# The School Buzz



#### **Welcome Note**

SABIS® International School – Aljada opened its doors in September and welcomed its students in Pre-KG to Grade 8 into phase 2 of the campus's construction plan. This year our students are enjoying the new facilities such as the spacious playgrounds, football field, running track, cafeteria and much more. It was a pleasure to unveil our state-of-the-art performance hall just in time to host the 51st U.A.E. National Day in the brand-new school theatre. We are looking forward to using our new sports complex in Term 2 where students can benefit from the indoor gym, Semi-Olympic swimming pool, and outdoor basketball courts.

Academically, students have thrived this term. From the first day of school, they have shown an eagerness to learn and a drive to succeed. They have made an unforgettable bond with both their peers and their teachers. Students explored their interests and talent through extracurricular activities programs, such as taekwondo, ballet, swimming, and much more. Students have every opportunity to develop into future contestants, competitors, and stars.

This term had many events and activities such as Flag Day, National Day, and school trips. The Student Life Organization (SLO) allowed students to get involved in planning and preparations and gave them the chance to take on important responsibilities during events.

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Our SLO prefects are focused and dedicated and we are very grateful for their hard work. We are looking forward to the events and activities that Term 2 will bring.

As Term 1 has come to an end, I would like to thank all parents for their continuous support. We are blessed to have such a wonderful school community and spirit. I have no doubt that our students are ready to thrive in Term 2.

## Ms. Linda O'Brien Deputy Director







#### **News & Updates**

### Welcoming Students into the AY 22-23

SIS-Aljada started the academic year 22-23 with a jungle theme for the Infants Departments' first day of school. Students enjoyed balloons, bubbles, photo booths, and different activities throughout the day. We also welcomed grades 2 - 8 to their new home on our beautiful new campus.









#### **Launching ECAs**

Extra-Curricular Activities started on the third week of Term 1. Students were offered a wide range of Saturday activities such as ballet, gymnastics, piano, arts and crafts, taekwondo, mini tennis, and swimming.







#### Students in Grades 6-8 Learn about Al Noor Mosque

Grades 6, 7, & 8 experienced a virtual tour and presentation of Al Noor Mosque. They learned about the U.A.E. culture and several other topics related to the mosque such as the etiquette of Mosque visitation, Al Noor Mosque construction, Arabic calligraphy, and the types of Mosque architecture.



#### **STEAM & Other Clubs**

SIS-Aljada started its first STEAM clubs this year. Electronics and Robotics were offered to students in grades 7 & 8. Additionally, 3D printing will be offered to students in Term 2. Through the SLO, student-run clubs have been very popular such as chess, music band, and football, to name a few.

#### **World Teachers' Day**

On October 5, 2022, SIS-Aljada celebrated World Teachers' Day. Our prefects prepared a small activity for the teachers during breaktime and distributed flowers and self-made quotes to all teachers.







#### **Learning about Living and Non-Living Things**

While KG students were learning about living and non-living things in class, our KG students brought their small pets to school. They discovered different species and learned about new animals. The students loved telling their teachers and friends all about their pets. Students also planted seeds with their teachers and learned how to take care of plants and the importance of watering them daily.







#### **KG Nutrition Week**

KG students learned about the importance of healthy eating during Nutrition Week at school. Everyone had a great time washing and chopping fruit to make their own fruit salad and the best part of all was eating it!







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

SIS-Aljada celebrated the U.A.E. Flag Day on November 3, 2022, on the school's new greenfield, where all students dressed in the U.A.E. colors and formed the national flag. We were honored to have the community police join us to observe the National Anthem and raise the flag. Upon arriving at school, parents took part in a hands-on, U.A.E.-themed art activity with their children in the infant school.









#### The 51st U.A.E. National Day

SIS-Aljada celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> U.A.E. National Day on November 29, 2022, with all students and parents in the newly opened school theater. The celebration included a band from our music club, an oath to the U.A.E., traditional dances, Union of the 7 Emirates play, a poem performed beautifully by the students, and more. It is an honor that we can all call this country our home.













