# The School Buzz

#### **Director's Note**

SABIS® International School – Aljada opened its doors to students in Pre-K to Grade 9 in September. It was wonderful to welcome both new and returning students to school for the academic year 2023-2024. The corridors were once again filled with sounds of laughter and joy as everyone settled into their classes and made new friends. It has been an exciting and productive term, and we are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved.

Term 1 saw our students demonstrating their dedication and hard work in their academic pursuits. We would like to commend our students for their commitment to learning. STEAM clubs are more popular than ever with students preparing for the upcoming SABIS® STEAM Competition in Robotics Junior, Robotics Intermediate, Robotics, Electronics, 3D Printing, Drone, and Electric Car. Our extracurricular program continues to thrive with a variety of activities such as swimming, ballet, and gymnastics, to name a few, that have provided our students with opportunities for growth, creativity, and teamwork. Throughout Term 1, students and parents enjoyed a variety of events such as U.A.E.'s 52<sup>nd</sup> National Day, KG Red Carpet, World Science Day, and many more. As we look ahead to Term 2, we are enthusiastic about the numerous events and activities that are planned for the coming months. From field trips and cultural celebrations to academic competitions and sports events, there will be no shortage of opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and excel. We are particularly looking forward to SABIS® STARS, an arts and science contest for students from the global SABIS® Network taking place in ISC-Muscat, Oman in April 2024.

In recognition of the extraordinary efforts of our team, we would like to shine a spotlight on our dedicated teachers and staff. Their unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our students is truly commendable, and we are grateful for their hard work and passion.

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to extend warm wishes to the entire SABIS® community for a restful and rejuvenating break. We hope that this time allows our students, staff, and parents to recharge and return to school refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that Term 2 will bring.

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## Welcoming Students into the AY 23-24

In September, SIS-Aljada commenced the academic year 2023-2024 with summer-themed corridors and classrooms that delighted young learners. This year also marked the proud arrival of the first class of Grade 9 students to the school.



#### **Launching Extracurricular Activities**

By participating in extracurricular activities (ECAs), students benefit from opportunities for personal growth, skill enhancement, and social engagement. A diverse range of ECAs, such as gymnastics, football, piano, arts and crafts, taekwondo, mini tennis, tennis, and swimming, are available for KG 1-Grade 9 students. Registration is open for Term 2 ECAs until January 4, 2023 for those who are interested.

#### **Ballet Open Class**

Ballet offers numerous physical, mental, and emotional benefits. Our beautiful ballerinas showcased their talents at the Ballet Open Class at the beginning of the term and again on stage during National Day. We are looking forward to SIS-Aljada's first Ballet Show this year.







#### **New Gymnastics Class**

This term, SIS-Aljada introduced a new gymnastics class for girls in Grade 1 and above. In this class, young gymnasts develop their skills while experiencing the thrill of movement. The sessions include training on the trampoline, beam, vaulting box, and the opportunity to perform elegant floor routines.







#### The 52<sup>nd</sup> U.A.E. National Day

SIS-Aljada celebrated the 52<sup>nd</sup> U.A.E. National Day on November 25, 2023. The festivities featured traditional dances, poetry, face painting, henna, and various other activities. SIS-Aljada extends gratitude to all staff members, parents, and students for their attendance and contributions.













## **KG Red Carpet Day**

Our KG celebrities got the red-carpet treatment that they all deserve. We rolled out the red carpet to celebrate our little superstars in their incredible, glamourous outfits. They have a bright future ahead.







#### **Fall Event**

We cannot be-leaf it's fall season. Our students in the Infants Department created their own fall-themed art pieces that they took home as memorable keepsakes.









## **World Science Day for Peace and Development**

"The only source of knowledge is experience." – Albert Einstein

To mark World Science Day for Peace and Development, students in all grade levels came to school dressed as scientists and enjoyed various science experiments throughout the day.











#### **Emirati Breakfast**

Our students in grades 7 to 9 organized an Emirati breakfast and shared local cuisine with their teachers and peers.









## **SLO General Assembly**

Our SLO leadership team participated in the SLO General Assembly 2023 that took place at SIS-Yas Island. They had the opportunity to share ideas, discuss progress, set future plans, and network with SLO leadership teams from other SABIS® schools in the U.A.E.







## **SLO Stories**

#### **SLO Clubs**

With the assistance of our fantastic SLO prefects, school clubs were established in early September. Music and art enthusiasts became members of the Singing and Recorder Club, along with the Arts and Crafts Club.

As for sports, students joined Football, Basketball, Table Tennis, and Gymnastics clubs. Additionally, a number of students joined the Chess and Boardgames Club. The SLO also initiated STEAM clubs such as Robotics Junior, Robotics Intermediate, Electronics, and 3D Printing.











## **Bullying Prevention Campaign**

Through the Student Life Organization, prefects organized a bullying prevention campaign to raise awareness of the importance of being kind and supportive to one another.





## **Dental Hygiene**

A beautiful smile starts with healthy teeth. Our Lower School Department prefects organized a dental hygiene campaign to promote the importance of taking care of their teeth and keeping them clean.









## **SPEA's Traffic Safety**

The SLO prefects distributed SPEA's traffic safety flyers to parents and students at the beginning of the term to raise awareness of the importance of traffic safety.







## **World Teachers' Day**

Our Student Life Organization prefects showed their appreciation for their teachers on World Teachers' Day with a sweet gesture. They made sure our teachers felt loved and appreciated by distributing cards and donuts, as well as playing heart-warming videos in the school.













## **School Trips**

School trips encourage students to learn outside the classroom and offer them the opportunity to socialize with their peers and teachers.

This term, students visited various locations such as AYA Universe, Dubai Crocodile Park, COP28, and Motiongate Dubai, to name a few. We are already looking forward to Term 2 trips.



















## **Sports Highlights**

## **First On-Campus Sports Tournament**

On Saturday, November 11, SIS-Aljada hosted the U10 Boys Football and U15 Boys Basketball competitions with SABIS® schools. The competitions were intense, as all student-athletes tried their very best to emerge as winners.

Ultimately, ISC-Sharjah scored 1<sup>st</sup> place in the U10 Boys' Football competition and ISC-DIP scored 1<sup>st</sup> place after a very close match against ISC-DIP.

The U15 Boys' Basketball Competition brought together students and coaches from ISC-Sharjah, ISC-Dubai, ISC-DIP, and ISC-Ras Al Khaimah. Stakes were high as this was the final round of the competition. In the end, ISC-DIP won 1st place.















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