



Newsletter

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Government Announcement:
Public Holidays: December
Tuesday, 1st
to Thursday, 3rd
(UAE 44th National
Day & Martyrs Day)
Celebration Day at GCS is on
Thursday, the 26th of
November 2015.

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

I had the privilege last weekend to attend the International Baccalaureate Heads Conference in The Hague. Top speakers and researchers from some of the leading schools of education gave some inspiring presentations, in addition to a number of really practical sessions in which we shared best practice and were brought up to date with innovations and trends. I have returned rejuvenated and am excited about bringing a number of these ideas into our school so that they really do make a positive impact for the students in the classroom. I'd like to share some of the perspectives and ideas with you.

Eowyn Crisfield and Jaap Mos led a session on integrating mother tongue across the curriculum. There is very solid research to show that bilingualism is good for students and for learning. Researchers have begun to show that the advantages of bilingualism are even more fundamental than being able to converse with a wider range of people. Being bilingual, it turns out, makes you more intelligent. It can have a profound effect on your brain, improving cognitive skills not related to language and even shielding against dementia in old age. Allowing children exposure to different languages and cultures builds international-mindedness.

The crux of their presentation was that the higher the level of development of a student's mother tongue, the better they will perform in the second language. Looking at Diploma Programme scores, mother tongue fluency is the biggest determinant of success. This is logical, how can a child become more fluent in a second language than in his or her mother tongue? It follows therefore that the more we do to support mother tongue development the better. Learning to speak a new language is a lengthy and complex process. It takes children 1 – 2 years to become socially comfortable in the new languages.

We celebrate and welcome the diversity of languages in our school. With nearly eighty nationalities in our student body we are a truly international school and there is strength in that diversity and a rich cosmopolitanism in our student community. We offer a mother tongue programme at school with a growing number of languages that supports' our students linguistic development. We offer a strong language choice at Diploma level to prepare students for tertiary study in their home countries. This sets Greenfield apart educationally.

Over 50% of the students in GCS speak English as a second language. We offer a strong English as an



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Additional Language Programme, led by Mr. Barry Burns in Primary and Ms. Dolores Allison in Secondary. Their approach to teaching and learning is very much in step with international best practice and I have seen how much they care for and encourage the students with whom they work. Our aim is not only to help our new arrivals to cope in English but to produce truly bilingual students. The research is clear that the stronger students are in their mother tongue the quicker they will learn the second language.

My encouragement to parents whose mother tongue is not English is to do everything you can to help and strengthen your child's mother tongue development. Celebrate your language, heritage and culture. Read books together, sing songs and discuss what is happening in the news. Their English proficiency and, with that, academic outcomes are directly linked their fluency in your home language. Your role as parent is a vital one and we want to partner with and support you.

Best wishes

Andrew Wood
Greenfield Community School Principal



Secondary School Head of Secondary: Mr. Neil Bunting



Dealing with Defeat

One of the most important life lessons is how to deal with defeat. It is often said that we learn much more in defeat than in victory.

That does not mean in any way that you should have a defeatist attitude, but everyone loses once in a while, even champions, and it is important to be able to handle it, to reflect on defeat and use it as a focus to bring about improvement.

Ask Jose Mourinho about that right now. It will be a real test of him as a man and a leader; how he handled. The early signs are not good, but we will see. Even Sir Alex Ferguson experienced defeat and he used it as a motivational tool – the bitter taste of losing – to motivate his players to succeed again. He also guarded against complacency and maintained motivation in his team at all times. Even the All Blacks will lose again, some day, and it will be a test for them to see how they respond.

In school, it is most important with our sports teams that they win or lose in the right way and that they maintain discipline and sportsmanship at all times even when decisions or circumstances seem to conspire against them.

As a school leader, sportsmanship is a number one priority for me. Of course I want our girls and boys to win trophies and medals, but more important is the spirit in which they play. Unfortunately, there are many bad examples in the world of professional sport but students should always look for the good examples. Such as the Paulo Di Canio example by clicking [here](#).

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Every two weeks we hold a secondary assembly. These assemblies focus on the students and involve student participation in different forms, such as musical instruments, singing, speeches, presentations and other performances. These assemblies are linked to the attributes of the IB Learner Profile.

