

Parent Weekly Newsletter No (006)

01st June – 05th June 2026

النشرة الأسبوعية لأولياء الأمور رقم (006)

Bassam Saryeddine
Principal's Message



بسام سري الدين
رسالة المدير

Dear Parents,
I hope this finds you all well.

The first week of June has brought with it many exciting stories of success and achievement at VAS.

Earlier in the week, we celebrated our Class of 2026 graduation ceremony. A memorable event which closes one chapter and opens tremendous opportunities for all our graduating students. We are very proud of them and wish them and their families all the best as they embark on a new journey ahead.

On Friday, we were also delighted to hear that our elementary students secured 1st place in the TTRS Competition - Aldar Education edition. Congratulations to all of them and to our elementary teachers for this amazing achievement!

The week also held special meaning as it was World Environment Day on Friday and our entire school community came together to mark the day through our "One Plant, One Student" initiative, demonstrating environmental responsibility and a commitment to a more sustainable, greener future.

As we approach our upcoming end-of-term assessment window, we would like to share with you some important information and updates:

School Timings & Arrangements

Please be reminded that starting next week our school day timings will be between 7:30am and 12:45pm, Monday to Thursday and between 7:30am and 11:30am on Fridays. On exam days, secondary students' will have the option to depart at 10:30am.

Please refer to the Principal's letter shared with you on Thursday, the 4th of June for further information and details.

Additionally, we have attached the lesson timings for each of our respective phases in this letter for your reference.

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السادة / أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،،،

نأمل أن تكونوا أنتم وعائلاتكم الكريمة بأفضل حال.

لقد حمل الأسبوع الأول من شهر يونيو معه العديد من قصص النجاح والإنجاز المميزة في مدرسة فرجينيا الأمريكية.

ففي بداية الأسبوع، احتفلنا بحفل تخرج دفعة عام (2026)، وهو حدث استثنائي شكّل ختاماً لمرحلة مهمة وبدايةً لفرص واعدة أمام جميع طلابنا الخريجين. ونحن فخورون جداً بهم، ونتمنى لهم ولعائلاتهم كل التوفيق والنجاح في رحلتهم القادمة.

كما سعدنا يوم الجمعة بالإعلان عن فوز طلاب المرحلة الابتدائية بالمركز الأول في مسابقة (TTRS) على مستوى مدارس الدار للتعليم. وبهذه المناسبة، نتقدم بخالص التهاني لجميع الطلاب المشاركين وللمعلمين والمرحلي المرحلة الابتدائية على هذا الإنجاز الرائع.

وقد اكتسب هذا الأسبوع أهمية خاصة أيضاً لتزامنه مع اليوم العالمي للبيئة الذي صادف يوم الجمعة، حيث اجتمع أفراد مجتمعنا المدرسي للمشاركة في مبادرة «نبته لكل طالب»، تجسيدا لمسؤوليتنا البيئية والتزامنا ببناء مستقبل أكثر استدامة وخضرة.

ومع اقتراب فترة تقييمات نهاية الفصل الدراسي، نود أن نشارككم بعض المعلومات والتحديثات المهمة:

مواعيد الدوام المدرسي والترتيبات الخاصة

يرجى التذكير بأنه اعتباراً من الأسبوع القادم ستكون ساعات الدوام المدرسي من الساعة (07:30) صباحاً وحتى (12:45) ظهراً من الإثنين إلى الخميس، ومن الساعة (07:30) صباحاً وحتى (11:30) صباحاً يوم الجمعة.

وفي أيام الامتحانات، سيكون بإمكان طلاب المرحلة الثانوية المغادرة عند الساعة (10:30) صباحاً.

للمزيد من التفاصيل، يرجى الرجوع إلى رسالة مدير المدرسة التي تمت مشاركتها معكم يوم الخميس الموافق 04 يونيو 2026.

كما أرفقنا مع هذه الرسالة جدول الحصص الدراسية الخاص بكل مرحلة تعليمية للرجوع إليه عند الحاجة.

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Academic Integrity

We are keen on ensuring our students sit for their exams in secure testing environments and that the administration of each exam is well organized and fair for all students.

Our expectations will be very high during this assessment window, and we will ensure full compliance and adherence to our academic integrity policy - attached in this email. We will also be sharing a version of this with our students - as we had done in Term 1. Please take the time to review it; we are looking forward to our partnership supporting the process of exam administration and student achievement.

Islamic New Year Holiday

As you are aware, the Islamic New Year falls on **Monday, the 15th of June**. This recent announcement has meant that there have been minor adjustments to our examination schedule. Please refer to the Principal's letter shared with you on Thursday, the 4th of June. The school will resume operations on Tuesday, the 16th of June.

Important Dates & Calendars

Please be reminded of the key Term 3 dates below:

June 8-19 - Grades 6-11 Final Exams

June 24 - KG2 Graduation Ceremony

June 25 - Grade 5 Graduation Ceremony

July 3 - Last day of Term 3 for students

Earlier in the term, we shared with you our ADEK-approved calendar for the next academic year. We are sharing this with you again in this letter for your reference and forward planning.

To be continued>>>

النزاهة الأكاديمية

نحرص على توفير بيئة اختبار آمنة ومنظمة تضمن العدالة وتكافؤ الفرص لجميع الطلاب أثناء أداء الامتحانات.

ونظراً لأهمية هذه الفترة، ستكون توقعاتنا عالية فيما يتعلق بالالتزام الكامل بسياسة النزاهة الأكاديمية، المرفقة مع هذه الرسالة. كما سنقوم بمشاركة نسخة منها مع الطلاب، كما فعلنا خلال الفصل الدراسي الأول. نرجو منكم تخصيص بعض الوقت للاطلاع على هذه السياسة، ونتطلع إلى استمرار شراكتنا الفاعلة معكم لدعم سير الامتحانات وتعزيز نجاح أبنائنا الطلبة.

