

INVINCIBLE RIDERS | GRADE 7-8

Newsletter

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Let's start the new journey with support, cooperation and devotion.



from the Principal's Desk



Dear students and parents,

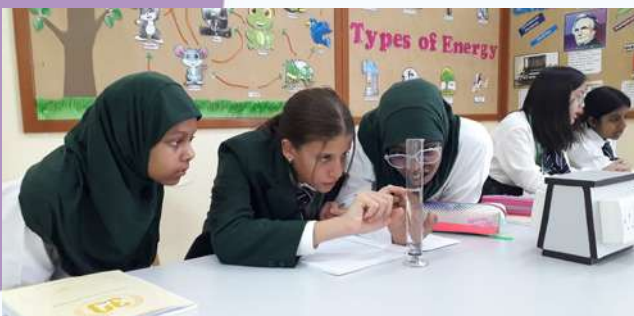
What a wonderful opportunity for me to work and interact with students and staff here in Excel International School (EIS)! It is an exciting place for our students to learn and for our staff to develop our students to be ready for life. It is our priority to nurture our young people to be achievers of extraordinary determination, who set the right goals in areas of education, morality, attitude, ethics, and values. I would like to use this opportunity to thank and congratulate Ms. Agnes, our senior leaders, middle leaders, teachers, admin staff and other staff for their dedication and professionalism to make and keep EIS a quality, safe and exciting place of discovery and learning. It is a pleasure to walk around the neatly kept campus with state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant students and staff who are the heart of EIS. We are all looking forward to the new additions to our campus that are now in the final stages of approvals from all the relevant authorities. These new additions will allow our school to grow to around 650 students that will allow the school to maintain the many benefits of a smaller school environment that is very difficult for larger schools to achieve.

Congratulations to all the students who campaigned to join the EIS student leadership team this academic year. All these students represented their families with dignity and confidence, and we are extremely proud of all of them. To those who have been elected for this year's student council, well done! You now hold the responsibility to demonstrate your leadership qualities in a very practical manner on the school campus and outside the school terrain as a representative of the proud EIS community. It was a proud moment for us to observe our Grade 8 ambassadors in action at the Al Ain Get Together Event in the Ayla Hotel last week where they represented EIS with confidence and grace. The first meetings have been conducted with representatives of the international exam boards (e.g., Cambridge and Edexcel) we are considering affiliating with for the IGCSE exams. We will keep you posted on the final decisions with regards to this important matter to serve our students with excellence and ensure our students' optimal success academically and otherwise.

Enjoy the upcoming mid-term break for our students when our staff will be involved in continuous development programs and other activities to further upgrade our academic staff's skills to serve our students in the best manner possible.

Mr. Leonard Murphy
Principal

Hands-on Learning



Our young minds experiments the volume of liquid in the curiosity lab.



Students of Grade 7B investigating frictional force using spring balance by varying mass.



Grade 7A exploring the safety precautions to be taken while conducting an experiment.



Investigating the effect of density on an egg.



Our smart Grade 8 students explain "The Process of Breathing – Inhalation and Exhalation" to their classmates using a human model.



Grade 8 girls investigating anaerobic respiration in yeast



Grade 8A investigating the temperature of inhaled and exhaled air.



Students' Articles

Students of Grade 7 and 8 created unique posters of Islamic studies, UAE, Science and Urdu Language

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT SURAH YASIN

Misha Rafiq 8B

Surah Yasin is the 36th chapter of the Quran.

It was revealed in Mecca except verse number 12.

Benefits of Surah Yasin

- Progression of good
- Satisfaction of need
- Safe in the presence of death

Honesty of the Prophet (PBUH)

Mosammat Shaba 8B

Qur'an during the truth of the message and messengership of our Prophet - So, Allah name by the 'Yasin' to affirm the truth of his message and messengership. Allah informs us about the great and sublime nature of the attributes of the Prophet which indicate the truthfulness of his message and messengership namely that he is on the straight path.

2 groups

- 1st group: rejected what the Prophet came with and did not follow by the guidance of his teachings resulting in their punishment.
- 2nd group: accepted what the Prophet came with and lived by his guidance resulting in their reward.

Honesty of the Messenger (PBUH)

Mosammat Shaba 8B

The Messenger of Allah, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), was known for his unwavering honesty throughout his life. His honesty was not only evident in his dealings with others but also in his actions, words, and even thoughts. The prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was known as "Al-Amin," which means the trustworthy. Even before receiving the divine revelation, he was known for his honesty and integrity. His honesty in his dealings with others earned him respect and admiration of people from various backgrounds.

