

أكاديمية الشيخ زايد الخاصة للبنين

THE SHEIKH ZAYED PRIVATE ACADEMY FOR BOYS

Newsletter

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...Coming Up...

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be going home with students Sunday October 16th.

Coffee & Conversation

Coffee will be held October 20th from 9am to 10am.

iPad workshops

Workshops for parents about iPads and their use in school will be held October 19th and 20th.

MAP Testing

MAP Testing will continue this week for Grades 2-8.

Character Dress Up

Thursday October 27th the library will organize a day where students can dress as their favorite character from a book they've read!



Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents;

I am pleased to let you know that the last two weeks have been very exciting at SZPAB. On Tuesday, we welcomed Dr Ali Rashed Al Noaimi, Director General of ADEC. He visited many areas of the school, including our LEGO and innovation labs, KG play areas, My Identity rooms and our Sports Hall, where he saw Grade 7 in their Military Training lesson.

Dr Ali wrote ***"It was my honor visiting this Educational Castle distinguished by integrated services provided to our kids. All my thanks and appreciation to whom originally create its idea and to all who are supervising it, managing and working in it"***.

His visit came during a busy week: we have commenced MAP testing in Grades 2 to 8, and have been distributing iPads to students from Grades 3 to 8. Please note that on the 20th October, from 9:00am to 10:00am, we will be holding our first Coffee and Conversation Morning. This will be followed by a Parents' Workshop on how we will be using iPads in school to enhance and deepen our students' learning experiences.

John Conway
Principal / CEO
Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys

To Remember...

iPad Forms

Please remember to return your iPad forms if you have not done so already.

Football Squad Training (by invitation)

Football Squad training will be held every Tuesday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

Swim Squad Training (by invitation)

Swim Squad training will be held every Monday from 3:00pm - 4:30pm.

Grade 3 Swimming

Grade 3 will have their first swimming class Thursday, October 20th. Classes will continue until November 17th.



Quran Program

Our successful Quran Program began again October 9th. It will run Sunday through Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 am. There are currently 105 students enrolled in the program, and a waiting list for students who would like to join. Parents will be contacted if any spaces free up. If your child is registered, please ensure they arrive on time.

Early Years Parent Workshop

The Early Years will be having a parent workshop Wednesday, October 26th focusing on reading with your child. Some of the key points we will discuss are:

- how to select and read a book with your child.
- conversations you can have while reading together.

Two sessions will be offered: 8:00a.m.-8:30a.m. and 12:00p.m.-12:30p.m.

Treasure Box Donations...

Some Kindergarten classes will be encouraging and rewarding appropriate or exemplary school behaviors by allowing students to select a 'prize' from a treasure box. Please donate any gently used toys that your child is no longer using. Students in Grades 1 through 3 can give the toys to their teacher which will then be collected. Students in Grades 4 through 8 can bring their donations to the Learning Support room on the 3rd floor. Thank you in advance for your assistance and generosity!





Digital Citizenship Week 16th to 21st October

Last week we had a very exciting week here at school, with the first iPads being given out to the students. This week, it is Digital Citizenship Week. During homeroom students will be learning about

how to be good digital citizens. Here are some tips for you to discuss with your child:

1. Always make sure that you take a break after using electronic devices. You should not stare at a screen for longer than 15 minutes without a break.
2. Never give anyone online your password or any personal information. If you are worried about what you see online, tell an adult!
3. Always be polite and respectful on social media. Don't post anything that is unkind or unhelpful. Tell an adult if you see something that concerns you.
4. Never take a picture or video of anyone without their permission. If you think someone is using their video or camera without permission, tell an adult.
5. Remember to use your devices respectfully, and follow any instructions given by an adult. Carry your iPad carefully and take good care of it!



iPad Distribution

Over the next two weeks, students will be receiving their iPads. iPads will be given out to all students who have paid, and who have returned the signed iPad Agreement form. Students will receive a short induction session to familiarize themselves with the iPads and to go over key rules and expectations for use in school.

Please remember once your child has received their iPad, to make sure that they bring it to school every day, fully charged. Chargers should be kept at home. Students should keep the iPad in the protective cover, and look after it very carefully. If there are any issues with the iPad, the students should inform their homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

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Allergy Alert!

