



# KI STIMES

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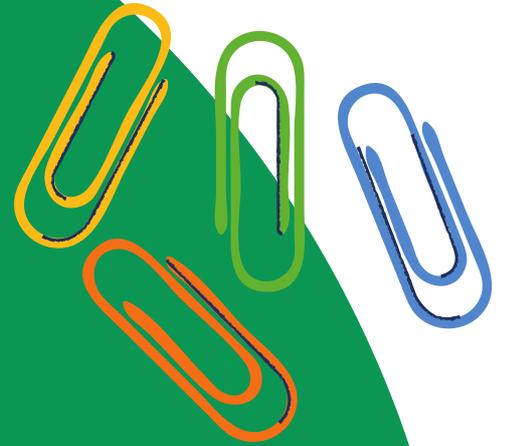
A warm welcome back to the second term of the year! The KiS management trust that the students had a restful and relaxing break and returned refreshed and ready for Term 2. This is a short but very busy term.

# Happy New Year

## UPDATES

### Professional Development

Teachers from K to Grade 3 had the opportunity to attend the second online training workshop during the month of November, which the school arranged with the School Development Consultants (SDC). The purpose of the training is to enhance classroom management techniques of teachers by learning how to foster a positive learning environment and ensure consistency rather than merely setting rules in the class.



## RECENT EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Parents' Meeting

On December 7th, 2023, the first Parents/Teachers meeting was held for K to Grade 12 learners of both schools, whereby they met their children's teachers and discussed their academic progress and behavior. The meeting was successful, and parents showed appreciation for the staff's hard work.

### PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT

- To welcome learners to Term 2, they were greeted by an endangered and extinct animal decorative theme, providing an exciting introduction to the topic.
- Excitement filled up the space for the 'Crazy Hair Activity' on the 14th of December. Our little ones amazed us with their imagination as well as the wonderful hair creations they came up with.



## LOWER ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT

Lower Elementary learners settled well into school throughout term 1 and are ready to take off for term 2. Here are some of the exciting activities they got up to:

- **Career Day Activity** took place on November 1st, during which each learner dressed up as their favorite REAL career person.
- Grade 3 learners went on a trip to **Medhal Equestrian Center** on December 13, which was a huge success.
- Learners in Grades 1 to 3 exhibited their creativity with their hairstyles, during **Crazy Hair Day**, on December 14. They enjoyed the clown's visit as well as the games that Grade 12 learners organized.
- Grade 1 learners were so happy to visit the **science laboratory** during the 3rd week of term 2, during which they learned about different planting techniques.



## UPPER ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT – GIRLS' SCHOOL

- Learners in Grades 4 to 7 went on educational trips to expand their knowledge in the **science field**.
- Grade 5 visited **Mishkat Interactive Center** to implement their science lesson on renewable and non-renewable resources.
- Grades 4, 6, and 7 visited the **National Museum** to learn about fossils and the history of Earth.
- **Twin Day** was a great way for students to showcase their creativity and bond with their classmates. By dressing up to match each other and by sharing their favorite breakfast, they demonstrated their teamwork and unity.

In addition to the above, we are very proud of our learners' implementation of values to provide a positive environment at school. Therefore, some classes were chosen from each grade level to win this term. Winning classes received a special reward as encouragement.



# WELL DONE

# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – GIRLS' SCHOOL

## Grades 11 & 12 Volunteer Work

A group of grade 11 & 12 learners worked enthusiastically to prepare activities for learners in the lower and upper elementary sections on World Children's Day on the 20th of November and International Volunteer Day on the 5th of December.

## Charity work blended with Green Club

The hard work of Green Club members paid off. The experience of collecting plastic bottles, caps, clothes, toys, and books has been truly heartwarming with the help of the Bunyan charitable organization, which is dedicated to improving the physical and social conditions of families in need. Each item gathered in term 1 felt like a small act of kindness, a step towards a more compassionate world. Gratitude filled our hearts!



## College Guidance

Mrs. Hiba Sami from Bahar Group, a representative of Turkish universities, met with grade 12 prospective learners who are interested in studying in Turkey. Her presentation included a small introduction about the universities, types of scholarships, how to apply to the universities, requirements for admission, and the educational system.

## Career panel

Five guest speakers and career women who are mothers of learners in middle and high school were hosted. Coming from different backgrounds, they shared their successful journeys and stories with grade 11 and 12 learners.



## A Visit to Al Faisal University

Grade 12 visited Al Faisal University and took a tour around the campus. They met alumni and listened to their advice and current experiences. It is worth mentioning that Al Faisal boasts the largest number of our graduates who got accepted to different fields of study.

## Saudi Games, Fencing Champions!

Layan Ahmado, in grade 11, and her sister Zilal Ahmado, in grade 9, participated in the fencing competition of the Saudi Games 2023. Zilal won a silver medal, and Layan won a bronze medal. We are very proud of our champions.



# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – BOYS SCHOOL

## Al Faisal University – Seniors Visit

A group of KiS Seniors visited AL Faisal University. The seniors took a detailed tour around and attended a presentation by representatives from the university. They also had the chance to collect information about the majors, admissions, and possible scholarships.