#### **SLO Stories**

#### **Nutrition Day**

As part of the healthy eating and living campaign, we invited guest speaker Ms. Rawan El Merhi, a SABIS® graduate, to educate the students on the importance of having a healthy lifestyle. Students were shown how to correctly read food labels and nutrition facts and they calculated calories and macros of different items. SLO prefects distributed apples during break time for all of the students to enjoy with their lunch.







# **Bullying Prevention Campaign**

SLO Prefects organized an antibullying campaign throughout the school. They worked hard making posters and organized a march on the greenfield. Students had a lot of fun during the march and understood the importance of maintaining a "bully-free zone".



### **School Trips**

#### **KG Picnic Day**

SIS-Aljada infants' department organized an outdoor picnic for the KG students. They had lots of fun making their own fresh and healthy sandwiches with their classmates.







#### **Trip to House of Wisdom**

Our Pre-KG students visited the House of Wisdom and enjoyed story-telling along with a wide range of interactive hands-on activities.







#### **Trip to Sharjah Aquarium & Maritime Museum**

Our KG1 and KG2 students visited the Sharjah Aquarium & Maritime Museum. They learned all about living things and new species. They enjoyed stories about Sharjah's marine history and the history of fishing methods.









#### **Trip to Sharjah Science Museum**

Our Grade 1 and Grade 2 students visited the Sharjah Science Museum. There, they participated in hands-on experiments and learned about the laws of nature, thermal physics, physiology, and aerodynamics.







#### **Trip to KidZania**

Grades 3 and 4 students visited KidZania in Dubai Mall and enjoyed the role-playing activities with their friends. Students explored several professions; some showed a passion for dentistry and medicine, while others loved roles that help the community such as being a firefighter or a policeman, and some also loved the Radio and TV professions.







#### **Trip to IMG World**

Students in Grades 5 to 8 took their first trip of the year to IMG World. They learned about how rollercoasters operate and the science needed for them to function. They discovered the different themes in the adventure zones of the amusement park.



### **Sports Highlights**

#### First U10 Football League

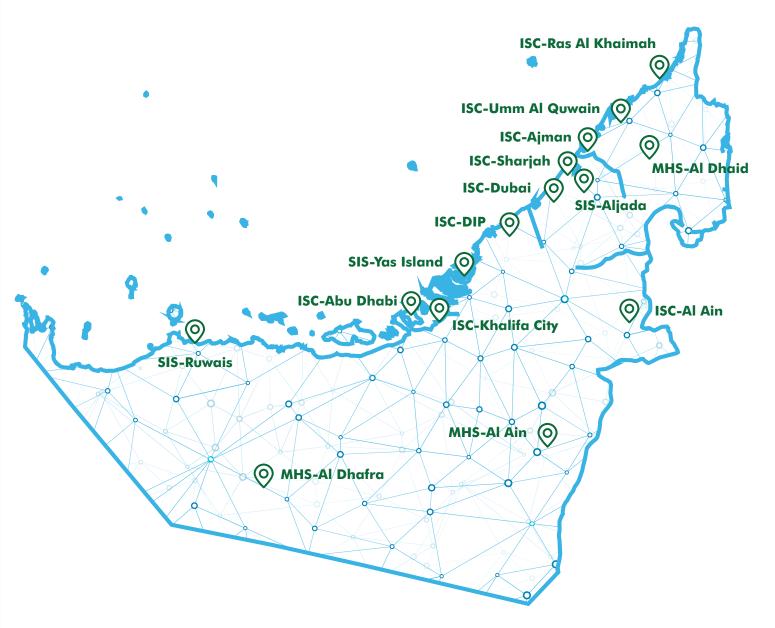


Our grades 4 and 5 boys kicked off the term with their first U10 football league in region 1 of the SABIS® Network. We are very proud of their achievements and team spirit.









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