

Primary Press

Where curiosity blossoms

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School Vision

Our Goal is to develop independent confident, respectful and resilient individuals with strong ethical values.

School Mission

SIPS is committed to being a leading school with a positive and inclusive culture and delivers highly dynamic, progressive and personalized learning that enables students to be leaders, designers, creators and contributors in our world.

School Values

- Open mindedness
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Creativity
- Independence
- Dedication
- Kindness
- Sustainability
- Honesty



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Monthly Message

Dear Parents,

In Term 2, we have witnessed tremendous achievements and growth within our school community. Our dedicated teachers have worked tirelessly to develop and deliver engaging activities and learning materials tailored to suit the diverse needs of our students, ensuring maximum progress for all.

Through a variety of innovative approaches, students have been empowered to challenge themselves, explore their creativity, and embark on a multi-dimensional learning journey. From exciting competitions to joyous celebrations, this term has been marked by numerous enriching experiences that have contributed to the holistic development of our students. As we reflect on the past few months, we are proud of the collective efforts that have fostered a vibrant and dynamic learning environment for our students to thrive in.



**Head of
Primary**

As we look ahead to Term 3, we are excited to embark on a journey focused on preparing our young bright children for the next phase of their learning adventure. This term will be dedicated to nurturing their growth and development, encouraging them to spread their wings, build confidence, and prepare for the challenges of the next year group.

Additionally, we will be focusing on completing Progress Tests, which serve as valuable tools in measuring our children's progress on an international standardized level. We are committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, let's make Term 3 a period of growth, achievement, and success for our students.

Warm regards,

Rozina Mukhia
Head of Primary

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PRIMARY CALENDAR

MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Ramadan Begins	12	13 Term 2 Assessments Begin	14 Emirati Children's Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Mother's Day	22	23
24	25	26	27 Term 2 Assessments End	28 End of Term 2	29	30
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PRIMARY CALENDAR

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Spring Break Starts	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Eid al Fitr	9 Eid al Fitr	10 Eid al Fitr	11 Eid al Fitr Spring Break ends	12	13
14	15 Term 3 School Begins	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Math Week	23 Math Week	24 Math Week	25 Entrepreneur -ship Day for Year 2 to Y6	26	27
28	29	30				

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A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar.



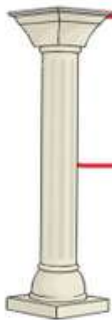
Ramadan is when the Holy Qur'an was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).



We do not eat or drink from dawn until sunset during Ramadan. This is called fasting.



Fasting in Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.



We fast in Ramadan to get closer to Allah, be self-disciplined, control ourselves and show our gratitude for Allah's blessings.



At the end of Ramadan there is a big celebration called Eid Al-Fitr which means 'the feast of breaking the fast'.

In Eid Al-Fitr we celebrate completing our fast and we thank Allah for the strength He has given us throughout Ramadan.



RAMADAN- THE MONTH OF KINDNESS

Acts of Kindness

Dear Students,

Ramadan Kareem!

As we embark on this sacred journey of Ramadan, a month of reflection, worship, and compassion, I extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. Ramadan is not only a time for fasting and prayer but also an opportunity for us to embody the teachings of the Holy Quran through acts of kindness and empathy.

In the spirit of this blessed month, I invite you to embark on a journey of kindness, empathy, and piety by performing righteous acts that reflect the values and teachings of the Quran. Whether it's reading the Quran, reciting dhikr, giving charity, donating to those in need, or simply breaking the fast for others, every act of kindness you perform carries immense significance in the eyes of Allah.

I encourage you to document your acts of kindness through photos or videos and share them with us. Your stories of compassion and generosity will not only serve as a source of inspiration for others but also reaffirm the importance of spreading goodness and love in our community.

Together, let us make this Ramadan a time of spiritual growth, self-reflection, and collective upliftment. May your acts of kindness illuminate the world around you and bring joy and blessings to those in need.

Wishing you a Ramadan filled with peace, prosperity, and divine blessings.





WHAT CAN YOU DO?