About Surah Al-Yasin

Sara Shakil 8B

Surah Al-Yasin, also known as "Yasin" or "Ya-Sin", is the 36th surah of the Holy Quran. It is considered one of the most important and revered surahs in the Holy Quran and holds a special place in the hearts of Muslims all around the world.

Surah Al-Yasin (has 23 verses (Ayats)).

Many Muslims recite Surah Yasin on Fridays or during special occasions, such as funerals.

It is considered a source of comfort and relief for those facing difficult challenges or seeking the guidance of Allah's messengers and the importance of heeding their messages.

It is recommended to begin and end the day with recitation of Surah Yasin as a means of seeking Allah's blessing and protection.

Some scholars also recite Surah Yasin with sincerity and devotion to forgiveness of sins.

Sustainability Program

The year of Sustainability

Safia Wah 8B

The year 2023 is dedicated to Sustainability under the theme "Living for tomorrow". The year of Sustainability will include initiatives, activities and events that draw upon the UAE's values of Sustainability and the legacy of its founding President, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

قام 2023 على إستراتيجية تحت شعار "للمهم من أجل غد" "عام الاستدامة" سيشتمل على مبادرات وأنشطة وتحتوي على قيم الاستدامة التي تقامها دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإرثها كعاصمة المؤسسة التي تتعمق في الشجعان والهدى من سلطاننا المؤسس زايد بن سلطان آل نهيان.

National Identity

Joudi Jihad 8B

Human Element

Sustainable Development

Environment

Shops

Market

Community

التنوع البشري

التنمية المستدامة

البيئة

السوق

المجتمع



COP 28

Ahmed Hossam 8A

2023 مؤتمر المناخ العالمي

استضافت دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة في نوفمبر 2023 مؤتمر المناخ العالمي COP28 في مدينة دبي.

Solar Energy

Farah Ismat 8B

Illustration of a person in traditional attire holding a solar panel.

Sustainability in Habib

Malak Salah 8B

Illustration of a globe being held by hands, surrounded by icons of a tree, a recycling symbol, and a lightbulb.

International Literacy Day 2023

In connection with **INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**, which was on September 8th 2023 the students of grades 1-8 wrote a letter to their favorite Disney char-acter. The best letters will be selected and send to Disney Communications, USA. The students are waiting eagerly to receive a signed photograph of their favorite characters in response to their letters.

Dear Donald Duck,

You have inspired me with your amazing voice. Every time I go to a swimming pool I must imitate your voice. For me, it's a must. My mom had many copies of your books and used to read it for me as a bedtime story. Sometimes, you are a hero, other times you are a rich duck. Sometimes you are childish, sometimes you are mature but most importantly you are the memory of my heart.



Fares Ahmed – Gr. 8A

Dear Scar,

You are my favourite character, and I even like you more than your older brother. I like you because your dark heart is just like that gloomy black box which I drew. I have also heard that you are inspired by Adolf Hitler which I like because Hitler is my inspiration too for his strength. In conclusion, I would like to see you or receive your autograph.



Rayan Badawe Gr. 8A

Dear Stitch

You are so cute. I wish I could squish you to death and eat your bones. I wish I could see you in real life. One time, I will actually kill you and keep you in my basement.



Loujin Ahmed – Gr. 8B

Dear Disney,

I always love your cartoons. They will be in my heart even when I grow to an adult and I was shocked that my favourite character will read this letter. My favourite character is Mickey and Goofy. When I always come back home from school, I go the old Zool TV fast and watch my favourite cartoon show Mickey Mouse club house and felt merry and joyful. Even while I am eating, my mom's yummy food, I still watch Mickey Mouse club house. Whenever I'm bored I watch Mickey Mouse Club house.

Momen Ibrahim – Gr. 8A



Dear Aladdin,

Please find another way of transport instead of a flying carpet, you can fall easily and its a huge safety hazard. Also, please be careful of Rajah, tigers are not always so friendly and can eat you up before the guards save you. And your monkey Abu might not get along with Rajah so be careful about that too.



Yusra Zahid – Gr. 8B

Dear Mickey Mouse

I have been watching you show since I was 2 years old. It's a very appealing and amusing show till this date I still find it the foremost Disney cartoon. My dream as a little kid was to go to Disneyland, in the interest of the show Mickey Mouse. Mickey Mouse was my childhood cartoon character I wanted to see very much. I used to be extremely, execrably obsessed with the show. I hope I could see you at least once, as I could fulfill my childhood dreams. I wish the best of luck in everything.



