



# *The School Buzz*

## Director's Note

As we kicked off this school year, we joyfully welcomed over 1,500 students, all eager to connect with new friends and dive into their studies. From the very start, our students embraced learning with enthusiasm, setting the tone for a term filled with academic dedication. This year, our school celebrated a significant milestone as we welcomed our first-ever seniors. We marked their Last First Day and held a special senior jacket distribution ceremony, acknowledging their journey ahead. We're incredibly proud of their achievements and the progress they've made in this important year of their educational journey.

Throughout the term, our school organized various activities, making Term 1 an enjoyable and enriching experience for our students. On National Day, our school community gathered on campus, with parents joining in, creating a vibrant celebration together. The sight of our students proudly wearing traditional attire was truly remarkable.

A heartfelt thank you to every member of our school community for their unwavering support throughout the term.

**Neil Smooker**

School Director



## IN THIS ISSUE

### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

### NEWS & UPDATES

Welcoming New Teachers & Orientation Week

Back-to-School Event

Community Police Visit

Seniors' Last First Day

Bookmark Workshop

Stand Up for Respect Campaign

Mental Math Competition

World Heart Day

World Teachers' Day

International Handwashing Day

Fire Drill

Senior Jackets Ceremony

Plant a Seed

Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

Healthy Food Day

Flag Day

Creative Hat Day

U.A.E. National Day

STEAM Clubs

### SCHOOL TRIPS



## News & Updates

### Welcoming New Teachers & Orientation Week

As ISC-Umm Al Quwain prepared for the 2023-2024 academic year, we extended a warm welcome to a cohort of talented and dedicated new teachers, enriching the fabric of our school community.

Even before the academic year officially commenced, our school set the tone with a well-organized Orientation Week. This pivotal event served as an invaluable platform not only for the induction of our new educators but also for the ongoing development of our returning staff.

Throughout the introduction to the academic year, our teachers engaged in enriching training sessions tailored to enhance their teaching skills and adaptability in the dynamic educational landscape. Moreover, during the productive sessions, the school fostered a vibrant atmosphere with team-building activities that encouraged collaboration, mutual understanding, and teamwork among both new and returning faculty members. This collective effort reinforced our unwavering commitment to nurturing a supportive and cohesive teaching community within the vibrant halls of ISC-Umm Al Quwain, ensuring a thriving environment for both educators and students alike.



*The school fostered a vibrant atmosphere with team-building activities.*



### Back-to-School Event

The school's initial week, from August 28 to 31, was a vibrant celebration, warmly welcoming new and returning students and their families.

This year's theme was The Year of New Heights! Our campus was embellished with colorful hot air balloons, creating a cheerful and vibrant atmosphere. Laughter and excitement filled the air as everyone embraced the start of an academic journey together.







## Community Police Visit

On August 29, our school received a special visit from the Umm Al Quwain community police. Their friendly presence added enthusiasm to our first day back!

They took the time to welcome each student, offering friendly advice that was easy to remember: follow the rules and listen carefully to instructions. Their encouraging words set a positive tone for the entire school year ahead. It was wonderful to see how much they care about our safety and happiness at school.

We're grateful for their visit, which reminded us of the importance of creating a safe and respectful environment for everyone to learn and grow.





## Seniors' Last First Day

As we step into Term 2, we take a moment to look back on a significant event from the previous term—the Last First Day celebrated by our seniors on August 28.

On that day, they started their final year, embracing the shift from seniors to leaders. That day marked the start of a journey that has seen remarkable growth and progress. The Class of 2024 has consistently demonstrated their potential for leadership and resilience throughout the school year.

As they edge closer to graduation, we eagerly anticipate the incredible paths they'll forge and the positive impact they'll have. The memories and achievements from Term 1 set the stage for an inspiring and promising year ahead for our seniors.



## Bookmark Workshop

ISC-Umm Al Quwain and Umm Al Quwain community police collaborated to organize a workshop on bullying prevention for students in grades 5 and 6, with the objective of educating them on the negative impacts of bullying and providing strategies to address it.



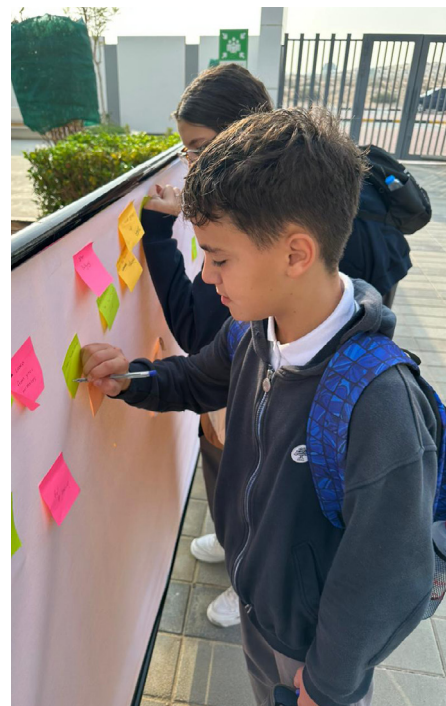


## Stand Up for Respect Campaign

The Stand Up for Respect campaign was an important initiative that was launched to promote kindness and understanding among our students.