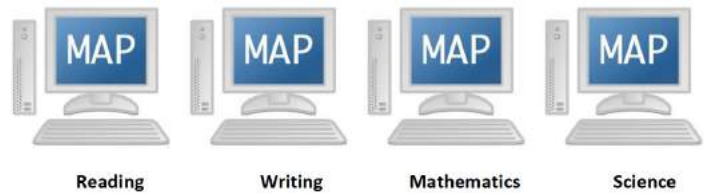
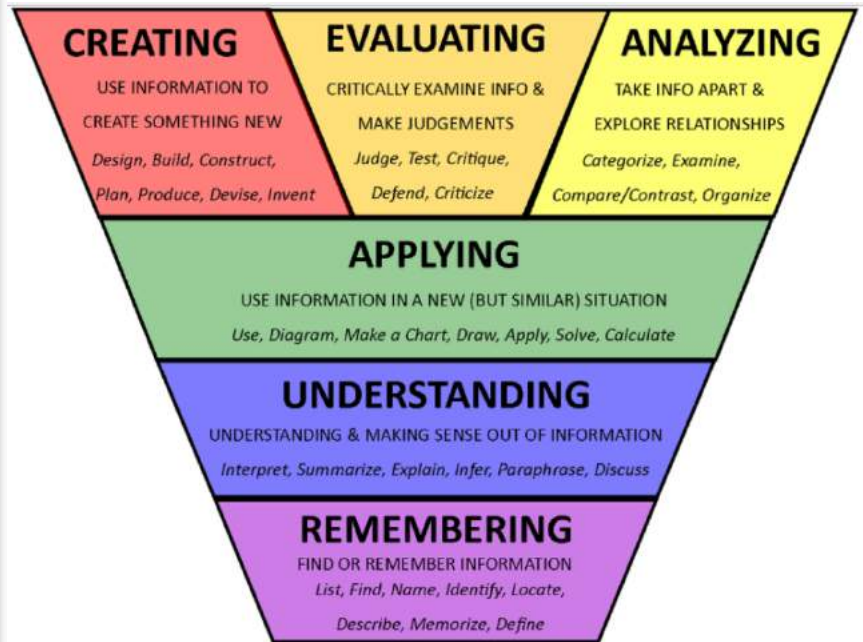
Due to multiple allergies, SZPAB is now a nut-free school. Please ensure your child is not bringing any foods with nuts to school.

Developing Critical Thinking Skills

As parents, we want to encourage our children to think for themselves and to avoid peer pressure. We want them to have the skills necessary to listen, analyze and interpret the information that will be a constant part of their lives. Memory and understanding are only the first steps in this process. Bloom's Taxonomy can help parents develop and strengthen their child's thinking skills at home. I recommend parents print this, or a similar chart, and display it on your refrigerator or desk to remind yourself of good questioning techniques to use with your child.

Here are some examples of how to use Bloom's Taxonomy with your child:

- **Applying:** Ask your child how *they* would solve a given real-life problem. Ask why they think something is significant. Ask your child to continue a story or predict what would happen in a given situation.
- **Analyzing:** Ask your child to identify causes from real-life stories. Encourage them to conduct an interview or survey.
- **Evaluating:** Ask your child to form and defend an opinion on a subject.
- **Creating:** Ask your child to put together several bits of old information to form a new idea.



MAP Testing

Students from Grades 2 to 8 continue to take their MAP tests this week. It is not necessary to prepare for these tests because they are not knowledge based: they test children's ability to apply their skills in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. However, if you would like to give your child some practice, please use one of the many practice questions websites. We particularly recommend a site with an unfortunate name called www.prepdog.org. Tests are taken 'on-line' and the results enable us to compare each child's progress compared with all children across the world who are studying an American curriculum.

Results of Term 1 MAP testing will be available in November. Please note that we will be holding workshops for parents in November to explain how we use MAP testing to measure and support the progress of our students.



To be a successful learner...

Your child needs a restful sleep each night to be on time for school every morning. If your child is rested and arrives to school on time he will feel ready for the school day ahead. It will help him concentrate & perform better in school. You can help us to to allow reach their full learning potential.

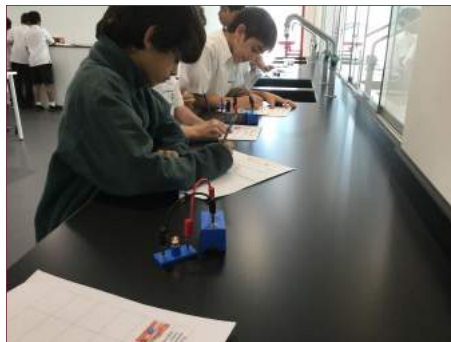


Last Week at SZPAB...