This Sunday's assembly is focused on the IB Learner Profile attribute: Principled. Students will be reflecting on the importance of having principles and knowing what is right and wrong. This is the basis of the attribute as described by the international Baccalaureate. **Principled: We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.** ("[Learner Profile for IB Students](http://www.ibo.org/benefits/learner-profile/)")

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Connected with fair play, we, as a school, have been doing a great deal of work recently on academic honesty. The Humanities department have been leading the way by delivering lessons and activities to promote awareness of academic honesty and there will be much more information regarding the Humanities work on plagiarism in the next newsletter.

Winning

Of course, on the other hand, we look to promote success at GCS; a winning mentality and a positive attitude to all aspects of the curriculum.

Last week in school we were visited by a winner, Dr. Donald Thomas, a record-breaking astronaut and NASA scientist. Our students in Grade 5 and Grade 6 enormously enjoyed his energetic presentation and his positivity. The students learnt a huge amount about what is involved in being an astronaut from Dr. Donald's fascinating facts and interactive approach to demonstrating space travel.

Finally, I would like to highlight some success stories on the sports field and in the swimming pool. Listed below are some of the recent outstanding successes from the boys and girls under 12 and under 14 football, the under 16 girls in football and basketball and the MYP swim squad. Well done to all of the students and coaches.

28/09/2015	U16B Football	Kings Al Barsha	W 2-1
28/09/2015	U16G Football	Deira International School	W 4-0
29/09/2015	U14B Football	GEMS First Point	W 5-0
29/09/2015	U14G Football	GEMS First Point	W 5-0
30/09/2015	U16B Basketball	Horizon	W 40-10
01/10/2015	MYP Swimsquad	Taaleem MYP Gala: Uptown	1st place
06/10/2015	U14G Football	GEMS International Al Khail	W 5-0

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08/10/2015	MYP Swimsquad	Gala 1 Nord Anglia School	3rd
12/10/2015	U16G Football	Wellington International School	W 5-1
13/10/2015	U16G Basketball	Deira International School	W 29-18
14/10/2015	U16B Basketball	Dubai British School	W 32-30
19/10/2015	U16B Football	Jess Ranches B	W 6-1
19/10/2015	U16G Football	DESC B	W 4 -1
20/10/2015	U12G Football	Kings Al Barsha	W 5 -1
20/10/2015	U14G Football	Kings Al Barsha	W 1 - 0
21/10/2015	U12B Football	GEMS Metropole	W 6-2
25/10/2015	U12G Football	GEMS International	W 2-0
27/10/2015	U14B Football	GEMS International Al Khail	W 4-0

Looking forward to CIS/NEASC accreditation

We are very excited about Greenfield Community School receiving candidate status for CIS/ NEASC accreditation. This is a huge step for the school and there is much work to be done leading up to the CIS/NEASC evaluation visit in 2017. There will be a great deal of information to come on CIS/ NEASC and why they are right for GCS, but in the meantime please refer to the following links.

Council of International Schools: <http://www.cois.org/>

New England Association of Schools and Colleges: <https://www.neasc.org/>

IBT Tests 23-25 November

The International Benchmark Tests are designed to give an international benchmark of your child's performance vis-à-vis the participating countries in the world and in the region and in the global context.

Monday	23 November 2015	English	Classes 3 to 10
Tuesday	24 November 2015	Mathematics	Classes 3 to 10
Wednesday	25 November 2015	Science	Classes 3 to 10

They will take place on the 23rd, 24th and 25th November. Please ensure your child is present on these days as these tests provide the school with very valuable information about your child.

Further details will be provided on the communicator soon.

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Attendance and Punctuality for October

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Attendance	96.6%	96.3%	96.2%	95.7%	95.8%	98.1%	94%
Tardiness	0.9%	1.2%	2.1%	2.7%	5.2%	2.3%	3.5%
KHDA Rating	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good

Well done to our Grade 11 students who showed a great improvement in their attendance and punctuality. Thank you to the parents, Homeroom Teachers and Grade 11 GLC, Mr. O'Donovan, for supporting this. Other improvements have been seen in the punctuality of Grades 7, 11 and 12 and the attendance rates for Grade 9 and 10. The school does expect that students are present for every day of the school week. There will be cases where students are ill or there are family emergencies that can't be avoided. However, all absences impact on learning, both of the absent student and also the learning of others in the same class through disruption of teaching routines.

