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KG/ES Bi-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Principal Message



Dear BIS Families,

It seems that the days and weeks leading up to a major break/vacation always get very full, and this year is certainly no exception. ***Thank-you BIS PTA*** *for hosting the well-received 70s 80s 90s Event. There was so much for students to see and do, and great fun was had by all!*

By the time you read this, students will have collected a lot of donations and enjoyed a free dress-day. This is to support the school's Guards and Nannies, who work hard to keep the school safe and clean. What makes this event so special is that the Student Council thought of this idea and planned and executed it. I hope it is a resounding success, which encourages our Student Council to think of even more ways to positively impact their community.

I hope that you are able to join us for Winter Wonderland next week, our first Winter-concert in 3 years! Usually I have a lot to say, but I will keep my message short, because there is a very important message in this newsletter from Ms. Catie.

As this is the last newsletter prior to the Winter Break, on behalf of Ms. Catie, Ms. Hanin, and the entire KG/ES Staff, we wish you a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating Winter Break. We look forward to welcoming students back on January 3.

Yours in Learning,
Mr. Sven

Mask Donation to BIS

Special thanks to the Ghazi Alabdulrazzak Co. and the donation of hundreds of high quality face masks. Due to their generous donation, we are able to give each student 4 masks, and still have a number left to have in the clinic.

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To be clear: There is **no** mask mandate, and we are **not** asking students to wear masks. However, we have noticed that there is an increase in student absences due to cold and flu-like symptoms. A number of families are planning on traveling over the Winter Break, and the masks can be part of preventing illness. In short, students who want to wear a mask at school are welcome to do so.

Parent Support

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

Dates to Remember: Dec & Jan

Dec 5-13	ES Arabic & Islamic Exams—See attached
Dec 11-15	Winter Spirit Week
Dec 13	Winter Pastries with the Principals 7:45-8:45 AM
Dec 14	Winter Wonderland @5:00—7:00 PM Students Arrive @ 4:30 PM
Dec 15	Chocolate Milk Morning All Students Dismissed @11:45 AM
Dec 18-Jan 2	Winter Holiday
Jan 3	School Resumes



Dates for KG

Jan 12	Rainbow Week

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Special Message to BIS Families from AP, Ms. Catie



Dear KG/ES students and families,

With much difficulty, I am writing to inform you that the next school year 2022-2023 will be my last school year at BIS. This decision did not come easily for me as BIS has become a second family for me. Throughout my time at BIS I have experienced an immense amount of personal and professional growth, for which I will be forever grateful for.

I have gotten to know BIS' students and families well over the last several years, and am very appreciative of the partnership and collaboration between the school and home. I am hopeful that BIS will continue to be an environment where all students are advocated for and given a personalized experience. I will continue following BIS' progress and growth, no matter where I am.

I am looking forward to making the most of my last year in Kuwait and at BIS. I am confident that BIS will continue to grow and believe that BIS will always be a special place for its staff, students, and families.

Mr. Sven and the KG/ES Leadership Team are finishing up the recruitment process. I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition. At the end of the year, I will be moving home to the US. I am looking forward to living in my new home and spending time with family more regularly.

Sincerely,
Ms. Catie

Winter Wonderland Student Arrival



Students are asked to be back at school at 4:30 PM as the concert starts at 5 PM. Students will be with their homeroom teachers on the ground floor, ready to perform. Once students are finished, they will wait in a designated area until the interval (intermission) and parents can pick them up then.

Scholastic Book Order

Apologies to families who ordered from Scholastic Books: Unfortunately our school's book order has been held up in customs. We are very sorry for the delay and hope to get the book orders to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Earthquake Drill



On Wednesday, students participated in Earthquake and Lock-Down drills. Students did very well, especially during the Lock-down drill which can be quite frightening for younger students.

Winter Spirit Week

Sunday Dec. 11th	Monday Dec. 12th	Tuesday Dec. 13th	Wednesday Dec. 14th	Thursday Dec. 15th
Winter Clothes ⇒ ***Wear an ugly sweater and all your coziest winter gear.***	**Red/Green Day** ⇒ ***Grab your red and green clothes.*** Exceed Toy Store - Monday Gift Give Away Outline	**Winter Animals** ⇒ ***Dress like your favorite winter animals (penguin, reindeer, polar bear, narwhal)***	**Bisht Day** ⇒ ***Wear your warmest bisht.*** ⇒ **Winter Wonderland at Night**	**Hot Chocolate Day** ⇒ ***Pajama Day***

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BIS Clinic Message



Greetings!

We still seem to be seeing many students with colds and flu. 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 . If your child needs to take medication during school hours, it is important to send the consent form with clear instructions. This is the best and safest way for us to ensure your child gets the correct medication at the correct times.

Student screening is completed for KG and Elementary students. The Ministry doctor was also in and performed a check up for all grade 2 students. She will be returning to do the annual check for KG2 boys as well. If you have a male student in KG2, watch for the permission form to come out. If we don't have the form returned, we won't be able to check your son, so please return it as soon as possible.

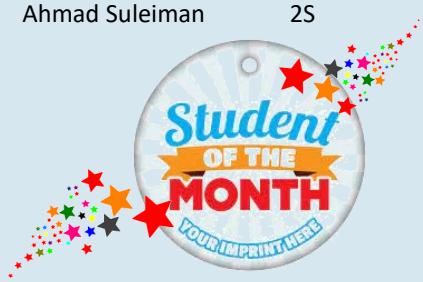
Students in grade 5 will be receiving mandatory immunizations this year. We do not have a date yet, but consent forms have been sent out. Please return them as soon as possible so we are prepared. Emails have been sent to all households that have not yet returned their form. **If you need a form, email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

We hope you all have a healthy and restful winter break.

Student of the Month



Faisal Al Enezi	KG1L
Mansour Al Mazidi	KG1S
Rayan Abualkibash	KG2M
Rana Al Jeri	KG2S
Sia Subba	1V
Mohamed Hassan	1M
Leen Al -Taani	2M
Ahmad Suleiman	2S
Mariam Al Khamis	3D
Joe Assaf	3M
Monai Al Houli	4W
Reem Al Mutairi	4R
Shaikhah Al Sharqawi	5D
Nadia El Farra	5N



Thank you for supporting the student council



Arabic Distinguished Reading Competition



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 .

BIS Front Desk

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

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