

# The School Buzz

# **Director's Note**

During the first week of the school year, we welcomed our 1,500+ students who happily greeted their new colleagues and teachers. Students were engaged in their studies from the first lesson, eager to embrace the learning challenges ahead. During the term, great efforts were made by the SLO prefects to support their fellow students in their studies. On the social front, the SLO arranged numerous trips as depicted in this newsletter.

On National Day, the majority of our parents joined us on campus to celebrate this event as a united school community. Witnessing our students dressed in the traditional clothing was a sight to behold.

Thank you to all the members of our school community who have so willingly supported the school throughout the term. I wish all families a happy and relaxing vacation as we look forward to a prosperous new year.

### **Neil Smooker**

School Director





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# **News & Updates**

### **New Teachers Training**

This year, we were thrilled to welcome many new teachers to the ISC-Umm Al Quwain family. A training week was held by the School Director, Mr. Neil Smooker, the Academic Quality Controllers, Mr. George Dagher, Ms. Najwa Abou Fakher, and Ms. Aoife Hourigan, along with the Heads of Departments, Mr. Ross Cutler and Mrs. Marli Savage to make sure that all teachers are well prepared for the AY 2022-2023.

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### **Back to School Event**

On Tuesday, August 30, we welcomed back our beloved students. We were very happy to reunite with them for yet another successful vear!







# **Community Police Visit**

We received a visit from the Umm Al Quwain community police on Tuesday, August 30.

The community police team welcomed students on their first day of school and advised them to follow the rules and instructions, and wished them a wonderful school year.





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### **Emirates Red Crescent Visit**

We were pleased to receive a visit from the Emirates Red Crescent on Tuesday, September 6, as a part of their "Hello, My School" initiative.

### **Teachers Gathering**

There is nothing more heartwarming than a lovely gathering after a long summer vacation! Can you see the excitement on our teachers' faces?









# Crazy Hat Day - Pre-K-Grade 1

Every child is an artist.

Check out the photos of our Pre-K, KG 1, KG 2, and Grade 1 students on Crazy Hat Day! What a work of art!



# **World Teachers' Day**

On October 5, we celebrated World Teachers' Day and thanked our teachers for their continuous dedication to providing our students with a world-class education that prepares them for the future.







# **Character Day**

Look how amazing our Pre-K, KG 1, KG 2, and Grade 1 students looked in the costumes they wore on Character Day!





### Presentation on a Government-led Initiative

Our Grade 8 student, Fatima Ahmad Al Ghas, is a member of the Children's Advisory Council representing the Emirate of Umm Al Quwain.

Fatima gave a presentation to students in grades 7 to 11 about the Abu Dhabi Awards for Excellence in Government Performance, which is a state initiative that recognizes and honors individuals who have selflessly dedicated themselves to support and contribute to the community of the U.A.E. Fatima encouraged the students to nominate those they believe deserve this award.

Well done, Fatima. We are proud of you!





# **National Day**

The International School of Choueifat – Umm Al Quwain celebrated the 51st U.A.E. National Day.

Students took part in a wonderful event as the spirit of the union filled the air with joy.





# **U.A.E. Flag Day**

On U.A.E. Flag Day, our students raised the national flag to kick off celebrations!





### Mr. I's "Edutainment Show"

Mr. I performed an "edutainment show" for our students entitled, The Story of Karkar and Slowy's House. Its main purpose was to highlight the importance of having a balance of passion and patience in life.

The show was full of enthusiasm and ended with a short music session with Mr. I and his guitar!





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# **SLO Stories**

# A Warm Welcome to our Deputy Director

Our New Deputy Director, Ms. Maya Alameddine was given a very warm welcome by our SLO prefects, wishing her a very successful year.

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# **Orientation Day for New Students**

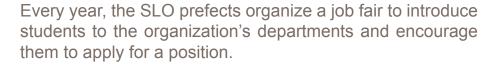
Our prefects did an outstanding job assisting the AQCs in making the new ISC-Umm AI Quwain students feel at home. They explained to them our system and the SLO, and gave them a tour of the school.