Rahaf Mahmoud – Gr. 8B

Our mighty pens say.....

FAMILY OCCASION

Yesterday was the official day of me turning 13 years old. It's the day I'm always yearning for all year, so my family decided to make it a cherished day for me by letting me celebrate it. Beforehand, my mum and I prepared the invitation cards and we decorated the house, while my dad got the cake. My aunts and rest of my family started arriving and I was all excited about the presents. Their euphoric faces made my dopamine reach the sky. They all reminisce me and got absolute fire presents; some were souvenirs which really touched my heart and made my emotions dance. Although the presents were a lot I was still covetous and wanted more.

Later on, the youngsters played and danced and the adults stayed up late conversing. Even though I enjoyed the day, I wish I was older. I'm still waiting for my 18th birthday for my license.

Ahmed Hossam – Gr. 8A

FAMILY OCCASION

Occasions have more than a dozen reasons to celebrate them. There are many of them, such as Christmas, Halloween, and Eid, they're uncountable. Speaking of Eid, it is an exceptional annual event that every Muslim family celebrates.

It was on Thursday, April 20 of this year, a reminiscent day when Eid officially started. 2 families gathered in a bid and crowded house. What could go wrong right? Well, I was completely wrong. Every Muslim family celebrates euphorically at the beginning of Eid. My job on that day was weary, I had to mop the room, the guest room and the 3 bathroom! After all that, my relative from Mom's side came to join on this merry occasion. We had a sumptuous meal, I was insatiable. Amid this euphorical occasion, there was a flaw. Something very precious had shattered into fragments, it was my Grandma's irreplaceable souvenir. It was chaos, all of us were blaming it on one another, not knowing who the culprit was, I had a paranoid from all the loud noises and fighting, soon enough the culprit came out after dark. Full of remorse, he was my favourite cousin. I was shocked "Why would he do such a thing?" I thought to myself. Thankfully, our Grandma and his parents cherished and forgave him.

We had so much fun, we celebrated it with no regrets, and we stayed up till the next day extremely exhausted.

Abdulrahman Zohair 8A

MY SPECIAL GLASSES

I've hunted near, I've hunted far
I even looked inside car.
I've lost my glasses I'm in need I
need them now so I can read.
I loudly shout and I curse. Did I
leave in my mother's purse?
Maybe there behind the sofa or
under the bed. Oh! There they
are on top of my head.

Uzair Ahmad – Gr. 7A

SPECIAL OCCASION WITH MY FAMILY

Eid is the precious time for all Muslims as it marks the end of Ramadan, a Month of Sacrifice, Prayers and Meditation. With families gathering together to celebrate and create beautiful memories, Eid provides a rare opportunity for everyone to bond over shared traditions and values. My family and I celebrated Eid with great enthusiasm and joy, making it a day to remember. I could see the excitement in my parents' eyes as they prepared for the occasion, the beautiful decorations, the food and the traditional Eid clothes that everyone wore. It was a sight to behold. The children were eager to partake in the festivities, the games, the prayers and the exchange of gifts and sweets. I could see the shared joy on everyone's face and the laughter filling the air.

After prayer, we greeted each other with the traditional greetings of "Eid Mubarak". We dressed up in traditional attire, listened to nostalgic songs and told stories about our ancestors. It was a beautiful day to express our love for the roots that have shaped who we are today. As the day slowly drew to a close, we said goodbye, knowing that we had created memories that would last a lifetime. Eid may be over, but the love, joy and warmth that brought will always be with us.

Malak Salah 8B

School Assemblies



Ms. Agnes captivated our students during her Assembly on 'Open Gates,' emphasizing the value of open-mindedness and embracing new opportunities.



"Unleashed your Curiosity"

The assembly aimed at encouraging students to explore new horizons and to develop an inquisitive mindset.



"Focus on the Journey not the Destination"



Al Mawalid Al Nabawi

Our students of Grade 7 and 8 are performing on the birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Both boys and girls participated with full devotion and emotions.



