

GISAD NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



Dear parents, students and colleagues of GISAD,

February was a month full of highlights for GISAD. The annual costume competition was a day full of color and fun, where the students outdid themselves with their creativity for their costumes.

During their work placement, Year 10 were able to spend a week gaining exciting insights into the world of work.

Valentine's Day and the sports festival fostered community spirit, while the health days raised our awareness of wellbeing. Haq al Layla and the Year 11 London trip enriched our February with cultural diversity and new perspectives. Many thanks to all the organizers and helpers.

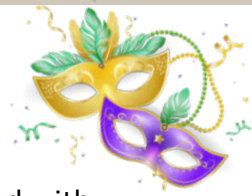
SAVE THE DATE: This year's school iftar on March 21 will be a special highlight. Make a note of the date in your diary now. More information will follow.

In addition, the Spring Explorer Camp is coming up from March 25-29 - registrations are welcome until March 17. For information or to register, please contact Heike Bereket at ganztag@gisad.ae

Thank you for your support in making these experiences possible. Together we are creating a vibrant and learning community.

COSTUME CONTEST

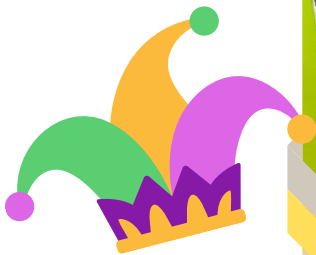
KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL



On February 8, 2024, we experienced a carnival day full of color and creativity at GISAD. Everyone, from the kindergarten children to the students, celebrated with impressive costumes that brought lots of fun.

The award ceremony was a highlight, with Alyazia and Carmel from 4a as painter and painting and Grade 9 as the Minions group standing out in particular.

A big thank you goes to the whole school community whose creativity made this day unforgettable!



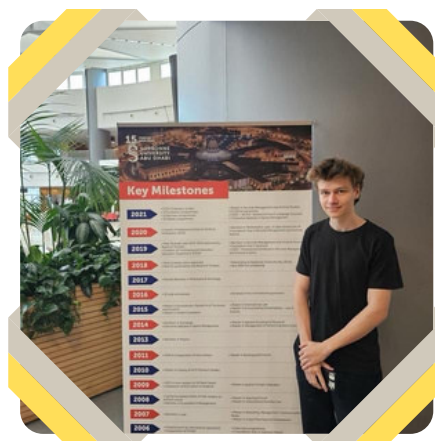
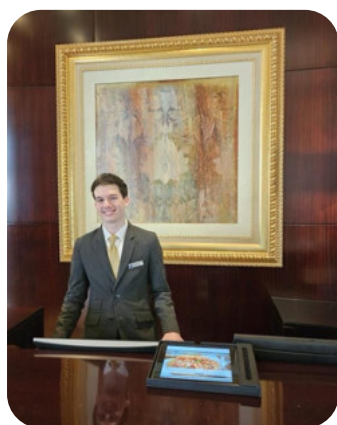
COMPANY INTERNSHIP

10TH CLASS

Our tenth graders had the opportunity to gain their first professional experience in renowned institutions such as the German Embassy, the Beach Rotana Hotel, the Mohamed Bin Zayed Foundation, Daburon and Partners, and many more. They gained insights into various professional fields, which opened up new perspectives for them.

The feedback from the internship supervisors was consistently positive, with particular emphasis on the open and friendly nature of our students.

We would like to thank all the internship companies for the valuable experience they gave our students, and special thanks go to Ms Rothfritz and Mr Gerhardt for organizing this enriching week.



ADVENTURES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The students from Grade 7B, together with class teacher Ulf Seidel and Angie Seidel, experienced an unforgettable excursion about environmental protection and sustainability. The day started with a captivating guided tour of the Green Art Expo 2024 at Manarat Al Saadiyat, led by the knowledgeable Mr. Jashanmal, the organizer of the exhibition.

A break at Jubail Mangrove Park was followed by a kayaking adventure where the students actively contributed to environmental protection by planting their own seedlings. This activity not only provided valuable learning, but also a lot of fun.

An impressive example of how each of us can contribute to shaping a greener future. Many thanks to everyone involved for this inspiring day!



VALENTINE'S DAY

KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL

Valentine's Day at GISAD: A day full of love!

The kindergarten was busy making hearts for friends and families. There were even delicious heart-shaped cookies.

The SMV also put a lot of effort into preparing for Valentine's Day at school. It was so nice to see how the pupils unleashed their creativity by writing loving letters or giving away roses and sweets.

A big thank you to the organizers for this successful day.



SPORTS FESTIVAL KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL



On February 16, our school grounds were transformed into an arena full of energy and sporting spirit as the annual kindergarten and school sports festival took place.

It was a day characterized by creative competitions, a cheerful atmosphere and the traditional, always eagerly awaited student versus teacher duel - a highlight that was great fun for everyone involved.

A big thank you to our dedicated sports team, especially Ms. Breiner, Ms. Cornelsen, Ms. Fischer, Ms. Arnold and Ms. Müller-Hahnewald, as well as everyone else whose hard work and passion made this event an unforgettable experience. Your dedication and team spirit once again showed what the GISAD community is all about.



HEALTH DAY

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Dental care and healthy eating took center stage during the latest Health Days at GISAD. The Appolonia team carried out informative dental check-ups and offered exciting activities such as joint tooth brushing and a wheel of fortune.

