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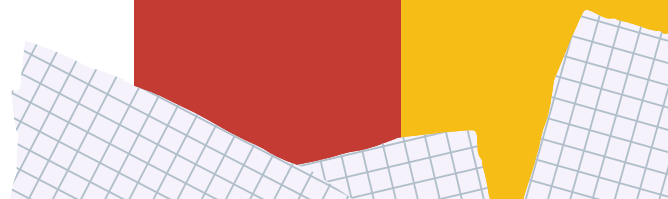
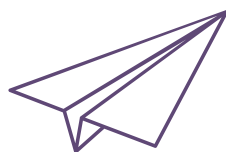
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Term 1 has been marked by exceptional engagement, achievement, and spirit across our school community. Each event, from the opening of the academic year to the National Day Celebration, has reflected our students' dedication, leadership, and enthusiasm for learning.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our staff, parents, and students for their continued commitment and contributions. This newsletter highlights the many accomplishments that have made Term 1 a truly successful and memorable start to the year.

Warm regards,

Neil Smooker
School Director

NEWS AND UPDATES

Back-to-School 2025: "Make Your Mark"

Students returned with excitement as the new academic year officially began at our school. Over three days, staff welcomed learners from all grade levels, ensuring a smooth transition into routines, classrooms, and schedules. Orientation sessions helped students meet their teachers, explore their learning spaces, understand upcoming academic expectations, and set a positive tone for the year ahead.



Seniors' Jackets Ceremony

Grade 12 students celebrated a proud milestone during the Seniors' Jackets Ceremony. Each senior received their official jacket, symbolizing leadership, responsibility, and the transition into their final school year. The ceremony fostered unity within our seniors and motivated them to embrace their final year with pride.



Recycling Campaign

Students across various grades took part in interactive recycling activities as part of our ongoing Recycling Campaign led by the SLO Social Responsibility Department. Using recyclable materials, they created art and practiced sorting items like paper and plastic to learn about sustainability and proper waste segregation. This encouraged creativity and environmental awareness within the school community.



SLO Job Fair

The SLO Job Fair brought excitement as students from grades 5 to 12 explored leadership roles within the Student Life Organization. Prefects introduced their responsibilities, encouraging students to apply for positions that matched their strengths. The event empowered students to take initiative, understand organizational structures, and commit to positive contributions throughout the year.



KG Career Day

KG students arrived dressed as doctors, engineers, pilots, and many other community contributors for an inspiring Career Day. The day empowered young learners to dream big and envision the roles adults play in the world around them.





SLO Teachers' Day

In October, the SLO organized a special Teachers' Day celebration to honor the dedication and support of the teaching staff. Prefects prepared heartfelt cards and small tokens of appreciation, while KG students expressed their gratitude through drawings, crafts, and classroom surprises, which strengthened the bond between teachers and students across the school community.



SLOGA

Our student leaders attended the Student Life Organization General Assembly (SLOGA 2025) at SABIS® International School – Yas Island. The event brought together top prefects from across SABIS® schools in the U.A.E. and the Gulf for workshops, leadership sessions, and collaborative activities. Through these interactive sessions, students enhanced their leadership skills, shared ideas, and built valuable connections with peers from other SABIS® schools.



Mental Health Day by the SLO

The SLO organized a Mental Health Day for grades 5 and 6, focusing on emotional well-being and healthy coping strategies. A green-themed Mental Health Corner set by our prefects featured the "Wall of Hope," where students shared positive messages. Each student received a small plant to replant in the "Garden of Hope," symbolizing growth and resilience.



Unity Day

Unity Day brought together the entire school community, from Pre-KG to Grade 12, in a celebration of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students and staff proudly wore orange as a symbol of unity and their shared commitment to standing against bullying. The day began with a special morning assembly, where prefects from our SLO Discipline Department spoke about the importance of compassion and respect.



Evolve Future Mobility Show

Senior students visited the Evolve Future Mobility Show, where they explored innovations in transportation and sustainability. The trip connected classroom learning with real-world developments.





KG Teddy Bear Picnic

KG students brought their favorite teddy bears for a joyful picnic filled with storytelling, healthy snacks, and imaginative play. The event featured themed stations, including a Picnic Station, a Dance Station, a Teddy Bear Flying Station with a colorful parachute, and even a Teddy Bear Nurse Station for bears needing care. The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and memorable bonding moments.



Shadow Teacher Day

Shadow Teacher Day offered valuable insights as students experienced a day in the life of their teachers, taking on teaching responsibilities and leading classroom activities. The event fostered appreciation and a deeper understanding of the challenges and rewards of teaching.



Book Character Day

Our students expressed their love for reading by dressing as beloved storybook characters, bringing along their favorite books to share with classmates. Teachers encouraged students to read during their free time, fostering a love for stories and imagination. The activities promoted literacy engagement, creativity, and a joyful connection to reading.



U.A.E. Flag Day

Students and staff gathered to honor U.A.E. Flag Day with a patriotic ceremony celebrating unity and national pride. The event featured the participation of the Community Police, who raised the U.A.E. flag during the National Anthem, alongside our proud students. The celebration brought together the entire school community to express loyalty and appreciation for the U.A.E.



KG Red Carpet Day

KG students enjoyed a glamorous Red Carpet Day, walking down a decorated runway and celebrating confidence and creativity.



SABIS® Bullying Prevention Campaign

Students took part in a SABIS® Bullying Prevention Campaign held by our SLO Discipline Department. The event engaged multiple grade levels in discussions led by multiple Leadership Teams. The campaign highlighted empathy, respectful behavior, and effective strategies for addressing and reporting concerns, reinforcing the school's commitment to student well-being and a safe, supportive environment.



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National Day Celebration

The entire school community came together to honor the U.A.E.'s 54th National Day through a festive event filled with cultural performances, traditional activities, and student-led presentations. This celebration welcomed students, parents, and staff, all encouraged to wear traditional Emirati attire to embrace the spirit of the day. The event featured henna and horse-riding stations, fun activities for children, and a special Civil Defense show. The vibrant atmosphere highlighted unity, heritage, and national pride across the school.



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