YOU CAN CHOOSE ANY ACT MENTIONED BELOW TO SHOW KINDNESS

- Offer to help someone.
- Share your favourite joke with a friend.
- Encourage someone that you can see is struggling.
- Help someone without being asked.
- Help to tidy up around your home or classroom.
- Donate food to a local food bank.
- Write a thank you note and deliver it.
- Think of 3 positive things.
- Hold a door open for someone.
- Make a special effort to listen to people.
- Use kind words today.
- Put special effort into sharing today.
- Give someone a nice compliment.
- Make someone feel special.
- Pick up a piece of litter.
- Show kindness to nature.
- Do something nice for a family member.
- Set the table without being asked.
- Say please and thank you.
- Cheer someone up with a kind word or a fun joke.
- Invite a new friend to play.
- Make your bed.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Monthly Coffee Morning

We have been holding coffee mornings every month on the first Wednesday of each month.

These coffee mornings provide a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community to discuss successes and exchange ideas aimed at enhancing both our department and school as a whole. We believe that your valuable insights and contributions play a crucial role in our collective efforts to better serve the needs of our students.

At SIPS, we strongly believe in fostering an inclusive partnership between parents, students, and educators, and these coffee mornings are a testament to our commitment to collaboration and mutual support. We look forward to seeing you at our next coffee morning and working together towards our shared goals.



Our Next Coffee Morning Details

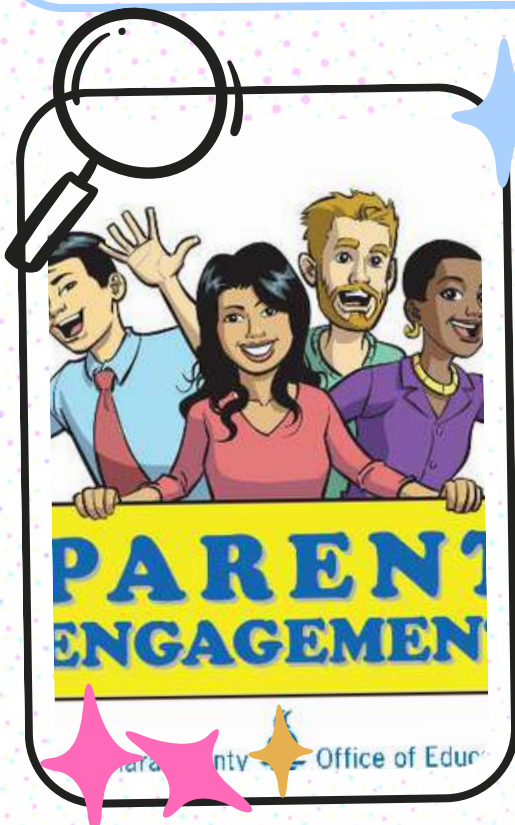
Since we will be observing Ramadan during the month of March, we will be having our next coffee morning when we come back in April.

Date: Wednesday, 17th April 2024

Time: 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Venue: School Conference Room

Why: Bring a snack to share. Come with an open mind to share achievements, ideas, suggestions and find solutions.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parents visit to the Classes

We are excited to announce a special initiative by our department aimed at fostering greater understanding and collaboration between parents, teachers, and students.

We cordially invite you to be a part of our upcoming School Days, where you will have the opportunity to witness firsthand how our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students work together on a daily basis.

This unique experience will provide valuable insights into the teaching and learning practices at SIPS, offering a glimpse into the innovative strategies and approaches we employ to support our students' academic growth and development.

Additionally, the School Day will equip parents with practical ideas and strategies to help their children succeed both in the classroom and at home. We believe that this collaborative effort will strengthen the partnership between home and school, ultimately enhancing the educational experience for our students.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this enriching experience together.



How to confirm your spot for a visit to your child's class

Step 1: Email Rozina-1113@sipsbr.onmicrosoft.com and the form teacher of your class with the subject line "Visit to class."

Step 2: Wait for confirmation of day and time from the Head of Primary and the Form teacher. This will be via mail and Clasdojo.

Step 3: Come to visit the class at the given time.

GLIMPSE OF EVENTS- FEBRUARY

Innovation Week- 5th to 8th Feb 2024

Innovation has emerged as the quintessential driving force of recent times, serving as the catalyst for progress and development across various sectors.

Recognizing its paramount importance, SIPS is steadfastly committed to instilling a culture of innovation throughout every facet of the student learning journey. Understanding that fostering innovation is imperative, SIPS recently dedicated an entire week to promoting and cultivating this crucial skill.

