

WE ARE BACK AGAIN!

Find Your Voice at GEMS BISM



Janet Brock
Principal

Welcome from Principal

I cannot believe I have only been in Egypt for under three months. Myself and my husband have felt very welcomed and we have enjoyed exploring and experiencing Egyptian culture. It has been lovely to meet so many parents in person at the gate during drop off and pick up and it has been so informative being able to meet with parents face to face and hear their experiences of GEMS BISM.

Having started the school year online it was a delight to welcome students back in to school and I was amazed at how well they adapted to the new systems and procedures in place when walking around the campus. The school came alive and all the hard work during the summer holidays improving the facilities was all worth it. We are very much looking forward to having everyone back full time after half term.

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Welcome from Principal

When you read about what is happening in Primary and Secondary you will notice the focus on 'student voice' We want our students to feel valued and listened to and we want to hear what they have to say and how they want to make BISM a school they are proud to be a part of. We want to celebrate their achievements and share such exemplar role models with the community.

As the Principal I also want to hear from our parents. **It was great for me to be able to talk with those parents who have volunteered to be class representatives** and form the first BISM Parent Group. These representatives will have such a positive impact on communication at the school. Myself, the Heads of School and GEMS Egypt Education Team will be continually reaching out to this group to support us in finding parents who are keen to join focus groups throughout the year to discuss different aspects of school life. I am also looking forward to working with the **School Advisory Council** on strategic plans for BISM. I will keep you all informed of the outcome of these meetings throughout the year.

In such a short time I have really felt that I have joined a community that wants to do everything they can to make BISM the best it can be. With staff, students and parents all able to give their ideas and views on what a great school looks like, BISM will go from strength to strength. I feel very excited about what the future holds for us.

- Mrs Janet Brock



Message from Head of Primary

Thank you parents, pupils and staff for such a busy productive half term. It has been wonderful having the pupils in school, the corridors are coming to life again. All staff, pupils and parents are working hard to ensure a safe and happy community within the school during this unprecedented time.

- Mrs Mandy Bateman

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school



Student Voice



We have been focusing on student involvement this term and we are excited about how much is in place. It will have such a positive impact on the environment at BISM.

We have voted in our student council as well as a Head boy and Head girl, deputies and student support councilors across the two key stages, our next steps are to get a student voice from Early Years and year one.

Student Council

The student council is a group of students who are elected by their peers to address the issues and concerns of the school as well as organise pupil events and activities. Our student council is led by our **Head boy** and our **Head Girl** as well as a member of staff. Following on from the first meeting, all the members set up paper recycling boxes in each class, and they are further discussing other recyclable activities.



After our second meeting held on Tuesday 13 October there have been many ideas put forward for fundraising activities, so watch this space after the half term break. We look forward to working with the BISM Parent Group on our fundraising activities.

House System

A new house system has been set up this year in primary and has already had a huge impact on pupil's involvement within the school. All our pupils have been allocated a house from; Ruby, Topaz, Emerald or Sapphire (the GEMS Jewels of Kindness).

These Jewels of Kindness are also linked to our positive behaviour reward system, that we have running in every classroom.



EMPATHY



HELPFULNESS



COMPASSION



RESPECT



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HEAD BOY

Adam is very proud to be Head Boy, he said he will be appreciative of everyone who is doing the right thing and will encourage everyone to have a healthy life.

Adam- 2C



HEAD GIRL

Catalina wants to help teachers, remind students about being healthy and hygienic. Encourage them to be kind and friendly.

Catalina- 2E



Student Support Councillor

Mira is looking forward to her council role, she wants to encourage everyone to work hard and help people

Mira Sue- 2C



Natalie is a very eager member of the school council, she wants to help people, encourage healthy eating and look after anyone who is hurt.

Natalie- 2C



Halla would like to propose two new initiatives. One is to extend the length of the break times. The second initiative is to implement safe play that supports team building and also takes into consideration social distancing.

Halla- 2D



Lalee hopes to make the school a cleaner and a better place and share ideas that makes learning fun.

Lalee- 2E

Proud of our
young
leaders



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Abdullah's goal is to gain everyone's trust and to help the school to be better and have a better environment.

Abdalla- 5C
HEAD BOY



Vivian is the KS2 Head Girl. Things she would like to achieve this year is gaining everyone's trust, that's one of the most important things to achieve as Head Girl. She would also like everyone to feel welcome to come talk to her as a Head Girl and also as a friend. Vivian and the team are working on a project for break time activities and a recycling project to improving the school's landscape. She would love to hear everyone's opinion on everything, so she can achieve a remarkable school lifestyle.

Vivian- 5B
HEAD GIRL



Ahmed would like to achieve helping the school to be more eco-friendly, getting the position of Deputy Head boy means a lot to him. As a Deputy Head, he is sure that everyone around him will have great ideas to support the school. Meanwhile, Ahmed and the team members "Vivian5B,Saja 5C,Abdullah5C, have come up with some ideas to make the Quad(playground) better, they have decided to have a hopscotch area, a colouring\reading area, a race track, a PE area with PE equipment's and an XO area. Many more ideas still to come from the fellow pupils.