In addition, Sven from Bakers Kitchen enriched the program with insights into healthy eating, rounded off by a tasting of his famous pretzels. These days were not only educational, but also great fun for the pupils.

A big thank you goes to everyone involved for making these days a complete success. We are already looking forward to the next Health Days!



HAQ AL LAYLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Haq Al Layla - Children in the United Arab Emirates took to the streets in their neighborhoods on the night of Haq Al Layla on Saturday, knocking on doors and shouting "Atoona Haq al Layla", which means "Give us sweets for tonight".

The annual event is one of the traditional Emirati festivals in the middle of Shaàban, the eighth month of the Islamic Hijri calendar.

A big thank you to the Emirati mothers who organized the event and helped make it a lovely surprise for the primary school classes.



STUDY TRIP LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

The students from Grade 11 traveled to London on February 25 for a special study trip that will not only broaden their horizons but also create unforgettable memories.

London, a city that combines history and modernity, art and culture like no other, offers a unique opportunity to swap the classroom for some of the world's most famous sights. Of course, a visit to the German School in London was also on the agenda.

Many thanks for the warm welcome!

This trip is not only a chance to see the world, but also to grow together as a class.



MEDIATOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On February 26, we had our first workshop for the brand new Year 3 dispute resolution team!

Under the expert guidance of our school social pedagogue Tracy Fechner, our future mediators came together to delve into the world of conflict resolution. Whether it's a minor or major dispute, this cool group will be on hand to help and advise you from the coming school year.

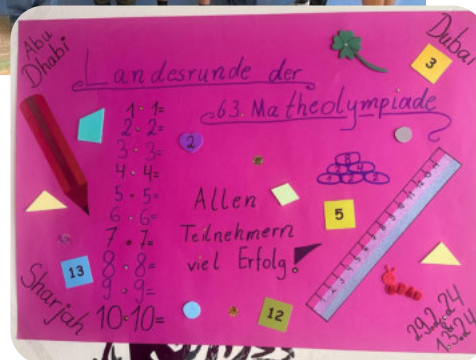
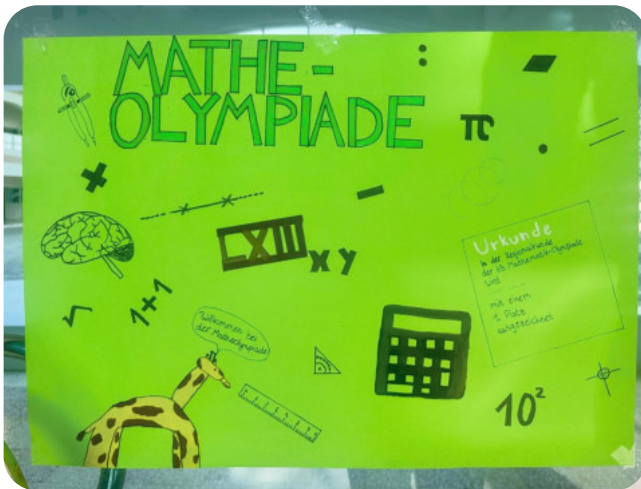
GISAD can already proudly look back on 31 trained mediators in grades 4-7! During the breaks, they are available to help with conflicts and promote a harmonious school atmosphere.



MATH OLYMPIAD SCHOOL

On March 1, GISAD hosted the first competition day of the national round of the Mathematical Olympiad with students from Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah. Congratulations to all the students who made it to the 3rd round! But it wasn't just math that was the focus today - the students also met up for a leisurely sunset boat trip.

A big thank you to Mr. Bas for the organization!



DATES MARCH

KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL

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18	19	20 INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY	21 SCHOOL IFTAR EMIRATI MOTHER'S DAY	22	23	24
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RAMADAN TIMETABLE

Ramadan will begin on the weekend of March 09-10 this year. Consequently, we will introduce shortened teaching hours from 11.03.2024. The exact start date of Ramadan will be confirmed by the UAE Moonsighting Committee. Please follow the official media channels and news for more information.

As a sign of respect to our Muslim students and their families, and to support those who are observing the fast, we will adjust the timetable during the holy month of Ramadan in line with ADEK guidelines. In doing so, we will use the time model from previous years, which already takes into account the necessary guidelines, the new timetable structure and the adjustments to the school bus service.

On Fridays during Ramadan, lessons will end as usual after the 5th period. The changed bus times and the pick-up and drop-off times at the kindergarten will be communicated in good time.

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| 2. 09:25 – 09:50 h | 6. 11:40 – 12:05 h |
| Break 09:50 – 10:00 h | 7. 12:05 – 12:30 h |
| 3. 10:00 – 10:30 h | Pause 12:30 – 13:00 h |
| 4. 10:30 – 11:00 h | 8. 13:00 – 13:30 h |
| 5. 11:00 – 11:30 h | 9. 13:30 – 14:00 h |

SCHOOL IFTAR



SPRING EXPLORER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

From *March 25 to 29*, GISAD invites you to the popular **Spring Explorer Camp**.

With a varied program ranging from a visit to the zoo and various sports activities to exciting experiences in the CircuitX Adventure Park, we guarantee fun and excitement for all children.

Registration deadline is March 17, 2024.

Secure your place now: **Ganztag@gisad.ae**

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER FLEX CLASS

We will inform you in a special newsletter on the subject of flex class. Look out for it in your mailbox or on our website [here](#).

ONLINE "STAMMTISCH"

March 21: German "Stammtisch" Online



GISAD ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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