

# JANUARY 2022 SNAPSHOT



Developing independent, self-sufficient, problem-solving learners.

by Education Middle East

*"Our focus has been on getting better, placing a strong emphasis on student learning and progress, developing an effective distributed leadership model, developing teacher knowledge and creating a positive school culture with a strong capacity to self-evaluate along the way,"* says our Principal, Mr. Dene Bright in his recent interview with Education Middle East.

Mr. Bright joined Reach British School as the School Principal in 2017, and brought with him more than 30 years of work experience from over nine different countries, in a wide range of educational settings and an extensive background in school leadership and school improvement.

In his interview with Education Middle East, he also shared all his experiences as an educationist, his goals for the school and how he thinks teachers can excel in their careers.

Read the whole article here - <https://educationmiddleeast.com/interviews/dene-bright-developing-independent-self-sufficient-problem-solving-learners/>



## UAE STUDENTS MARK EXUBERANT END TO FIRST MONDAY-FRIDAY SCHOOL WEEK

Our students across the UAE have successfully transitioned into Monday-Friday school week. They are excited about the extra time on weekends and have already started planning their activities.

Two of our students, Rayan and Sarah, shared their thoughts with Gulf News.

Read more about what our students had to say about this new change.

<https://reachbritishschool.com/monday-friday-school-week/>

## ISP INTERNATIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Amazing learning is central to everything we do and we want to continually provide the best learning opportunities possible for our students and their families.

Being part of International Schools Partnership (ISP) gives our students at Reach access to a broader international community, providing additional learning and cultural opportunities within a safe and secure environment.

This Year, Reach is excited to be participating in many ISP International Learning Opportunities that will surely give our students the chance to develop additional skills, while interacting with their peers globally.

### Virtual Buddy Exchange Program

The Virtual Buddy Exchange Programme gives our students the unique opportunity to go on an online journey. They reach out beyond their own school community, and get to know other ISP students from all over the globe - all virtually. The fact the world has various travel restrictions in place does not stop our students from meeting other students from different countries.

This six-week programme runs twice an academic year, from October to November and then April to May. Through supervised weekly video calls of 45 minutes, students practise their language, presentation and interpersonal skills, whilst having fun and learning more about other cultures and the places in the world their peers come from. All of this is done from the comfort of their own laptops in a safe and secure environment.

Congratulations to the following Secondary students for completing the October to November program:

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| 1. Huda from Year 7     | 5. Rashed from Year 11 |
| 2. Mustafa from Year 7  | 6. Sajd from Year 11   |
| 3. Parastoo from Year 9 | 7. Fatima from Year 10 |
| 4. Mayer from Year 9    | 8. Alexa from Year 10  |



### ISP Chess Tournament

We have another exciting and challenging international opportunity for our budding chess masters at Reach!

It's time to challenge your skills, find your inner chess master and join this year's ISP Chess Tournament.

The ISP Chess Tournament provides inspiring opportunities for students to get better at the game whilst having fun. They are able to build self-confidence, compete as a team, and develop their problem solving and decision-making skills.

So what are you waiting for? Registration is open until 24th February 2022.

### ISP Chess Tournament

*"It's a great opportunity to improve your chess knowledge and it's a challenge to play with students from different countries."*  
Priscilla - Student at St. George's College (Peru)

### FIND YOUR INNER CHESS MASTER!

#### JOIN THE ISP CHESS TOURNAMENT 2022!

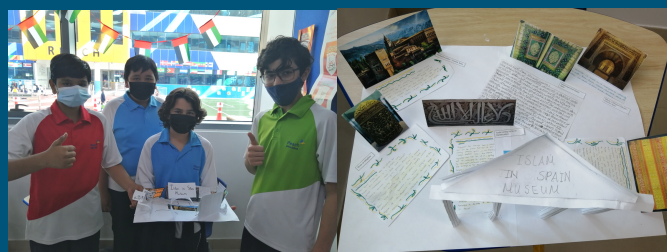
The free online competition will bring our students together in school teams to play fast chess with each other in a global tournament on ChessKid.com

#### Key Facts

- March - June 2022
- Three rounds of 90 minutes each: Regional Heats > Semi-Finals > Finals
- Swiss Tournament / 3+1 Blitz games
- Improve cognitive abilities, such as attention, memory, and logical thinking
- 30 students per school (15 Junior / 15 Senior)
  - Junior Category: 5 - 12
  - Senior Category: 13 - 18

## WHAT AMAZING LEARNING AT REACH LOOKS LIKE

Our amazing Year 7 and 8 students created a museum about Islamic Spain during our entrepreneurship week at Reach. They had to organise where the objects would be placed in the museum, complete research about the objects and create tickets and a museum logo. Well done!



