

## Primary Week 14th October 2022

Dear Community,

As we reach the end of the first half-term, we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

### Student Wellbeing

At GEMS Metropole we are proud to be working hard to promote and secure positive emotional health for all of our learners as we believe that a happy school means a successful school. Our commitment to providing an emotionally healthy learning environment is a key part of our curriculum we offer at GEMS Metropole. We are proud to provide every child in school with weekly circle times in which emotional health and values topics are discussed with our children, weekly Infant Forest School lessons for our children to embrace learning in the outdoors and we will be starting a range of masterclasses after half term to expand our students wider curricular ambitions. Our curriculum drivers also include a mixture of values-based drivers that explore emotional and physical health topics and are addressed through assemblies. In my Y4 and Y5 assembly this week I focused on **EMPATHY**. We learnt that empathy is about trying to understand how others feel. When we know how they are feeling, we can take steps to help them. If we all put empathy into action, we will be better friends and better people.

### Student Leadership

Last Wednesday evening, we held our New Student Leadership Inauguration. Over 100 students were celebrated for their outstanding achievement of earning the role of a Student Leader. The event began with an opening speech from myself, I spoke about the key values great leaders possess and the fundamental school values our new student leaders would need to demonstrate in their new roles to be inspiring leaders. Later, our School Principal, Mr Nav, presented each new leader with their badges. In true GEMS Metropole spirit, Each child received a tremendous ovation from the crowd as they collected their badge. The hard work begins after half term as the new Student Leaders work to make our school a happy and safe place for everyone!



### Parents Evening

As we reach the end of this half term, it is really important that we share information with you about how well your child is doing. Our first parents evenings of the year are on **26th and 27th October** and will run from 3.30pm each evening. You should already have received an email from your class teacher to sign up.

We have listened to your response from last year's questionnaires and know how much you want to know about your child's progress and meet with the class teacher face to face. For this reason, we are offering in school face to face meetings, whilst still offering the online meetings for those parents who cannot attend the school physically. Teachers will talk about both your child's pastoral development and their academic progress and attainment, highlighting any strengths and weakness they may have. We will also share information about any interventions that your child is engaging in, above and beyond our usual curriculum and normal classroom practice.

For this reason, it is vital that you attend on either of these evenings. If you cannot make either date, please email or speak to your child's teacher because we need to share this information with you. I look forward to seeing you there. Please use our main school entrance and we will direct you from there.



## Pink Day

GEMS Metropole School got involved in the "wear it pink" campaign, where all teachers and students wore an item of clothing that was pink to show support for the cause.

The children were very excited and beamed with enthusiasm as they carried out pink day related activities such as creating art work for their classroom door. The primary school choir blew me away with their outstanding performance and the Parent Ambassadors, alongside Miss Shar and Miss Bethany went above and beyond, as always, to decorate the school and raise money for the event. I am pleased to announce that the school raised over 24,000 aed towards this fantastic cause.

We look forward to the continued and enthusiastic participation of our students in such awareness programs

## Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 17th October	Mid-term break
Monday 24th October	Diwali
Tuesday 25th October	Primary Maths Parent Workshop
Wednesday 26th October	Primary Parent Evenings
Thursday 27th October	Primary Parent Evenings

Thank you as always for your support .

Tara Foster



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