عطلة رأس السنة الهجرية

كما تعلمون، يصادف رأس السنة الهجرية يوم **الاثنين الموافق 15 يونيو 2026**. وقد ترتب على هذا الإعلان إجراء بعض التعديلات البسيطة على جدول الامتحانات. يرجى الرجوع إلى رسالة مدير المدرسة المرسلة يوم **الخميس الموافق 4 يونيو 2026** للاطلاع على التفاصيل المحدثة.

وسيُستأنف الدوام المدرسي يوم **الثلاثاء الموافق 16 يونيو 2026**.

التواريخ المهمة والتقويم المدرسي

نود تذكيركم بالمواعيد المهمة للفصل الدراسي الثالث:

* **19-08 يونيو 2026**: الامتحانات النهائية للصفوف من السادس إلى الحادي عشر.

* **24 يونيو 2026**: حفل تخرج طلبة رياض الأطفال (KG-2).

* **25 يونيو 2026**: حفل تخرج طلبة الصف الخامس.

* **03 يوليو 2026**: آخر يوم دراسي للطلاب في الفصل الدراسي الثالث.

كما سبق أن شاركنا معكم في وقت سابق من هذا الفصل الدراسي التقويم المدرسي المعتمد من دائرة التعليم والمعرفة (ADEK) للعام الأكاديمي القادم، ونرفقه لكم مجدداً ضمن هذه الرسالة للرجوع إليه والتخطيط المسبق.

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Re-registration for (2026-2027) Academic Year

In case you have not re-registered your child for the 2026/2027 academic year, we strongly encourage you to do so **before the June 12 deadline**. Our seats are filling up fast, and we will not be able to guarantee your child a place past the set deadline.

Live Aldar Mobile Application

The Live Aldar Mobile application is an essential communication channel and feature-rich platform that supports your journey with us at VAS. In case you have not yet downloaded it, we strongly encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. The unique application provides you with up-to-date information about your child's educational journey at Virginia American School.

Wishing you all a restful Sunday.

Warm Regards,

Bassam Saryeddine
Principal

إعادة التسجيل للعام الأكاديمي 2026/2027

في حال لم تقوموا حتى الآن بإعادة تسجيل أبنائكم للعام الأكاديمي (2026-2027)، فإننا نحثكم على إتمام عملية إعادة التسجيل قبل الموعد النهائي المحدد بتاريخ **12 يونيو 2026**.

ونود إحاطتكم علماً بأن المقاعد المتاحة تمتلئ بسرعة، ولن نتمكن من ضمان الاحتفاظ بمقعد الطالب بعد انتهاء الموعد النهائي المحدد.

تطبيق (Live ALDAR)

يُعد تطبيق (Live ALDAR) قناة تواصل أساسية ومنصة متكاملة بالميزات تدعم رحلتكم التعليمية معنا في مدرسة فرجينيا الأمريكية.

وفي حال لم تقوموا بتحميل التطبيق بعد، فإننا نشجعكم على القيام بذلك في أقرب فرصة ممكنة. ويوفر التطبيق معلومات محدثة باستمرار حول المسيرة التعليمية لأبنائكم، بالإضافة إلى مجموعة واسعة من الخدمات والمزايا التي تُسهّل عملية التواصل والمتابعة.

نتمنى لكم جميعاً يوم أحد هادئ وسعيد.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير...

بسام سري الدين
مدير المدرسة



Acting Vice Principal's Updates Mr. Andrew Collins

We are proud to see our students actively engaged in school life, contributing to a positive and energetic learning environment.

Attendance Success

We are excited to recognize the classes who achieved the highest attendance figures this week. Strong attendance remains essential for academic success, and we are very pleased to celebrate the following groups;

Phase | Leading Class

-  KG | KG2 Red
-  Elementary | 1A
-  Secondary Girls | 7G1
-  Secondary Boys | 6B2

Congratulations to these classes for demonstrating excellent consistency and dedication! 🌟 Let's keep working together to ensure outstanding attendance across every year group.

House Spirit Is Stronger Than Ever! 🎉

Our House spirit continues to shine across the school! 🌟 Staff have been enthusiastically competing in our weekly House quiz and proudly wearing their House T-shirts every Friday. 🍀 The energy, teamwork, and friendly competition have been fantastic to see!

Students are also continuing to earn achievement and House points in class through their hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment to excellence. 📊 🌟 Our student leaders will be adding points to classroom doors, and we will be celebrating each week the House with the highest number of points across the school. 🏆 🎉

Here's a reminder of our amazing Houses;

-  Green House – Falcons
-  Black House – Arabian Oryx
-  Red House – Camels
-  White House – Horses
-  House Leaderboard Since Returning from Distance Learning)
 -  1st Place – Oryx (Black House) 🐪 with 94 points
 -  2nd Place – Falcons (Green House) 🦅 with 93 points
 -  3rd Place – Horses (White House) 🐎 with 91 points
 -  4th Place – Camels (Red House) 🐪 with 90 points

What a close competition! 🍀 The teamwork and enthusiasm from both staff and students have been incredible.