Students ranging from year 2 to year 6 enthusiastically engaged in a multitude of activities including research, collaboration, and hands-on project creation aimed at addressing real-world challenges.

The outcomes were nothing short of remarkable, spanning from inventive water purification systems to sophisticated mechanical arms. This dedicated week not only yielded tangible results but also equipped students with invaluable real-life knowledge, underscoring the profound impact of innovation in shaping the future.



INNOVATION WEEK



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International Day- 21st February 2024

The International Day Celebrations took place on Wednesday, 21st of February 2024 after being postponed due to bad weather in the country. The bad weather tried to dismay us but we prevailed.

The Primary department of our school recently concluded a highly successful International Day Celebration, marking a momentous occasion of cultural exchange and learning. The event showcased the vibrant tapestry of cultures that comprise our global community, fostering a deep appreciation for diversity among students.

The Primary department was ingeniously divided into Continents, with each year group representing a specific continent further subdivided into countries. Students enthusiastically delved into research about their assigned countries, meticulously compiling information to create captivating presentations. These presentations not only highlighted important details about the countries, including their food, clothing, culture, and dances but also provided insightful glimpses into their rich heritage and traditions.

The school was transformed into a kaleidoscope of colors and cultural motifs, as vibrant decor adorned every corner, creating a welcoming ambiance. The day was filled with lively performances, engaging presentations, and mouthwatering culinary delights from around the world, truly immersing everyone in a global experience.

What made the International Day Celebration truly remarkable was the level of independent learning demonstrated by the children. Through their research and presentations, they not only gained valuable knowledge about different countries but also developed a deeper understanding and respect for the diverse world they inhabit.

In essence, the International Day Celebration was a resounding success, embodying the spirit of unity in diversity and fostering a sense of global citizenship among our students. It was an eventful, positive, and highly productive day which encouraged to understand the importance of embracing and celebrating our differences as we navigate the intricacies of our interconnected world.

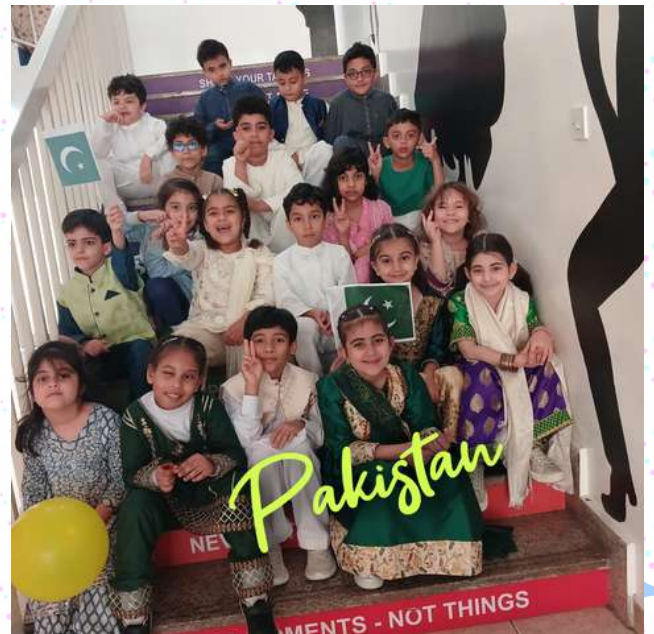
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Sports Day- 26th to 29th Feb 2024

The Primary sports day took place from February 26th to 29th, 2024, providing a platform for students to showcase their physical abilities and sportsmanship.

At our school, we recognize the importance of sports in a child's holistic development. It's not just about physical fitness; sports instill values like teamwork, perseverance, and discipline.

By organizing this event, we aimed to give our students an opportunity to shine, whether they excel in running, jumping, or other activities. Each year group had its dedicated day, ensuring that every student had a chance to participate and compete in a supportive environment.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement and enthusiasm as students cheered for their peers and celebrated each other's achievements. Through this event, we not only promoted physical activity but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among our students, contributing to their overall growth and well-being.



SPORTS DAY-YEAR 2



SPORTS DAY-YEAR 3



SPORTS DAY-YEAR 4



SPORTS DAY-YEAR 5



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Hag al Laila- 26th Feb 2024

With the holy month of Ramadan being around the corner, we're delighted to share that we organised for a joyful celebrations of Hag al Laila with our community!