### **SLO Job Fair**

A pillar of our educational system is the SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO), which provides our students with a mini-society in which they acquire and refine skills, attitudes, and attributes that give them a huge advantage in university and beyond.



Check out the photos of our students at the event!

### **Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign**

Students, teachers, and staff took part in spreading awareness on Wear Something Pink Day, showing support to all the brave fighters battling breast cancer. The SLO prefects also encouraged their parents, teachers, and staff members to get themselves checked.









# **Bullying Prevention Campaign**

The SLO prefects hold ongoing bullying prevention campaigns across the Network to raise awareness on the harmful effects of bullying, explain how to recognize the signs, and actively work on preventing bullying before it happens.

In November, our prefects in grades 7-9 prepared a short video about bullying prevention for all the students to watch.



# **School Trips**

# **Grade 3 Trip to BOUNCE-X**

Our Grade 3 students went on a trip to BOUNCE-X on Saturday, October 22. Looks like they had a great time!





# **Grade 4 Trip to BOUNCE-X**

Our Grade 4 students had a blast on their trip to BOUNCE-X!





# **Grade 5 & 6 Trip to IMG Worlds of Adventure**

What a day our students in grades 5-6 spent at IMG Worlds of Adventure! The pictures say it all!





# **Sports Highlights**

# **U10 Football Boys Team**

The U10 Football Boys Team had a great day on Saturday, October 1!

Our students won against both ISC-Ajman (6-0) and SIS-Al Jada (5-0).

They made us proud!







# **U10 Football and U15 Basketball Boys Leagues**

Our school hosted two SABIS® sports competitions, the U10 Football and U15 Basketball Boys Leagues on Saturday, October 22, and it was a wonderful day!

Good job to all SABIS® athletes on your performance! You make your schools proud!

# **U13 and U14 Girls Swimming Competitions**

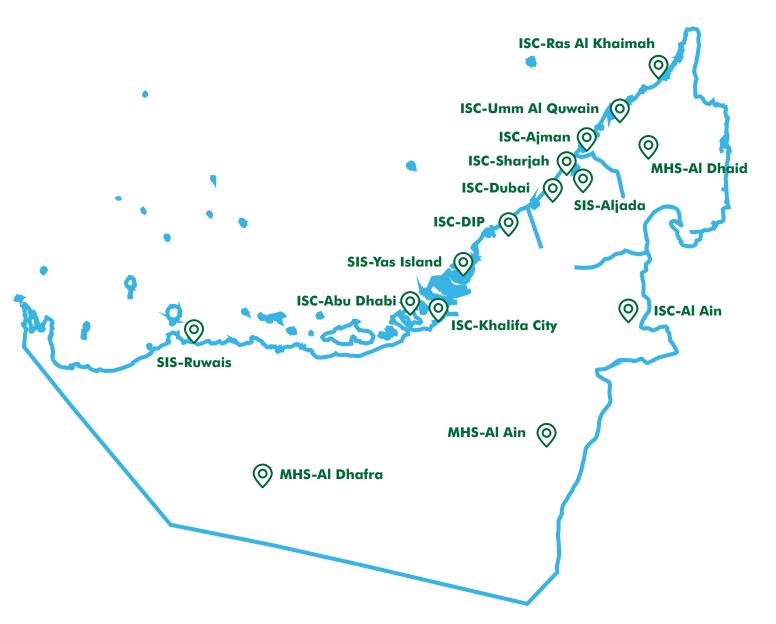
The U13 and U14 girls swimming teams had a great experience in the swimming competitions held in November. Willow Ashwell, our student in Grade 6 A, won the bronze medal for the Breaststroke 25M in the U13 Swimming Competition!

Lia Ashwell, our student in Grade 7 A, won the gold medal for the U14 Breaststroke 25M and the silver medal for the Freestyle 25M in the U14 Swimming Competition.

They made us proud!







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