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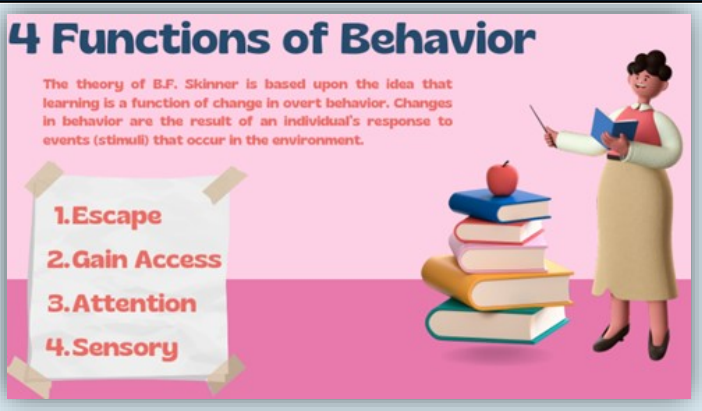
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KG/ES Bi-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Principal Message



Dear BIS Families,

I was talking with a student who was visiting my office, and took the opportunity to ask him what he thinks I should put in the newsletter. He talked about the schedule, and which classes were his favorite (or not so favorite) and his absolute favorite "IT is top tier". He also said "every day is a gift." Those words are very insightful and especially meaningful from a young student. It is an important reminder for me to be listening to students. And also reaffirms that not only are our students "the future", with such positive thoughts they will be able to (as our Mission Statement says) "impact their community".

We had our November PD day just over a week ago. Ms. Jana led a session about Wellness, which included writing positive statements to others anonymously. I loved this idea because we are able to acknowledge positive things happening in our school. For most of the PD day, teachers looked at (MAP) data to help select reading strategies to support student growth.

There were also presentations by Ms. Zeina, School Psychologist, and Ms. Nour from FSHN who helped staff think about student behavior and functions of behavior. A key takeaway is that "behavior does not occur in isolation and it always occurs for a reason. There is always a function and need underlying any behavior a student presents."

Looking ahead to December, prior to the Winter Break we will have a number of fun activities for students to participate in. One of these will be a door-decorating contest, which will happen just before the next newsletter. The last week before the break will be "Winter Spirit Week", which is always fun for students.

Yours in Learning,
Mr. Sven

Dentist Presentation for KG Students

Thank you
Dr. Haya Al Fouzan
and your
wonderful team!



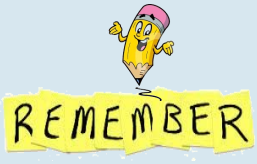


Dates to Remember: December

Nov 28	Due Date for BIS New Uniform Survey
Dec 6	PD day / Early Release for Students @11:45 AM
Dec 6	Hour of Code for Gr.1-5
Dec 8	Free Dress Day
TBA	Winter Spirit Week
Dec 13	A Winter Pastries with the Principals 7:45—8:45 AM
Dec 14	Winter Wonderland @5:00—7:00 PM
Dec 15	Early Release @11:45 AM
	Chocolate Milk Morning
Dec 18—Jan 2	Winter Holiday

Dates for KG

Nov 27 - Dec 1	Gray Week
Dec 4 - 8	**Black** Week



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BIS Clinic Message



Greetings!

The clinics have been busy with students with cold and flu symptoms. Please ensure your child is staying home when sick. This includes fever and vomiting. As per the school health policy, students must be fever or vomiting free for 24 hours prior to coming back to school. Flu vaccinations are available by following this link.

We have also been busy with student screening. We are measuring every student's height, weight, and doing a quick vision test for grades KG to 3. We will complete all of KG and Elementary prior to the winter break.

Students in grade 5 will be receiving mandatory immunizations this year. We do not have a date yet, but consent forms have been sent out. Please return them as soon as possible so we are prepared. Emails have been sent to all households that have not yet returned their form. **If you need a form, email the clinic at bisnurses@bis.edu.kw and we will send you one.**

Ms. Kathy and Ms. Heba

Arabic Distinguished Reading Competition



BIS PTA Ice-Cream Activity



PTA Team you're more than amazing for making the students' day!