Uniforms

Thank you to all parents supporting our drive to improve school pride through adhering to the school's uniform policy. As the weather cools, students may need to wear a fleece to keep warm. Ms. Kehoe has visited Zak's in Motor City and they do have fleeces available in all sizes. Any non-school uniform hoodies/jackets will be confiscated from students.

Zak's have ordered in school trousers in more sizes for girls of Grade 11 and 12. They do have alteration services so all students are expected to wear Zak's school trousers.

Housekeeping Reminders:

1. Communicator – all parents are expected to have downloaded the communicator on their mobile device – it is the Secondary School's main method of communicating to parents. You can download the I.
2. KHDA contract – must be signed before 14th September 2015. You will need to visit the school to sign and bring your emirates ID Card.
3. Security – all staff and parents are expected to wear ID badges at all times. Please contact reception if you do not have one or need a replacement.

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4. Teacher meetings – please make an appointment with a member of staff if you wish to speak to them. Unannounced meetings are less fair and less productive as teachers may be rushed when speaking to you or not have had the time to prepare material for the meeting.

17th November – Grade 6 BBQ 15.30-18.00pm

This year's Grade 6 Barbeque is being organised by our Student Council Team.

They have arranged a variety of activities with the aim of helping Grade 6's feel more at home at GCS and to help them bond together as a year group.

Equally as important, is the fact that it should be a fun occasion for all with multiple activities planned.

There will be food and drinks provided for the students. Tickets will go on sale next week and will cost 20AED.

Kind regards,

Neil Bunting
Head of Secondary

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On Thursday the 29th of October 2015, 19 Duke Of Edinburgh Candidates set off on their Bronze and Silver Practice Expedition. Their journey started off at the Cement Factory in Fujeirah-Dibba region.

The candidates spent various weeks planning their journey by identifying their checkpoints, using coordinates and setting out their compass bearing and distances to be travelled.

During Day 1 all candidates trekked a total of 10.1 kilometers of terrain which involved climbing various steep hills and camping on top of a Mountain Plain of Dab'ah, as well as stopping off at various checkpoints. During the evening, candidates had to demonstrate and apply their survival skills by setting up tents and cooking an evening meal. Students enjoyed their camping experience and told stories and jokes throughout the evening.

On day 2, both the Bronze and silver candidate set off on the second leg of their expedition. The Bronze candidates completed their journey at check point 3, 17 kilometres from their original starting point which was about 1 km off from Wadi Al Med.

At this point the Silver candidates had to continue their journey through the mountainous terrain stopping off at various check points until they arrived at Camp Site 2, 27 kilometres from their original starting point. During the evening camp the students set up camp and dinner. They were able to spot a few shooting stars and have an astronomy lesson.

On Day 3, the silver candidates set off for the final leg of their journey. This journey involved trekking through Wadis and an Oasis as well as the town of Ghel. The silver candidates completed their journey 1 kilometer off Wadi Al Ghel successfully, almost 43.1 kilometers from their starting point.



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Grade 11-12 Art Diploma trip to the Dubai Design week at the d3 Design District



Myself, Ms. Cashin and Mr. Ritter are very proud of the students and how they presented themselves. Although there were a lot of blisters, grazes and muscle aches, all candidates remained in high spirits, were caring, helpful and incredibly polite. We look forward to our Assessed Expedition in the New Year.

Ms. Lubna Jiad
Grade 10 Coordinator

Art News

The Art Department has had an action-packed start to the year. Our first adventure off-site was to Dubai's first ever Design Week, hosted at the newly built d3 Design District. Grade 11 & 12 students got to explore an interactive graduate exhibition, enabling them to speak to actual design students.

Whilst at the Graduate Exhibition, we were approached by a member of the KHDA, who was impressed by our student's behavior. She encouraged us to send some of our Gifted & Talented students to a Design workshop that will take place next week. The workshop is organised by the Dubai Design and Fashion Council (DDFC) and will be used as a starting point to kick-off design education outreach initiatives.

Next week some of our diploma students will be attending the Christian Dior Haute Couture event as part of Fashion Forward at the Dubai Mall; meeting real fashion designers and getting a flavour for fashion design.

As well as our sense for adventure off-site, students in the classroom have been using Art as a vehicle for many topics, such as Grade 7's, who have been exploring the power of Art to deliver messages. They have been using Banksy's work as an inspiration to 'de-face' famous paintings, whilst conveying a message about pollution.