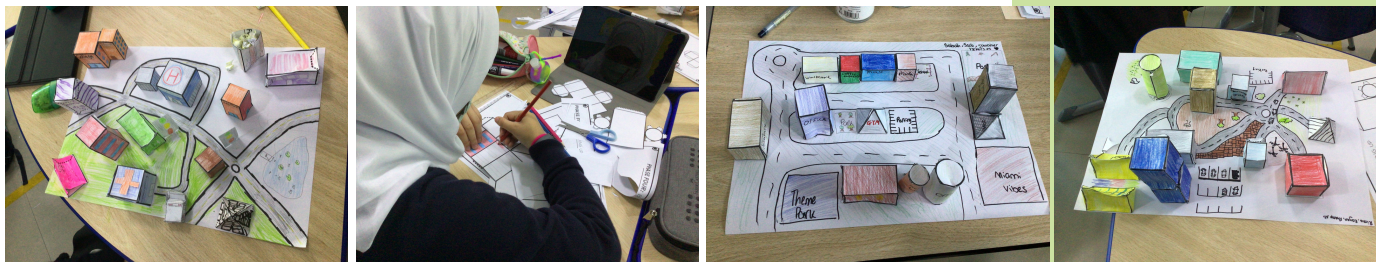
Year 7 students have also been very busy separating different components of mixtures using different techniques like Crystallization and Chromatography.

Listen and watch as one of our students explains exactly what this means.





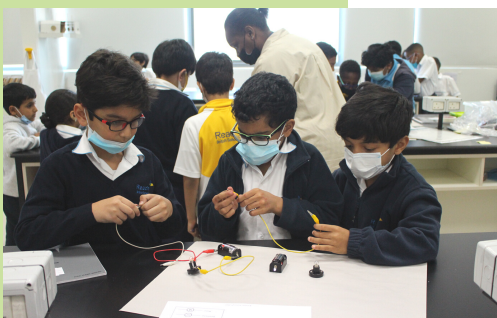
Here are some of Year 8's projects using 3D shapes in Maths.



Our Year 5 Antarcitica have been investigating fractions with different denominators.

Our students have been tasked with ordering fractions with different denominators from smallest to biggest.

This lesson utilises a variety of skills like times tables, understanding of fractions and common multiples.



With our students back to school, they are also excited to be learning in our Design and Technology Room.

Our #youngengineers in Year 4 have been are learning the mechanics of how a torch works.

They are investigating simple circuits, moving onto more complex circuits using the following components: switches, buzzers etc.

Great work, Year 4!

Our Y2 Toucans are using educational games to develop important phonics skills. They had an amazing time finding the missing sounds, spelling words, and challenging each other by building highest stack of words.



From crafts to a beautiful display in our Early Years classrooms.

Our FS1 students dive into some underwater fun by creating their own jellyfish. This activity supports the development of their fine motor skills and also familiarizes them with the idea of following instructions.

### Under Construction with our Little Engineers.

In FS2, our students ability to be creative is limitless. Construction Play has many benefits which supports a child's growth and development.

With this activity, students will develop motor skills, hand-eye coordination, spatial reasoning, cognitive flexibility, language skills, creative and divergent thinking, social competence and engineering skills.







Learning never  
exhausts the mind.

Leonardo da Vinci

quote fancy

## Join us in our upcoming events

7th Feb - Primary STEM Week  
21 Feb - Science Fair Week  
23 Feb - Y3 Parents Workshop  
28th Feb - Arabic Week

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Admissions are now open for  
the academic year 2022-2023.

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