

DIRECTOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Director

Dear BIS Community,

As we start the second semester, I would firstly like to say thank you all for the support that you have given to each other and our whole school community since September; as always, it is greatly appreciated. Teachers will be wrapping up their grades on January 22, 2023 and the report cards distribution on January 25th.

It has been amazing to meet with families and host a variety of events and activities for the students and parents including Open House, Winter Wonderland, International Day, Students Award Assemblies, etc. Some upcoming events in the second semester, BIS will host Sports Days, National & Liberation Days celebrations, Movie Night, Arabic Reading Challenge, and more with collaborating with BIS PTA. We also have a lot of field trips and overseas trips planned.

Please remember that we are here to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child achieves their potential.

In Partnership,
Dr. Zak Palsha

Healthcare and Wellness Offer for FAWSEC, BIS and BBS

Fawzia Sultan Healthcare Network (FSHN) is pleased to offer FAWSEC, BBS, and BIS staff, students and direct family members access to their healthcare services at special discounted rates. 20% * discount on Rehabilitation services, Pediatric services, Psychoeducational and neuropsychological assessments for students, KD 55 for Mental health and Wellness Department services, 50% discount on initial assessments for pediatric physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, and behavioral therapy, KD 10 per session instead of the regular 15 KWD for Mind and Body Services. In addition, FSHN will provide 2 educational workshops per academic year for FAWSEC Educational Co. The topics will be agreed upon with the Directors of the schools ahead of time. Please click [here](#) to view the whole details. The Healthcare and Wellness Offer is posted on our BIS [website](#).



Arabic Reading Challenge Collaborating with BIS

Encouraging our students to build their reading skills is essential. The Arabic reading challenge will start on January 29, 2023 to February 2, 2023 in cooperation with BIS PTA. The reading challenge is for students in KG1-Grade 8 through "I read Arabic" platform, "I start Arabic" platform for AFL students or any websites, stories that they have. The percentage of reading stories will be counted with recording our students' voices. More details will be sending to our families soon.

MS & HS Semester Exams

Students in BIS Middle & High School completed their semester exams and ended the semester on Thursday. School administrators said they were pleased with how engaged students were and are looking forward to a great second semester.

Library Book

Report Cards distributions are on January 25, 2023. Report cards of students who have overdue library books will be held until students return their books or pay books' replacement fine.



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National & Liberation Days and Isra'a & Miraj Holidays

Based on the decision issued by the Kuwaiti Council of Ministers General Secretariat and the announcement issued by the Civil Service Commission regarding Israa & Miraj and National & Liberation Days holidays, please be informed that Sunday, 19 February 2023 will be a holiday for the occasion of Israa and Miraj. BIS will be resumed on Monday 20 February 2023. For the National & Liberation Days holiday, BIS will be closed from Thursday, 23 February 2023 through Monday, 27 February 2023. BIS will be resumed on Tuesday, 28 February 2023. Please note that this is a change for our original [calendar](#).

Report Cards Sent Home

Please take the time to go over your child's report card with him/her next week. They will go home with students on Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 2023. We are halfway through the school year, so now is the time for us to work together to get our students where they need to be to ensure they move on to the next grade level at the end of the year! Please return envelope of report cards to school no later than Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Session C of After-School Activities

Session C of After-School Activities will commence on February 5th, 2023. The registration information was sent by email today. 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 may contact Mr. Jeff Chan, Athletics and Activities Coordinator at jeffery.chan@bis.edu.kw for more information.

BIS Winter Wonderland 2022/2023 Survey

For those who attended the Winter Wonderland event on December 14th, 2022, we'd appreciate your feedback to help us improve the event for the future. Please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#). Please click [here](#) to watch a Winter Wonderland event video.

Overall Attendance for 1st Semester

Attendance continues to remain a high priority for BIS and we are very proud of the commitment. BIS attendance for the 1st semester is **95.4 %**.

BIS Uniform Sales Center

As we mentioned before that another item of the new uniform has arrived. We encourage our students to wear their new uniform in the second semester, which starts on January 22, 2023. Students who have polyester allergy can wear the alternatives. We are still waiting on a few other items to be delivered including cotton shirts. You can visit our website to see all the various uniform options and the new arrived item (P.E Sweatpants). Being a transition year with the new uniform supplier and the issues faced with shipping; we appreciate your patience and support. We look forward to the rest of the items arriving soon and will be doing another survey at the end of the year when the full uniform is here to receive feedback from families.

Dates to Remember

January 22: -KG After-School Club Semester 2 Begins.
-Last day to return the Puberty letter from Gr. 6 & 7 students.
January 24: PD Day for Staff; Student dismissal at 11:40 am for MS/HS and 11:45 am for KG/ES.
January 25: Report cards sent home.
February 5: After-School Clubs Begin.
February 14: PD Day for Staff; Student dismissal at 11:40 am for MS/HS 11:45 am for KG/ES.
February 19: Isra'a & Miraj Holiday.
February 23-27: National & Liberation Days Holiday.

Field Trips Dates

January 30: -KG1 Field Trip to Muroj Farm @ 8:30 am.
-Gr. 9D to Sheikh AACC @ 8:30 am.
January 31: Gr. 9A to Sheikh AACC @ 8:30 am.
February 2: Gr. 11 to Bait Alothman Museum @ 8:30 am.
February 5: Gr. 6 to Argan Bedaya @ 8:30 am.
February 6: Gr. 7 to Argan Bedaya @ 8:30 am.
February 7: Gr. 5 to Argan Bedaya @ 8:30 am.
February 8: Gr. 4 to Argan Bedaya @ 8:30 am.
February 9: Gr. 3 to Argan Bedaya @ 8:30 am.
February 10-18: Seniors trip to Italy.