YEAR BOOK

2022-2023

المدرسة الإيطالية الدولية

ITALIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Education is like a lantern which lights your way in a dark alley.

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan





صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن زايد آل نهيان
رئيس دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة
HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



المغفور له بإذن الله الشيخ زايد بن سلطان آل نهيان
تغمده الله بواسع رحمته
SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN



المغفور له بإذن الله الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان
تغمده الله بواسع رحمته
SHEIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN



SINCE 2022

CHAIRMANS MESSAGE



Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Staff,

Completing our first academic year at the Italian International School fills me with immense pride and gratitude. Since our inception in September 2022, we have overcome various challenges thanks to the exceptional teamwork displayed by each and every one of you. I extend heartfelt appreciation to the parents who entrusted us with their children's education and made us an integral part of their educational journey in this town.

To our students, your enthusiasm, dedication, and growth have been a constant source of inspiration. Witnessing your achievements has been truly rewarding. The tireless efforts and unwavering dedication of our teachers and staff have created a nurturing environment where students feel encouraged to explore and excel.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, I wish everyone a future filled with limitless opportunities and remarkable achievements. Let us continue to embrace challenges with determination, compassion, and a strong sense of unity. Congratulations to all for a remarkable first year, and I am eagerly looking forward to the extraordinary accomplishments that lie ahead. Together, we will build a legacy of excellence at the Italian International School.

Thank you all!

Aref Al Khoori
Chairman, Italian International School



THE FIRST BATCH

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Dear Italian International School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I write this introduction to invite you to peruse our very first School Yearbook. Built on the vision of Mr. Aref Al Khouri, the Italian International School opened in September 2022. We welcomed our first 148 students in 2022-2023 and had the pleasure of celebrating their learning and accomplishments throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our founding families who entrusted and believed in our vision to register your child(ren) at IIS for the inaugural opening year. We are grateful for your trust in our team with your children, and we welcome everyone as a part of our family.

Building our school community is an important part of our journey, as your support has enabled us to be nominated as 'Best New School in the UAE 2018-2023' in our first opening year. What an amazing accomplishment! This yearbook encapsulates many of the exceptional moments we have shared together this first year.

We are eternally grateful to our families for their ongoing support and look forward to making many more memories to come. Many thanks to our marketing and communications team for their efforts to showcase and highlight our amazing experience together. Enjoy!

Warmest regards,

Janet DesJardins
Principal

ADMIN STAFF



ASHFAT FARHAN
PROCUREMENT



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ACTIVITIES COOR.



THOMAS GEORGE
IT ENGINEER



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MAINT. OFFICER



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OP. MANAGER



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INCLUSION TEACHER



MELANIE THOMSPSON
ELL COORDINATOR



AMANI AL GHANDOUR
HOD - ARABIC



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SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



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TEACHER - ITALIAN



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TEACHER - PE



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TEACHER - KG1



KAYLEIGH JAMES
TEACHER - KG2



KARIN WESSELS
TEACHER - GR. 5



AARTI MONGIA
TEACHER - PREK



MELISSA BODDEY
TEACHER - KG1



NAVARONE A.
TEACHER - GR. 2



SARAH BARTRAM
TEACHER - GR. 1



GABRIEL BOTHA
TEACHER - GR. 4



GERRIE O.
TEACHER - GR. 3

ACADEMIC STAFF



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TEACHER - MUSIC



IMAN AL GHANDOUR
TEACHER - UAE SS



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TEACHER - ARABIC



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TEACHER - ISLAMIC



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TEACHER ASSISTANT



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INCLUSION ASSIST.



SAMIRA SARIP
TEACHER ASSISTANT

We should never be arrogant when it comes to our country's reputation, and anything positive you do is an Emirati deed, so all of us are responsible for shaping, introducing, and projecting a positive image of the UAE."

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

President | U.A.E



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LIBRARY ASST.



NOUF ALBREIKI
TEACHING SUPPORT



LUBNA ALMARZOOQI
TEACHING SUPPORT



LATIFA ALAMERI
TEACHING SUPPORT

Proudly supporting UAE's Emiratisation program, we've welcomed talented UAE nationals to our team, empowering them in administrative and teaching roles. Together, we build a brighter future.



STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

STUDENT COUNCIL


MARIAH AHMED


FAISAL HAMDAN


ARWA BADRIAH


SHAIKHA ALI ABDULLA


LORENZO DE CAROLIS


ZAYED SALEM


AMANDA SALAZAR


CARLI WESSELS


MOHAMED HATEM


HAMZA KHALID


THOMAZ BERTOLINI


ABDULRAHMAN KHALFAN

Our mission as the Student Council is to represent and advocate for the student body, promoting a thriving and inclusive school community. We aim to empower students, foster leadership, and create positive change within our school environment.





AARTI MONGIA
PRE K CLASS TEACHER

Watching our little learners blossom in Pre-K has been a joyous journey. Their curiosity and growth have been inspiring. Wishing them a bright future filled with endless possibilities. Grazie!

PRE KINDERGARTEN



ADAM KHALED



KHALED AREF



YAHYA OMAR



SHAIKHA JASEM



TIMM GEORGE



TAHLIA RAE ANNE

Welcome to Pre-K, where our classroom embodies the charm of Italy's **Toscana region**. Guided by dedicated teachers, our little learners embark on a journey of curiosity, growth, and creativity.





SOULLA ANASTASIADES
KG1 A CLASS TEACHER

Watching our little learners blossom in Pre-K has been a joyous journey. Their curiosity and growth have been inspiring. Wishing them a bright future filled with endless possibilities. Grazie!

KG 1A


ADAM ZIAD


AHMED TAWFIK


ALMAYASSA ALI


GALA ABDULLA


SALAMA YASER


HAMAD SULTAN


HAMAD YOUSEF


LEAH PIETERSE


MANSOOR QAIS


MOHAMED AMER


SHAIKHA IBRAHIM


TOMMASO TATTA


MEERA MOHAMED

Welcome to Kg1A - the heart of **Abruzzo**! Amidst caring teachers, our young learners embrace a nurturing environment, fostering exploration, growth, and a love for learning. A delightful adventure awaits!





MELISSA BODDEY
KG1 B CLASS TEACHER

Watching you all blossom this year has been an absolute joy. Your laughter, curiosity, and eagerness to learn have brightened every day in our classroom. Keep shining, little ones, and remember that you have the power to make the world a better place. Best wishes for a bright future!

KG 1B



SAEED
ABDULAZIZ



HAMAD ALI
MOHAMED



CELESTE
MELEK ERTEN



ABDULLA
MOHAMED



SARA
MOHAMMED



THANI EISSA
ALI



ZAYED YOUSEF
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VITTORIA BANU
ERTEN



HAZZA MUATH
MOHAMED



MANAL
MOHAMED ALI



KHALIFA
AHMED



HOORIA
MUZAMMIL



SAOUD ALI
SAEED

Step into our Kg 1B classroom, named after the scenic **Umbria region**. With caring teachers, our young learners embark on a journey of exploration, growth, and joyous learning inspired by Umbria's beauty and charm.





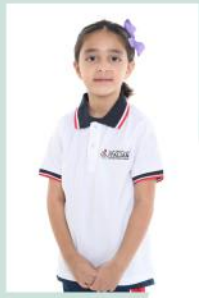
KAYLEIGH JAMES FENSHAM

KG2 CLASS TEACHER

Watching our little learners blossom in Pre-K has been a joyous journey. Their curiosity and growth have been inspiring. Wishing them a bright future filled with endless possibilities. Grazie!

KG 2


ALI RASHED ALI


BAREERA MUZAMMIL


GIADA PUDDA


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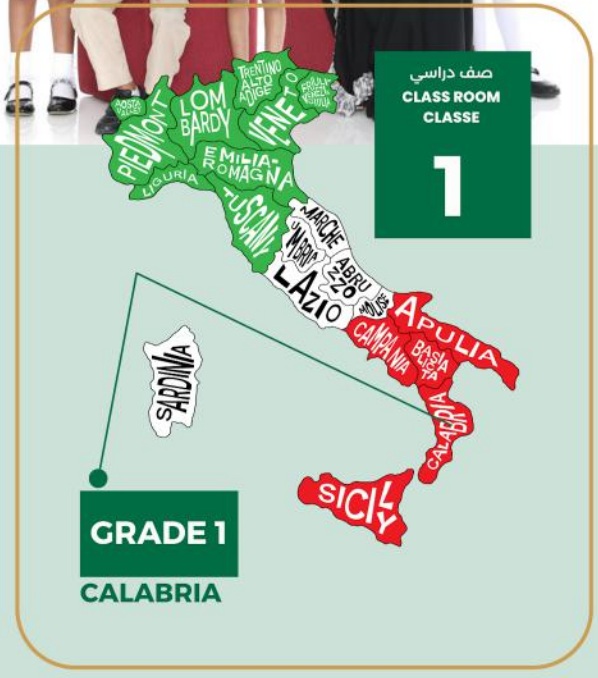