Acting Vice Principal's Updates
Mr. Andrew Collins

🌟 Celebrating Our Outstanding Achievements 🌟

🎸 Rock the Tables – Aldar Edition Champions! 🏆

A huge congratulations to our incredible elementary students for achieving 1st place in the Rock the Tables – Aldar Edition competition on Times Tables Rock Stars! Your dedication, speed, and number skills truly made us proud. A very special mention goes to Ms. Shene's class, who stood first among all Aldar schools – an outstanding accomplishment that reflects hard work, teamwork, and brilliant teaching. Well done to every single student who took part – you are all true rock stars! 🎵 ✨

🎓 Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony 🎉

What an unforgettable evening it was! Our Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony was nothing short of amazing filled with pride, emotion, and celebration. From heartfelt speeches to joyful moments shared between students, families, and staff, the ceremony beautifully honoured the journey of our graduating class. 🥹

📖 To Our Grade 12 Graduates 🎓

To our wonderful Grade 12 graduates – this was the perfect way to close such a meaningful chapter of your lives. We are so proud of everything you have achieved, and we wish you nothing but the very best as you step into the next exciting phase of your journey. Carry with you the values, friendships, and memories you built here. The world is ready for you – go and shine! 🌟 🎓 📚

📖 Aldar Holy Quran Competition – 1st Place! 🏆

Mashallah! Congratulations to our secondary students for securing 1st place in the Aldar Holy Quran Competition. Your dedication, devotion, and beautiful recitation reflected the depth of your hard work and spiritual commitment. We are incredibly proud of this remarkable achievement. 🙌 🌙 ✨

🌍 World Environment Day 🌱

Our World Environment Day celebration was truly a special and inspiring day! A heartfelt thank you to our Events and Activities Coordinator, Ms. Lincy, and the entire team for organizing such a meaningful and well-coordinated event. Our students enthusiastically planted trees and vegetables in the school garden and even gave away plants to members of our community, spreading awareness, kindness, and a love for our planet. 🌳 🥕 🌻

It was a beautiful reminder that small actions, done together, can create a greener and brighter future for us all. 🌍 ❤️

Well done to all our students, teachers, and staff – you continue to make our school community shine! ✨ 🙌



Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

Dear Parents,

This week, the students enthusiastically shared their wonderful Eid holiday experiences with their classmates. They practiced their speaking and listening skills by communicating with their ideas clearly and confidently.

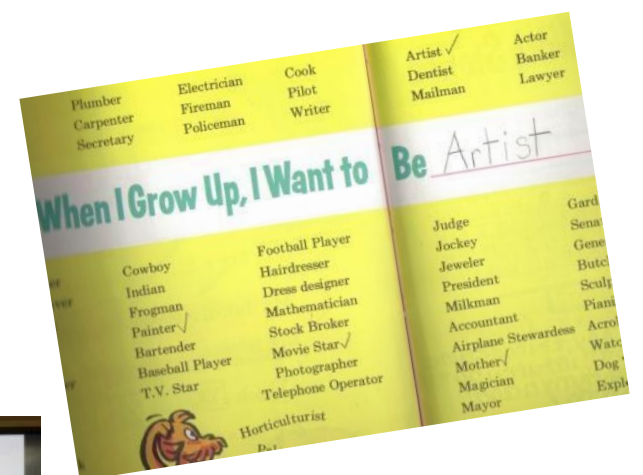
In English, the students participated enthusiastically in our Spelling Bee, showcasing their growing confidence and spelling skills.

Our morning assemblies have been full of energy, starting with the National Anthem and ending with an active dance. Today, we also distributed the Star of the Week certificates.

Best Regards,

Rania Akl

Head of Kindergarten





Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

Pre-k

Pre-K had a busy and exciting week!

In Literacy, they learned the sounds **x** and **qu**. The children practiced finding these letters among other sounds and enjoyed forming them using playdough. They also revisited our story *Magnet Max* and practiced listening to the beginning sounds of important words from the story.

In Mathematics, they started learning about subtraction. The children practiced taking some objects away from a group and counting how many were left. They enjoyed using hands-on materials to understand the meaning of “take away.”

In Science, magnets were explored. The children investigated different objects to see which ones stick to magnets. They learned that magnets could attract some materials, such as metal, and had fun testing and discovering.

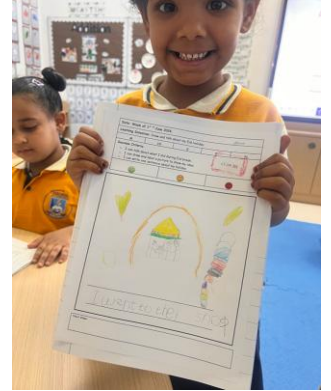


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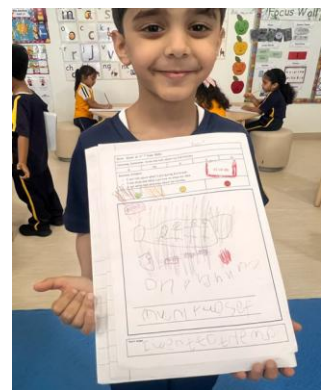
KG 1

In English students expressed their Eid experiences through art by drawing pictures of their Eid celebrations. They carefully labeled different parts of their drawings to show their understanding and attention to detail. To complete the activity, each student wrote a simple sentence describing their picture, helping to connect their ideas with written expressions.

It was wonderful to see their creativity, confidence, and teamwork shine throughout the week!



KG1 had a proud and productive week in Math. The students learned to identify and write the number 30, count and sequence numbers from 1–30, and explore subtraction as “taking away” using hands-on materials. They also practiced solving subtraction word problems within 5, showing wonderful growth as young mathematicians.



The classroom was buzzing with excitement as students explored magnets by attracting, repelling, and sorting different objects. They learned about magnetic forces and were amazed to see magnets work without even touching some objects. Throughout the activity, students showed great curiosity, teamwork, and scientific thinking as they observed, asked questions, and shared their findings.



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KG 2

This week in English, the students enjoyed reading a variety of engaging stories and discussing the characters, settings, and events together. The children began a special journal project reflecting their **KG2 memories**, sharing their favorite experiences and achievements from the year. To encourage a love of reading, students have been choosing books from our class library and having a go at reading independently, demonstrating increasing enthusiasm and confidence as young readers.



This week in Mathematics, the students enjoyed revisiting their favourite maths topics from throughout the year. They confidently chose activities that they found most enjoyable and engaging.

Many students selected topics such as **telling the time**, **number names**, **addition**, **2D and 3D shapes**, **counting money**, and **writing numbers from 1–100**. Through these activities, they demonstrated their growing understanding and mathematical skills while reflecting on how much they have learned this year. It was wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm and confidence as they practiced and celebrated their favorite areas of Mathematics.