During interactive sessions, students engaged in discussions and role-playing activities to understand the impact of their words and actions on others, emphasizing the value of respect without causing harm. Alongside these activities, students also took part in spreading positivity by writing uplifting messages to encourage kindness throughout our school community.

Additionally, we were fortunate to have a visit from our community police officers, who shared insights on the same subject, enriching our discussions about creating a respectful environment. This campaign underscores our commitment to ensuring that everyone feels valued and respected within our school community.



## Mental Math Competition

Our Grade 3 students took part in a fun and challenging mental math competition. They showed off their math skills and received certificates for their efforts.

The atmosphere was full of enthusiasm as they enjoyed solving challenging math problems and demonstrated their love for numbers.



## World Heart Day

Marking World Heart Day, our school celebrated the importance of healthy hearts!

As part of a thoughtful initiative led by our hardworking Grade 11 and 12 students, our school organized a heart screening event exclusively for our dedicated staff members.



Through careful monitoring of blood pressure and oxygen levels, our students ensured the cardiac well-being of our school's invaluable heroes.



## World Teachers' Day

Our students came together in a beautiful display of gratitude and appreciation on World Teachers' Day.

The day was dedicated to celebrating our exceptional educators, as our students filled it with heartfelt gestures. Handwritten compliment cards decorated with genuine messages and thoughtful sentiments, accompanied by delightful breakfast packs, offered as a small token of gratitude for their tireless efforts in shaping our future leaders.





## International Handwashing Day

International Handwashing Day was a hands-on success at our school! Our nurses took an engaging approach by visiting KG classrooms, where they shared an interactive handwashing tutorial.

Through a lively video demonstration, our young learners discovered the importance of proper handwashing techniques in a fun and educational session.

## Fire Drill

Our students and staff exhibited exceptional teamwork during our previous term's fire drill, showcasing a remarkable dedication to safety. The unity and coordinated efforts displayed during that drill highlight our ongoing commitment to making safety a top priority within our school community.



*International Handwashing Day was a hands-on success at our school!*



## Senior Jackets Ceremony

The Senior Jackets Distribution Ceremony filled the Class of 2024 with warmth and delight as they gathered for a celebratory breakfast.

The joy of receiving their senior jackets filled the room as we celebrated together, marking the start of unforgettable memories for the academic year.



## Plant a Seed

Our KG 2 students had an amazing experience planting seeds! They took on the responsibility of watering and looking after their seeds every day. Their joy grew along with the plants, and after a while, these little seeds turned into thriving plants!

The most rewarding part was when the students took these plants home, a testament to their hard work and their newfound understanding of how things grow. It was a hands-on lesson that taught them about caring for nature and the joy of seeing their efforts bloom.

---

*The most rewarding part was when the students took these plants home, a testament to their hard work and their newfound understanding of how things grow.*

---



## Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

In a remarkable show of support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, our school united to paint our campus pink.

Students took charge by distributing ribbons, while our dedicated staff proudly wore pink throughout the month.

Collaborating with doctors from Umm Al Quwain Hospital further enriched our campaign, as they imparted knowledge and highlighted the importance of early detection. Together, we aimed to not only raise awareness but also make a meaningful impact in the ongoing battle against breast cancer.

---

*Together, we aimed to not only raise awareness but also make a meaningful impact in the ongoing battle against breast cancer.*

---





## Healthy Food Day

Our KG 1 and KG 2 students engaged in a delightful exploration of healthy eating habits, which was both educational and enjoyable.

Through a series of engaging activities, they discovered the importance of nutritious meals, crafted vibrant and colorful plates, participated in entertaining games, and savored the deliciousness of various fruits. It was a joyous and enriching experience for our young learners.





## Flag Day

Celebrating the U.A.E. Flag Day in November was a proud and colorful moment for our students.

With great enthusiasm, they raised the U.A.E. flag high and were dressed in vibrant clothes reflecting the flag's colors.

It was a spirited and heartfelt tribute, showcasing our students' deep respect and love for our national symbol, and fostering a sense of unity and pride among our school community.



## Creative Hat Day

On Creative Hat Day, our youngest students from Pre-KG to Grade 1 showcased their boundless imagination by crafting and proudly wearing an array of imaginative hats.

From whimsical designs to daring creations, our school came alive with vibrant displays of creativity. The atmosphere was electric as students paraded their unique hats, adding a touch of individuality to our school day.



## U.A.E. National Day

We celebrated the 52<sup>nd</sup> U.A.E. National Day with a wonderful event that filled the air with unity and happiness. Our students joyfully took part of the celebration marking another milestone for our great nation. Happy 52<sup>nd</sup> National Day to our beloved U.A.E.





## STEAM Clubs

Our students who are participating in STEAM clubs have completed the first term's program and have been awarded certificates of completion. Keep an eye out for more updates on their incredible journey of learning and discovery!



## School Trips

Our young students from KG 2 to Grade 3 enjoyed a fun field trip to KidZania in Term 1, sparking their curiosity and excitement for learning! The radiant smiles on their faces vividly expressed the sheer delight they experience during these unforgettable trips.



To know more about ISC-Umm Al Quwain, visit  
**[iscummalquwain.sabis.net](https://iscummalquwain.sabis.net)**



*Education for a changing world.*

North America | South America | Europe | Africa | Asia

Member of the **SABIS®** Network