MOHAMED AREF


ILENIA DE CAROLIS


RASHED MAKTOUM

Welcome to Kg2, our vibrant classroom named after the charming **Molise region**. Here, under the guidance of nurturing teachers, our young learners flourish, embracing a journey of discovery, growth, and lifelong learning, inspired by the spirit of Molise.





SARAH BARTRAM

GRADE 1 CLASS TEACHER

To our Grade 1 stars, may your path be filled with endless possibilities and triumphs. Embrace each moment with curiosity and determination. Your potential knows no bounds. Wishing you all the success ahead!

GRADE 1



ABDULLA AHMED ABDULLA



KHADIJA MUFLEH



MALOUK ABDULLA



NOUF YAQOUB ALI



ZAYED ALI MOHAMMED



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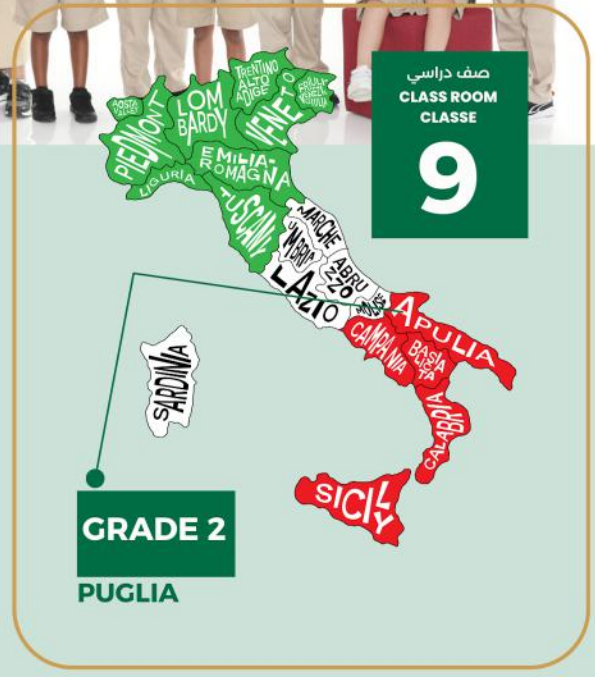
OMRAN KHAMIS OMRAN



OBAID ABDULLA ALI

Step into Grade 1, our dynamic classroom honoring the captivating **Calabria region**. With dedicated teachers, our students embark on an exciting journey of learning, growth, and exploration inspired by Calabria's rich cultural heritage.





NAVARONE ABRAHAMS

GRADE 2 CLASS TEACHER

Thank you for an amazing and rewarding year. I am very grateful and honored to have been your teacher. I will miss each and every one of you dearly. You will always have a special place in my heart. Wishing you the very best for your future.

GRADE 2


AHMED MOHAMMED


ALJAWHARA MOHAMED


ALYAZIA AREF MOHAMED


HANNAH ABREU AVEZEDO


RASHED MUFLEH MOHAMMED


SULTAN MOHAMED


ZINNIA FATIMA MUHAMMAD


FATIMA AHMED KHALFAN


LATIFA ALI KHALFAN


HAMDAN RASHED


MARYA MOHAMED


MEERA AL OMAR SAEED


HAMDAN HAZZA HASHIM


MOHAMED ABDULMAJEED


OMAR ABDULAZIZ


NASSER AHMED MOHAMED


MORGAN ALESSANDRO


MOHAMED RASHED


MOHAMED AREF ALI


DHABIA ABDULRAHMAN

Discover Grade 2, our **Puglia**-inspired classroom. Led by dedicated teachers, students embark on a transformative journey, celebrating Puglia's cultural richness.



