

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings!

Please be informed of the following information:

- **Arabic Week**

We are excited to announce that Excel International School will be hosting '**Arabic Week**' for all students **from 30th September to 3rd October 2024**. The primary goal of this initiative is to deepen students' understanding and appreciation of Arabic culture, traditions, and heritage, as well as to enhance their communication skills in Arabic and bolster their confidence in using the language in their daily lives.

Throughout the week, a diverse range of enriching and educational activities will be organized to achieve these objectives.

ARABIC ACTIVITIES & COMPETITIONS				
	Monday, 30.09.2024	Tuesday, 01.10.2024	Wednesday, 02.10.2024	Thursday, 03.10.2024
KG		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Modelling & Sand Art 		
Grade 1	Arabic Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun project on Arabic letters & prepositions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puzzle Activities • Riddles 	Narration by Moms and Dads
Grade 2				
Grade 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic Show & Tell <i>Dress up as your favourite book or cartoon character and talk about it!</i> 		
Grade 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Narrator Competition 		
Grade 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic Calligraphy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic Competition
Grade 6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Writing 		
Grade 7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster Making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry
Grade 8				

The respective class teachers will share the details of these activities. Any materials that may be required will be posted by the Arabic teachers on MS Teams. We encourage our students to participate in activities to enhance their skills in the Arabic language.

- **CAT 4 Assessments (Grades 3 to 8 Students)**

As per the Ministry of Education's directive, **the school will be administering the CAT4 Exam to all students in Grades 3 to 8 from 7th to 11th of October 2024**. It is mandatory for all students to be present for this test

as per the National Agenda. The test will be conducted during school hours. We kindly request parents to ensure that their children do not miss the test on the scheduled day.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment designed to evaluate students' thinking abilities in areas that significantly impact learning. CAT4 results can assist in providing targeted interventions, monitoring progress, and setting future academic goals.

CAT4 is a Cognitive Abilities Test that measures:

- ✓ Verbal reasoning (words)
- ✓ Non-verbal reasoning (shape)
- ✓ Quantitative reasoning (number)
- ✓ Spatial reasoning (3-dimensional)

Further details of the CAT4 will be shared in future communication.

- **Royal Spelling Bee**

We are excited to invite all English enthusiasts, spelling experts, and language masters from KG to Grade 8 of EIS to participate in the Royal Spelling Bee Competition 2024! The competition consists of four levels: School, Interschool, National, and GCC. Competitors will compete in seven (7) categories based on their respective grade levels.

Registration forms have been distributed to students. **Interested participants should have their parents sign the consent slip and submit the registration fee of AED 60 (a special and discounted rate for EIS) to their class teacher.** Additional information and guidelines about the competition will be sent to the parent's registered email address provided in the form. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity for your child to showcase their language skills as they compete with the best of the best!

- **Settling In Survey - We Value Your Feedback**

As we complete the first month of the new academic year, we hope that your child has settled into their routine at Excel International School. To ensure we are providing the best experience for both you and your child, we kindly ask you to complete our "*Settling in with Care*" survey. Your feedback is important to us and will help us continue to support your child's journey. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by clicking the link below: <https://forms.office.com/r/1w2pNH6BXt>.

The **Discovery/Enquiry Trail** for **Term 1 – Week 6** is attached to this email.

Kind regards,

EIS Administration