

# Al Ittihad Newsletter

BOYS' SECTION

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# UAE National Day



The UAE National Day celebration is always a great opportunity for IPS Mamzar to highly appreciate the theme "Spirit of the Union" inspired by the late ruler Sheikh Zayed. Al-Ittihad Private School was actually named after the Spirit of the Union. This highlights the bond that connects all Emirates together, allowing them to coexist peacefully, celebrate a unique heritage, and to shape the nation's future.

The 48th National Day celebration in the IPS was a festival where over 1820 students, their families, staff, and friends came together to reflect a genuine sense of gratitude for the country we live in. The day commenced with Quran recitation followed by the National Anthem and reciting of the UAE National Oath. Then, the Director General Mr. Max Caruso M.ED., delivered a speech that emphasized how shared vision, collaboration, and tolerance have made the UAE so successful.

Soon after, all attendees were invited to enjoy a range of National Day activities and event features such as the heritage village, traditional games, an exhibition, pottery making, Kerem, Saud, pearls extraction, beading, namlat juice, UAE castles industry, the marbles game, crappie, and traditional food. At ten o'clock, on the main stage, performances started with a Children of Zayed performance followed by the famous Yola Dance. The performances concluded with a military performance and poetry recitation.

Thankful for the *Spirit of the Union* that inspired a multitude of people to stand shoulder-to-shoulder to provide opportunity and a chance to experience authentic UAE hospitality and culture.







# كلمة قيام الاتحاد في الذكرى الثامنة والأربعين،،،،،

في صباح الثاني من ديسمبر من كل عام تشرق شمس الاتحاد من جديد، وفي ليله يكتمل تمام بَدْرِهِ، ونعيش بنوره رؤية وعزيمة الأجداد، أهل الدار، كما نستشعر من جديد معاني الإنجاز، بل الإعجاز... إنه الاتحاد !

إنّ اتحاد إماراتنا السبع يشكل عقداً ثميناً، حبّاتهُ تتلألأ في سماء دولتنا الحبيبة، وذرات حبّاته شعبٌ يفدي قاداته وأرضه وسماءه بروحه الطاهرة، يقدمها هديةً وعربون محبة ووفاء لهم، معاهدين الله والقادة على حفظ هذا الإرث العظيم، الذي أورثه لهم قاداتهم العظماء....

جيلاً بعدَ جيل نعيش ذكرى قيام اتحاد دولتنا بكل فخر واعتزاز بقاداتنا الذين يغرسون فينا العزيمة والإصرار على أن نكون شعباً بطلاً ومقداماً، متوحدين تحت راية الوطن الواحد وبنبض قلب رجل واحد.

رَحِمَ اللهُ بناة الاتحاد... الشيخ زايد بن سلطان آل نهيان - طيب الله ثراه - وأخاه الشيخ راشد بن سعيد آل مكتوم - طيب الله ثراه - وإخوانهما شيوخ الإمارات الذين بنوا مجد الإمارات، وأسسوا لحاضرها العظيم، وأطال الله في أعمار قاداتها الذين يواصلون مسيرة الآباء في التطور والبناء، كما يحرصون على أن تبقى على خريطة السعادة أسعد شعب...

وبهذه المناسبة، مناسبة الذكرى الثامنة والأربعين لقيام الاتحاد نرفع أسمى آيات التهاني والتبريكات إلى مقام سيدي صاحب السمو الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان ، رئيس الدولة - حفظه الله ورعاه - وإلى صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم - نائب رئيس الدولة، رئيس مجلس الوزراء، حاكم دبي - حفظه الله ورعاه - وإلى صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن زايد آل نهيان، ولي عهد أبوظبي، نائب القائد الأعلى للقوات المسلحة - حفظه الله ورعاه - وإلى جميع شيوخ وشعب الإمارات العربية المتحدة، متمنين لدولتنا دوام التقدم والازدهار.

رحم الله شهداءنا الأبرار، الذين سَطَرُوا بدمانهم أروع صفحات التضحية والفداء...

عاشت الإمارات، عاشت الإمارات، وحفظ الله قاداتها وشعبها، وصان أرضها وسماءها...