GERRIE OOSTHUIZEN
GRADE 3 CLASS TEACHER

Remember, each one of you is unique, and that's what makes our class so extraordinary. Embrace your differences, support one another, and continue to grow into the amazing individuals you are becoming.



GRADE 3


ALI HUSSAIN


ABDELRAHAM M.


ALGHALA SALEM


SHAMMA ABDULLA


SYED MUHAMMAD


ROUDA ACHRAF


AMANDA SALAZAR


ANAS MOHAMED


ANRIETTE S


BERLA SAMI


CARLI WESSELS


ZAYED SALEM


RIANA AKSHAY


NAYEF ABDULLA


MOHAMED HATEM


MOHAMED ALI


MAHA A M

Step into Grade 3, our vibrant **Campania** classroom! With the zest of Italian pizza, we explore, learn, and grow together, embracing Campania's rich heritage through exciting adventures!





GABRIEL BOTHA
GRADE 4 CLASS TEACHER

To the amazing Grade 4's, this year has been a whirlwind of kindness, hard work, and laughter. You've shown the school what it means to be true friends and dedicated learners. Keep spreading joy, chasing your dreams, and embracing the great adventure ahead of you. You're the definition of awesome!

GRADE 4



BERNARDO BERTOLINI



JULYN PRAISE LINCOLN



HAMZA KHALID WAHEED



KHALIFA REYAD AHMED



LORENZO DE CAROLIS



MOHAMMED REYAD AHMED



RAGHAD ALI KHALAF



THOMAZ BERTOLINI



TAYLA PIETERSE



SHAIKHA ALI ABDULLA



RODAINA AYMAN BAKR



RASHID MOHAMED



HIND SULTAN ALI

Welcome to Grade 4, where our **Basilicata** classroom is buzzing with excitement! Like the dancing Tarantella, we explore, learn, and laugh, embracing Basilicata's charm through thrilling academic adventures!



صف دراسي
CLASS ROOM
CLASSE

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GRADE 5

SICILIA

KARIN WESSELS

GRADE 5 CLASS TEACHER

Don't be afraid to take on new challenges and soar to new heights! Believe in yourself, embrace the journey, and let your curiosity guide you to endless possibilities.

GRADE 5


FAJER AHMED


FAISAL HAMDAN


ARWA OMRAN B.


AHMED HATEM


ABDULRAHMAN HASAN


ABDULLA ABDULMAJEED


MARYAM AHMED


MARIAH AHMED


MANSOUR MOHAMED


FRANCOIS S.


FATIMAH YASER


HIND SULTAN


MEERA ABDULLA


YOUSEF FADHEL


SAUD AMER


MEERA MAKTOUM


MEERA ABDULRAHEEM


MANSUR AL OMAR


SHAMSA MOHAMED

Welcome to the extraordinary Grade 5, where our **Sicilia** classroom ignites with Italian zest! Unleash the spirit of a fiery volcano as we journey through Sicilian history and culture, forging epic memories and conquering new horizons with joyous laughter!



THE FIRST TEAM BUILD











EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS



DECEMBER 2022

UAE NATIONAL DAY








We had a wonderful time celebrating UAE's 51st National Day with our entire community. The whole campus was bright and colorful, with UAE flags and decorations by our students, teachers, and staff. Everyone had a good time enjoying the events, games, and activities.







JANUARY 2023

LA BEFANA DAY













On January 6th, we celebrated La Befana and it was amazing. Our teachers, Ms. Annalisa and Ms. Christina dressed up as Befana and gave gifts to everyone in our school. It brought happiness and togetherness, making it a special day for our community.



FEBRUARY 2023

ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL















The Italian Food Festival in February delighted our senses! Gratitude to our special guests, staff, parents, and Chef @flavourshospitalitycatering for an unforgettable evening. Special mention to our Grade 4 superstar, whose performance amazed us.



FEBRUARY 2023

GRADE 5 **EXHIBHITION**



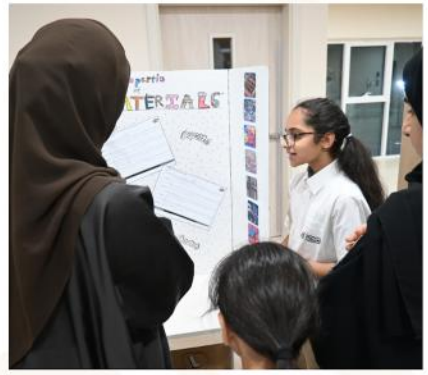










Grade 5 students showcased their creativity in the 'How We Express Ourselves' exhibition on February 23rd. Ms. Tanya, the IB coordinator, and Ms. Karen, the class teacher, provided valuable support, resulting in impressive projects that reflected their guidance and the student's accomplishments.