As we welcomed the start of Ramadan with pomp and show, our children reveled in the festivities with boundless joy. The air was filled with excitement as they participated in traditional activities, shared delicious treats, and embraced the spirit of unity and generosity that this special occasion brings. It was truly a time of laughter, learning, and cherished memories for all involved.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate and honor the traditions that enrich our community as we journey through the blessed month of Ramadan together.



TEACHER'S APPRECIATION CORNER

Teacher Appreciation

Teachers are the cornerstone of any educational institution, embodying dedication and selflessness in their commitment to nurturing young minds.

Their tireless efforts and unwavering support ensure that every child has the opportunity to progress and thrive. Just as mothers and parents play a crucial role in a child's development at home, teachers serve as surrogate parents in the school environment, shaping character and instilling knowledge.

It's imperative to recognize the immense hardwood of teachers so at SIPS we honor them with monthly certificates for each subject department, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to shaping the future generation.

We value our Teachers! You are the rockstars of the Department. Thank you for all that you do



Teacher of the Month- Congratulations!

ENGLISH DEPT: Ms. Rosemary Khaire

MATH DEPT: Ms. Jeen Shanto

SCIENCE DEPT: Ms. Durre Shehwar

ARABIC DEPT: Ms. Najwa Al Hariri

ISLAMIC DEPT: Mr. Abdallah Elmoursi

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPT: Ms. Sara Abdelfateh

FRENCH DEPT: Ms. Hadjira Salmi

MAPEH DEPT: Ms. Josna Jose

GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Importance of Spelling in British Curriculum

In the British curriculum, spelling is integrated phase-wise, ensuring that students gradually develop and refine their spelling abilities as they progress through their education. Understanding and mastering spelling patterns and rules are essential for effective communication and comprehension.

Fortunately, there are numerous engaging and enjoyable ways to help children enhance their spelling skills. Activities such as puzzles and crosswords not only make learning spellings fun but also stimulate cognitive abilities and problem-solving skills.

To facilitate your child's spelling practice, We are excited to share a small collection of word search puzzles tailored to their year levels. These puzzles are designed to reinforce statutory spellings specific to their academic year, providing a hands-on and interactive approach to learning. We have also linked in the statutory list for each phase in the drive shared below.

Encouraging regular practice and incorporating enjoyable activities can significantly enhance your child's spelling proficiency and overall language development. Together, let's support our children in mastering this essential aspect of their education.



Phase wise Resources

KS1- Year 2:

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LKS2- Year 3 and 4:

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UKS2- Year 5 and 6:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C4Mk2cSrWXgOS1Pyn-wwuZPiTAuc6Gz?usp=sharing>

GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Critical Thinking Skills

Let's take a moment to discuss the significance of critical thinking skills and how they play a crucial role in your child's development and future success. As you may already know, critical thinking skills are essential abilities that enable individuals to analyze, evaluate, and interpret information effectively. These skills go beyond memorization and rote learning, allowing children to think independently, make informed decisions, and solve complex problems.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a mandatory assessment designed to evaluate four key aspects of your child's skills: verbal, non-verbal, quantitative, and spatial reasoning. By assessing these areas, CAT4 provides valuable insights into your child's cognitive abilities and potential areas for growth.

Encouraging the development of critical thinking skills through assessments like CAT4 is instrumental in fostering creativity, innovation, and adaptability in your child. As they learn to think critically, they become more adept at approaching challenges with confidence, developing creative solutions, and navigating the complexities of the modern world.

Moreover, cultivating strong critical thinking skills prepares your child for the future workforce, where problem-solving abilities and adaptability are highly valued. In an ever-changing landscape driven by technological advancements and global challenges, individuals who can think critically and creatively will have a competitive edge.

By emphasizing the importance of critical thinking skills and supporting your child's development in this area, you are laying a solid foundation for their future success. Together, we can empower them to become innovative learners, effective problem solvers, and leaders of tomorrow.

Please find below a few samples of questions for the Non-Verbal section of CAT4 assessments.

You can let your child practice it at home to hone their skills.



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CAN YOU SOLVE THESE RIDDLES?

How many months of the year have 28 days?

What has hands and a face, but can't hold anything or smile?

It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?

Kate's mother has three children: Snap, Crackle and ___?

If you don't keep me, I'll break. What am I?

I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I?

What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast?

Which word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?