



REACH REVIEW

MARCH 2022 ISSUE



Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well and in good health.

Term 2 is now almost officially completed – and what a phenomenal term it has been! Over the 12 weeks of learning, our students have continued to show a fantastic willingness to learn. They have continued to progress and deserve a two-week holiday.

Two weeks from now, we will be observing the start of Ramadan. We anticipate it starting on the 2nd of April depending on the sighting of the new moon. We will of course be updating you soon regarding how the school day will look as we make adjustments during this special time.

Student Ramadan timings will be from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm. These timings are based on ADEK guidelines and consultation with the Reach British School Advisory Board.

As we look forward to celebrating the Holy Month of Ramadan, we wish all our Muslim families in the community a blessed month at this special time of the year. It is indeed a privilege for many of us who are not Muslim to also live in an Islamic country and experience this with our families, friends, and colleagues during this special time. For existing and new families who have joined us during the past year, it may be prudent to share some information so that everyone observes the true spirit of Ramadan.

During Ramadan, Muslim friends will fast each day from dawn until sunset. This means that people will not eat or drink between daylight hours. Faithful believers rise early in the morning and take a meal called Suhoor before dawn and the first prayer call. The next meal is called Iftar and is taken after the sunset. During Ramadan, families, and friends usually get together to share food and each other's company during the evenings with a reflection on prayer and charity. This year, however, gatherings are limited to family members in the same household only.

For those families who are not Muslim, we should respect the Islamic culture and refrain from eating or drinking in public places during the day. Also, during Ramadan, we should refrain from playing loud music and dress conservatively at all times. Ramadan is also a month of peace and serenity, so showing patience and tolerance is very important. Many of these points apply throughout the year but especially during the holy month.

For the new families who have recently joined us, I hope that you enjoy your first experience of this special time in the UAE. For our families who will be observing Ramadan, we wish you, Ramadan Kareem!

If you have not indicated your intention for re-enrolment yet for AY 22-23, we appreciate you doing that as soon as possible. Click on the below link to fill out the form. <https://forms.gle/3Bk8K4i1kdTiUN3RA>

Warm regards,

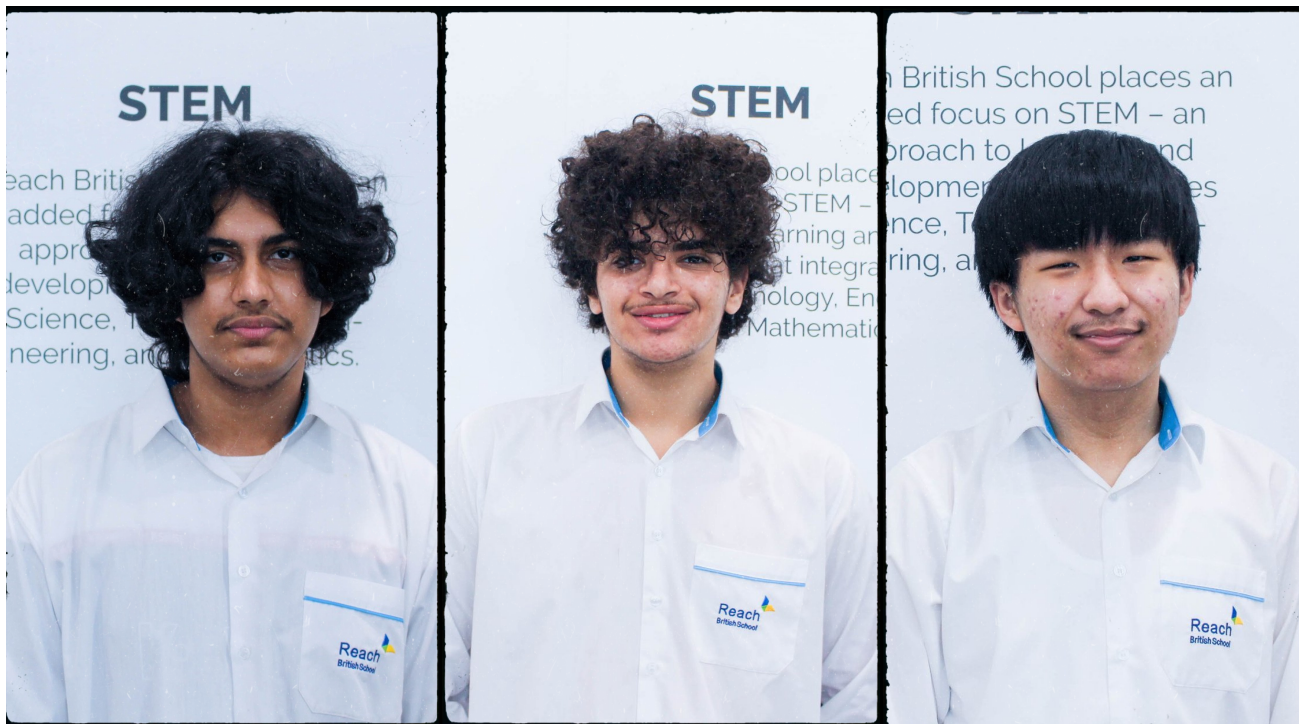
Dene Bright
Principal



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AMAZING IGCSE EXAM RESULT



We are celebrating the early entry results of our Y11 students. A number of students still sat their IGCSE exams in January despite the shift to DL, and they achieved some truly AMAZING results!