Grade 8 have been refining their painting skills and exploring the theme of 'Nostalgia' through still life, with a focus on the work of Sarah Graham. Grade 9 have been exploring the theme 'food glorious food' with a focus on hyper-realism painting and the effects of the fast food industry. Grade 10 have been exploring connotations and symbolism through 3D sculpture techniques in paper, papier-mâché, wire, clay and even popcorn!

We are now entering the 'winter' months and are hopeful to complete more work outdoors and focusing on the school murals.

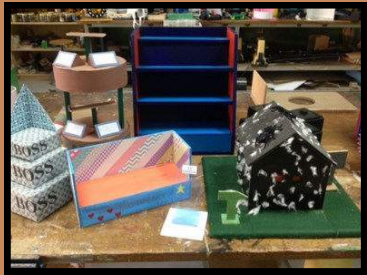
It's been a great start to the year, with lots of trips for inspiration. We have many more lined up and welcome you to our upcoming exhibitions.

Thank you

Lauren Dixon
Head of Music, Art & Design

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Design Technology



Design Technology

After 8 weeks of researching, Investigating, planning and designing, it's all systems go in the workshops of GCS as all grades are now embarking on the productions of their projects for unit one.

Students have worked incredibly hard so far this year to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Design Cycle. Emphasis has been placed on students' understanding and justification of why and how products are designed and then being able to apply it to their own designs.

In each grade in MYP, students have had to carry out some investigation and research work in the form of a product study where they chose a product and carried out a case study on it stating the positives and the negatives about the design and manufacture. Thereafter, students were presented with a problem which they had to solve by creating a brief and using this brief to write specifications, develop designs and produce a product to solve the problem.

Through Design Technology, students have been exposed to concepts that link the theory of our subject to the real world. Units covered include; producing an eco-friendly clock, designing a desk tidy for a study space, investigating the significance of fair trade products and producing a fair trade product, the use of textiles to protect technology and developing shelter for birds on the school grounds.

All of these units have exposed the students to a variety of real life situations. They have used these situations to design and create artefacts which have exposed them to the use of materials such as wood, plastics, metals, textiles and food. It also allowed the students to experience using tools and utensils to develop their skills for the future.

Diarmuid O Donovan
 Jeff Pringle
 Teachers of Design Technology

Learning art versus learning through arts

At GCS, we believe that in addition to Science, Maths and Languages, there is a wide range of skills that young people learn from studying the arts. Arts, besides having its own intrinsic value, promote important skills in academic and real life success. In grade seven for instance, GCS students learned valuable lessons on the importance of conserving the natural and fragile resources that our Earth is filled with. Looking at the famous American artist Georgia O Keeffe's work, students fine-tuned their sensitivity to the beauty that we tend to overlook in our busy lives.



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Art in Action



Maisie Anna Sheffield, 7A

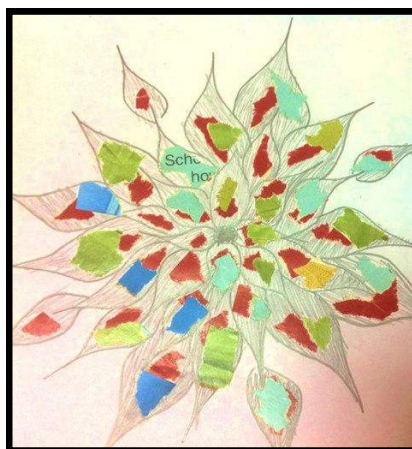
Kobe Caron Dungog,



I am inspired by Georgia Kreeffe to draw/paint flowers focusing on colour, detail and the flowers shape. I want to show the audience, through the painting, the natural beauty of a flower and show the audience what they are killing with pollution. I also want to show the audience.

I want to communicate the elegance and beauty of flowers and nature, to my audience so that they get an idea of the kind of imagery that can be found in style of nature. This will help spread awareness to the issues and disagreements of pollution in the environment. Also to provide the urgency to protect mother nature and its beauty.

Andrea DeWet, 7A



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BTEC & Design



Stephanie showing how to use the tools in her project .



Yannick using the jig saw safely.



In the end, year 7's were indeed proud of their flower board!