MARCH 2023

ITALY VS SPAIN











Italian International School (IIS) @iischooluae vs. Spanish School (SSAD) @ssaduae, An entertaining, friendly football match bringing communities together! It was truly inspiring to see sportsmanship, teamwork, cooperation, and a welcoming spirit both on and off the field.



MARCH 2023

MOM AND ME **MASTERCLASS**















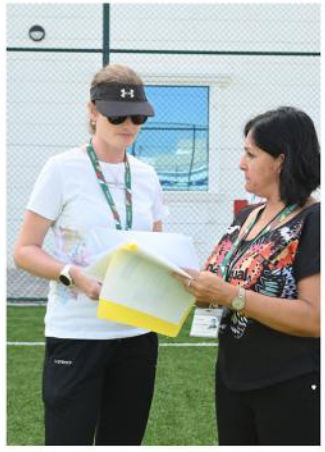
As we bid farewell to this academic year, let's cherish the memories of our remarkable 'Mom and Me' master class. Our talented Student of the Month winners and their moms, guided by our chef, created mouthwatering breakfast delights. We were inspired by the culinary skills of our school kids in this epic masterclass, where taste buds danced with joy!



MARCH 2023

SPORTS DAY















March 2023's School Sports Day was a thrilling event filled with energetic competition, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. It captured the spirit of sportsmanship and created cherished memories for our yearbook.



APRIL 2023

IIS RAMADAN FESTIVAL













April marked the remarkable IIS Ramadan Festival, a cherished tradition celebrating our vibrant community and rich culture. In association with the ECA organizers, this annual event promises to unite us in joyous festivities, fostering togetherness for years to come.

DOMINANT ACADEMY

ISM SPORTS

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ABU DHABI CHESS CLUB & MIND GAMES

THE BARISTA INSTITUTE



MAY 2023








On May 4th, our students engaged in a dynamic leadership and well-being training program at the Mandarin Equestrian Club. Facilitated by Created Coaching, this interactive experience fostered leadership skills through horse-assisted activities, emphasizing effective communication, collaboration, problem-solving, empathy, and trust.



MAY 2023

INTERNATIONAL DAY
















In May, we celebrated International Day at IIS, honoring the beauty of our differences and the strength of our togetherness. It was a joyous occasion that highlighted our global unity and diverse cultures. Let's continue embracing and celebrating our shared humanity.



JUNE 2023

ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY













With heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes, we celebrated Italian National Day. We thank His Excellency Lorenzo Fanara, Italian Ambassador, and Claudio Ramunno, Deputy Head of Mission, for gracing our event with their presence. We also appreciate Ida Zilio, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute @iicabudhab, Professor Naz Shahrokh, and the dedicated students from Zayed University and all IIS staff for their support, making the event even more memorable.


February
HFW











PATHWAYS TO

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

An Inspiring Journey: Celebrating Academic Excellence!

Proudly nominated among the best schools by Top School Awards, earning praise from ADEK, and more. Witness the journey of excellence through captivating snaps captured within and beyond classroom hours. Together, we've reached new heights, cherishing every moment of success and growth. A testament to our unwavering commitment to learning and achievement.

JUNE 2023

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The Best New School in the UAE 2018 - 2023
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QURAN RECITATION - COMPETITION