Special congratulations go out to Sama who achieved 3 grade 9s and Sajid, Rohaam and Inhu who achieved 3 grade 8s each in Maths and Science. We are very proud of your achievements!

Reach British School at Expo Dubai 2020

School trips are one of the best tools that schools can use to provide every student with real-world experiences. When students leave the classroom, they see the connections between what is happening at school and in the 'real-world'.

They begin to see that what they learn within the walls of the classroom can

help them solve the problems they see in the world around them and can have a direct impact on who they become as people.

In March, our Year 6 to Year 13 were thrilled to finally be out on school trips and were excited that they were able to visit Expo 2020 Dubai. From the mobility pavilion to Sustainability pavilions, our students had a wonderful time learning and exploring. They were introduced to unique innovations and amazing cultures from all over the world.



Featured articles

Year 6 Transition Day

At Reach British School we ensure that each child has a good understanding of their own educational journey. In order to help our students from Year 6 understand what to expect in Secondary School, and what to expect in the move, we recently held a transition day.



Students had the opportunity to attend some Secondary lessons.

In their taster French lesson, they learned about important French words and explored the French culture through an interactive quiz.

The History lesson focused on giving students an idea of historical concepts such as timeline terminology and source exploration.

As part of the Geography lesson, students explored the 7 Emirates and their geographical features.

The students enjoyed the lessons thoroughly and are excited about starting the next leg of their learning journey. There will be a few more transition days like this organised for our students so that they are prepared for the move into Secondary.



Primary Science Fair



Our Primary Science Fair was a great success!

Our students from Year 1 to Year 6 showcase their brilliant minds as they submitted their Science projects.

Science projects were displayed in our Admin Building where students and parents can freely visit. Many students from different year groups spent their breaks visiting the amazing fair and finding out about the #scienceprojects.

We are proud to see our students further explore concepts introduced in their Science lessons that it took a while to select a winner from each year group. Thank you to the head boy and girl who helped with the difficult task of selecting our winners.

Congratulations to the Science Fair winners and to all our #youngscientists who did their best and submitted amazing #scienceexperiments.

The winners are:

Year 1- Rayan
Year 2- Abdullah
Year 3- Kalila
Year 4- Jibreel
Year 5- Abdulahad
Year 6- Natalie

We can't wait for the next #sciencefair. We know that our budding scientists are going to surprise us with even more innovative and creative projects.

See more pictures in the next page!

Featured articles



The Role of Women in the Society

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Reach community had the opportunity to attend an Arabic webinar conducted by one of our amazing parents, Dr. Jaydaa Seyam.

Dr. Seyam is an Assistant Professor at Abu Dhabi Polytechnic University and spoke to our families about the role women play in society. She shared details of her journey, how the roles of women have changed in society and she also had this to say to the women of our community:

"You have a lot of energy, passion, and achievements. Always remind yourself of the importance of who you are, your achievements, and self-recognition." Dr. Jaydaa

At Reach, we are committed to highlighting the important role that everyone has within our community and beyond. Marking Women's Day this year, we are given a chance to remind our community that celebrating our difference only makes us stronger and leads to a world where we can #BreakTheBias.

Our leadership team also shared some words of wisdom on International Women's day.

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on."

On this particular day I hope we all continue to be inspired by the women who came before us, and use their strength, courage, generosity, and brilliance to empower ourselves and our children.

Ms. Pooja, HR Manager



"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."

- Maya Angelou

Far too many times have I encountered women who tend to compete with each other rather than raising each other up. It is a difficult pattern to change but one that we must all be aware of. Gender equality will only happen when women support each other unconditionally and a true sense of sisterhood across nations, cultures and ethnicities is fostered.

Ms. Hanane, Assistant Head of Secondary



"When you undervalue what you do, the world will undervalue who you are." - Oprah

Be proud of who you are and what you do, no matter what!

You are a wife, mother, friend, sister... You are a WOMAN!

Ms. Sonika, FS2 Manager



And when you get to where you're going, turn around and help her too. For there was a time, not long ago when she was you.