BTEC Art & Design

This year, the IB Career-related Programme has added an additional BTEC course, which is the Level 3 National Diploma in Art & Design. This course gives students the opportunity to study a chosen career path in subjects such as Art, Graphic Design, 3D Product Design, Media, Photography, Textiles, Interior Design, Sculpture, Jewellery Design and Web Page Design. The BTEC Art & Design course consists of 12 units, each lasting for 6 weeks. This is an exciting course for students who wish to follow a creative pathway and to work on their own projects and interests. See Mr. Worth for more details.



Callum working on his design project.

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Malala's Documentary

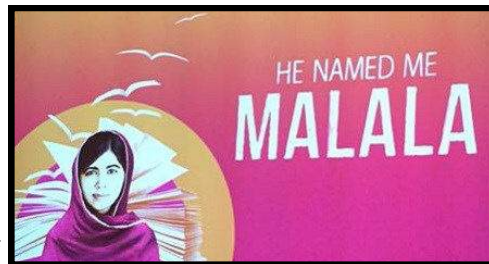


GCS MUN Assembly



One of our Grade 12 students, Danya Naqvi, had the Privilege of meeting the world's youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala's Documentary



Last week I was invited along with my mother to attend a private screening of Malala's documentary which would then

be followed by a question and answer session with Malala and her father. Malala is nothing but humble, graceful, and dedicated. This may sound obvious but I was personally struck by all of this meeting her in person. There's a great line from her movie "My story is important not because it is unusual but because it is unusual. I am not just Malala, I am millions of other girls who have been denied education." She is not just stopping at campaigning for education, but has also gone to Nigeria to campaign after Boko Haram abducted over 250 girls and is now campaigning for the Syrian refugees. After meeting her in person I have a profound respect for her.

GCS MUN

On the 25th of October 2015, we conducted the third annual session of GCS Model United Nations in order to commemorate the celebration of UN Day. It was a great success for all members involved. We had delegates from all ages representing countries from all over the globe.

The delegates were participating in a fruitful assembly and debate on how to solve the current refugee crisis. Here at GCS we believe in raising life long learners. Aspiring MUNers enjoyed a taste of a simulation of a



United Nations conference. The younger delegates took to the stage with great passion and enthusiasm. We as a school look forward to seeing the new and upcoming delegates shine in future conferences while our older delegates continue to excel in the international conferences.

Dolores Allison & Gemelyn Palo
GCS MUN Coordinators



Primary School News

Pink Day



Grade 5 Celebration of Learning



Primary School

Head of Primary: Mr. Gary Mallon



Pick Up Procedures in Primary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Primary parents for their continued support in ensuring that our Primary Reception area is clear during the “ peak time “ from 2:00pm – 2:50pm. It is quite noticeable that the bus children are now able to safely and quickly navigate their way out of the school supervised closely by their School Assistants. Incidents of buses leaving late have dropped considerably and parents coming to collect children who have been picked up late can easily locate their child together with Jennifer our receptionist.

To continue to ensure that your children are safe after official school hours end, it is essential that you inform Jennifer (through a phone call) if you are going to be late due to traffic etc. so that she can make a note of those children who need to be supervised in the Reception Area. **There is no Aftercare facility for non-staff children this year** (as Mr Wood and I have clarified at the start of the academic year) but any children that have not been picked up at 2:30pm prompt, are given the opportunity to call their parents to establish who will be collecting them (KG children take priority). If neither parent answers the phone then Jennifer will of course keep trying. Meanwhile, the child in question will have to wait in reception where there is no direct adult supervision apart from the presence of Jennifer. Our teachers have planning and ECA commitments after school so please ensure your child is picked up on time. In the event of heavy traffic or another type of delay, please be reassured that they are safe in the reception but of course supervision is minimal.

Thank you for working in partnership with us as a school to ensure your children are safe whilst on the school premises.

Gary Mallon
Head of Primary

Deputy Head of Primary: Mr. Jamie Plunkett

We are now two months into the academic year in the Primary School and we have already had many stimulating events to look back on. Last week we celebrated our ‘Pink Day’ in which we raised an impressive 4000 AED for the UAE Breast Cancer Charity Pink Caravan. Thank you to all those who were involved and well done to the Primary Student Council for their initiative in helping to organise the event. This month sees the Movember initiative, the Primary School Student Council would like to invite you to join Movember to help raise money and raise awareness of cancer in males. It’s an easy initiative; all you need to do if you’re a dad, is to grow a moustache for the entire month of November! For further information please see the information in this week’s newsletter and around the school. It’s not too late to start and it is for a great cause!