CHESS COMPETITION









PHYSICAL EDUCATION





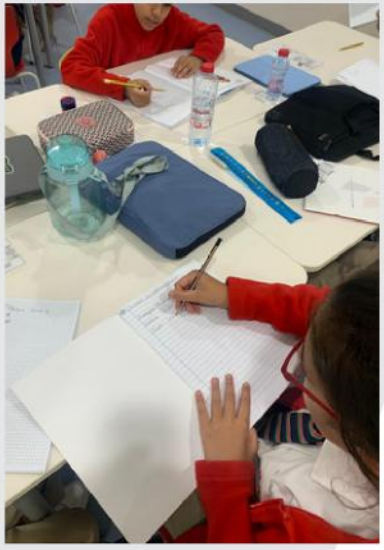


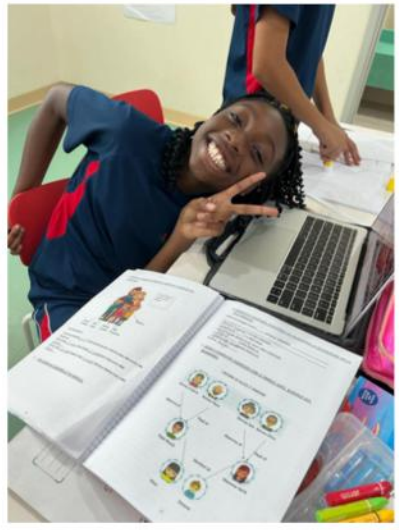


MUSIC DEPARTMENT










ITALIAN DEPARTMENT















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KG ACTIVITIES











READING BUDDIES

















VISIT TO FARM LAND

LEARNING ANIMAL CARE










BUILDING CUBES BUILDING MINDS

















3D SHAPE LEARNING

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE









CURRENCY LEARNING









OOBLECK INVESTIGATION













EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Unleashing Passions: Relive Diverse Extracurricular Moments!

We offered diverse extracurriculars, free and paid, like art, sports, and social events. These activities boosted skills, confidence, and horizons outside school. We welcomed all students to join, explore passions, and grow. Teachers led free activities, while special sports sign-up was with providers. A journey of joyful moments and discovery awaits within these pages!

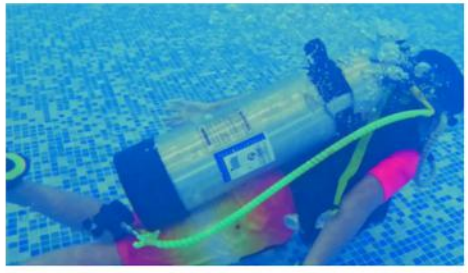


















SCUBA DIVING

CHESS ACADEMY









DRUMMING CLASS









PEDAL TRAINING











FOOTBALL TRAINING

SWIMMING CLASS

















GARDENING ECA

CODING ECA

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS



September 2022



November 2022



January 2023



February 2023



May 2023



June 2023

Congratulations to our exceptional students of the month! Your teamwork, determination, and achievements have left an indelible mark. Wishing you continued success and a bright future ahead. Well done!



ILLUMINATING INFINITE SUCCESS - TOGETHER, AS A TEAM!

GRAZIE
IIS COMMUNITY

To Our Incredible IIS Community, Together We Shine!

With gratitude, we celebrate the success of a remarkable academic year. From UAE National Day to Italian Food Festival, Grade 5 Exhibition to Ramadan Festival, and participation at the School and Nursery Show panel discussions – these shared experiences brought us closer.








THE SCHOOL &
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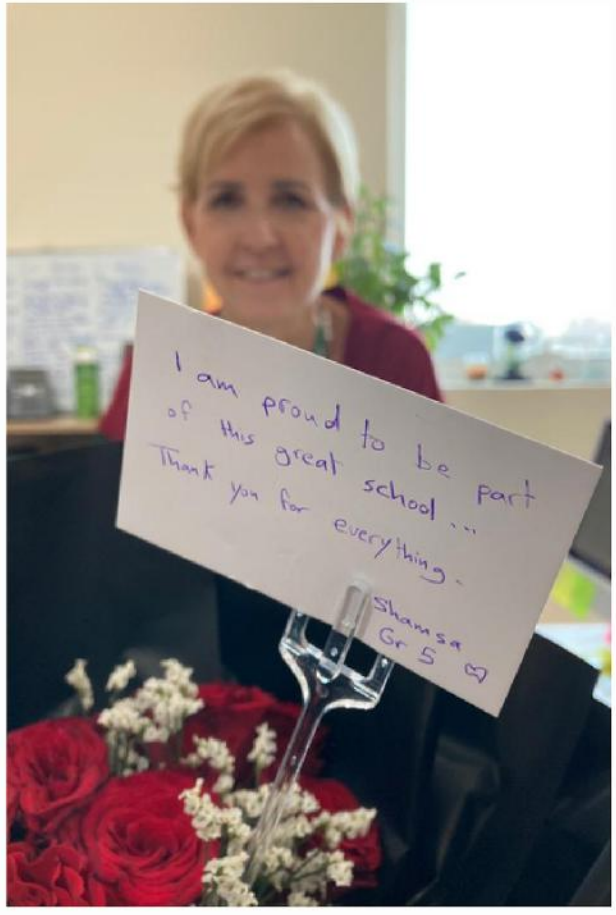

