



Welcome to the Future Welcome to GISC!

What Not To miss

- Feb.29 PYP PTC
- March 4 Sorbonne University visit
- March 5 PYP Sports Day
- March 6 MYP Sports Day
- March 7 Early years Sports Day
- March 11 Ramadan timings begin

Get Ready for Sports Days at GISC!

Calling all students, parents, and GISC supporters! Join us for a week of thrilling Sports Days filled with action-packed events and friendly competition. We're celebrating each stage with a day of fun, entertainment, and activities for everyone!



Ramadan Timings

8:00 AM till 12:45 PM

School Gates open at 7:50 AM

Busses depart at 1 PM

All students to depart campus no later than 1 PM



Come out and support your Red and Blue teams! Your cheers and enthusiasm will fuel the excitement. Let's make this a week to remember!

DON'T MISS OUT!

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A message from Ms. Catherine Spencer, The Head of School




Dear GISC families,

As we approach the end of February, we look back at a month of both celebration and reflection at GISC. The recognition of World Cancer Awareness prompted our service-minded students and staff to organize multiple fundraising events for the Children's Cancer Hospital. From football tournaments to bazaars, students and staff organized creative ways to support our community. Valentine's Day was a golden opportunity to express appreciation for friends, teachers, and support staff. Our student body and our PTA enthusiastically embraced the day to show our gratitude. We who were recipients of these gestures cannot tell you how much this means to each of us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



A truly significant milestone was our first ever college visit by Queens University Belfast in Northern Ireland. This university is a research leader in many fields and ranks high among universities who welcome international students. A team of three representatives visited our campus on February 20 to work with our grade 9 students on science research aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and to share information on college admissions. The team was thrilled with the interest and acumen of our students, especially as related to their understanding of and interest in significant global environmental issues.

Perhaps the class of 2027 will boast one or two admissions to this outstanding university! Thank you to our college advisor, Mr. Michael Hayes, for organizing this "first" at GISC.

 The entire second week of February was dedicated to hosting the GEMS review teams who brought considerable expertise to campus to inspect facilities and safety, safeguarding, and the education program. In the middle of our second year, progress was certainly noted and recognized. We continue to have much work to do in school improvement as we grow and refine processes and policies, teaching and learning, and community safety. As official final reports become available, we will be sharing important actions moving forward that will strengthen all things GISC. We are on the right path!



In the month of love, it is appropriate to embrace and appreciate each other as a community while we grow in learning. Each of you is valued beyond measure and we continue to welcome your feedback, recommendations, and suggestions.

As we enter the Holy Month of Ramadan in early March, I send my best wishes for spiritual renewal and growth.

Catherine Spencer

A Month of Playful Learning and Discovery

Early Years has been abuzz with activity this month! From exploring different careers and community helpers to unlocking the secrets of the world around them, our little learners have been busy growing their minds and hearts.

Here's a glimpse into their adventures:

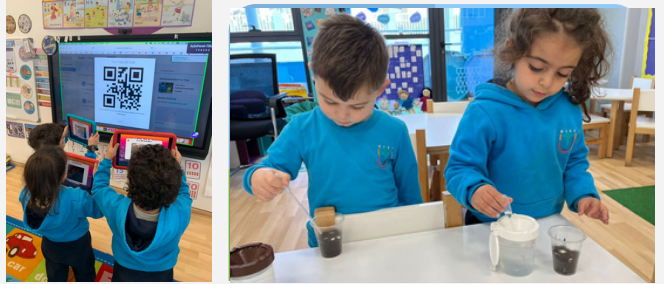
Coding with Fuzzy: Our KG2 young coders embarked on a journey with their fluffy friend Fuzzy, helping him navigate thrilling mazes through the magic of coding.



Engaging and positive assemblies

Our assemblies use age-appropriate activities, songs, and visuals to keep young learners involved and excited to learn. This creates a safe space for them to express themselves and build a strong foundation for their early years, fostering confidence, resilience, a sense of belonging, and positive values like growth mindset, strong friendships, and the courage to stand up for themselves and others.

We want to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our amazing parents who volunteered their time to present interactive demonstrations about their occupations to our students. Their dedication and enthusiasm brought learning to life and sparked curiosity in our young learners. We are truly honored to have such a supportive and involved community!