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Ms. Rania Akl

KG 2

In Science, the children were introduced to **Engineering and Design**, which was a brand-new learning experience for many of them. The students took on the role of young engineers and were given a challenge to redesign a piece of land with a factory, trees, and roads. They had to think about what they would remove and where they would build a **new school, shopping mall, and houses**. The children enjoyed drawing their ideas and sharing their designs with the class.





Assistant Principal - Elementary
Ms. Gloria D'Souza

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderfully busy and productive week in our Elementary School, filled with learning, celebrations, and achievements that truly reflect the dedication and enthusiasm of our students and staff.

Our Grade 1 and Grade 5 students participated in the comprehensive SEHA health screening this week. Also, we were delighted to see many of our classes capture their annual class photographs this week. The excitement among students was truly contagious! Photography sessions will continue next week for the remaining classes, and we look forward to completing this special annual tradition.

Our Grade 1 students successfully completed their Reading Screening assessments. We are proud of the confidence and progress they have demonstrated in their early literacy journey. These assessments help us support each student's continued growth in reading.

A Proud Achievement – Rock the Tables Competition

The highlight of this week was undoubtedly our outstanding success in the Rock the Tables – Aldar Edition (TTRS Competition). We are thrilled to share that our elementary school secured first place among 8 Aldar schools!

An extra special congratulations goes to Class 4C, who achieved first place among 145 classes across all participating Aldar Schools. This is an exceptional accomplishment and a testament to their dedication and teamwork. We look forward to celebrating our Elementary student's achievement and special celebrations in Class 4C next week.

Through this achievement, our students have demonstrated excellent mastery of their times tables. This strong foundation gives them confidence and ability to approach more complex mathematical operations with ease.

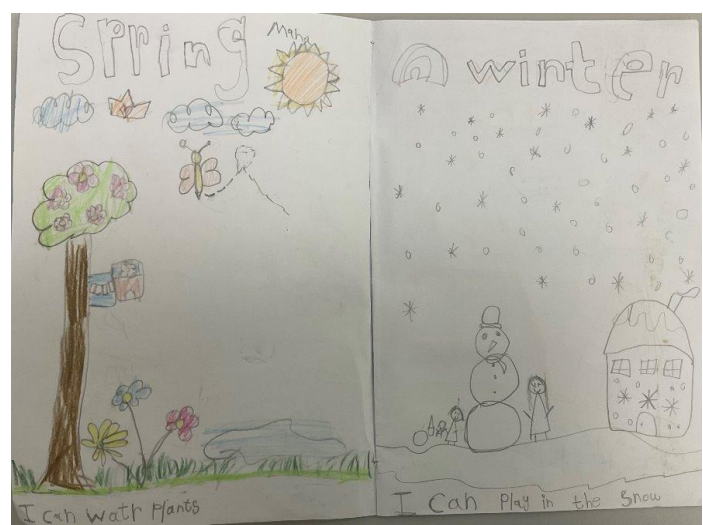
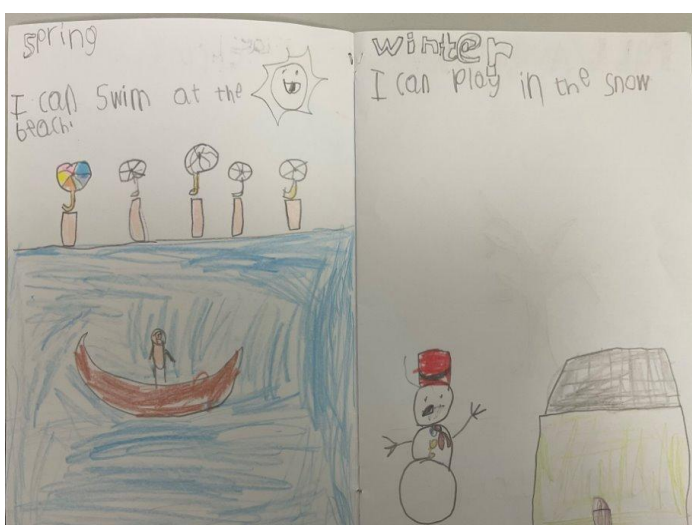
On Friday, we celebrated World Environment Day through a variety of engaging and meaningful activities. Students participated enthusiastically in learning experiences that promoted environmental awareness, responsibility, and sustainability. It was heartening to see our young learners reflect on how they can contribute positively to our planet.

Here is a glimpse of learning that took place in each grade this week - classrooms were vibrant with discussions, problem-solving, and hands-on exploration.



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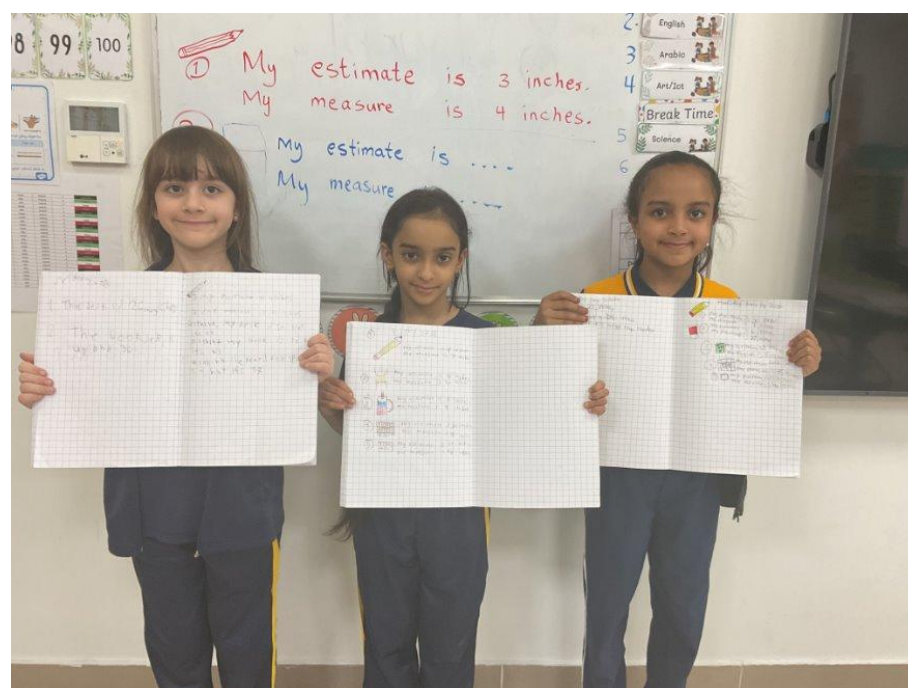
This week our **Grade 1** students turned into little authors and artists! They made their own season booklets and wrote about what they love to do in each season. They really made such an amazing effort creating their booklets and showing it off to their friends. So much creativity and so much learning packed into one week. We are very proud of all the students.