Ahmed- 5B
DEPUTY HEAD BOY



Sajah wants to achieve the trust of students and even teachers. She wants to try and make this school a better place and a better learning environment

Sajah- 5C
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



Lily is determined to make the school better and make better changes, make everything fair for the students, and make everything fun. She wants to help Miss Mandy and other teachers when they need extra help.:

Lilly- 4D
Student Support Councillor

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Prisha would like to thank her classmates for choosing her as their school council representative. She believes her most important job is to listen to her classmates and communicate with them regularly. If they are facing any problems, she would be happy to help them. She'll make sure no one feels sad or lonely. She will encourage her classmates to be aware of the school environment and to respect and love it. Prisha says 'together we can achieve great things!'

Prisha- 4B



Muhammad hopes he can make the school more fun for students and more engaging by doing some of the below.

- 1) Find ways to get money to do projects. Example: car washing and cake selling
- 2) Make math fun: Math competition for year 3 . Winner will get a trophy and a gold medal – second place will get a silver medal and third place will get a bronze medal
- 3) Have a science competition: do projects like building mini rockets and best design gets a trophy and a gold medal
- 4) Start a spelling competition – like spelling bee.
- 5) Sports day events
- 6) Celebrate different events (Halloween- Christmas- Iftar Ramadan and Eid)
- 7) Dress up days every semester.
- 8) BISM got TALENTS
- 9) Winter Fair (good way to raise money)
- 10) Quran Competition
- 11) Parents students in class projects.
- 11) Recognise students achievements by posting their pictures and results on the School Website and on walls inside the school

Mohamed- 3B



Nour wants to help school to be a better place that all students will love. She wants to help everyone around her.

Nour- 5C



Mariam wants her class to be proud of her and she wants to be able to make a difference in the school. She also wants the class to be happy with what she will achieve

Mariam- 3D

GEMS Wellbeing Week

Last week in school we had a wellbeing week, we thought about how important it is to keep healthy in both body and mind.

The pupils have thought about how prevention is better than cure and to make healthy choices in order to better fight disease – particularly important in these days of COVID19. We were ‘tickled pink’ on Sunday when we wore pink as we raised our awareness of cancer and how we can make good choices about what we eat and do - e.g. exercise. We also thought about how important it is to have a positive outlook to keep healthy mentally, and have time for rest, relaxation and enough sleep.



We had yoga and mediation sessions on Monday and Tuesday.



“I liked the meditation because it made me feel happy and much more awake,”
Mariam- 3D

“meditation made me feel relaxed and calmed me down.”
Mohammed 3B

We think that fruit and vegetables are superheroes for the way in which they give our bodies vitamins and nutrients, so we had a competition on Thursday for the most imaginative fruity superhero. We were so amazed at the imagination the children demonstrated. We also loved the healthy lunches the children brought on Wednesday. **Please bring lunches like this every day!**



“You need to keep healthy. If you start when you’re young you get into good habits that you keep when you’re older. We need to exercise, eat fruit and vegetables, drink a lot of water, eat a balanced diet and sleep enough – because sleep is when we grow.”

Ahmed- 5B

Let us learn from Ahmed and our children and support them in their healthy endeavours for the future health of our nation.

Star of the Month

I have started a new Star of the month program where the pupils and staff are nominated by each other for excellent effort and tasks well done.

They receive either a certificate or for an outstanding act or task they receive a trophy. We are very proud of those students who received awards in September.

Nil Sahra Erdem 1F

Malika Ahmed Gad 3A

Jodie Mohamed 4A

Nagi Lotfy 1A

Salma Mohamed 1A

Beyonce Abd el Ghani 1B

Jomana Sherif 3B

Basil 3C

Sreen Ahmed Nabil 4D

Maria Skantzis 3D

Relana Zedan 5B

Cathalina Sithole 2E

Naleen Abobakr Alsedik 3C

Anoosh Hany FS2E

Celine Ibrahim PSA

Sophia Ahmed FS1A

Abduldsalam FS2A

Nadine Abd El Ghani FS1D

Kareem Ahmed Sherif FS1A

Lara Mostafa Maged FS1D

Youssef shehata 2B

Seif Abdullah FS1E

Prisha Mangesh 4D

Omer qurashi 5C

Omar Waleed 5A

Rouqia Ahmed 5C

Lily Ramy 3E

Vivian Mahmoud 5B

Yehia Shamel- 5B

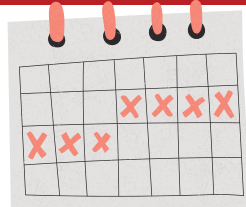
Lalee Karim 2E

Nadine Karim FS1D

Nelly Hossameldin 2B

Alizah Hussain Jawad 2C

Yunis Erdem FS1E



Dates for your diary PRIMARY

Tues 3 Nov

**EYFS and Y1 Maths
Parent Workshop**

8:45 AM

Mon 9 Nov

**Primary and EYFS
Parent Meetings**

3-6 PM

Virtual

Tues 10 Nov

**Parent Group
Committee meeting**

1-2 PM

Wed 11 Nov

**Parent Coffee
Morning- how can
we encourage our
children to succeed at
reading?**

Sun 8- Thurs 12 Nov

Primary Book Week

Wed 18 Nov

**School Advisory
Council meeting**

11 AM-12 PM

Mon 23 Nov

**EYFS Sports Day
(more details to
follow)**

Tues 8 Dec

**Parent Group
Committee meeting**

1-2 PM

Enjoy your well deserved break everyone.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on Sunday 1st November

