

# DIRECTOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Director

Dear BIS Community,

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! At BIS, we are committed to providing your child(ren) with rich learning experiences. I personally believe in, and take pride in always doing what is best for students. We will continue use this guiding principle when making decisions about our school.

This year, BIS is beginning the year with approx. 431 students. I look forward to meeting all of you and seeing all the familiar faces of our returning families and new families in our Open House. Our focus and theme for this school year is High Quality Teaching and Learning (HQTL). Our staff are primed and eager to embark on the focus on HQTL. Our emphasis is on helping students become lifelong learners who have compassion for others and the world around them. We believe that educating the whole child for student academic and social success. We continue to monitor our instructional model to fit with educational research and development. Our principles of learning include:

1. Believing all students can learn - I can learn.
2. Establishing positive student-teacher relationships - I get along with my classmates and my teacher.
3. Addressing social and emotional wellbeing - I feel safe and welcome at school.
4. Creating a safe place for risk taking in learning - Mistakes are part of learning.
5. Adhering to standards and meeting students where they area - I know what I am supposed to learn and do.
6. Engaging students in learning, goal setting, and monitoring - I set and achieve my own learning goals.
7. Assessing student understanding daily to adjust teaching - I know how to show my learning.
8. Establishing equitable and inclusive practices - I am included and I include others.

Whether you are new to BIS or have been part of our school community for some time, please accept my personal invitation to partner with us as we prepare our students for the future. Wishing you all a joyous start to the year.

In Partnership,

Dr. Zak Palsha



## Open House

BIS Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for all school levels. This is a chance for families to come visit BIS and see their child's classroom, learn about the curricular program, hear about our athletics and after school activities program, and seek other important information about BIS. We are looking forward to seeing you all!



## BIS Uniform Sales Center

As you are aware, we are still waiting to receive all new uniform shipments. The expected arrival of uniforms as per [TRUTEX](#) report will be in October. We will let you know when the sales and exchange operations will open. BIS students can wear the old uniform or a grey polo with black/dark blue pants until the new uniform arrives. We thank you for your patience, and we believe that when the new uniform arrives, the improvement in quality will be worth the wait. We look forward to this positive change. We will have another opportunity to gather your feedback after the first year of wearing the new school uniform.

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## Reminders “Drop off & Pick up” and “Parent Waiting Area”

We would like to remind you that all Grades 1-5 students should be dropped off at Gate 1 each morning for arrival and picked up each afternoon for dismissal. Gate 2 is used for Grades 6-12. Gate 4 is used for KG1-KG2. All students should be dropped off and picked up promptly in the following times: KG 1 and KG 2: 7:20 am – 12:35 pm; Grades 1 – 5: 7:20 am – 2:00 pm; Grades 6-12: 7:20 am – 2:05 pm. Families are welcome to wait for their children in the Parent Waiting Area if they arrived the school before the dismissal times.



## Weather Safety at BIS

Time spent outdoors is an important part of the school day. Children should be exposed to fresh air and exercise. However, there are times when it is not safe for students to be outside. To ensure that we provide a safe environment for our children, we have daily AQI checks by the central office using [Kuwait City US Embassy Air Quality Station](#). The necessary action will be communicated by the administration school-wide when applicable. If there is any doubt, the Principals will make the decision as to whether or not students may go outside. Please read the [Family & Student Handbooks](#) should you have any questions.

## Family and Student Handbooks for SY 22/23

BIS Family and Student handbooks for the school year 2022-2023 are posted on the website. Click [here](#) to view the full version of the KG & ES Family and Student handbook. Click [here](#) to view the full version of the MS & HS Family and Student handbook.



## NESA 22-23 Parents Virtual Sessions

BIS families are invited to join NESA community in the 2022 - 2023 Parents as Partners Virtual Series: Manage Your Family's Screen Time So It Doesn't Manage You. We have posted the details on the [website](#). Here's the [letter](#) and the [poster](#).



## Session A of After-School Activities

The session A of After-School Activities will commence on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. All information will be sent to all families via email on Wednesday, 21 September 2022. Details will be shared with families at our Open House event. You may contact Mr. Jeff Chan, Athletics and Activities Coordinator at [jeffery.chan@bis.edu.kw](mailto:jeffery.chan@bis.edu.kw) for more information.



## RunKuwait

RunKuwait is back and Al-Bayan International School is ready. We are counting on our BIS community to register with us and take part in this charity fun race. Staff, students, and families, help us make this great cause one of our strongest community events. Race day is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 am at Marina Crescent. Please click [here](#) to know how you can join us. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on race day. Please use this code to register RK22-BIS. Register by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Dates to Remember

**September 21:** Open House from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

**September 22:** College Fair for Seniors at 12 pm in the MPR organized by Univer Kuwait School Tours.

**September 26:** College Fair for Seniors at 12 pm in the MPR organized by Gulf EduTours.

**October (First 2 Weeks):** MAP Testing – dates and timings will be shared soon with all families.

**October 2:** Session A of After School Activities Begin.

**October 8:** Prophet's birthday holiday (tentative).

**October 11:** PD Day for staff, all students released at 12:00 pm (No After-School or KG Clubs).

**October 29:** RunKuwait starts at 7:30 am at Marina Crescent.



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