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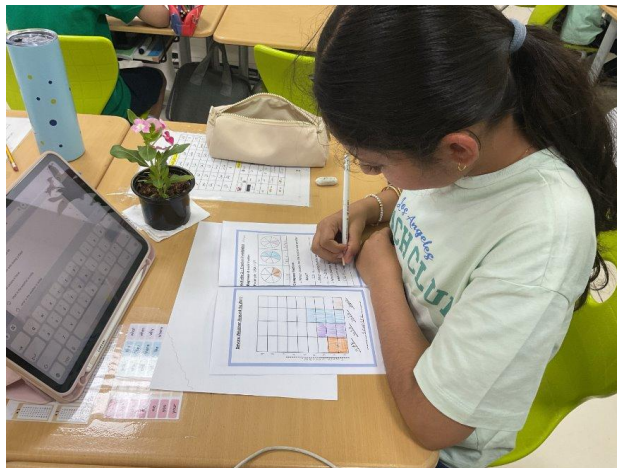
Grade 2 students had an exciting week of cross-curricular learning! In Math, they measured items of their choice and created their own measurement displays to showcase their understanding. In Science, students explored food chains and learned how animals depend on one another for survival. They connected this learning to *The Lion and the Mouse* and used the story as inspiration for their narrative writing projects.





Assistant Principal - Elementary
Ms. Gloria D'Souza

This week in **grade 3** students completed their end of unit assessments and project week. In science they created a severe weather in a box, here students really showed off their creativity with some wonderful projects. In Math, they used fractions and bar graphs to compare severe weather around the world. In English, they wrote an informational piece about a severe weather eg. Tornadoes, sandstorms and snowstorms.





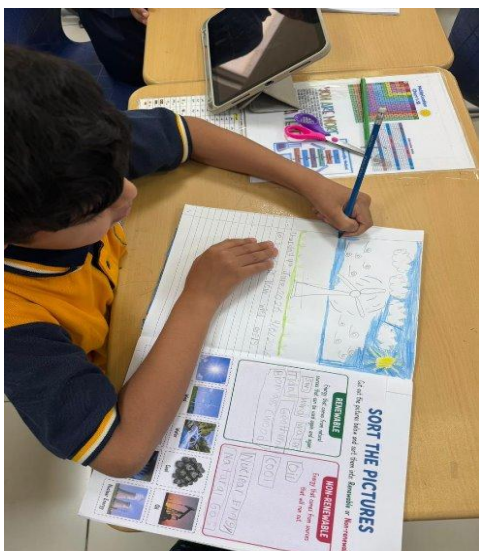
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During project week in **Grade 4**, our Science Explorers learnt to understand the importance of renewable energy and how wind energy can be used to create movement and power. They designed, built, tested, and improved a paper windmill while developing their problem-solving, collaboration, and engineering skills. In English, our Writing Rockstars had the opportunity to explain how to make a paper windmill using easy steps, linking with our writing genre, procedural writing.





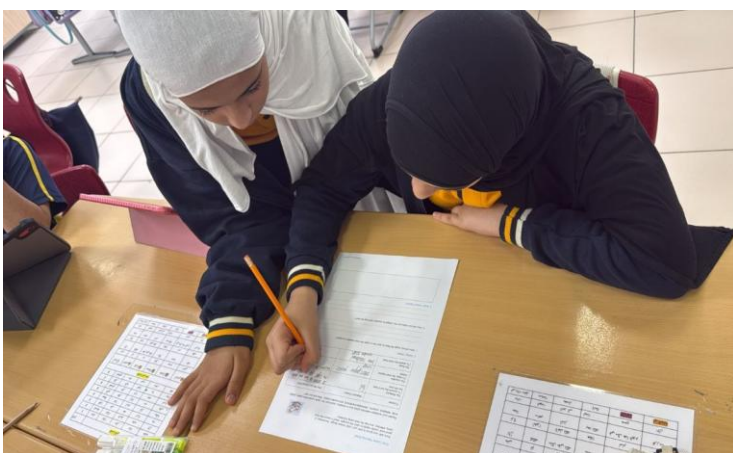
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Our **Grade 5** students designed their own UAE-themed festival, applying their understanding of coordinates and geometry while developing real-life financial literacy skills through budgeting and planning activities. In Science, students collaborated in groups to design and build solar ovens, exploring how solar energy can be harnesses as a renewable energy source through hands-on investigation and teamwork. We are proud of the creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills demonstrated by our Grade 5 students throughout the week.





Assistant Principal - Elementary
Ms. Gloria D'Souza

As we move into next week, we would like to remind you that, as previously communicated, the school day will end at 12:45 pm starting Monday, 5th June, until the end of the term.

We are also excited about a very special upcoming event — our Grade 5 Graduation Walk. This will be a proud and emotional moment as our graduating students walk through the KG and Elementary corridors, celebrating their journey and inspiring younger students.

