

أكاديمية الشيخ زايد الخاصة للبنين

THE SHEIKH ZAYED PRIVATE ACADEMY FOR BOYS

Newsletter

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...Coming Up...

Winter Break

The last day of term before winter break will be December 16th. Classes will resume January 8th.

Last Day for ECAs

Last day for ECAs will be Wednesday, December 14th.

GR6-8 Exams

Students in Grades 6-8 will sit their Term 1 exams between December 4th and 15th.

Scholastic Orders

Our Scholastic order is on the way to the school! As soon as we have received it, we will send books home with students.

Message from the Principal...

As we enter the last week of term, this is a good moment to look back on all that has been achieved in Term 1 at SZPAB. We have seen the highly successful launch of our iPad program; the beginning of our Military Training for our older boys; great interest in our Qur'an Memorization clubs; parent reading and learning engagements with our younger children and some wonderful celebrations on National Day and Flag Day amongst others. Many of you will have opened the school's YouTube channel or our Instagram account to see images and video clips celebrating the events taking place in school and we hope you will share these 'good news' stories with your friends and families so that the great reputation of our school continues to grow.



Everyone involved with SZPAB is aware of how the school is improving day-by-day and we are all very excited about the development of the school as it races forward.

All of the great moments from this term are made possible by the whole SZPAB community; our hard working staff; our supportive parents and, of course, our wonderful students. Your children ARE SZPAB. It is THEIR school and we will continue to make it even better as we head for Term 2.

Wishing you all a wonderful Winter break.

Mr John Conway

To Remember...

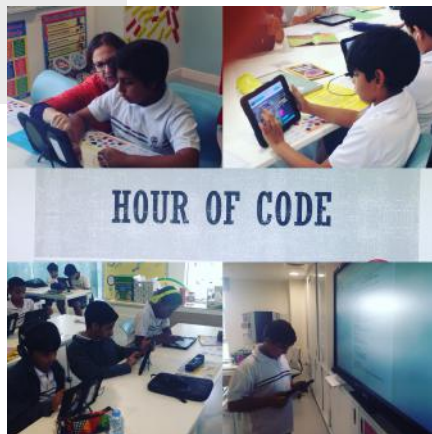
Learning over the holidays

It is important for students to keep learning even while on holiday. Try to keep a routine: ask your child to read a book daily, or practice their math skills.

Digital Learning Update

Over the past few months, some students have misplaced their iPad in school. Thankfully, all the iPads have eventually been found!

Please speak to your son and/or daughter about the importance of keeping their iPad safe in school and always making sure they have it with them as they move to different rooms. It is important that if a student does misplace their iPad, that they speak to their homeroom teacher straight away.



The Hour of Code

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in over 180 countries. During Computer Science Education Week, SZPAB will be taking part in this initiative. Over the next two weeks, the students in Grades 2 to 8 will get the opportunity to code.

KG Parent Workshop

We are pleased to announce our second parent workshop: Winter Holiday Learning. This workshop will be about learning activities you can do with your child while on winter holiday break. It will be held Wednesday, December 14th. Make sure to save the date! This workshop is intended for parents of students in KG and Grade 1. Two sessions will be held: at 8:00-8:30 or 12:00-12:30, in the KG Hallway Meeting Room. Looking forward to seeing you.



Students will learn the basics of coding through a number of different fun activities, such as Minecraft and Scratch. Every student who completes the activities will receive a certificate.

The Hour of Code is open for everyone to try, from ages 4 to 104. If you would like to try some of the activities with your son or daughter, or have a go at coding yourself, please visit the Hour of Code website: <https://hourofcode.com>

World Skills Abu Dhabi 2017

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Abu Dhabi is hosting the world's biggest international vocational skills competition, WorldSkills, in October 2017.

We are pleased to inform you that SZPAB is one of the 54 Abu Dhabi schools chosen to host a visiting team as part of the One School One Country program.



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SZPAB National Day Art Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the National Day Art Contest!

Student Choice

1. Saeed Mazrouei 4D
2. Zayed Mazrouei 7C
3. Mohamed Al Awadi 6A

Teachers Choice (Secondary)

1. Al Maala Al Jarudi 8A
2. Yahya Amri 6A
3. Zayed Mazrouei 7C

Teachers Choice (Elementary)

1. Mohamed Al Sada 5D
2. 2. Ali Al Zaabi 4C
3. 3. Omar Bakri 1D

We are Listening!

We always listen to your suggestions and feedback during our Coffee and Conversation mornings. This month's Positive Parenting workshop stemmed from one of these suggestions.

Positive Parenting

Being a parent is probably the most important job we can do in our lives. To parent positively we need to understand what it takes to do the job well. The more we understand about a child's development and needs, the more we can be aware of what it takes to create healthy environments for children to thrive.

What does parenting positively mean?

1. How can I respond to this situation in a way that will help my child grow?
2. What are the personal values I hope my child will choose?
3. Is my behavior demonstrating these values?
4. Will my actions help my child to grow to be a kind, caring, responsible adult?
5. Am I creating a family atmosphere where my child feels loved?

What are the benefits of positive parenting?

Positive parenting creates happier homes where children are naturally more co-operative. Children who grow up feeling secure and loved have lower stress levels, better overall health and are likely to do better in school.

What type of parent are you?

1. Autocratic - you are always right
2. Permissive - don't have any rules or regulations
3. Democratic - allow your child to have input into decisions affecting them

How do I help my child grow?

1. Self-confidence - encouraging them to complete age appropriate tasks
2. A sense of belonging - knowing they belong to a secure family network
3. A sense of self-worth - showing that they are valuable to the family

What can I do to improve behavior?

- Is my child facing a lot of difficulties either inside or outside the house?
- Has he/she had enough play recently?
- Are they lonely?
- Has my child eaten too much sugar?
- Is my child sleeping the appropriate amount of time each night?
- Has there been a lot of change in my child's life recently?

National Day at SZPAB...



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Grades 6-8 MAP awards

Students in Grades 6-8 had an awards ceremony last week to celebrate strong



Celebrating Prophet Mohammed's Birthday

Students and staff celebrated the Prophet Mohammed's birthday last Thursday.



Children in action

Great learning has been taking place all over the school!