كل عام، وكل ذكرى وعيد، وكل مَنْ يحب الإمارات بألف خير.



# المولد النبوي



لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ (164)

احتفل قسم التربية الإسلامية بذكرى المولد النبوي الشريف وقد تضمن الاحتفال عدة فعاليات صباحية تحدث فيها الطلاب عن صفات الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم وواجباتهم الدينية تجاه نبي الرحمة والتسامح وقد كان لهذا الاحتفال الأثر البالغ في نفوس طلابنا .



# Anti-Bullying Week



**IPS** believes that all people within the school community have the right to lead a life based upon respect for others, good manners, and a sense of decency. IPS strives to provide a community in which everybody feels valued and safe, and individual differences are accepted, tolerated, and regarded positively. Out of the aforementioned IPS principles and values comes the **IPS Anti-Bullying Week**. This initiative promotes a culture in which students are not afraid to report bullying and actively encourages the reporting of incidents so interventions can be made.

To ensure the school-wide goal of zero tolerance for any kind of bullying, IPS directly targeted the problem at its core by developing a wide range of activities. Activities included the morning assembly shows, tutor-time discussions, presentations, and a raising awareness companion run by twelve graders. The Anti-Bullying theme was also taken further and integrated within the academic curriculum across various subjects such as



# HATTA CAMP



Camping trips offer students a memorable adventure which helps develop skills and character. During the month of November, IPS organized student camping trips with the cooperation of **The Adventure Centre in Hatta**. High and middle school students participated and took back the memories made and lessons learned in their logbooks. They were supervised by an expert staff who ensured clear progression and outcomes through carefully drafted programs in a refreshing environment. The students engaged in tons of activities that struck the perfect balance between education and fun. These camps offer students a chance to push themselves and survive in nature; learning all the necessary skills, and using their mind, body, tools and training.

Activities and Adventures included

- 1- Mountain Bike Treks
- 2- Archery
- 3- Campfire
- 4- Human Foosball
- 5- Survival
- 7- Raft Build



Camping is usually a memorable, learning and bonding experience.





# مسابقة تحدي القراءة



استجابة للمبادرة التي أطلقها صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم نائب رئيس الدولة رئيس مجلس الوزراء حاكم دبي لتشجيع القراءة في العالم العربي، فقد تقدّم مجموعة كبيرة من طلاب مدرسة الاتحاد الخاصة، وطالبتها للمشاركة في هذا التحدي في موسمه الخامس، إيماناً منهم بأهمية القراءة في فتح آفاق المستقبل ودور الكتاب في تنمية معارف الإنسان ومقدراته الفكرية والثقافية والحياتية. هذا وقد حقّق طلابنا في المواسم الأربعة السابقة من التحدي مراكز متقدمة على مستوى الدولة وحصل عدد كبير منهم على جوائز وشهادات تقديراً لمشاركاتهم الفعّالة في هذا المهرجان الثقافي والفكري الكبير.