In a world where for some women, education is not yet a right but still considered a privilege, I am so aware of how fortunate I am to be where I am today. Being a teacher means every day I have the chance to grow, develop, influence and improve those around me and this idea is something that underpins all that we aim to do here at Reach British School.

Ms. Sarah, Head of Secondary



قول الملكة رانيا: "ممتنة للنساء...
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أنتم جميعاً رمز القوة والكرام في يوم
المرأة العالمي"

اليوم الدولي للمرأة أو اليوم العالمي للمرأة هو احتفال عالمي يحدث في اليوم الثامن من شهر مارس / آذار من كل عام، ويقام للدلالة على الاحترام العام، وتقدير وحب المرأة لإنجازاتها الاقتصادية، والسياسية والاجتماعية. وفي بعض الدول كالصين وروسيا وكوبا تحصل النساء على إجازة في هذا اليوم

Ms. Etaf, Arabic Teacher



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World Book Day

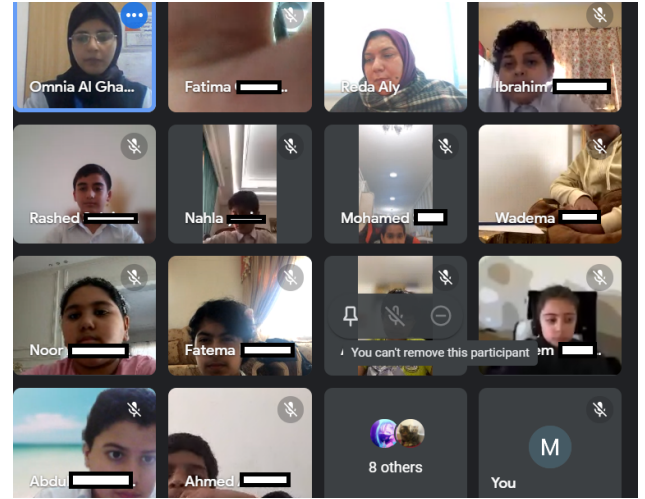
This year, the whole world celebrated the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children 'you are a reader'!

Reach British School had an amazing #worldbookday celebration that was filled with lots of exciting activities that were focused on promoting reading for pleasure.

At Reach, we proudly celebrate World Book Day, but also believe that every day is a reading day.



ISP Arabic Spelling Bee



Reach British School celebrates the winners of this year's #ISPArabicSpellingBee! It was an amazing and fun learning opportunity for our students in Primary.

Reach students from various year groups joined the first Arabic Spelling Bee organised by ISP. It was a very tight competition where all our students gave their best shot.

This ISP learning opportunity aims to celebrate the beauty of the Arabic language and encourages our students to practice their spelling skills.

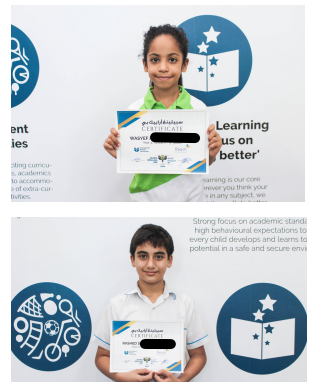
Once again, congratulations to all the winners!

1st Place:

Year 2 - Abdul
Year 6 - Rashed
Year 7 Tarek

3rd Place:

Year 3 - Wasyef
Year 5 Sara



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Omar won 2nd place in the Junior Innovators Challenge



Reach British School is celebrating the success of one of our amazing students in Year 2 who ranked 2nd Place in the Junior Innovators Challenge

Junior Innovators Challenge is part of the National Science Technology and Innovation Festival (NSTI) that brings Young Emiratis together from government and private schools. This challenge is set to identify UAE children who show excellence in imagination, creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, communication, and innovative thinking skills.

This festival included hands-on activities and a diversity of challenges, such as art & craft, painting, handmade objects friendly to the environment, and the building of a rollercoaster.

Omar attended the awarding ceremony held at Expo Dubai 2022 last March 8, 2022.

"To me, it is not just about winning or losing a competition, it is about participating for the excitement of the competition. My biggest competitor has always been me! Don't be afraid of failure, believe in yourself, and see the good in yourself! Find and follow your passion and your vision!" - Omar, Year 2

Once again, congratulations Omar! Reach British School is proud of you!



Secondary Students preparing for the end of year cooking competition

We spotted our Secondary students very busy preparing for their end-of-year cooking competition.

Here is Year 8 Camels and Year 8 Mongooses learning how to prepare the desserts from their chosen region of the World.



Year 8 Camels prepared a traditional tiramisu from Italy, but adjusted the recipe to lower the amount of sugar used.



Look at this delicious Tiramisu!



Here, Y8 Mongooses are preparing Castella cake from Japan with Chinese honey-glazed bananas



Here's the finished product.