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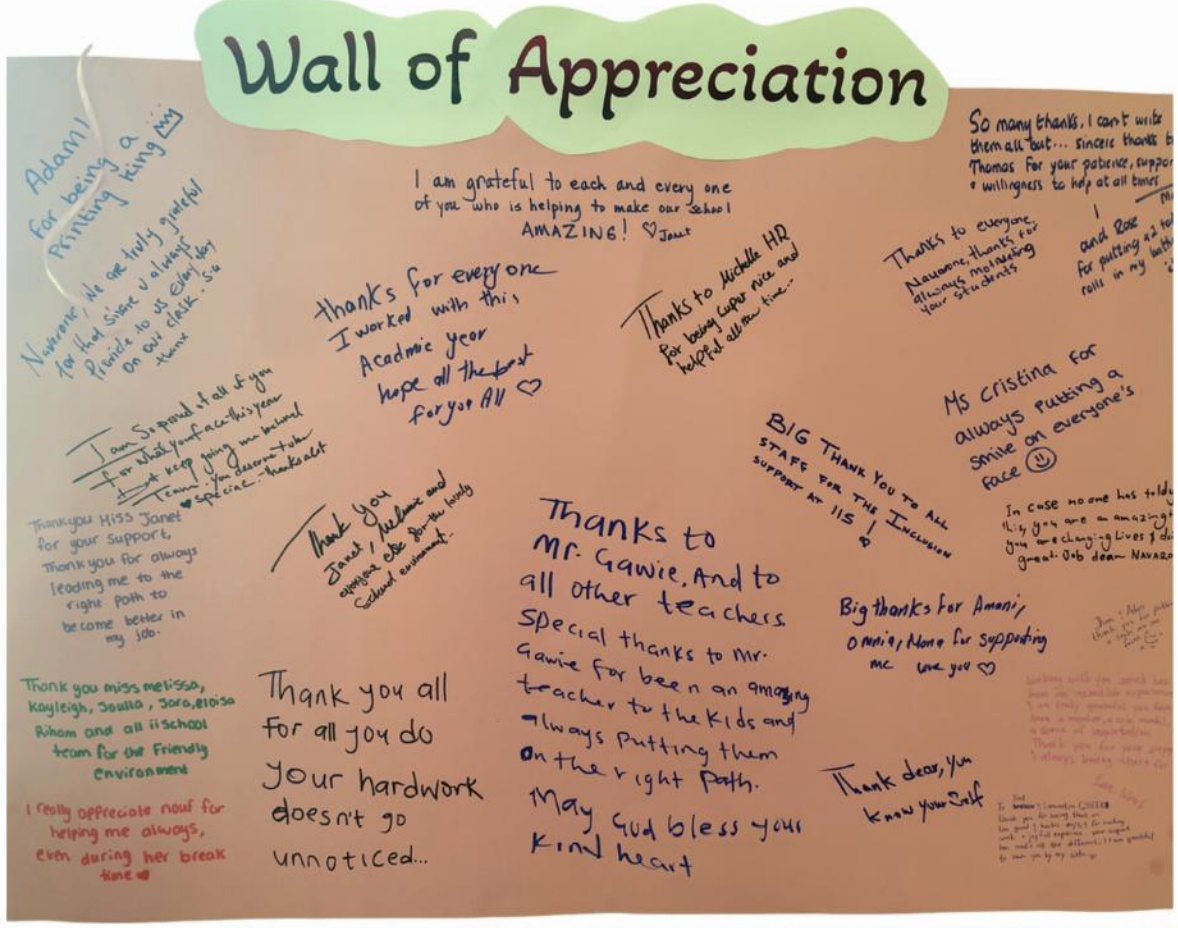

THE SCHOOL &
NURSERY SHOW






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Thank you all for a **remarkable** journey!

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