# 1st Parent-Teacher Conference 2019-2020

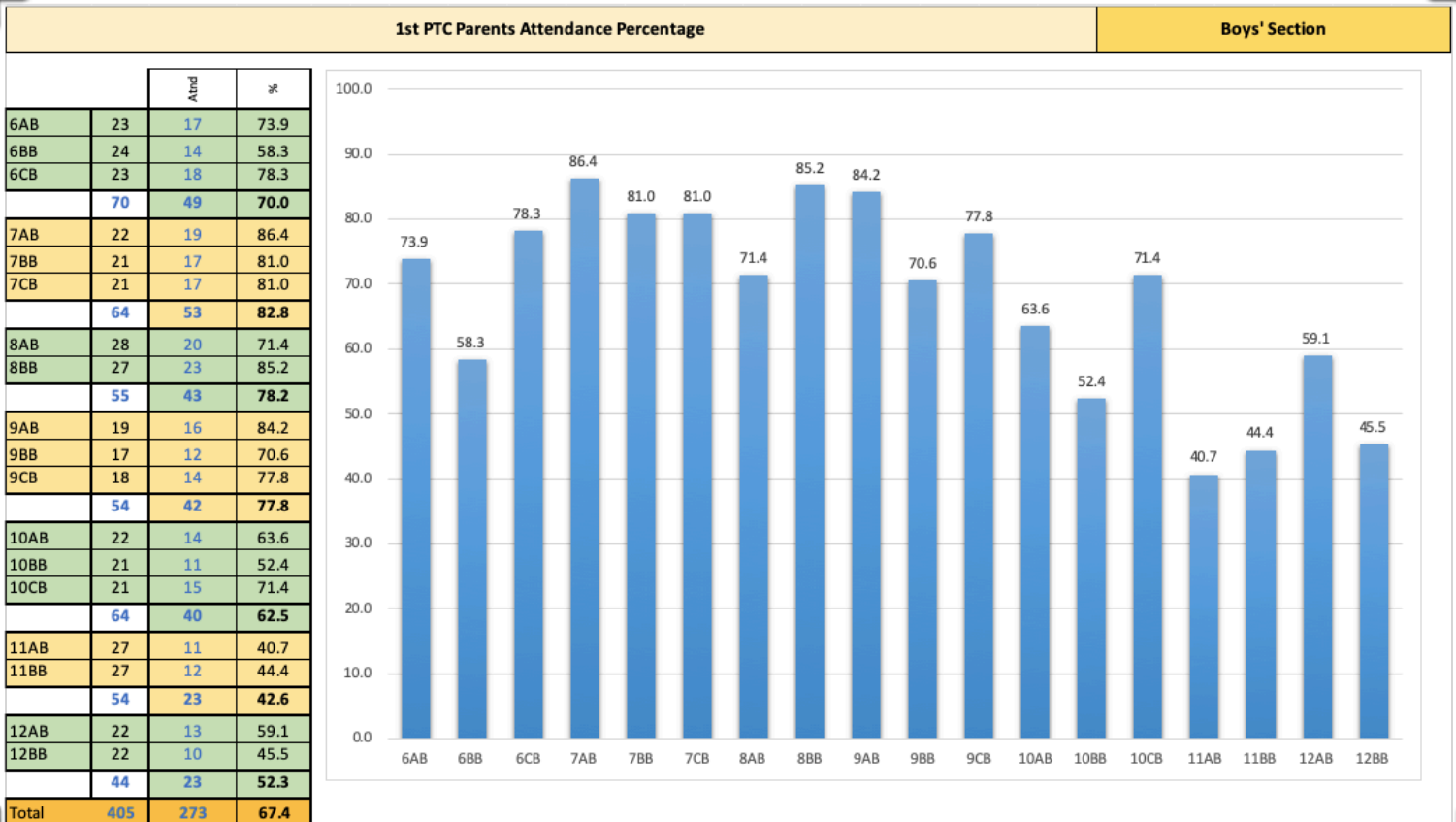


Conducting effective parent-teacher conferences can boost family involvement in the classroom and help promote positive outcomes for teachers, students, and the school.

IPS held the 1st Parent-Teacher Conference 2019-2020 which was a great opportunity to: share academic progress and growth based on classroom observations, testing data, assessments, portfolios, and assignments. The conference also supported the opportunity for informative discussion with parents and/or guardians so educators are better informed about students' strengths, needs, behaviors, and learning styles. Teachers also share enrichment or intervention strategies done to support students' learning and discuss issues that may be interfering with the students' learning and growth.

All parents were invited to attend the following:

