright:** "It is hard to believe that we have already been at school for over 4 weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night.

We take great pride in educating children and will continue to ensure the safety and continued success of all of our students. Together, with the assistance of all parents, we can ensure that RBS remains a great place for learning.

Reach British School allows all students to contribute to a positive school culture and climate and a safe school environment for learning and building relationships with their peers. It is important to review classroom and school rules and expectations with your child to be able to support them at home."



**Mr. Johannes Bodenstein (Vice Principal):** "I would like to thank all teachers, students and the administrative staff for their hard work over the past five weeks. I am very proud to be part of the Reach British School team and look forward to supporting our teachers and see how our students make progress on their learning journey this year.

I would like to encourage all parents to make sure that you bring your children to school on time so that they are ready for the morning assembly that starts at 7:45 am. It is great to see positive, smiling children arriving at school each morning. Please make sure that your children get enough sleep so that they can enjoy school and are able to learn to the best of their ability!"



# Senior Leaders Team "Welcome message"



**Mr. Matthew Croasdell**

**(Head of Secondary):** "There are many reasons to be proud of our wonderful students! Every day they surprise us, inspire us, challenge us and make us smile. They display a love of learning and reflect our core values — respect, responsibility, commitment and integrity. Moreover, they need to gain qualifications that are recognized worldwide to open new doors and ensure a brighter future. I am therefore happy to welcome everyone for an exciting year where we will prepare our students, through amazing learning opportunities for academic success. Prepare to be amazed!"



**Mrs. Ghadeer Askalan**  
**(Head of Arabic):**

أولياء الأمور الكرام، نرحب بكم ونهنيكم ببداية العام الدراسي الجديد ونتمنى لأبنائنا الطلبة التقدم والنجاح.

نسدعى في هذا العام لتحقيق المزيد من النجاحات والإنجازات مع ابنائنا الطلبة وذلك من خلال توفير العديد من فرص التعلم المدهشة والعمل على رفع كفاءة الطلاب في مادة اللغة العربية، كما يسعدنا أيضا تقديم الدعم لطفلك في القراءة من خلال منصة عصفائر الإلكترونية.

نرجو من أولياء الأمور الكرام تعميق التواصل والمتابعة مع معلم المادة لضمان استمرارية التحصيل والتقدم والوصول لمستوى أفضل لطلابنا.



**Mrs. Lienta Buys (Head of FS):**  
"Welcome to all the parents and children attending EYFS at Reach British School."

This past week has been very exciting and we had more new children join our classes. All the children were actively learning through play both in- and outdoors. Children especially enjoyed exploring our new playground equipment.

Thank you to all the EYFS parents for your cooperation in getting your child/children settled. We appreciate your effort in making this transition as smooth as possible.

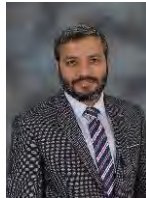
I am happy to report that all the children are settling into their classes and routines extremely well. It is tremendously gratifying for all the staff to see so many friendly and smiling children happily playing, learning, observing and having fun!"



**Mr. Andy Du Lieu (Head of Primary):**

"What a great start to the year we have had. We welcomed many new students who have begun their new academic studies here at Reach British school. Teachers now know the current levels for Writing, Reading, Phonics and Math for each student in their class. With this information, teachers are planning differentiated lessons where students' needs are met and they can access work at their level."

I would like to express my thanks for all the support you have shown the staff, school and me over the first month of school. Together we will work so that all our students are successful and reach their potential."



**Mr. Osama El Sayed**  
**(Head of Islamic Studies):**

إن رؤية قسم التربية الإسلامية هي تكوين الشخصية القيادية المؤمنة ببعيدتها والملتزمة بقيم الإسلام السمحة وتعلم الإيجابية للطلاب من خلال تعلم الكثير من المهارات والقيم الحياتية حتى يكون عضوا فعالا في بيئته ومجتمعه ودولته من خلال احترام وتقدير هويته الإسلامية والوطنية والحفاظ على موارد وطنه واحترام قادة الوطن والحفاظ على مقدرات وطنه وتقدير دور الأباء المؤسسين.

