

4th November 2021

RE: Principal's Monthly Letter

Dear Community,

It was nice to meet you last week on our monthly "Happy Meet". It was great to have such great feedback in the meeting and I look forward to speaking with you all again next meeting. I was thrilled with the "Stars" you shared with us during the meeting as it's always good to know the areas of strengths. Your "wishes" are all being addressed at the moment and actions are taking place accordingly.

These meetings are the right platform to raise your wishes to the school senior leadership team if it has to do with generic issues which is not related directly to your child, personal matters can be raised with your child's class/lead teacher.

Last week, we celebrated our Students Leadership roles in Primary and in Secondary. This is an important step to empower our students and push them forward. We have around 40% of the students across school taking on some form of leadership responsibilities, helping us to live up to our motto of 'Discover leadership'.

We also had the official opening of our "forest school" with the presence of friends of Metropole and our VIP guest Mr. Mr. Tariq Alsalman – Senior Executive Vice President at Etisalat and Owner of RAK Nature Treasures. We have so many activities prepared for our students; some examples include, nature observation, storytelling, painting with mud, building bug hotels, outdoor math's, and nature art. Our trained leaders are guiding the children through the forest school, opening their senses to the wonders of the woodland world, and instilling in them a care for the outdoors. This will set firm foundation for our future leaders.

This opening is the start of a flourishing forest school, and I look forward to seeing what it becomes in the future.

Over the next few weeks, we will have:

BSO Inspection will be on 14th – 17th November – We are looking forward for it. Linked to the BSO inspection, please complete the survey which was sent out to you last Thursday. Please be proportionate and objective in your feedback, as this is your part in helping your school progress further. If there is a specific issue that you are facing with a particular subject

or lesson, this does not equate to the entire school nor all your child's teachers, and therefore, balancing your feedback proportionately will be appreciated.

GEMS Parents' Survey (Parent Net Promoter Survey) – 23rd November 2021

We would be extremely grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey once it is released. The parent survey scoring system works as follows:

Detractor: score of 0-6. This means you are unhappy with all aspects of the school

Passive: score of 7-8. This means you are satisfied with most aspects of the school

Promotor: score of 9-10. This means you are happy with the school overall

Once again, please be balanced in your responses and assign a score based on your experience overall and not due to one incident.

Metropole Farmers' Market - which is planned on Saturday 27th November 2021. This will be our first market and will be a great event for the entire school community to come together. Details of this event have been shared in the Heads of School's letters. Please feel free to invite your friends to enjoy this day.

Finally, we are really excited to return to our normal school life bit by bit. In this regard, I would like to give you my complete assurance that the health, safety and well-being of all staff and students continues to be managed with the best possible regard.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Nav Iqbal
Principal | CEO