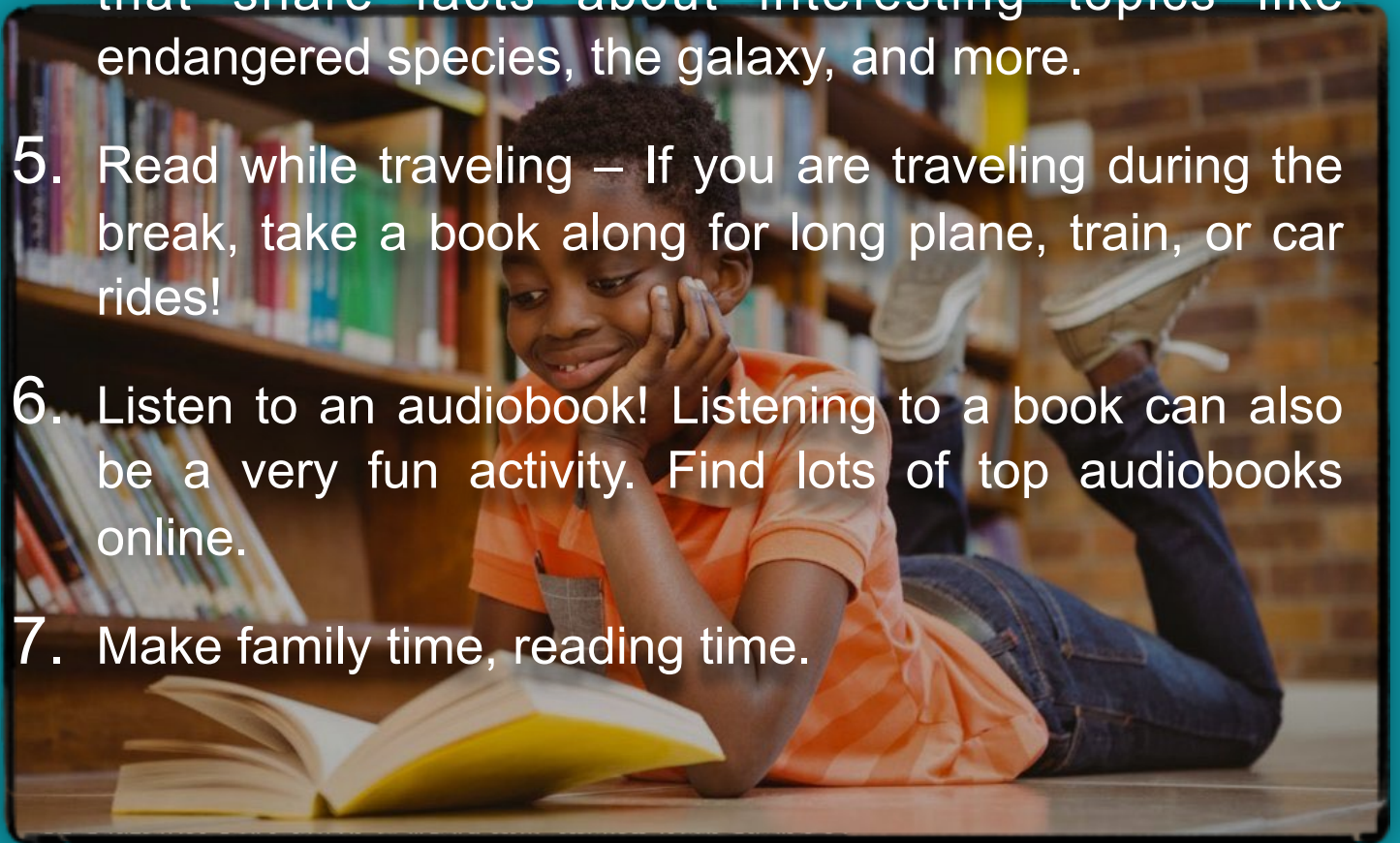
- An orientation session about external assessments and online platforms from 10:00am-11:00am in the K.G Hall.
- A wellbeing workshop "Positive Selfish" from 2:00pm – 3:00pm in the K.G Hall.
- A session to share with parents the Anti-bullying policy from 3:00pm-3:30pm in the K.G Hall.



# 7 Ways to Enjoy Reading Over Winter Break

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1. Participate in the Achieve3000 Reading Challenge for the 2019-2020 Academic Year! Score 75% or higher on each reading to grow your Lexile Level!
2. Explore reading other books by authors that you already enjoy.
3. Read to your younger siblings and cousins!
4. Don't forget about non-fiction texts! – Read articles that share facts about interesting topics like endangered species, the galaxy, and more.
5. Read while traveling – If you are traveling during the break, take a book along for long plane, train, or car rides!
6. Listen to an audiobook! Listening to a book can also be a very fun activity. Find lots of top audiobooks online.
7. Make family time, reading time.



