



Message from the Principal...

...Coming Up...

MAP Testing

MAP testing will continue this week in Elementary.

KG End of Unit Celebration & Workshops

KG 1 End of Unit celebration will take place Thursday, May 25th. Early Years workshops will be announced shortly.

Award Ceremonies

Award ceremonies for Elementary will be June 1st; Secondary awards will be held June 8th. Military Awards will be distributed on May 31st.

Secondary Exams

Secondary Exams will begin June 4th.

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 until this date.

Dear Parents;

I would like to start by thanking everyone who supported the school by attending the May concerts this week. Our KG and Grade 1 students were very excited about performing in our lovely auditorium in front of so many happy parents.

This week, we began our third round of MAP testing for the year. Early indications are that many students have made truly remarkable progress. We hope this will be maintained when our older students begin their end of year examinations.

We will be holding an Iftar on June 7th for our Grade 6 to 8 students. As Ramadan approaches we are making amendments to our timetable, to make sure that students continue to have a balanced and interesting learning experience. Teachers will be teaching, as normal, right up to June 22nd and all students are expected to attend. I sometimes hear children or adults say 'nothing happens in the last week of term'. This simply isn't true. At SZPAB, every day is a valuable learning experience and every student in school should expect to be taught right up to 12.45pm on June 22nd.

You will have received electronic links to two surveys recently, one for ADEC and one for GEMS. It is very important that as many parents complete these surveys as possible. The GEMS survey takes about 5 minutes, the ADEC survey takes a little longer. We would be very grateful if parents could take a little time to complete these. Both surveys are in English and Arabic.

If you have not already done so, please re-enroll your child and pay your deposit as soon as possible. We have received much higher than expected enrollment levels and we have waiting lists in most Grades. This means that there is a risk that your child will not be re-enrolled if the deposit is not paid.

Thank you, as ever, for your wonderful support.

Yours in Education
John Conway

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.

Please note that re-enrollment payments cannot be accepted if fees are still outstanding for this academic year.

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.

GEMS Parent Survey

Following the email we sent out last week, we would like to remind parents to fill in the GEMS Parent Satisfaction Survey: <http://bit.ly/2oQqkSD>. As you know, we are proud of the work we continue to accomplish at SZPAB; we value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you!



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>.

Grade 3 Lemonade Stand

The Grade 3 students will be fundraising for the Red Crescent on May 22nd and 23rd. Students in grade 3 and 4 are invited to purchase a cold glass of lemonade for 5 dirhams on the playground during the lunch period. Please come and support our school entrepreneurs.

Diaa Allam Visit

Students in Grades 6-8 had the opportunity to participate in a workshop and lecture with arabic calligraph Diaa Allam.



KG 2 Moving Up Assembly



Hag A Leila

Students participated in Hag Al Leila celebrations at school!