ولذلك فإن أهم للإيملا للإيملا والوطنية وأهم للثوقعات من الطلاب هي كالتالي: - تحم المسؤولية - احترام الآخرين والتعامل معهم بود واحترام حسب تلاميذ ا.س.م السمحة. - تطبيق هويته الإسلامية والوطنية وتطبيق ماتعلمه في... رسة في.يته. - احترام مق... تو... والحفاظ عليها واحترام قادة الوطن التفكير والإبداع المستمر لمواكبت حداثيات العصر



## Coffee morning with the Principal / Upcoming events

A very successful meet the Principal coffee morning was held recently with over 20 parents attending. This included a mix of new parents and returning parents. Mr. Dene was able to update parents on the new initiatives for Reach this year including the launch of the Education City online learning program for students.

Mr. Andy also shared valuable information on Primary curriculum improvements. We look forward to more parent information sessions in the coming weeks.



### RBS Upcoming Events – October, 2019

Date	Event	Time
30/09/2019	Class Dojo Parent Info Session	2:45 – 3:15 PM
02/10/2019	Tea with SLT	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
06/10/2019 – 09/10/2019	School Photos (all students)	During school timings
07/10/2019	Workshop: Multi – sensory approaches to spelling	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
07/10/2019	1 <sup>st</sup> day of After School Activities (Every Monday & Wednesday)	2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
08/10/2019	Arabic Reading Workshop	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
09/10/2019	Parent – Teacher Meeting	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
15/10/2019	Meet the Head of Arabic & Islamic	8:30 – 9:30 AM
22/10/2019 – 24/10/2019	Half Term Break	
27/10/2019	Parent Council Meeting	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
29/10/2019	GL - CAT4 Assessment (parent info session Y3.Y5.Y7.Y9)	9:00 AM – 10:00AM





# “Zayed`s ambition embraces space” Zayed Amer – Y8 (Falcons)

Hazzaa al-Mansoori, a former Emirati F-16 pilot, launched for the International Space Station in a Soyuz space capsule from Russian spaceport in Kazakhstan on Wednesday. Also aboard were Jessica Meir of the USA and Oleg Skripochka of Russia. After a six-hour trip, the spacecraft docked with the station at 3:42 pm Eastern time.



RBS student: **Zayed Amer – Y8 Falcons** wrote in his article “**Zayed`s Ambition embraces space**”:

‘On this day the UAE enters the global science elite, by putting its distinctive mark on the arms of its children in the field of space exploration.

Emirati astronaut Hazaa Al Mansouri embarks on a qualitative journey into space, fulfilling the aspirations of the founding father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan’.

**A special thanks to Zayed Amer for his successful article**

You can find the full article attached to this newsletter





# اشغال اولادنا في ايامنا الوطنية



العيد الوطني السعودي الإماراتي  
للاطلاع حصص التربية الوطنية



العيد الوطني السعودي الأولاد  
لا حصص التربية الإسلامية



العيد الوطني  
السعودي الإماراتي  
طلاب حصص اللغة  
العربية





## Civil Defense & Paramedics Visit 'People who help us'!

Per our first theme in YR 1 this year "**People who help us**", we have organised some visits starting with the **Civil Defense** visit on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Our children were able to explore the fire fighters' job and the equipment they use each day to keep us safe. There was a demonstration on how fire fighters put out a fire. They explored other areas relating to the job such as the firefighter's outfit and what the right procedures are for any child or adult in case of fire. Our children had great fun learning from their amazing visit.

Our second showcase under the theme "People who help us" concerned the brave **paramedics**. They organised an educational visit so that our children could explore more about that line of work and in general about people who help us in our society.

