



'Providing An Exceptional Quality Education'

# حياتنا Hayatona Our Life

## From Our Head of School



### Community

With both digital and physical communities being developed daily, across all areas in life, one could safely say our society recognizes the importance of connecting.

At GIS, we are also working hard to further develop and strengthen connections with our community. We want to ensure our parents, as well as our students, realize the benefits of being part of our community (either physically or digitally). There are tremendous opportunities to connect with others, to either support your child, make new family friends, or foster business opportunities. We know too well, being an expat or Emirati in a country of expats, is not without its challenges, these challenges are much easier to overcome if we work together. If we know the people in our school that our children connect with, play with and learn from, we are more likely to be able to support in conversations that our children have.

With that in mind I would like to encourage parents to ensure they are tapping into our social media streams and attending the many events we are providing to build community at GIS. Two social media sites I'd suggest you begin to follow and participate in are our [FB page](#) and [Twitter account](#). In addition, I'd like to ensure as many of you as possible come to our Business Breakfast, to meet other parents and enjoy the opportunity to connect. I look forward to seeing you either online or at the Business Breakfast on Sunday, 19 November!

### GIS UPDATES



### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### NOVEMBER

1 - 30 November

#### Lockdown Drill

13 November @ 11:00am

#### GIS School Review

14 - 15 November

#### World Diabetes Day

15 November

#### Business Breakfast

JW Marriott Marquis

7:00am - 8:30am

19 November

## Business Breakfast

Connect with Purpose



**Sunday 19 November, 7:00am - 8:30am**  
**At JW Marriott Marquis, Business Bay**

Join us for our first Business Breakfast networking meeting, exclusive to GIS Families. Come together to promote and share your business with others and enjoy a delicious breakfast while listening to our guest speaker

### Introducing Our Speaker



**Mogens Jensen**

#### Achievements

- Starred in Discovery Channel's Everest: Beyond the Limit.
- First person in the World to cycle and run from a home country to Everest basecamp.
- Cycled and ran 11,500 km from Denmark to Tibet in 100 days.
- An asthmatic who climbed Mount Everest without canned oxygen.
- Works as a motivational speaker and personal trainer.

Speaker at events such as GSK, Goldman Sachs, ING, Novo Nordisk, Maersk, Bayer and more.

Mentor to Denmark's Elite, including The Minister of Justice, Mayor, members of the European Parliament etc.

**AED 150, Reserve your seat now, email Yelena at [pre\\_gis@gemsedu.com](mailto:pre_gis@gemsedu.com)**



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See our Facebook page here

Yours in Education,  
**Glen Radojkovich**  
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## Cathy Hayes

Deputy Head of School



@cathyhayesedu

Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students and staff remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it

was only a practice and there was no danger. Please be assured that this is nothing to worry about and just part of our standard safety procedures.

The 'lockdown drill' will take place on Monday, 13 November at 11:00AM.

Please take the time to speak with your child about this procedure and reinforce its importance. Please encourage your child to stay calm and follow the procedures during any lockdown event, much like during a practice fire drill. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.

\*\*Please note that the school will be closed for a short time during this drill, including the main office, so that staff, children and any visitors can practice these safety procedures. Phones will not be answered during this time; this will take no more than 30 minutes of the school's time.

Please contact me at [c.hayes\\_gis@gemsedu.com](mailto:c.hayes_gis@gemsedu.com) if you have any further questions about lockdown drills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## Raquel Nahas

Assistant Head of Primary and Head of Arabic

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Research has shown that student's interest and retention of new learning is increased through hands-on engaging activities.

As we move towards improving the Arabic provision and love for the Language at GIS, the Arabic educators have incorporated more hands-on and engaging activities into their practice, in order to facilitate learning.

Listening and Speaking includes the form of plays, songs, and situational discussions. Reading and alphabet knowledge is implemented through sensory building of letters, and blending real and nonsense words. Writing is encouraged through puzzles and group tasks. All examples of some of the positive changes being made by our teachers.



