



...Dates To Remember...

MAP Testing

MAP testing will continue the week of October 15th for Grades 2-9.

KG Celebration of Learning

KG will have its first Celebration of Learning October 26th from 11:30-12:30.

Progress Meetings

Progress meetings will be held October 23rd and 24th. Homeroom teachers will send home more information early this week.

Coffee, Conversation & Workshops

We will have our monthly Coffee and Conversation; followed by Positive Parenting & Digital Safety Workshops on October 26th.

Half-Term Break

There will be no school October 29th -30th due to the Half-Term Break.

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents;

I am pleased to report that we have nearly completed our first round of MAP testing for the academic year. Often, when students return after the holiday, we see lower scores than in the previous term. However, many of our students have shown improvement already.

This week we are supporting the launch of the ADEK **Question-a-Day Initiative**, which aims to prepare Grade 3 and Grade 7 students for PISA and TIMMS tests next year. We do hope parents of children in these grades will wholeheartedly support this initiative by making sure their children answer the questions every day. One of the UAE's priorities is to improve its ranking in these global tests and therefore, the preparation for students is very important.

On Saturday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the launch of the World Skills Competition at the Du Arena. This week SZPAB will be showcasing the amazing technological work that our students have been carrying out at the competition venue at ADNEC.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents of KG children attending the reading workshops last week. Reading remains the most important activity for students in developing that academic abilities; and when parents support reading, their children flourish.

Thank you again for your wonderful support and I look forward to seeing you at the Progress Meetings on the 23rd or 24th October.

Yours in Education

Mr John Conway



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.

<https://sites.google.com/zayedacademyboys.ae/parentpoint/home>



Elementary Student Led Conferences

SZPAB Elementary is holding its first **Student-Led Progress Meetings** this month. These differ from parent-teacher meetings in the past, as we **expect students to attend**. During this time, your child will speak to you about his/her work and results in the classroom; explain to you his/her progress report results; and show you his/her portfolio. Parents, teachers and students engage in a 3-way honest and open conversation.

These meetings are designed to help students with the following skills:

- Be aware of their academic progress
- Take responsibility for their achievements and progress
- Learn to self-evaluate their work
- Become more organized
- Develop communication skills

Classroom teachers will send home more information, including timings, early next week.

Computer Explorers TECH WEEK

THINK. CREATE. DESIGN. DISCOVER

Last week Grades 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to be able to attend some very exciting workshops during our Tech Week.

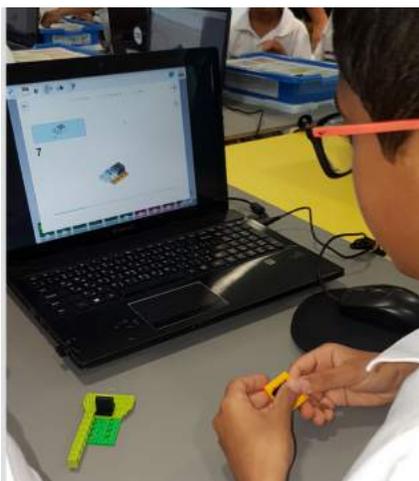
Every class got the opportunity to complete one of the following activities:

Robotic Motor Challenge: Students had to build their own robotic creations and then make their way through up to 17 different robotic challenges. Using coding and collaborating with others, they were encouraged to come up with the best code to beat different obstacles.

Fidget Spinner: Students had to use coding blocks and simple LEGO pieces to create the ultimate fidget spinner. They were challenged to use their imagination and tech skills to program the best sequence for their spinner.

One grade 5 student said "Tech Week was cool as I got to make my own fidget spinner, and learned more about how to write code."

Thank you to Computer Explorers for helping us deliver the sessions.



In SZPAB Sports News...

Please check the ADISSA (Abu Dhabi Inter School Sport Association) web page for information on the league and competitions for schools in Abu Dhabi.

<http://www.adissasport.com/>

U16 Football Squad Fixtures

Date	Team	Home	Away	Venue	Kick Off
October 18th	U16	Al Bateen Academy	SZPAB	Al Bateen	4:00pm
November 1st	U16	BIS Abu Dhabi Team Falcon B	SZPAB	BIS Abu Dhabi Team Falcon B	4:00pm
November 8th	U16	SZPAB	Abu Dhabi Grammar School	BIS Abu Dhabi Team Falcon B	4:00pm
November 15th	U16	Al Bateen Academy	SZPAB	Al Bateen Academy	4:00pm
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U14 Football Squad Fixtures

Date	Team	Home	Away	Venue	Kick Off
October 17th	U14	SZPAB	Al Bateen Academy A	Al Bateen Academy	4:00pm
October 21st	U14	Brighton College A	SZPAB	Brighton College	4:00pm
November 7th	U14	SZPAB	British School Al Khubairat	British School Al Khubairat	4:00pm

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ADEK Question a Day

The Department of Education and Knowledge has a new initiative to help improve learning outcomes for all Grade 3 and Grade 7 students, and prepare them for the challenges of future international assessments.

What is Question-a-Day?

Question-a-Day asks students to answer one daily question, based on a weekly topic. Every afternoon after school, from Sunday to Thursday, students will answer one online question each in Mathematics and Science. The questions will get more challenging as the week goes on. Class teachers will then receive a report detailing the results; as well as some lesson ideas to help with problem areas and to help develop skills in how to approach more difficult problems.

How do students log on?

Teachers will provide each student with a link, student number and password. Parents will also receive a text message with their child's login details.

How can parents help?

- Watch the QaD Explainer Video - a quick guide to accessing and using QaD
- Make sure your child has a device that they can use or borrow, such as a mobile phone, tablet or computer. Help your child log on and make sure they understand what they need to do.
- Encourage students to have paper and pencil nearby to help with solving questions.
- Remember that the aim of this program is to help students develop skills so that they can do these types of questions on their own. It's important that students attempt the questions on their own, without help from family members.
- Remind students to do their Question-a-Day for Mathematics and for Science every day. Parents will receive a weekly reminder each Wednesday via SMS.
- Keep encouraging your child. Students with a perfect participation record will receive a certificate at the end of the Trimester.