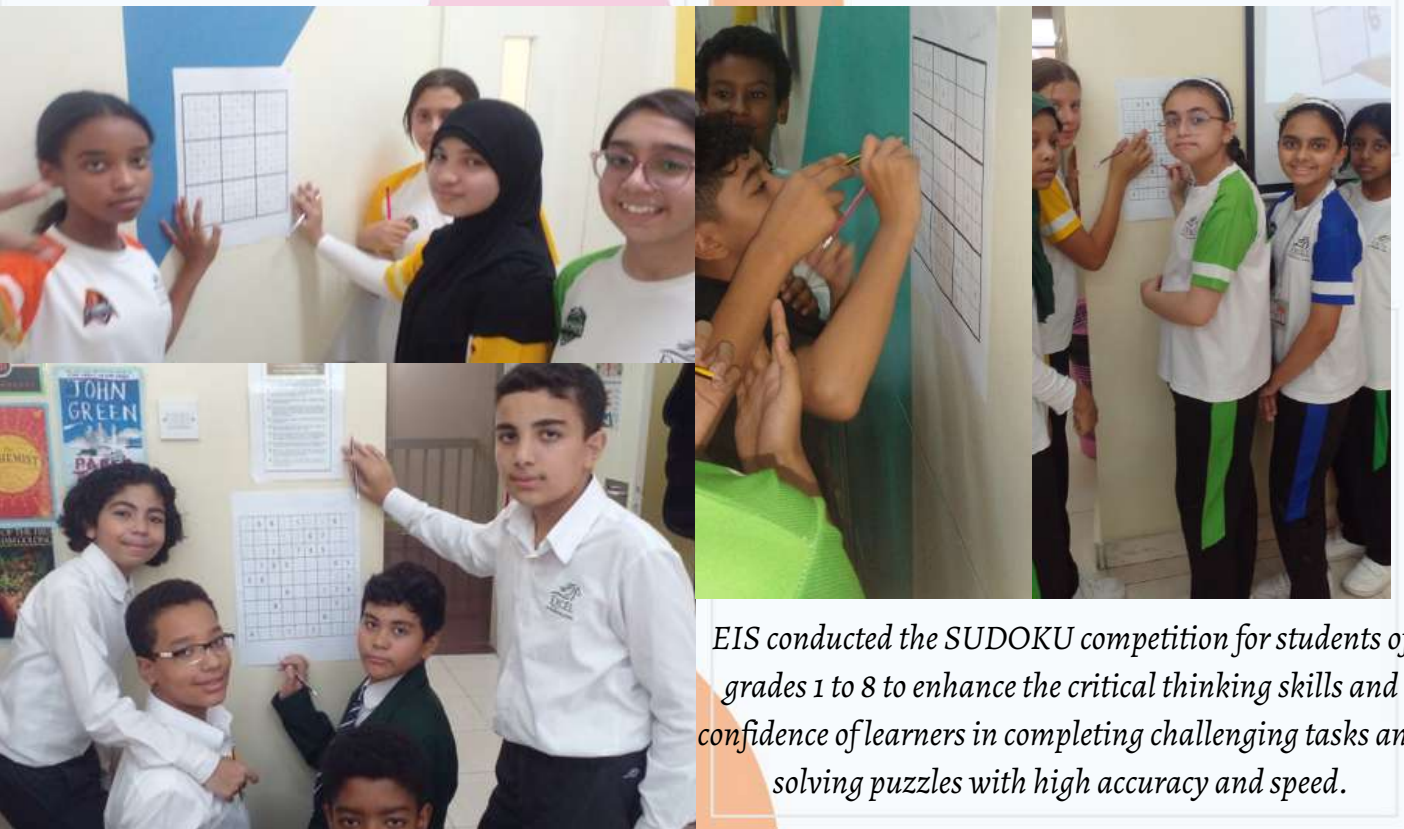
The **Literary Week** kick started with the assembly where student enacted in different story character and spoke about the importance of English Language. The week showcased inter-class competitions and students actively participated to display their creative literary side. The aim was to infuse appreciation, understanding and love for English Literature among the students

Best Out of Waste Competition

*Best Out of Waste refers to the art of transforming discarded materials into something useful, beautiful, or both. This simple yet profound concept encourages students to rethink their relationship with waste, fostering creativity, resourcefulness, and environmental consciousness. **Best Out of Waste competition** served as a canvas for creativity, allowing students to express themselves artistically. The competition not only showcased their talent but also provided them with a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.*



SUDOKU Competition



EIS conducted the SUDOKU competition for students of grades 1 to 8 to enhance the critical thinking skills and confidence of learners in completing challenging tasks and solving puzzles with high accuracy and speed.

Excel Literary Fest

In connection with the *English Literary Week (25th Sept. – 28th Sept.)*, the Department of English conducted **ELF – EXCEL LITERARY FEST 2023**, to provide our students a platform to exhibit their literary skills. A range of competitions took place during the 2 weeks. For Grades 7 and 8 various competitions like “What’s the Good Word?, JAM – Just A Minute, Poem Recitation, Debate and Spell Bee were taken place. Students enjoyed taking part in these competitions and displayed their talent and love towards the Language.



