



Volume 3.3 - Sunday, October 1st

...Dates To Remember...

Football Games Coming Up

U14 Football Team vs. Brighton College (away game - October 3rd.

U16 Football Team vs. BSAD (away) - October 4th

MAP Testing

MAP testing will begin October 8th for Grades 2-9.

Early Years Workshop

We will be having our first Early Years parent workshop on October 10th. Details to come.

Scholastic Book Orders

Place your Scholastic order by October 8th by visiting <http://world-schools.scholastic.co.uk/sheikh-zayed-private-acad-for>.

Parent Conferences

The first parent conferences will be held October 24th and 25th. More information to come shortly.

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already in October but after just three weeks of term, everything is at full speed at SZPAB. We already have our football and swimming squads underway, ECAs are running well, our *Military Training* program has started and enrollment for this year's Secondary *Quran Memorization* course has begun.

Most importantly, our students are studying well. Already, there are wonderful displays of students work appearing in classrooms and corridors and this is a reflection of the superb attitudes the children have in their lessons.

Our new teachers have settled in superbly and I urge all parents to become familiar with their children's teachers by visiting *ParentPoint*, our new electronic information system for parents. On ParentPoint you will be able to read an introduction to most of the teachers in the school.

I have been delighted with the number of parents that attended our *Expectations* presentations last Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. The support of parents is superb and the eagerness to learn about the way we are ensuring the progress of your children is very exciting.

Attendance at our first *Coffee and Conversation* morning of the year was record breaking and again, I wish to thank all parents that joined us on this informal occasion.

There will be much more happening this term so please keep reading texts, e-mails and newsletters.

Yours in Education,
John Conway



ParentPoint

Don't forget to look at ParentPoint weekly to find out all you need to know about SZPAB. On this website, you will find the upcoming school events, announcements, as well as your child's homework and newsletter. ParentPoint is now our central communication tool.

World Skills Competition

The world's greatest skills competition is coming to Abu Dhabi October 15th to 18th and SZPAB will be there! Our students will take visitors from around the world attending this event on a *Welcome to Abu Dhabi Journey: Our EXTRAordinary story* through a display of learning activities. Students have worked very hard to create a visual representation of Abu Dhabi with LEGO. Through their LEGO experience, students have acquired building, programming, engineering, publishing, creating, critical thinking and problem solving skills. We are excited about our upcoming experience to share with the world and to show why SZPAB students are preparing for the future!



iPad Agreements

The IT department and Digital & Innovative Learning Team continues to distribute iPads to new SZPAB students and students in grade 3. In order for students to receive their iPads they must pay for the iPad in accounts and return the iPad User Agreement signed by student and parent to their tutor teacher.



Off Island Bus Service

We have had a number of requests for an “off-island” school bus service. In order for us to gauge the feasibility of this route we request interested families complete the form that can be found on ParentPoint (under Announcements) to salma.hamdan@zayedacademyboys.ae. We need a minimum of 15 registrations to consider establishing a new route. Please note that returning the form does not guarantee that the school will run a bus; the information will allow us to investigate whether or not such a route is possible.

Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) limits the length of time for student bus journeys. We would therefore not be able to offer a comprehensive off-island service and pick-up may be limited to one or two locations only. Parents would also have to accept that the journey time is likely to be longer than on the current routes we run. The service would be available only for students in Grades 1-9.

Please return the forms to us no later than Thursday, October 05. If a decision is taken to launch the service, we would expect it to begin around mid-November.



SZPAB will continue using Artsonia -- an online art museum. It is safe place where students can photograph their own artwork and display it online. The students' friends, family and

teachers can view and comment on the artwork. Parents please access the link sent to your email for permission so that your child may participate.

GR 4-9 Weekly Spelling and General Knowledge Quiz

Spelling quiz

We will be using the words usually found on MAP tests for the fortnightly spelling quiz. Students will be required to choose the correct spelling from three options. You can find the MAP key words on the document linked below.

https://community.nwea.org/servlet/JiveServlet/downloadBody/2033-102-2-4855/Descartes_Vocabulary.pdf



General knowledge quiz

For the general knowledge quiz, we would like the boys to spend some time before the quiz researching the topic. We do not give specific questions for them to prepare, as we would like to encourage them to widen their general knowledge and enjoy researching different topics at home with their family. Teachers will also discuss the topics in school beforehand.

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G2 - G6 **8 WEEKS** **880 AED**

Robotics
Programming is an important part of 21st-century learning. Our WeDo 2.0 software teaches programming in an intuitive way - letting students bring their creations to life while sharpening computational thinking skills like logical reasoning, pattern recognition, and modeling simulations. The software also features a colorful drag and drop interface that is easy for students to use and understand. The WeDo 2.0 software provides an excellent platform for STEM learning, offering an innovative way for students to model reality, conduct investigations, and use design skills.

Minecraft EDU
Minecraft EDU task-based challenges supplement the robotics content. Minecraft EDU teaches core critical thinking skills such as problem solving, reasoning, making logical predictions and teamwork while focusing students on immediate "real-world" problems.

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Reading at School and At Home



The reading patterns you establish at home directly influence your child's ability to do well in school. SZPAB encourages you to work with your child at home. Here are a few suggestions:

LISTEN, TALK AND READ WITH YOUR CHILD: Studies show that most parents spend as little as fifteen minutes a day talking, listening and reading to their children. Yet, it is exactly these activities that encourage a child to read. The very best way to help your child to become a good reader is to

read with them at home. The more children read, or are read to, the better. Books are not the only materials they can read. Encourage your child to read cereal boxes, street signs, shop signs and magazines. Make sure that you take time out each day to read and communicate in English with your child.

READING AND WRITING: Teaching a child to write helps them to read. Keep pencils, colored pens, paper, markers, paints, chalk and crayons at home. Young children can learn to form letters and then words. This gives them the opportunity to recognize letters and sounds. It's also fun to have children write letters, review a TV show, describe a family member, write about a family trip or activity done at home. Very young children can dictate these types of writing activities to you or an older family member.

QUIET TIME: The work done in school is typically reinforced with homework. This gives your child time to study and practice what they have learned in class. It is very important to set time aside each day for homework, and to provide a quiet place where they can do their work. Remember to monitor your child's homework and stay in touch with their teacher through Parent Point and emails.

LIMIT TELEVISION AND COMPUTER GAMES: Most children spend hours watching TV and/or playing computer games and only minutes reading per day. Set a time limit on TV and computer games and add quality reading time. When television and computer games are allowed, follow it with a discussion or writing activity.

LEARNING DOESN'T START OR END AT SCHOOL. THE MORE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S READING HABITS, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL YOUR CHILD WILL BE.

This week at SZPAB...



Assemblies across the school

SZPAB students participated in an assemblies across the school to mark the occasion of the Prophet's migration. Secondary students also participated in an assembly to mark the beginning of SZPAB military program this year.

