



# *The School Buzz*



## Message from the Director

This newsletter marks the end of a very successful and challenging year at ISC-Umm Al Quwain. I am very fortunate to work with such an enthusiastic school community with all stakeholders, students, parents, and staff who do their utmost to

ensure that student learning opportunities and personal growth are maximized. Of particular note is the return to face-to-face learning, which was successfully embraced by all. I wish the colleagues, students, and families who are leaving all the best in their future pursuits. A special and huge thank you goes to Mrs. Guilfoyle who is retiring after 28 years of dedicated service at ISC-Umm Al Quwain. Mrs. Guilfoyle was an inaugural staff member of the school when it opened in 1993 with 25 students. She has been responsible for leading the school towards the strong position it is in today and has made a huge impact on the lives of hundreds of students and their families. On behalf of the ISC-Umm Al Quwain community, I wish her all the best in the future.

**Neil Smooker, School Director**

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## News & Updates

### Mrs. Guilfoyle Walk of Honor

June 2022

This day was a very emotional event for every student, teacher, and staff member but most of all, to Mrs. Margaret Guilfoyle who gave ISC-Umm Al Quwain a lot during the past 30 years: Care, effort, support, and not to forget the kindness she sprinkles like confetti wherever she goes.

*We love you, Mrs. Guilfoyle, thank you for everything! Have a fulfilling retirement!*



### Grade 8 Students Participate in SABIS® STARS 2022

May-June 2022

Our Grade 8 talented students were very excited to participate in the SABIS® STARS 2022 competition. This event was back this year and was virtual for the first time.



Aisha Humaid joined the Creative Writing category, while Xinya Meng and Ali Shaltoni represented ISC-Umm Al Quwain in the Science Incubator category. They amazed us with their creativity and they surely had a great experience.



We are so proud of all the efforts they have put into this event!

### SABIS® Robotics Competition

June 2022

Our Grade 7 students, Fatma Alghas and Hour Abu Goush, participated in the SABIS® Robotics Competition 2022 with 13 other SABIS® schools in the country. The efforts and hard work they showed were outstanding!





## End-of-Year Gathering June 2022

The 2021-2022 end-of-year gathering was so much fun, yet very emotional as we said goodbye to many ISC-Umm Al Quwain family members wishing them the best of luck in their new path and appreciating the years they offered to our school during their flourishing careers.



## Art of Recycle Workshop June 2022

It was a great pleasure to host the Art of Recycle workshop, which is the largest edition of the A.R.M. Holding Children's Programme, launched in schools across the U.A.E.

This workshop provided our Grade 5 students with a great opportunity to develop their interest and love for art.

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*We are proud of the masterpieces they created!*

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## E-Safety Campaign

May 2022

The aim of the E-safety campaign was to create awareness and increase the understanding of cyber threats such as viruses, fraud, or any other form of online attacks. Our students showed very responsible behavior online. We encouraged them to maintain this mindset while using any form of online technology.



## Child Protection Campaign

May 2022

The purpose of this campaign was to protect children from all forms of harm, negligence, and abuse. Our students prepared very informative presentations about children's rights and suggested protection plans to keep them safe and to help them reach their full potential.

Our staff members also attended a Child Protection session during which we discussed abuse signs and symptoms, and reporting procedures, in order to maintain a healthy environment at all times, whereby students feel secure, valued, encouraged, and listened to.



## Arabic Week

May-June 2022

ISC-Umm Al Quwain students celebrated Arabic week by diving into Arabic calligraphy during a very interesting workshop with Rie Nakao, a talented Japanese Arabic Calligraphy artist.





## Student Achievements

### Student Becomes Member of CAC

April 2022

ISC-Umm Al Quwain is thrilled to announce that Fatma Ahmad Alghas, one of our brilliant Grade 7 students, was selected as a member of the Children’s Advisory Council (C.A.C.) in the U.A.E (years 2022 – 2025).



### Ballet Certificates Ceremony

May-June 2022

ISC-Umm Al Quwain Director, Mr. Neil Smooker, and our Ballet teacher, Ms. Anuka Levanovici, proudly distributed certificates to our talented ballet students, to celebrate the tremendous effort, strength, and energy they have put in their ballet practice this year.



### Gymnastics Certificates Ceremony

June 2022

Flexibility, power, and balance are what it takes to make a great gymnastics student. However, our students have shown much more qualities that made them deserve the certificates distributed to them, by our school Director, Mr. Neil Smooker, and Ms. Andreea Cristea, our Gymnastics Teacher.

*The fun they had and the memories they made this year, will surely remain a lifetime.*





## School Trips

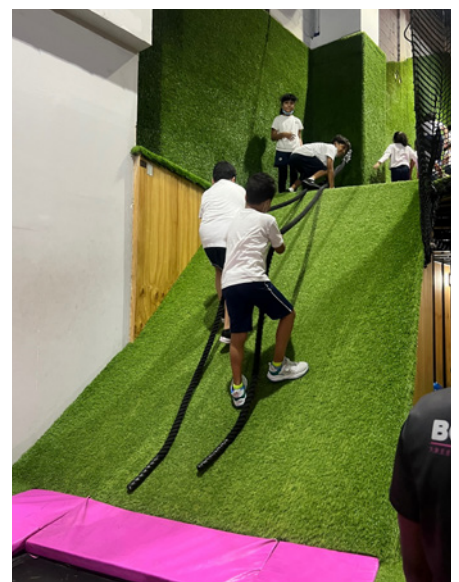
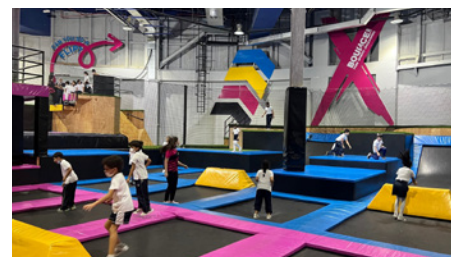
### Grade 1 Trip to Little Explorers in Mirdif June 2022

Our Grade 1 students had a great time at Little Explorers, where they enjoyed a mixture of educational and entertaining activities.



### Grade 2 Trip to Bounce X in Dubai June 2022

Our Grade 2 students had an amazing day full of wonder at Bounce X, where they experienced new adventures and so many fun challenges.





**Pre-KG & KG 1 Trip to My Play Zone in Umm Al Quwain**  
**June 2022**

Knowing the importance of play in children development, our Pre-KG and KG 1 students experienced a fun-filled day at My Play Zone, a soft play area full of variety of games that our teachers and assistants enjoyed too!

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**KG 2 Trip to Orange Hub in Umm Al Quwain**  
**June 2022**

What an amusing day our KG 2 students had at Orange Hub!

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*Happy faces all over the place!*

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