## Gr. 4 to 12 Trips

Learners at KiS enjoyed trips to different places. They spent time outside school playing games, having meals, and sharing happy moments together.

## Soccer League

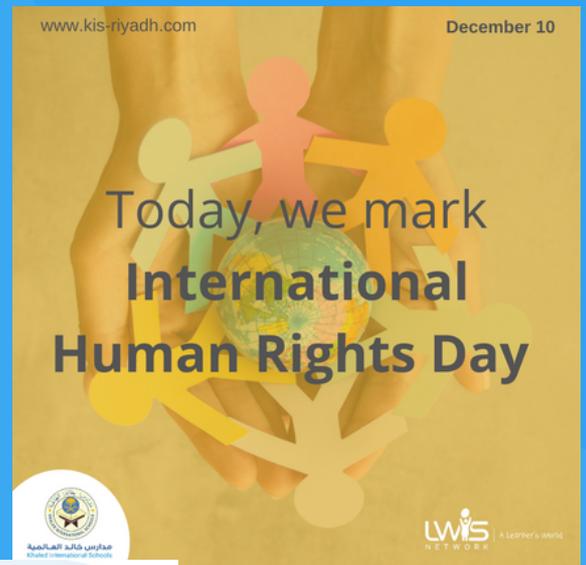
The Football Championship took place in term 2. Teams have been formed and have started playing matches in this tournament.

## Health Team Visit

A team from the Ministry of Health visited our school to teach out learners how to care for their health.



## KEY DATES THAT WE MARKED



# Science Department

## Grade 3

Our Grade 3 learners have been on a three-week adventure diving into the world of animal behaviors, their environments, and the challenges that threaten their lives, using the National Geographic Kids website! Through engaging project-based learning and integrating science with English, learners collaborated during sessions, passionately researched, and brainstormed innovative solutions to protect the animals in their environments. Filling their inquiry guides, these young minds crafted a captivating presentation to share their discoveries. Witness the magic of education as our future leaders explore, learn, and present!

## Grade 4

Our amazing Grade 4 learners are part of an incredible cross-disciplinary project, combining the power of Science, Math and Art! During Math sessions: Learners used their multiplication and addition skills to calculate their daily water usage for various tasks. They're on a mission to compare their total usage with the target outlined in the Saudi Arabia Vision 2030 Qatrah Program. By delving into the numbers, our learners are uncovering how much additional water they use daily. This eye-opening experience is paving the way for solutions to reduce water consumption and contribute to a more sustainable future.

The adventure will continue in Science and Art classes, where these young minds will explore the science behind water conservation and channel their creativity to design awareness posters!

## Grade 6

Unveiling the Wonders of Trophic Levels in Grade 6 Science! Learners engaged in a hands-on activity. Utilizing printables, they modeled a pyramid to study the energy pyramid and the trophic levels. From producers to consumers, they explored the energy flow in ecosystems.

## Grade 7 - Discovering the world of atoms

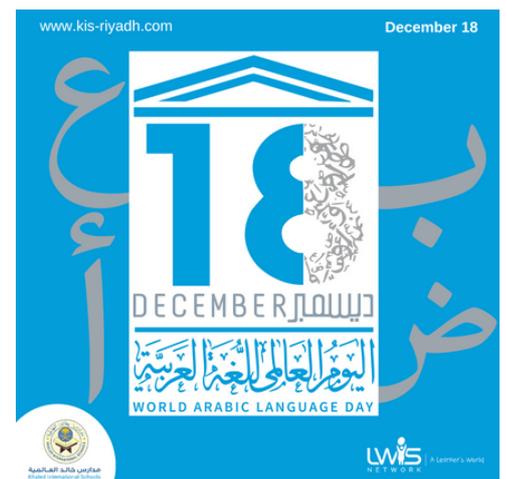
Using the PHET simulation technology, grade 7 learners explored the atomic structure, electron behavior, and subatomic particles. Guided by experienced facilitators, students participated in inquiry-based learning hands-on activities and captivating demonstrations, gaining a solid understanding of the role of atoms in our world. This session provided an exciting and accessible introduction to the wonders of atoms, fueling curiosity and sparking a passion for science.

## Grade 8

Grade 8 learners have explored the world of forces using PHET simulations! They learned about distance, contact forces, and the dynamics of balanced and unbalanced forces. Through interactive simulations, our learners are not only grasping complex physics concepts but also enjoying a hands-on approach to learning.

# ARABIC DEPARTMENT

On the occasion of Arabic World Day on Monday, December 18, Upper Elementary learners recited poetry and produced drawings, expressing their overwhelming joy for this occasion. Learners proudly shared their poetry performances and drawing entries with their teachers.



# COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL

At KiS, we believe that active communication and meetings with the faculty, staff and School Leadership Team is vital. We have numerous channels in place to facilitate this.

## Teachers Office Hours:

Office hours for all teachers were sent by all departments to parents/guardians, informing them when they can meet with their child or children's teachers.

Please do not hesitate to visit the school and meet with the Academic Director, the Leaders, the respective Head of Section, or the Coordinators.

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