# أخبار اللغة العربية

- فازت الطالبة فاطمة حسين من الصف الثاني عشر في مسابقة طيران الإمارات فئة كتابة القصة القصيرة، وهو الفوز الثاني لطلاب مدرستنا في كتابة القصة لهذا العام، كما أنّ هذه المسابقة شهدت في الأعوام السابقة فوز العديد من طلاب مدرسة الاتحاد الخاصة الممزر.
- شاركت مدرسة الاتحاد الخاصة - الممزر- في مسابقة إلقاء الشعر في جامعة أمّتي وقد مثّل المدرسة الطالب عبد الرحمن الرميثي من الصف الحادي عشر وقدم قصيدةً شعريةً متميّزةً بإلقاء نال إعجاب المستمعين والمحكمين.
- أقام مجلس شعراء مدرسة الاتحاد الخاصة - الممزر - جلسة شعرية متميّزة ضمن فعاليات احتفالات المدرسة باليوم الوطني، وقد شارك في الجلسة الطلاب عبد الله صديق من طلبة الثاني عشر وأحمد يوسف من الصف الحادي عشر ومحمد عبد القادر من الصف العاشر وراشد الكندي الصف السابع.
- حقق طلاب مدرسة الاتحاد الخاصة - الممزر - إنجازات متقدمة في قراءة الكتب الخارجية المفيدة على منصة "أنا أقرأ بالعربية".



# IPS Ambassadors' Trip To Japan

For the past five years, IPS has continued an initiative to send a group of students abroad to a new country through what is called, "The Student Ambassador Program." The Student Ambassador Program, is an annual leadership opportunity in which students visit reputable educational and global organizations in a foreign country. During this week-long trip, our students engage and exchange cultural experiences with the students and people of the destination country.

The objectives of this trip are to share the vast and massive developments the United Arab Emirates have made over a short period of time, support our school vision and mission to promote a learning culture where our students will be committed to develop their social and personal skills, and be an open-minded global citizenship. Also, it aims to promote a culture of volunteerism to enhance interaction with other nations, share achievements, and invest in excellence and creativity.

Over the past five years, student ambassadors have visited Italy, Sweden, Spain, China and Japan. Our trip this year to Japan has undoubtedly enriched our students' education and better equipped them for future success. Our IPS Ambassadors were exposed to global economic trends, technological advances, and more. They enthusiastically engaged in cultural exchange experiences and proudly expressed their Emirati national identity.

IPS Ambassadors attended the **UAE Embassy National Day Celebration**, and they had the opportunity to meet and communicate with other countries ambassadors, diplomats, developers, entrepreneurs, and students. IPS Ambassadors were invited to meet the UAE Ambassador to Japan, His Excellency Khaled Al Ameri, and Ms. Muna Almuaee, the Deputy Head of UAE Mission to Tokyo. Students were inspired from his experiences and story of how he become an ambassador. IPS Ambassadors learned about diplomatic work and what newly developed careers the country will have in the near future. Finally, our students expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the UAE Ambassador and the UAE Embassy members.











# IPS AL Mamzar CPD

IPS Mamzar staff has completed the third Continuing Professional Development (CPD) cycle for the academic year 2019-2020. On December 15-16-17, the staff has embarked on a journey of learning and development, sharing the best internal practices, and seeking the expertise of professional external trainers.

The staff involvement and active participation in the CPD program reflect their commitment to lifelong learning and eagerness to provide our students the best learning experience by engaging, motivating, and inspiring them.

IPS staff attended and presented several sessions such as Designing Rigorous Assessments, Giving a Model Lesson, Boosting Students' Critical Thinking, The Power of Feedback and Feedforward, etc.. They also attended sessions presented by external trainers who focused on introducing to the teachers new tools and approaches to teaching systems and conventions, the characteristics of the 21st century teacher , differentiation, aerodynamics, etc...

In addition, IPS, as a professional learning community, proudly presented the achievements of its professional learning teams through a whole school gathering in which each team discussed new initiatives, and steps taken to improve students literacy, access to curriculum, assessments, etc..

Finally, several sessions were led by the Leadership Team in which they discussed with the teachers improvement plans, ways to improve student attainment, the school strengths, areas for development, and challenges.

December 17 was the Team Building Day; all staff enjoyed a fun carefree day, played games, engaged in several activities that boost their wellbeing and energize them to start positively and actively after the winter break.