Important Reminders

Students must arrive at school on time by 7:45 am to ensure a smooth start to their day.

Students using their own transport should be picked up promptly by 12:50 pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support.

Best Regards,

Gloria D'Souza

Assistant Principal - Elementary



Assistant Principal - Secondary
Ms. Nawal J. Moukarzel

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to our Grade (12) students on reaching this important milestone in their educational journey. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, perseverance, and achievements throughout the year, and we wish them every success in their upcoming examinations and future endeavors.

At the same time, we are excited to see our Grade (11) students preparing to take on their new role as our future seniors. We look forward to supporting them as they embark on this important stage of their academic journey.

This week was dedicated entirely to revision and exam preparation. Our teachers worked diligently to ensure that students were fully equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for their final examinations. Through focused revision sessions, targeted support, and guided practice, students have been given every opportunity to prepare thoroughly for next week's exams.

As communicated in the school's latest email, final examinations will begin next week and will start at (8:00) AM.

Students will have the option to leave school at (10:30) AM. after completing their examinations. However, we strongly encourage students to take advantage of the additional support available on campus. Students who choose to remain at school will participate in two revision sessions designed to help them prepare for their upcoming examinations. These sessions will provide valuable opportunities for further practice, clarification of key concepts, and focused exam preparation.

Students attending the revision sessions will remain at school until (12:45) PM., after which they may be collected or leave according to their usual arrangements.

It is worth noting that on 10 June, students will not have the option of early dismissal as they will be sitting for the Arabic examination, which consists of two components: Reading and Writing. Therefore, dismissal for all Secondary students on that day will be at (12:45) PM.

On revision days where no examinations are scheduled, students will follow the regular timetable with shortened lesson periods, allowing for focused revision and preparation across all subjects.

At VAS, academic integrity is of the utmost importance. We would like to remind all students that electronic devices are not permitted during examinations and should not be brought to school. Any breach of examination regulations may result in disciplinary action in accordance with school policies.

As we enter this important examination period, we encourage all students to remain focused on their studies and revision, maintain healthy eating habits, stay hydrated, and ensure they get sufficient sleep before each examination day. Good preparation and healthy routines play an important role in achieving success.

We would like to thank our parents for their continued support and partnership throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement play a vital role in our students' success.

We wish all our students the very best in their final examinations and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Best of luck to all our students!

Kind regards,

Nawal J. Moukarzel
Assistant Principal - Secondary



**Assistant Principal
(Teaching Curriculum & Assessment) Updates
Mr. Shawn Brian Keddy**

Dear parents,

This week, we were delighted to celebrate our Grade 12 students at a wonderful graduation ceremony. It was a proud and memorable occasion for our school community, and we congratulate our graduates on this important milestone. The best is yet to come, Grade 12s!

Our Grade 6 to 11 students have also been working hard this week, revising for their final examinations with the support and guidance of their teachers. Final exams for Grades 6 to 11 will begin next week, and we wish all students the very best as they complete this important part of the academic year.

As a reminder, academic honesty is essential. Before each examination begins, students will be asked to hand in all phones, smart watches, and any other electronic devices. If a student is found to be using a device, accessing unauthorised materials, or engaging in any form of academic misconduct, the examination will be stopped and the student will be required to sit a make-up examination, as per our academic integrity policy.

At home, we encourage families to support students with healthy and manageable revision routines. Students should revise in short, focused sessions, take regular breaks, review key notes and practice questions, and avoid last-minute cramming. A good night's sleep, nutritious meals, plenty of water, and some time away from screens will also help students feel more prepared and focused during their examinations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our students a successful examination period and hope you and your family have a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Shawn Keddy

Assistant Principal – Teaching, Curriculum & Assessment



School Counselor & Child Protection Coordinator
Ms. Dima Ahmad

Preparing for Final Exams with Integrity and Confidence

Dear Parents,

As we approach the final examination period, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in your child's academic journey. Final exams are an important milestone, not only to assess students' knowledge, but also to reinforce the values of **honesty, responsibility, and independence** that our school community upholds.

At Virginia School, academic integrity is at the heart of everything we do. It reflects our REACH values: **Respect, Excellence, Aspiration, Courage, and Honesty**, which guide students to achieve success through genuine effort.

Why Academic Integrity Matters During Exams

Final exams are designed to measure each student's **true understanding and effort**. Upholding integrity ensures:

- Fairness for all students
- Accurate assessment of learning
- Development of ethical habits that extend beyond school

Students are expected to complete all assessments **independently**, follow all exam rules.

We kindly remind families that any form of **cheating, plagiarism, or unauthorized assistance** is considered a serious violation and may lead to significant consequences, including invalidation of assessments or further disciplinary action.

How Parents Can Support Exam Readiness

Your role is vital in helping your child prepare effectively and confidently. Here are some practical ways you can help:

1. Encourage Independent Study

Support your child in building **strong study habits**, while ensuring that all work reflects their own understanding. Parents are encouraged to **guide rather than complete tasks** on behalf of their children.

2. Create a Structured Study Plan

Help your child:

- Break revision into manageable sections
- Set realistic daily goals
- Balance study time with rest and well-being

3. Promote a Positive Study Environment

Provide a **quiet, organized, and distraction-free space** where your child can focus and prepare effectively.



School Counselor & Child Protection Coordinator
Ms. Dima Ahmad

✓ 4. Reinforce Exam Expectations

Remind your child to:

- Arrive **on time** for exams
- Bring **only permitted materials**
- Follow all **invigilator instructions**
- Avoid communication or device use during exams 1

✓ 5. Support Healthy Habits

Encourage:

- Proper sleep routines
- Balanced nutrition
- Regular breaks during revision

These habits greatly improve focus, memory, and overall performance.

Exams are not just about grades—they are an opportunity for students to demonstrate **growth, resilience, and character**. With your encouragement and our shared commitment to academic integrity, we are confident that our students will succeed honorably.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support.