Hour of Code

The Hour of Code began as a one-hour coding challenge to give students a fun first introduction to computer science and has become a global learning event, celebration and awareness event. HourofCode.com offers hundreds of one-hour activities in over 48 languages for kindergarten and up. Activities require no experience and can be run on browsers, tablets and smartphones - some don't require any computer at all. Grade 1-5 students will be participating in Hour of Code on December 6th.

Parent Support

For any PowerSchool/Schoology support please reach out our ETM System Administrator thru ahmed.mohamed@bis.edu.kw

BIS SY 22-23 Calendar

BIS Front Desk

You are welcome to contact BIS on ext. 8000 or 8040 and on School WhatsApp 22052822

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Registration is now Open for After-School Activities - Session B



Elementary and Middle School After-School Activities - Session B, is currently accepting registrations. Session A of After-School Activities will commence on November 21, 2022. We advise you to book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment since seats are limited, enrollment will be on a first come first serve basis. You can register and pay below. Kindly note that we have provided several payment links for families who want to pay for the entire year at once.

Registration

Please click here to sign up for session B - Elementary School
Please click here to sign up for session B - Middle & High School

ES After-School Activities Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
PSG (Group 1) I.T. Film Islamic/Quran	PSG (Group 2) Chess Cooking	PSG (Group 1) I.T. Film Islamic/Quran	PSG (Group 2) Chess Cooking

MS/HS After-School Activities Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Crochet Performing Arts Arabic Writing Islamic/Quran	Homework Chess Sports	Crochet Performing Arts Arabic Writing Islamic/Quran	Homework Chess Sports

Payment



Please click here to pay for 12 Sessions - 2 Days per week – KD 80
Please click here to pay for 24 Sessions - 4 Days per week – KD 155
Please click here to pay for 48 Sessions - 2 Days per week – KD 225
Please click here to pay for 96 Sessions - 4 Days per week – KD 375

For more information, please visit the After-School Activities section on our website or contact Mr. Jeff Chan, Athletics and Activities Coordinator at jeffery.chan@bis.edu.kw.

BIS New Uniform



Uniform purchases **ONLY** online by using this link. To follow up your order with the uniform store, you are welcome to communicate thru uniform@bis.edu.kw; online_services@bis.edu.kw .

We wish to gather your feedback about our new uniform by completing the following BIS New Uniform Survey by November 28, 2022.





Congratulations to our Grade 2 student **Bader Al Tabaikh** for getting the 3rd place in Abu Dubai World Professional JIU-JITSU Championship.

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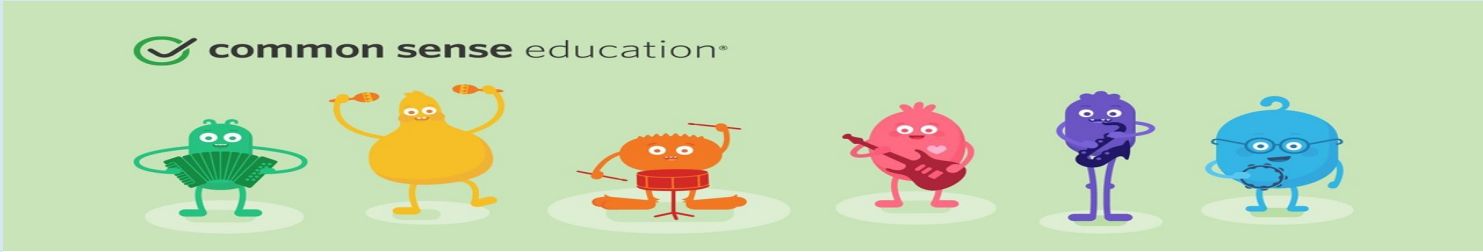
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Digital Citizenship Message from Mr. Alexandru



Grades K-5 Digital Citizenship Curriculum Letter to Parents

Dear parents and caregivers,

Your child is taking part in classroom lessons from **Common Sense Education**. Common Sense helps kids learn the habits and skills they need to use technology safely and responsibly in school, at home, and beyond.

WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?

Kids today may seem like experts at using technology, but the digital world requires all kinds of skills and habits that kids don't just pick up as they go. Digital citizenship helps them learn those skills.

