



Message from the Principal...

...Coming Up...

GR 5/6 Information Sessions

Information sessions will be held this Wednesday, May 10th, to explain the transitions from Grades 5 to 6.

MAP Testing

MAP testing will begin the week of May 14th for both Elementary and Secondary.

Secondary Exams

Secondary Exams will take place between June 11th and 19th.

Last Day of Term 3

The last day of term will be June 22nd. Although exams will have finished, students will continue to learn new material they will need for the following year until this date.

Dear Parents;

We were very happy to hold our International Day in KG this week, with students visiting one another's classrooms, which were set up to celebrate the cultures and traditions of different host countries. KG also celebrated 'Stars of The Week' in their assemblies; we have been delighted by the attendance of the winning children's parents. They are now busily rehearsing for their Term 3 concerts.

Our Grade 8 into Grade 9 Workshops for parents were well attended as our older students begin planning their journey through high school. We are very proud of our Grade 8 students as they are the oldest students in the school and are fabulous examples to all of the younger children. They are turning into hard-working and polite young men and growing in confidence and leadership skills.

Last Thursday our students raised money for the Red Crescent during our Ataya Day with a range of activities and events. In total, the school raised a profit of around 40, 000AED. Later this week we will be celebrating Haq Al Laila. There is a great deal going on!

Next week sees the beginning of Term 3 MAP testing and we are very keen that students understand the importance of these tests, as they contribute to their end of year report grade. Your child's teacher will have informed you about the best ways to practice for MAP tests.

Thank you for your support with all of these events and activities. Without great parents the school cannot be great. We are lucky to have you !

Yours in Education;
John Conway

Digital Learning Update

Abu Dhabi GEMS Maker Day

On Saturday 29th April 16 students from Grades 4 to 8, along with six members of staff, took part in the first GEMS Maker Day at GEMS American Academy.

We led innovation stations that focused on a number of different digital approaches. The students have been learning Swift Code recently, and provided visitors with the opportunity to use swift coding language to complete a mini obstacle course, as well as try out the program themselves. The green screen photo booth allowed everyone to have their photo taken wherever they wanted to go, from Paris to the moon. Some students showed the work they have been doing with LEGO Mindstorms, building and programming robots. The Google expeditions experience offered people the opportunity to undertake virtual reality field trips to places as diverse as Borneo and the solar system.

We also had makerspace and creative zones, which offered many different activities for families to take part in, including peel'n'paint and a paper airplane challenge. Teachers from SZPAB also showed visitors the innovative work we have been doing with displays in the school, engaging students in learning outside the classroom.

Thank you to Mr, James, Mr. Ray, Ms Courtenay, Ms. Christina and Ms. Magz for supporting the students. Well done to the boys who came for representing the school and being fantastic ambassadors!



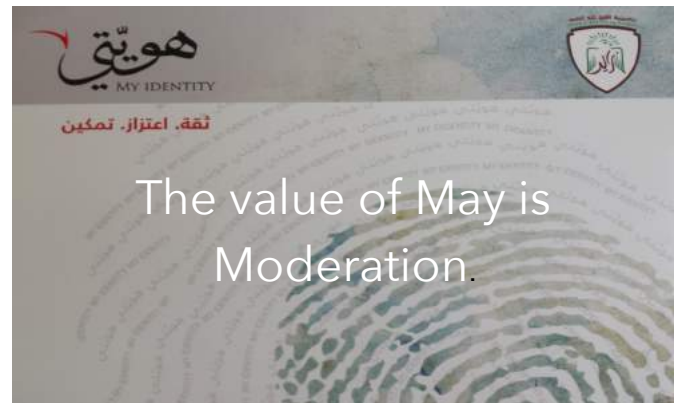
Summer Camps

Our partnership with iD Tech offers exclusive summer tech camps in Dubai this summer. This is the first time iD Tech has offered camps outside of the US, where they are the leading provider of tech camps in STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) education at campuses such as Stanford, UCLA, MIT, Harvard, Columbia and Emory. Courses will be held at GEMS Nations Academy for a duration of eight weeks starting July 2 for students aged 7-17 years old. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis and limited to 40 participants per week so we can guarantee small class sizes. For more information, please see this link <http://idtech.com/dubai>.

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Ataya at SZPAB

SZPAB held an assembly and a variety of fundraising activities in support of Ataya, the charity exhibition organized by Emirates Red Crescent under the patronage and vision of H.H. Sheikha Shamsa Bint Hamdan Al Nahyan.



Emirates Foundation Lecture

In support our monthly value of moderation, members of the Emirates Foundation gave Grade 8 students a talk on how to spend money sensibly.



Re-enrollment

Thank you to everyone who has already applied online for re-enrollment for 2017-18. We are pleased to inform you that the accounts department is now accepting the 5% seat deposit payment. Receipt of the payment will guarantee your child's place at SZPAB next year and is fully deductible against fees. Demand for places from new students is very high in some grades so we recommend you pay the deposit as early as possible. Students who have not paid the seat deposit may have their place offered to another student. We wish to avoid the disappointment this would cause.

Confirming numbers of returning students as soon as possible means that our new applicants can be moved off of waiting lists; giving families the comfort of knowing that their child's education is secured for next year. We can only do this with your support.

Thank you for your continued support of SZPAB and we look forward to welcoming you back again in September.



Swim Squad - ADISSA Swimming Championships

A huge congratulations to all members of the swim squad who competed in the ADISSA swimming championships earlier this month. The boys experienced some great success! Our U14 relay team came 3rd place and won the bronze medal



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