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Grade 5 Celebration of Learning



Attendance Rates

As part of the schools push to improve attendance, we will be publishing the list of Primary Homerooms who have achieved above an outstanding rating for the previous week. These posters will be displayed around the Primary School so please take a look at them to see the classes who have achieved the rating for the week. The KHDA states that for an outstanding rating "Attendance is at least 98%. Students are punctual to school and lessons". We would appreciate the help of all parents to help the school achieve the rating the school deserves. It is therefore vital that any absences are communicated to the homeroom teacher and that no unnecessary time is taken off during the school term.

Sincerely

Jamie Plunkett
Deputy Head of Primary

The role of the Primary School Student Council Treasurer

Hi my name is Nabeel Khan and I am the Primary Student Council Treasurer. When we have a School fundraiser or an event that the Primary School raises money for, my job is to count the money and to ensure it is all accounted for. Sometimes it can be hard if there is a lot of money, as you can see in this picture - it was pink day and we raised approximately 4000 AED for the UAE Breast Cancer charity Pink Caravan. Being the Student Council Treasurer holds a big responsibility because you are only given a certain amount of time to count all the money and also when you're counting the money you have to get the exact amount recorded. Even one small mistake could make your counting incorrect. As Student Council Treasurer I also discuss at meetings what the campaigns will cost us and if I think it is an event which is within the budget. This role has been very challenging and I have to ensure everything is communicated to the rest of my team. The role has helped challenge my math's skills and organisation skills as the role is key to events running successfully.



Nabeel Khan
Primary Student Council Treasurer

Grade 5 Celebration of Learning

On Wednesday, Grade 5 students enjoyed the end of their 'How we express ourselves' unit with a celebration of learning. This was an opportunity for students to show off their hard work and efforts for their summative assessment. Guests included parents, Grade 4 students, specialist teachers and senior management. What a great start to the year!

Grade 5 Team

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Grade 1 Celebration of Learning



Grade 1 Celebration of Learning

Last week Grade 1 had their first celebration of learning this year. It was a showcasing of not just the last few weeks' efforts, but a culmination of a learning journey. The students were able to describe the houses they built, the materials they used, the climate that the house was made for, and whether the house was old or new. They were risk-takers in answering some very challenging questions and were open-minded in working with various group members.

A huge thank you to all our parents and staff who were able to take a few minutes out of their day and ask students questions about their learning. It was wonderful to see the confidence and knowledge being presented by our young learners!

Grade 1 team

Head of Physical Education: Mr. Callum Stevens

This is my first year at Greenfield Community School and it has been a very enjoyable beginning. I've been living and working in the UAE for twelve years now, having joined GCS from another Dubai school where I was also teaching PE. I gained a sports management degree from Edinburgh University along with my PGCE from Sunderland University.

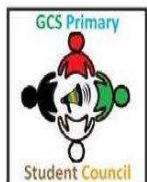


I'm really lucky that my job and my passion, sport, are combined and it is clear that this year at GCS I'm working with a team that are as passionate about sport as I am.

I am originally from Scotland but I've been fortunate to live and work abroad for the majority of my life. From Nepal to Australia and now in the UAE. I am married and have a son who is around 20 months old which keeps me busy for large parts of my spare time.

Our vision for the PE department this year, is to develop the existing format of PYP PE at GCS. It is clear there are some fantastic practices in place along with some great facilities. We as a team are aiming to help support the development and growth of the primary students, at GCS, as well as challenge those students who show particular strengths in various sports related activities. We aim to cover a range of activities in PE throughout the year, from swimming to outdoor adventure activities as well as athletics to name a few. We aim to lead by example as a PE team but also inspire the students to continue to be active and participate in a wide range of sports by keeping our lessons informative, fun, inspiring and safe. A significant part of our role is to also relate our lessons to the wider UAE sporting community to assist parents and students to maintain levels of sporting activities outside of school time. All the best to all the parents and students for this academic year.

Callum Stevens
Head of Physical Education



CALLING ALL DADS!



The Primary School Student Council would like to invite you to join **Movember** to help raise money and raise awareness of cancer in males. Become the MoBro you were always destined to be!