The Common Sense lessons help kids in grades K-2 develop healthy media habits and learn how to be safe online. Lessons for kids in grades 3-5 continue to focus on screen time and online safety. Older kids also learn about how to recognize cyberbullying, what is and isn't OK to share online, and how to find credible news and information.

WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO

Common Sense Education provides resources to help you support your kid's learning. As we teach these lessons in class, we'll be sending home tip sheets, videos, and activities for you to do with your kids. You can visit the Common Sense website at www.commonsensemedia.org for more.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Working together with Common Sense Education, we can prepare today's kids to think critically and use tech in positive, creative, and powerful ways.

أعزائي والديّ الطالب(ة) والقائمين على تقديم الرعاية،

يتلقّى ولدكم دروساً في الصف من منهج منظمة **Common Sense Education (تعليم الحس السليم)**. تساعد منظمة Common Sense الأولاد على تعلّم العادات والمهارات التي يحتاجون إليها لاستخدام التكنولوجيا بأمان ومسؤولية في المدرسة والمنزل وما بعده.

ما هي المواطنة الرقمية (DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP)؟

قد يبدو الأولاد في يومنا الحاضر خبراء في استخدام التكنولوجيا، إلاّ أن العالم الرقمي يتطلّب جميع أنواع المهارات والعادات التي لا يكتسبها الأولاد بمجرد استخدامهم لها. إن المواطنة الرقمية تساعدهم على تعلّم تلك المهارات.

تساعد دروس Common Sense الأولاد في صفوف رياض الأطفال إلى الصف الثاني على تطوير عادات صحية وسليمة في استخدام الوسائط الإعلامية وتعلّم كيفيّة توخّي الأمان على الإنترنت. تواصل الدروس التي يتلقّاها أولاد الصف الثالث إلى الصف الخامس تركيزها على كلّ من شؤون الأوقات التي يقضيها الولد على شاشات الأجهزة الإلكترونية والهواتف، وشؤون السلامة على الإنترنت. يتعلّم الأولاد الأكبر سناً من ذلك كيفيّة التعرّف على التسلّط والتنمّر على الإنترنت (Cyberbullying)، وما هو المسموح به أو المحظور مشاركته مع الغير على الإنترنت، وكيفيّة العثور على أخبار ومعلومات جديرة بالثقة.

ما يمكن للأسر أن تفعله في هذا الشأن

تقدّم Common Sense Education موارداً لكم لمساعدتكم في دعم تعلّم ولدكم. وأثناء قيامنا بتدريس هذه الدروس في الصف، سنرسل لكم إلى منزلكم صفحات تحتوي على نصائح حول هذا الموضوع وأشرطة فيديو وأنشطة للقيام بها مع أولادكم. يمكنكم زيارة موقع منظمة Common Sense الإلكتروني على العنوان التالي www.commonsensemedia.org للحصول على مزيد من المعلومات.

نرجو منكم ألاّ تترددوا بالاتصال بنا حول أي سؤال قد يكون لديكم. بفضل عملنا سوياً مع منظمة Common Sense Education، يمكننا إعداد أولاد اليوم للتفكير النقدي واستخدام التكنولوجيا بطرق إيجابية وإبداعية وقوية.

Message Regarding *"I Read Arabic"* Application

To avoid the errors resulting from the maintenance and improvement processes, please follow the following recommendations:

- Students who use the application should delete it from their devices and reinstall it again.
- Students who use the website should log out, clear the cache on their devices, and log in again to their accounts.

The attached video explains how a clear cache is done.

لتفادي الأخطاء الواردة في منصة أنا أقرأ بسبب صيانة البرنامج وتطويره أرجو اتباع توصيات القائمين بالمنصة التالية:

- جميع الطلاب الذين يستخدمون التطبيق عليهم بأن يحذفوه من أجهزتهم ويعيدوا تحميله مرة أخرى.
- أما الطلاب الذين يستخدمون الموقع الإلكتروني عليهم بتسجيل الخروج و عمل Clear cache لأجهزتهم ثم الدخول لحساباتهم مرة أخرى.

وبهذا سيكون البرنامج فعال، ومرفق فيديو يوضح طريقة عمل Clear cache

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