



Director Quarterly Newsletter

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PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER:

- Curious Thinkers . Active Participants.
Compassionate Citizens . Lifelong Learners

BIS VALUES:

- Be Kind . Be Brave . Be Strong . Be You

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October 9 : PD day/Online Office Hours
for Students from 7:30 – 9:30 am.

October 26-30: Mid-Semester
Holiday.

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Message from the Director:

Dear BIS Families,

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for joining us at yesterday's Parent Open House. It was a truly amazing evening, filled with warmth, energy, and connection. We heard from so many parents who expressed their appreciation, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

This year, our school-wide goals, as outlined in the School Improvement Plan (2024–2027), focus on four key areas: **Assessment, Global Citizenship, Reading & Writing, and Inclusion**. Here's how each of these goals will come to life at BIS: assessment will emphasize consistent practices so that feedback is meaningful and helps students grow; global citizenship will be strengthened by embedding sustainability, service, and intercultural understanding into learning; reading and writing will be enhanced through school-wide strategies to build confident readers and writers; and inclusion will remain a priority to ensure that all students feel supported, valued, and part of the BIS community.

Our timeline for these goals is set across three years:

- 2024–2025: Laying the foundations through planning, baseline data, and early implementation - completed.
- 2025–2026: Deepening implementation and monitoring progress.
- 2026–2027: Sustaining practices and evaluating long-term impact.

Looking ahead, please note that teachers will be engaged in professional development on October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During this time, students will not attend school; however, online learning hours will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

- For KG/ES students, staff will set a few tasks that students can complete from home. Students will have an opportunity to enter a Zoom meeting with their homeroom teacher between 7:30-7:50 am and 9:10-9:30 am if they need any assistance with the task the teacher has set. Specialist teachers will similarly be available from 8:00-8:40 am.
- For MS/HS students, we will be offering optional online office hours where students may reach out to their teachers if they need support. The schedule will be as follows: 7:30–8:00 a.m.: English & Social Studies, 8:00–8:30 a.m.: Math & Science, 8:30–9:00 a.m.: Specialists, and 9:00–9:30 a.m.: Arabic. Teachers will also assign homework for the online learning hours, and the Zoom sessions will provide an opportunity for students to seek clarification if needed. Please note that these sessions are optional, and attendance will not be taken. Zoom links will be shared closer to the time.

In addition, our October break will run from October 26 to October 30, giving everyone a chance to rest and recharge after a wonderful start to the school year.

We thank you once again for your ongoing partnership and support. BIS is a strong and caring community, and together, we are creating an inspiring environment for our students.

With gratitude,

Kevin Fullbrook
Director, Al-Bayan International School



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Congratulations to Our BIS PTA!

We are pleased to congratulate and welcome the newly elected members of the BIS Parent Teacher Association (PTA): Ms. Haya Almutairi, Ms. Nouf Alazemi, Ms. Noor Alajeel, Ms. Haya Asi, Dr. Entisar Al Hendal, Ms. Ahlam Saleh, Ms. Sarah Al-Faqaan, Ms. Dana Sandid, Ms. Noura AlHadbah, Mrs. Reidun McCurdy, Ms. Wadad Sharif, Ms. Noor AlTamimi, Mr. Chadi Krayem, and Mr. Bilal Halabi. We look forward to their contributions in supporting our school community throughout the year.

Upcoming CIS Accreditation:

I would like to inform you about our upcoming CIS accreditation process. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards of excellence, Al-Bayan International School (BIS) has entered its next accreditation cycle with the Council of International Schools (CIS).

We submitted our preparatory report in June 2025, and the preparatory visit is scheduled to take place from November 11 to 13, 2025. This visit will include classroom observations, as well as meetings with parents and students.

An accreditation committee has been formed, and our action plan is well underway. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress and any developments related to this important process.

Our Updated Guiding Statements:

Over the past six months, our community of students, staff, parents, and the Board has worked together to refresh the guiding statements for Al-Bayan International School. These updated statements are now in place and displayed around the school to guide us from this academic year.

The next step is to involve our students in making these statements more meaningful by creating child-friendly versions that are engaging and relevant for all ages.

Thank you for your support in this important process—we are excited to see how these statements come to life with our students.

Dates To Remember:

- **October 5:** World Teachers' Day.
- **October 6:** Last Chance to Submit the Yearbook Cover Design.
- **October 9:** PD day/Online Office Hours for Students from 7:30 – 9:30 am.
- **October 12-16:** Arabic Green Week.
- **October 26-30:** Mid-Semester Holiday.
- **November 2:** End of Quarter 1.
- **November 3:** Progress Report Sent Home.
- **November 4-5:** P-T Conferences 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Student dismissal at 11:35 am for KG/ES; 11:40 am for MS/HS.
- **November 6:** P-T Conferences 8:30 am – 11:30 am. No school for students. Early release at 12:00 pm for staff.
- **November 27:** PD day/Online Office Hours for Students from 7:30 – 9:30 am.

Mission Statement: At Al-Bayan International School, we nurture a supportive and diverse community where every learner is inspired to grow, empowered to reach their full potential, and prepared to contribute to the world.