

Primary Week Ending 9th December 2021

Dear Community,

We are at the end of another **ACTION PACKED** week here at Metropole and what a few weeks it has been; especially for our school choir who sang their hearts out at the Christmas Tree lighting event at Studio One Hotel, the Metropole Farmers Market and our own school tree lighting ceremony. The children were the stars of the shows! I am sure you will agree – nothing says Christmas quite like the sound of children singing and especially children as polite and good-humoured as our children!



Uniform

As a school, we are constantly striving to raise the standards of our young people to ensure that they are responsible and valued members of the school and wider community. We would like to address the standard of uniform after the winter break. GEMS Metropole has a uniform policy because smart standards of uniform are related to good behaviour and high standards of achievement. It also helps to reduce bullying and takes pressure off families to buy fashion items for school. We therefore expect that students will not only wear the correct uniform, but also wear it properly at all times, on the way to and from school and during the school day. To support this after the winter break, any student arriving to school without the correct uniform will be challenged and a letter will be sent to parents. Students who dress smartly and correctly will be recognised and rewarded. With this in mind, I ask you to ensure that your child arrives in the appropriate uniform, a copy of the school's acceptable uniform is attached to this letter.

Friends of Metropole

Friends of Metropole (formally known as **Parent Council**) is a body of 15 parents who work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all the Metropole Families. We have formally elected our new Committee members who have volunteered to take on the role of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer as well as other key roles ready for January, when the Friends of Metropole will continue to organise more events. Please find below the newly elected committee members.

Please do not hesitate to contact the team on parent.council_mts@gemsedu.com for any suggestions or if you would like to receive information on volunteering at GEMS Metropole. Please also note that the Friends of Metropole team will be hosting a number of coffee mornings during the first week back in January.

Chair:	Awais Rehman
Vice Chair:	Zainab Said
Treasurer:	Mariam Ghaznavy
Arabic/Islamic:	Ann Yousri
Events:	Minal Ziade
Well-being:	Prinisha Moodly & Rouba Abou Fakahr
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National day Celebrations

Our National Day celebrations were a great success with a range of cultural activities happening around the school from the henna stalls, to the amazing performers. Students learnt about the heritage and culture of the country that plays host to the majority of our families and celebrated its 50th year since the nation's founding in 1971.



Winter Performances

We have had a wonderful week of Winter Performances this week. The children were fantastic and impressed us all with all the songs and actions that they had learnt. Well done to all the children for taking part and a big thank you to all the staff, especially the performing arts team; Mr Andrew, Miss Kelly and Mr Stuart.

Term 2 Key Dates

Date	Activity
03.01.22	Return to school
03.01.22	Squad trials begin
04.01.22 - 06.01.22	Year 6 camp
11.01.22	FS Mark Making workshop
14.01.22	Innovation X
17.01.22	Sustainability week

As we approach the end of another full year here at Metropole, it is hard not to reflect on all we have achieved as a school community. Metropole is a unique school, full of character, spirit, happiness and fun. Our school is all about the children and nothing shows that more than the dedicated staff we have here at school. I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work this term and may they all have a happy and restful break.

On behalf of all the staff and children I would like to wish all of our families and friends, a very happy holiday and a wonderful New Year!

Kind regards

Tara Foster | Primary Headteacher