*Just a Minute
(JAM)
“The Lyrical
Battle is On!”*

KEEP IT UP



Debate - “Are students being overloaded with activities.”



Poetry Out Loud

Excel Literary Fest - Winners

What's the Good Word?

Aroush Amad 7B
Gana Ahmed 7B
Hala Moataz 7B
Jessie Amgad 7B
Mayar Ahmed 7B
Fatima Shafqat 8B
Yusra Zahid 8B
Misha Rafiq 8B
Malek Salah 8B

Just A Minute (JAM)

1st Place - Hala Moataz 7B
Sophia Viel 8B
2nd Place - Aroush Amad 7B
Ahmed Hossam 8A
3rd Place - Ahmed Said 7A
Abdallahman Zohair 8A

Poetry Out Loud

1st Place - Gana Ahmed 7B
Joudi Jihad 8B
2nd Place - Aroush Amad 7B
Hala Moataz 7B
Farah Ismat 8B
3rd Place - Aml Osama 7B
Abdalla Ahmed 7A
Abdallahman Zohair 8A
Abdelrahman Hesham 8A

Congratulations



Debate

Mayar Ahmed 7B
Aroush Amad 7B
Jessie Amgad 7B
Hala Moataz 7B
Aysha Maine 7B
Joudi Jihad 8B
Sophia Viel 8B
Justine Gabrielle 8B
Loujin Ahmed 8B

Spell Bee

Mohamed Zaid 7A
Yahya Ali 7A
Ahmad Riad 7A
Syed Ariq 7A
Muhammad Taaha 7A
Al Hamd Salik 8A
Ron Christian 8A
Abdallahman Zohair 8A
Rayan Badawe 8A

WELL
done
you
Did!
IT!

Best Out of Waste - Winners

1st Place

Omar Mehina 7A
Kayla Nokutenda 7B
Ahmed Hosam 8A
Isel Moustafa 8B
Justine Gabrielle 8B
Malek Salah 8B
Farah Ismat 8B

2nd Place

Abdalla Ahmed 7A
Mayar Ahmed 7B
Omar Mohammed 8A
Abdal Rahman Zohair 8A
Fatima Shafqat 8B

3rd Place

Yahya Ali 7A
Mahnoor Sami 7A
Mushfiqur Rahman 7A
Fares Ahmed 8A
Ubaidullah Abdul 8A
Misha Rafiq 8B
Yusra Zahid 8B
Mosammat Shaba 8B

Excel Stars of the Month



Abdalla Ahmed Gaber 7A

Mayar Ahmed Elsayed 7B

Abdal Rahman Zohair 8A

Misha Rafiq 8B

Congrats!

Class & Asst. Class Prefects



Abdullah Fahed 7A



Hala Moataz 7B



Anwar Anas 8A



Malek Salah 8B



Hussein Mohamed 7A



Gana Ahmed 7B



Omar Mohammed 8A



Justine Gabrielle 8B

Investiture Ceremony

“Leadership Ignited: Our school’s Investiture Ceremony Sparks a New Era of Excellence”

Our school recently held a grand investiture ceremony where deserving students were bestowed with leadership roles. They took an oath, promising to upload their responsibilities diligently. The ceremony was filled with pride and excitement as the newly appointer leaders pledged to serve our school and its community with integrity and perseverance.



Nomination



Election



Parent Orientation & Curriculum Evening



Recent parent and curriculum evenings marked a significant success. Families gathered for a comprehensive interaction with our school's educational vision and curriculum. This informative evening fostered connections between parents and teachers, allowing them to meet our dedicated staff, explore classroom activities, and lay the foundation for a productive school year ahead. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between school and home in shaping our student's educational journey.

Teachers' Professional Development

As the school year approached, our leaders orchestrated an enriching **Professional Development (PD)** session. The collaborative experience brought our dedicated educators together to explore innovative teaching methods, exchange valuable insights, and align our educational goals. With renewed enthusiasm and shared vision, our staff is fully prepared to provide rewarding learning experience for our students in the upcoming academic year.



Empowering Teachers: A Path to Professional Growth by Mr. Leonard Murphy EIS Principal.

Ms. Agnes Nathaniel (Head Teacher) **Induction Program** that acclimated the roles, responsibilities and the school's culture.








Ms. Lourdes Joseph (Asst. Head Teacher) **Fueling Teachers** success through a PD Session.




Ms. Rddhi Bojara's session on **Building Bridges and filling up the Gaps!**

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