Warm Regards,

Dima Ahmad
School Counselor
& Child Protection Coordinator



Ms. Fatima Ibrahim
Career and University Guidance Counselor

🎓 ✨ Celebrating the Outstanding University Acceptances of the Class of 2026 ✨ 🎓

Dear Parents,

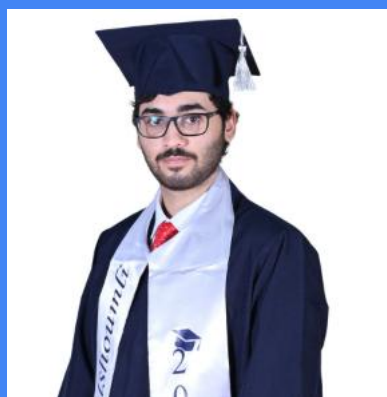
As we approach the end of another remarkable academic year, we take a moment to reflect on the dedication, resilience, and achievements of our students. Throughout the year, they have embraced challenges, worked diligently toward their goals, and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Today, we are proud to celebrate the results of their hard work and perseverance.

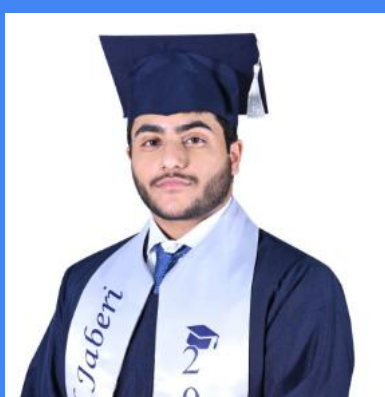
Over the coming weeks, we will be showcasing the outstanding university acceptances earned by members of our **Class of 2026**. 🌈 Each week, we will highlight a group of students and the prestigious universities that have recognized their talents, academic accomplishments, and potential for future success.

These achievements reflect not only the determination of our students but also the continuous support of their families, teachers, and the wider school community.

Congratulations to our Class of 2026! We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing all that you will achieve in the years ahead. 🎓 🍀 ✨



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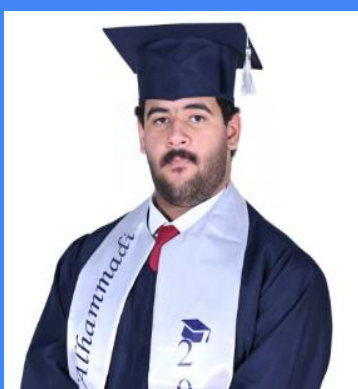
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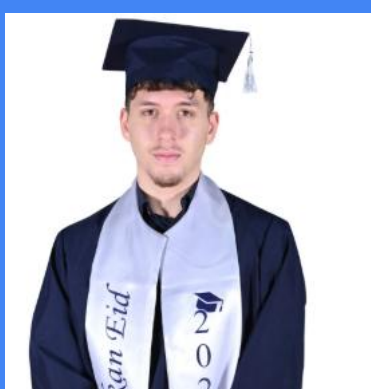
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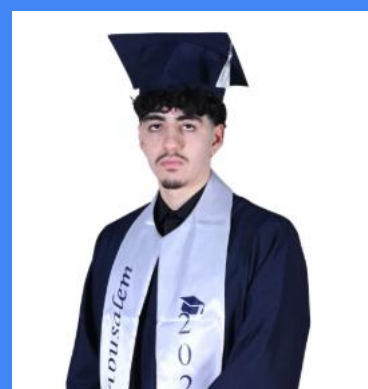
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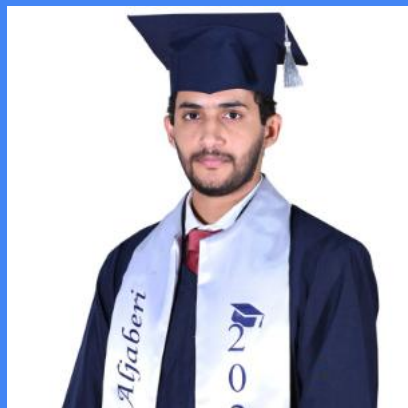
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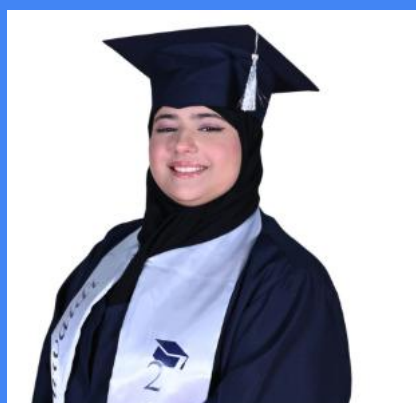
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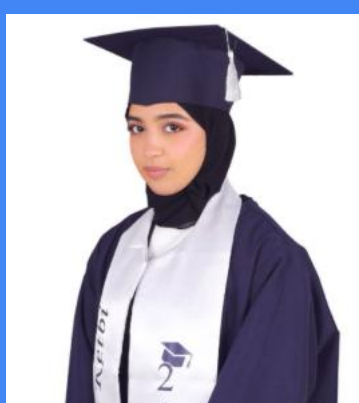