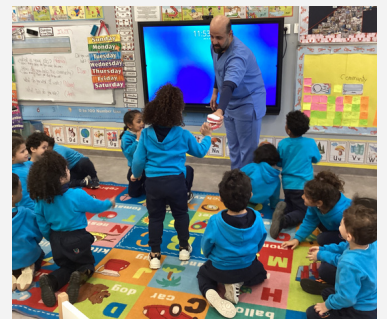
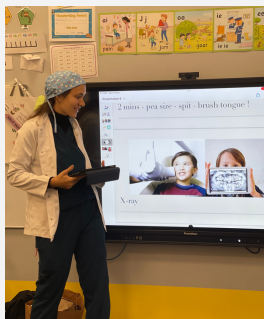


Planting for the Future: KG1 transformed into miniature gardeners, getting their hands dirty as they learned the art of planting. They observed the process, predicted how their seeds would grow, and nurtured their tiny plants with care.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

We are excited to meet all our parents at the upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences on February 29th. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child's progress and connect with their teachers.



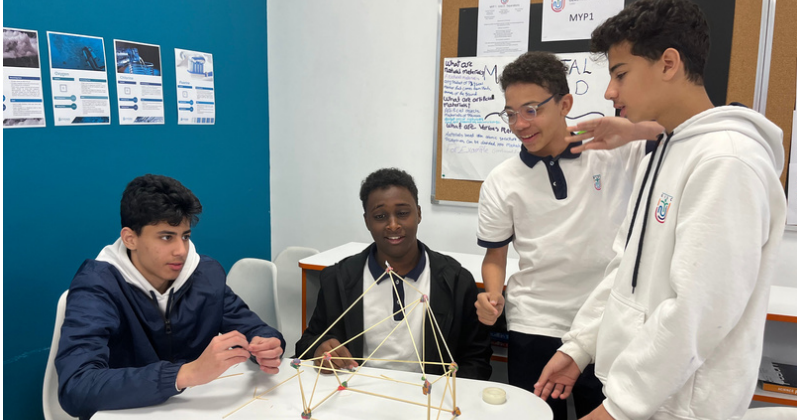
While it might appear like all play and fun, their playful activities are the cornerstone of their learning journey at GISC. Through these engaging experiences, they are building essential skills, fostering curiosity, and discovering the joy of knowledge.

We can't wait to see what adventures await them next month!

A Month of Student-Led Initiatives and Exciting Events!

MYP Students Shine with Initiatives!

Our students have been leading the way with impactful initiatives!



GISC Welcomes Belfast University for Hands-On Science!

Our students recently enjoyed a thrilling visit from Belfast University! The team led engaging activities on DNA extraction from fruits and explored architecture concepts, exposing them to advanced science and inspiring future university pathways.

Thanks to Ms. Diana and Mr. Michael for coordinating this enriching experience!

PTC & Coffee Morning Success!

Thank you for joining the PTCs and Coffee Morning today. Your child's participation and your attendance were key to a productive day.

Together, we:

- Gained valuable insights into learning progress.
- Collaboratively set personalized goals.
- Strengthened the home-school connection



Charity Football Match

A huge success thanks to student organizers, dedicated teachers, and Ms. Nada Hashish's leadership. The MYP team also deserves a shout-out for supervising this wonderful event.

MYP2 Bazaar

A resounding success with students raising awareness and collecting donations for cancer patients.

We are incredibly proud of their initiative, commitment, and passion for making a difference.



Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Visit

We're excited to announce an upcoming visit from representatives of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi!

On March 4 they will be joining us to share valuable information about their campus and offerings for MYP4 students



A Warm Welcome Back!

We trust everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating February half-term break. We hope you've returned refreshed and brimming with enthusiasm for the new school term!

Appreciation for Parent Coffee Mornings

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our dedicated homeroom teachers for organizing the successful series of Parent Coffee Mornings, culminating with Grade 5's session last Sunday. These gatherings fostered invaluable opportunities to connect with parents and strengthen our school community. We are truly grateful for your unwavering support!

Upcoming Parent-Teacher Consultations

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Consultations (PTCs) this Thursday! Student presence is crucial as these sessions play a pivotal role in fostering open and effective communication among parents, students, and teachers. Please remember that your child will remain under your direct supervision throughout the PTCs.



YOU'RE

INVITED

Get Ready for Sports Day on March 5

Get excited for the highly anticipated Grade 1-5 Sports Day happening on March 5th!

Our Physical Education team is busy preparing a day filled with exhilarating activities and friendly competition. Join us as we celebrate sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy fun for the entire school community!

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!