أظهرت البحوث أن رغبة الطلاب واهتمامهم بالتعلم يزيد من خلال القيام بالأنشطة التعليمية الجماعية.

وفي إطار تحسين النصوص العربية وحب اللغة في مدرسة جيمس الدولية، قام معلمو اللغة العربية بتقديم المزيد من الأنشطة التعليمية في استراتيجيات التعليم، من أجل تسهيل التعلم، وهذا يشمل الاستماع والتحدث من خلال المسرحيات والأغاني والمناقشات بين الطلاب.

يقوم الطلاب بتنفيذ القراءة بناءً على معرفتهم بالحروف الأبجدية باستخدام الموارد الملموسة، والتمييز بين الكلمات الصحيحة والخاطئة.

يتم تشجيع الطلاب على الكتابة من خلال الألغاز والأنشطة الجماعية، والتعبير عن الصور التي تعرض عليهم مع تعزيز إيجابي من المعلم.



## Experiential Learning Trips

Our Primary school students ventured far and wide on their Experiential Learning Trips. Grade 5 students were away at Absolute Adventure Camp in Kalba. The Grade 4s were hot on their heels at North Star Camp, Dibba and our Grade 3s took a little Ecoventure holiday Camping trip in the near vicinity. #LearningOutsideWalls!



### PRIMARY UPDATES



#### PRIMARY

##### Quran Competition

in classes (Grades 1 to 5)  
12 & 13 November

##### Girls U11 Football

Horizon V GIS at Horizon  
13 November

##### U11 Football

GIS V Greenfield Community  
at GIS  
14 November

##### Grade 4 & 5 Trip to DUCTAC

(George's Marvelous Medicine)  
15 November

##### Grade 5 Trip to Dubai Design Week Expo

16 November

##### DAC Football GIS V WEK

at GIS  
16 November

##### Business Breakfast JW Marriott Marquis

7:00am - 8:30am  
19 November

##### Grade 5 Trip Race to Dubai (Golf Field Trip)

19 November

##### U11 Football

GIS V Dubai British  
at GIS  
20 November

##### Girls U11 Football

Sunmarke V GIS  
at Sunmarke  
21 November

##### GEMS Mini-Marathon

23 November







## Week Without Walls

This week the students experienced Week Without Walls. The students were able to experience learning outside of school, look at life opportunities through different lenses and explore service, action and opportunities. #LearningOutsideWalls

### Italy



### Kalba



### Kenya



## SECONDARY UPDATES



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1 - 30 November Month

### Drama Field Trip DUCTAC Theatre

Grade 6B & 6D  
15 November

### U12 Football

Metropole  
at GIS  
12 November

### U16 Football

GEMS Metropole  
Home  
13 November

### U14 Football

Dubai College  
at GIS  
14 November

### U16 Boys B/Ball

¼ Finals  
15 November

### U12 Football

Jumeirah College  
Away  
3:30 Kick off  
16 November

### Business Breakfast JW Marriott Marquis

7:00am - 8:30am  
19 November



## Spain



## United States of America







# WINTERFEST'17

Mark your calendar for Sunday December 10, 2017

2:00 to 7:00- 5 hours of:

Fun with family and friends

Music talent show

Entertainment

Shopping

Booking for tables to sell/promote businesses is open for all.

If you are interested, kindly approach reception or email us on

[Gispa\\_gis@gemsedu.com](mailto:Gispa_gis@gemsedu.com)

Limited tables available- first come first serve



## GIS PARENTS- DO YOU ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE?

### FREE FITNESS SESSION WITH TIV

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

8:30 ON THE SMALL FIELD

All fitness levels are welcome to join  
Refreshments & Snacks to be served after event

### Bootcamp by TIV:

is offered at GIS ever Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday

50dhs- pay @ join basis

For more information, you can contact on

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