Last week, we had a visit from Dr Ali Rashed Al Noaimi, Director General of ADEC. He toured the school and saw many of the learning engagements our students take part in every day.



Grade 4 went to the science lab this week to learn about energy. Through several stations the boys were able to conduct experiments that showed potential, kinetic, sound, light, electrical, and chemical energy. The pictures below show them enjoying the new room and experimenting with energy.



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Swim Squad GR 5-8

Adulrahman	Al Khatiri	5A
Mohamed	Romaithi	5C
Husain	Makki	6A
Mohamed	Al Zabi	6A
Saif	Al Otaibi	6B
Saif	Al Tayer	6C
Yousef	Dhafer Al Heira	6C
Saif	Al Wahedi	7A
Sultan	Al Alawi	7A
Zayed	Al Ketbi	7A
Ali	Al Dhaheri	7B
Zayed	Dhaheri	7B
Abdulla	Al Kathiri	7C
Hamdan	Al Darei	7C
Salem	Al Jaberi	7D
Abdulrahman	Al-Thani	8A
Conor	Conway	8A
Rashed	Al Mazroui	8A
Salem	Al Dhaheri	8A
Yaman	Rahmo	8A

Football Squad GR 7-8

Diab Juma Khalifa Juma Al Khemeiri	7A
Hasan Abdulla Hasan Alazab AlHadhrami	7A
Sultan Yasser Mubarak Al Alawi	7A
Zayed Ali Mohamed Albadi AlDhaheiri	7B
Yousef Yousef	7C
Saeed Hashem Salem Rashed AlDhaheiri	7C
Zayed Surour Helal Al Kaabi	7D
Zayed Ahmed Hasan Abdulla AlZaabi	7D
Salem Abdulla Saeed Bakheet Obaid Binjaber Al Jaberi	7D
Mohamed Masood Mohamed Ahmed Khouri	7D
Abdulla Salah Abdulaziz Ahmed Shaalan	7D
Khalifa Abdulla Saleh Mubarak AlShamsi	8A
Mohammed Abdulhamid Mohammed Saeed AlAhmadi	8A
Muhair Thani Butti Thani AlShamsi	8A
Salem Abdulla Saleh Mubarak AlShamsi	8A
Yaman Abdelfatah Al Rahmo	8A
AleAl Moala Bin Khaled Al Jaradi	8A
Mohamed Aref Ismaeil AlKhoori	8B
Salem Mohamed Salem Obaid AlDhaheiri	8B
Khaled Aladawi	8B

Coming Up

Grades 1-3 Term 1 Sports Days

Morning of Nov 21st - KG sports day
 Afternoon of Nov 21st - Grade 1 sports day
 Nov 22nd - Grades 2 and 3 sports day

Grades 4-8 Term 1 Sports Days

Nov 21st - Grades 6-8 Swimming Gala
 Nov 22nd - Grades 4-5 Football Tournament
 Nov 25th - Whole school National Sports Day

Football Squad GR 5-6

Ali Hasan Ahmed Ali AlHamed	5A
Zayed Ismael Hasan Abdulla Salem Al Hosani	5A
Zayed Yousif Saleem Fayel K.AlMakhini Al Junaibi	5A
Thani Mohamed Obaid Mubarak Saeed Al Mehairi	5B
Eisa Ahmed Mousa Ali Nagaf Al Kaabi	5C
Rashed Abdulla Khalifa Mohamed Al Hefeiti	5C
Mohammed Romaithi	5C
Abdulla Ahmed Saleh Mohamed AlHajeri	5D
Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed AlYoushaa AlSada	5D
Omar Anwar Abdulla Naser Al Ameri	5D
Mohammed Khoori	6A
Abdulla Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Al Mehairi	6A
Abdullah Khalid M M Al Adwani	6A
Husain Ibrahim Jasem Mohamed Makki	6A
Abdulaziz Khalid Mohamed A. Al Rayssi	6B
Ahmed Taleb Mohammed Alshal Al Teneiji	6B
Khalifa Saif Mosad Kassem Aljahoori	6B
Saif Abdulmunem Eid Bilal Al Tayer	6C
Ahmed Sultan Ahmed Butaba AlZaabi	6C
Ali Hadi Ghanem Saeed Saleem Al Mansoori	6C
Mohamed Abdulla Mohamed Khalifa Al Suwaidi	6C

What's Happening in PE...

In Grade 1 PE this term we have been learning Gymnastics and the Forward Roll, Backward Roll and Cartwheel. This is Louise Fatima Anaia in class 1D completing a brilliant backwards roll.