Children were able to see the ambulance and explore some of the paramedic's equipment used in case of emergencies. Children had great fun learning and watching the great team of paramedics and what they do each day to help our citizens.



## Primary Library – Reading Skills Development

**RBS  
Library**



Dear Parents,

Ever since the school started on Sept 2nd, I am overwhelmed with the students' enthusiasm and excitement to visit the library and get a book to read.

This school year, the library has so much to offer when it comes to services and learning and I am so excited to share them with you in the coming days. Our Head of Primary, Mr. Andy, helped to redesign the library resulting in a fresh look. We will also be using some technology to help our students enhance their creativity and to promote reading as a leisure activity.

I am hoping for your continued support and I encourage you to make any suggestions to better assist the students in their learning journey.

Ms. Ivy Cruzata

Primary School Librarian



**‘Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers’.**

### Why is reading so important?

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Likewise, evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

### What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life and it is never too early to start reading together.

Even before they are born, babies learn to recognize their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from birth, even for just a few minutes a day, gives them the comfort of hearing your voice and increases their exposure to language.



# FS – Little Steps into Education



Leaving Mummy or Daddy at home for the first time can be really tough. Our youngest students in school, the toddler cubs, have just done that and with commendable bravery. The cubs have done a tremendous job settling into their new school environment and learning the class room routines while adapting to being apart from their loved ones. They had lots of fun learning and developing their individuality and autonomy.



المفكرون الصغار  
**Little Thinkers**



# Primary / class activities



Mr. Mathew Carnelly: "This week we've been very busy in Year 3. We have been writing and telling stories about all of the fun activities we did throughout the summer holidays. We had our first PE lesson in which we played lots of fun, multi skills games. We also walked a mile, which was enjoyable but very tiring!"



"In year 3 for English this week we have been learning about the book *The Hare and the Tortoise*. We read the story and reenacted our favorite parts. In maths we learned how to partition numbers using tens and ones frame. We also drew the dienes to show that we understand how numbers are broken down. For PE we performed many different movement skills in gymnastics. We learned about the importance of having good balance and coordination for these movements. Finally, we walked another mile!"



## Primary / class activities



**"Walking a Mile"**

Class Teacher Penny (Y6 Sydney): "This week the girls participated in the "Walk a Mile" initiative in the gym. They were encouraged to walk, jump, jog, skip and cartwheel to complete a total distance of one mile and yes, they made me join in!"



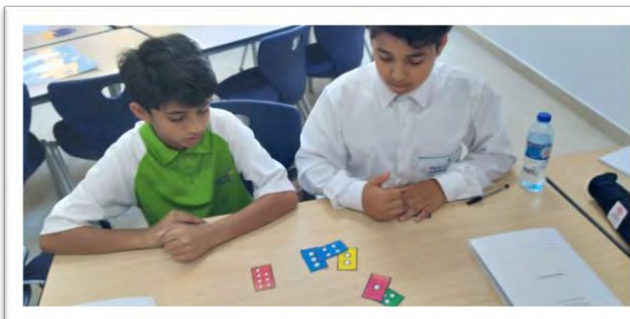


## Secondary / Class activities



Yes, they are Scientists

(Year 8 Sandcats)



Students in year 9 practiced their rapid recall and mental fluency through a strategic game called *The Magic Square*. The game allows children to recognize patterns within a square that is divided into smaller squares each containing a number, such that the figures in each vertical, horizontal, and diagonal row add up to the same value.

## Secondary / class activities

**Year 10 Wildcats  
practicing their ICT  
skills by creating  
documents for a Solar  
Power Energy  
company in the UAE**



**As part of the international  
advanced level biology  
curriculum, students are learning  
about important biological  
molecules. We have learned about  
the structure of carbohydrates and  
here, we are testing for the  
presence of glucose using  
benedict's reagent. Our next  
experiment will be to test for the  
presence of starch and proteins  
which are also biological  
molecules.**