What can I do to help? It's simple, grow a moustache (**MO**vember) for the whole month starting **November 1st**.

What are the rules?

On Saturday November 31st, the complete moustache region, including the entire upper lip and the handlebar zones, must be completely shaved!

For the entire duration of Movember (November 1st - 30th inclusive), no hair shall be allowed to grow in the goatee zone being any facial area below the bottom lip.

There is to be no joining of the moustache to sideburns.

How do I share my Mo with the school?

On the following dates you must take a photo (selfie) to show your progress.

Week 1 - Sunday 1st Nov – Must be clean shaven!

Week 2 - Sunday 8th Nov – Have you grown anything yet?

Week 3 - Sunday 15th Nov – Is that a slug on your lip?

Week 4 - Sunday 22nd Nov – Not long left!

Week 5 - Sunday 29th – Nov – You made it!

Once you have taken a photo email it with your name, date as mentioned above, and your child's HR.

e.g. Mr. Mallon, Movember, Week 1, Father of Joe Bloggs
1HR

Emails to go to – gcsmovember@gmail.com

The photos will be shared weekly on the school social media platforms and we will have winners and prizes at the end of the month

How can I donate?

So you know someone who is suffering for the whole month? How can you help? It's simple.

1. Encourage them to stick it out for the month!
2. If you want to contribute please do so. We have a school contributions page located at:

<http://mobro.co/greenfieldcommunityschool>

So what about the Mums?

Firstly we are sorry for putting you through a whole month of this!

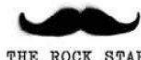
As we hope you agree it is for a great cause!

So please help us by encouraging any dads, friends, work colleagues etc. participate.

CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON



THE ABRACADABRA



THE ROCK STAR



THE REGENT



THE TRUCKER



THE WISP



THE CONNOISSEUR



THE AFTER EIGHT



THE BOX CAR



THE UNDERCOVER BROTHER

DONATE NOW AT - <http://mobro.co/greenfieldcommunityschool>

Are teachers involved? Some yes, including MR MALLON!

GCP Updates

Brought to you by the Greenfield Community Parents Committee



National Day at GCS is coming this month!

Parents are welcome to come and share the pride by watching our students and staff celebrate UAE's 44th National Day on Thursday, the 26th of November 2015 !

The GCP would also like to congratulate those GCS students who took part in the Aircraft Design Competition 2015 and won!



The GCP would like to thank all the students, staff and parents who took part in "Pink Day" on the 29th of October. The PYP participated in a massive scale photo-shoot and was able to collect over 4000 AED to donate towards breast cancer research. That is incredible support! Great job PYP!

The GCS school library is looking for donations of books in different languages. If you have any books from your mother-tongue language, that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop your books to one of our Grade 5 teachers, Ms. Paula Wistrand, in 5PW.

International Day 2016 is going to be held on the 4th of February this year! This colorful and fun-filled event is one of our biggest! It's a chance for all of us to show the culture of our home countries by decorating our tables, preparing delicious foods and sharing interesting facts and customs with all of GCS! Our first meeting will be held on the 16th of November. Sign up for a table to represent your country and don't forget to book a spot during the event to show off songs, dance, or any other colorful talent from your country. The GCP will also have an exciting raffle during this event! If you would like to donate any fabulous raffle prizes, contact the GCP committee. This is a great way to showcase your company!

Upcoming Events

8th of November, Sunday
MYP Swimming Squad Gala
3:30pm

Located at the GCS pool. Show your support and cheer on our MYP as they try to break their own records and race their way to the finish line! Refreshments will be available for sale.

10th of November, Tuesday
Lost and Found Sale
2:30pm-3:30pm

Located above the Secondary Library on the 2nd floor, Room C23.

Take this opportunity to purchase a large variety of used uniforms at unbelievably low prices!

16th of November, Monday
International Day Coffee Morning
8am-9am

Located in the PYP Collaboration Room behind the PYP library

Find out all there is to know about International Day.

Don't Forget!

GCS Parents' ID cards are now required at the gate. Make sure you have yours. Also, KHDA contracts need to be signed for all your children attending GCS.

Visit us on Facebook by adding yourself to

The Greenfield Community Parents Group.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009997454845&fref=nf>

Email us at GCP4GCS@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

