



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A Big Thank You

The BIS community, parents, students and teachers have already been successfully using online resources, applications and platforms for the past few weeks. This method of schooling is a new opportunity for our school to strengthen the connection within our community. We are very pleased to see students are fully engaged in their lessons. We thank our students, parents, teachers and support staff who have all worked together to continue to be flexible and support one another. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher and school level coordinator if you have any specific questions or want to send feedback regarding the e-learning process.

Five Strategies to Build Resilience in Children

Please review the [letter](#) sent home earlier this week from Dr. Zak about strategies to help build resilience and have reassuring conversations with your children. You are encouraged to contact one of our counselors for support if needed. Additionally, use the various [activities](#) that we provided for fun indoors during this time.

Here are some pictures of our students' activities from this week



Google Drive

Google Drive is a great tool to allow students to upload, share, edit and store important files. It is a good way to organize assignments and ensure that things are not lost. KG & ES students and parents can view the Google Drive tutorial videos in English & Arabic by visiting our [website](#).

Useful Apps

Please find attached some apps for the coming period which we hope you find useful. Thank you FAWSEC for putting these together for the BIS community.

Zoom App

All teachers are able to log in, schedule their classes, and send out invites to students. Students can join classes using the links sent from the teacher. Zoom offers many useful tools to support teaching such as screen sharing, recording features and a range of annotation tools. You can view the Zoom App tutorial videos in English & Arabic by visiting our [website](#).

Isra'a & Mirage Holiday

We would like to inform you that Sunday, 22 March 2020 will be a holiday in the occasion of Isra'a and Mirage.

Note: Teachers will not have office hours during that day.



Dates to Remember

March 1 –26: BIS is closed due to the alert of Coronavirus.

March 22: Isra'a & Mirage Holiday (teachers will not have office hours).

March 29: BIS is scheduled to resume (pending the MOE decision).

Sunday – Thursday: BIS staff will be online from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Sunday: Teachers upload practice work, links, videos, etc. for the week on Google Classroom/Drive or PowerSchool.

Mission Statement: Al-Bayan International School personalizes learning to achieve intellectual and individual growth of all students, empowering them to impact their community.