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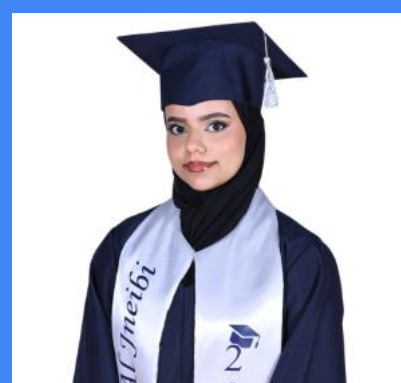
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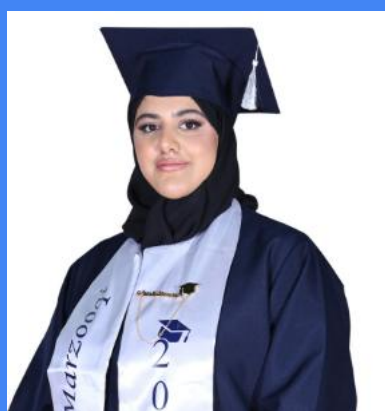
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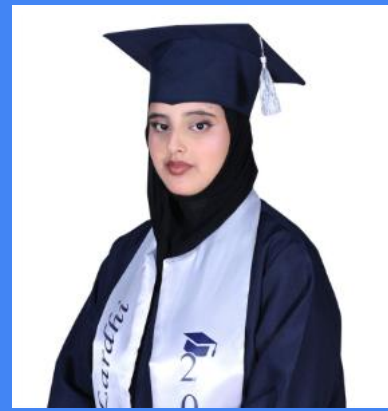
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Certificate Equivalency requirements for students following the American Curriculum

Dear Grade 12 Students and Parents,

Please refer to the file previously shared with you, which contains detailed information and all relevant links required for obtaining the Equivalency Certificate.

To complete the application process, students must prepare and submit the following documents and test scores:

Required Documents

- Graduation Diploma (issued by the school)
- Grade 12 Transcript (downloaded from TAMM)
- Grade 11 Transcript (downloaded from TAMM)
- Grade 10 Transcript (downloaded from TAMM)
- Standardized Test Requirements

English Language Proficiency

- Students must achieve the minimum score in one of the following examinations:
- SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 450 or above
- IELTS Academic: 5.0 or above
- TOEFL iBT: 61 or above

Mathematics Requirement

- SAT Mathematics: 450 or above

Important Note:

Students who do not meet the required English and/or Mathematics score requirements will be issued a Limited Equivalency Certificate rather than a Full Equivalency Certificate.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Fatma Ibrahim

Career & University Guidance Counselor

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Ms. Fatima Ibrahim
Career and University Guidance Counselor

Upcoming University Summer Fair & Scholarship Opportunities 2026.

Are you planning your future university journey? Don't miss this exciting opportunity to connect with leading international universities and explore scholarship opportunities!

 Date: 24 June 2026

 Time: 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

 Venue: Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi

The Univer Summer Fair 2026 will bring together representatives from top universities around the world, giving students the chance to learn more about study destinations, academic programs, admissions requirements, and scholarship opportunities.

Special Opportunity: Scholar 101

As part of the Summer Fair, students can participate in Scholar 101, an exclusive initiative designed to connect students with universities offering scholarships and financial support opportunities.

Eligible students will have the opportunity to attend scholarship interviews and be considered for various scholarship awards and funding opportunities.

Registration Links

 Summer Fair Registration: [Univer Summer Fairs](#)

 Scholar 101 Registration: [Scholar101 Application Form – student submission](#)

Important: Students are encouraged to register early, as Scholar 101 interview spaces are limited.

We encourage all interested students to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to explore their future academic pathways, connect with university representatives, and access potential scholarship opportunities.

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ADEK Updates - Announcements
Term (3)

Quality of Life Survey – Abu Dhabi – Cycle (7)

Dear Parents/Guardians,
We hope this message finds you well.

The Abu Dhabi Department of Community Development, in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Statistics Centre, is conducting the 7th cycle of the Quality of Life Survey.

Your participation is highly valued, and all responses will remain strictly confidential. Your feedback will help shape initiatives that enhance the quality of life in our community.

- [Parent Survey](#)

Thank you for your time and support.

Best regards

VAS Admin

دعوة للمشاركة – مسح جودة الحياة في أبوظبي (الدورة السابعة)

السادة / أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،،،
نأمل أن تكونوا أنتم وعائلاتكم بخير وعافية.

تقوم دائرة تنمية المجتمع في أبوظبي بالتعاون مع مركز الإحصاء بتنفيذ الدورة السابعة من مسح جودة الحياة. مشاركتكم محل تقدير كبير، وجميع الإجابات سرية تماماً. وتسهم آراؤكم في دعم تطوير المبادرات التي تعزز جودة الحياة في مجتمعنا:

- استبيان أولياء الأمور ([Link](#))

نشكر لكم دعمكم المستمر.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير،،،

إدارة المدرسة



ALDAR Updates - Announcements
Term (3)

Summer Camp (2026) at Virginia American School

Dear Parents,
We hope this email finds you well.

We are pleased to share information about the Summer Camp (2026) hosted at Virginia American School in partnership with Crocodile Sports Academy.

The camp will run from (06-July-2026) to (21-August-2026), from (08:00) AM to (01:30) PM, and will offer a variety of exciting activities, including swimming, football, gymnastics, karate, arts & crafts, and basketball.

Please find the flyer below for further details, including registration information, transportation services, and the exclusive (15%) discount for VAS students.

Best Regards,

VAS Admin

دعوة للمشاركة – مسج جودة الحياة في أبوظبي (الدورة السابعة)

السادة / أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،،،

يسرنا أن نشارككم معلومات حول المخيم الصيفي (2026) الذي تستضيفه مدرسة فرجينيا الأمريكية بالتعاون مع أكاديمية كروكودايل الرياضية.

سيُقام المخيم خلال الفترة من (06-يوليو-2026) إلى (21-أغسطس-2026)، من الساعة (08:00) صباحاً وحتى الساعة (01:30) ظهراً، وسيتم من مجموعة متنوعة من الأنشطة الممتعة والهادفة، بما في ذلك السباحة، وكرة القدم، والجمباز، والكاراتيه، والفنون والأشغال اليدوية، وكرة السلة.

يُرجى الاطلاع على المنشور أدناه لمزيد من التفاصيل، بما في ذلك معلومات التسجيل، وخدمات المواصلات والخصم الحصري بنسبة (15%) لطلبة مدرسة فرجينيا الأمريكية.

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ALDAR Updates - Announcements
Term (3)

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