



# KI STIMES

Dear KiS Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share the latest updates and activities happening at our school. This term has been filled with enriching programs and events designed to support our learners' academic and personal growth. From launching our new robotics program to engaging in various academic initiatives and extracurricular activities, our goal is to provide a well-rounded education for all learners.



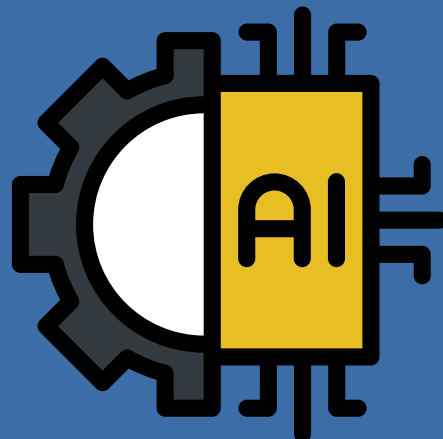
## ACADEMIC MATTERS

We are proud to inform you that our teachers are actively engaging in initiatives like TED Student Talks applications and Social-Emotional Learning courses. These efforts will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our learners' development.

- Some of our teachers have successfully approved TED Student Talk applications, helping learners enhance their public speaking, critical thinking, and debate skills. We look forward to all our teachers submitting applications next year to further support and inspire our learners!
- All our teachers have recently completed a course on Social-Emotional Learning. This training will enhance their ability to support our learners' learning and well-being by fostering social and emotional skills.

### Launching the Robotics Program!

In Term 2, we kicked off the robotics program with the Coding First platform. The robotics courses are tailored to each grade level, from Grade 1 to Grade 12, and include Mouse Coding, Dash and Dot, Makey Makey, mBot, Microbit, and Arduino.



## RECENT EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Report Cards Distribution

- Term 1 Report Cards have been distributed to learners, which allowed parents to see how their children performed during Term 1.

### Annual Book Fair

- The Annual Book Fair took place on January 14, 15, and 16, 2025, giving K to Grade 8 learners the opportunity to explore and purchase a wide variety of age-appropriate books. This event was an essential step in encouraging our learners to read. Reading benefits children by expanding their vocabulary, building independence and self-confidence, and developing social-emotional skills and imagination.



## PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT

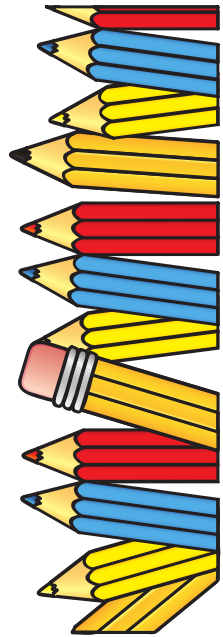
- Learners were excited to return after a long vacation as they were stunned by the new decoration, which was full of human manners and values.
- On January 23rd, the preschool organized a special Winter Day that was filled with seasonal-themed activities. On this day, the children attended the school wearing comfortable clothes with their gloves and hats.

## ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT (GRADES 2 & 3 / GRADES 4 & 5 BOYS)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

January was a busy month at KiS Elementary Department. Our learners were engaged academically and socially.

Classroom interactive activities, such as show-and-tell and many others across subjects, play a dominant role in the learning process because they entice learners to be proactive rather than passive listeners.



## UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GIRLS' SECTION

A group called "Riyadh Shapers" conducted a workshop on bullying for grade 6 learners on January 23rd.



## THE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL – GIRLS' SECTION

### Grade 9 and Their MUN experience!

- A group of Grade 9 learners participated in the Harvard Model Congress Middle East (HMCME) held on January 9, 10, & 11.
- This unprecedented experience among grade 9 learners enhanced their research, debate, and public speaking skills.

### Parent involvement blended with College Guidance

- Mrs. Reem El Shehri, parent of 3 girls and a KiS graduate, gave a very thorough presentation and motivational speech about her career as a Lecturer at King Saud University and PhD holder in social work. She described her journey to success, inspiring grade 10 and 12 learners by emphasizing the importance of persistence, consistency, and hard work.



### Grade 8 & 9 Student Council Meeting with the Academic Director

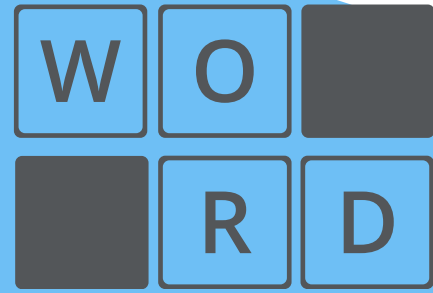
- On Wednesday, January 15, grade 8 & 9 class representatives met with the Academic Director and Head of Section in the library. They were well-prepared with constructive comments and thoughtful suggestions. The Academic Director was highly impressed by their eloquence and confidence.

# BOYS' SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Spelling Bee / Idioms Competitions

As a part of its extracurricular activities, the English Department at KiS announced its two competitions for this year:

- Spelling Bee (Grades 6 & 7)
- Idioms Competition (Grades 8 to 11)



## University Visits

- Turkish Universities Roadshow: The 11th graders attended the Winter Roadshow of different universities in Turkey. Representatives from these universities and colleges allowed our learners to ask and collect information about majors, admissions, and possible scholarships.
- University Balamand Visit to KiS: The seniors attended a session arranged by the University of Balamand in Lebanon.

## Football League

The KiS Football Championship began. Teams were formed and started their matches in this tournament.



## Seniors' Trip to Muvi Cinema

The Class of 2025 enjoyed watching "The Den of Thieves" at Muvi Cinema, making it a great opportunity for them to relax and bond.

## Assembly / Cleanliness and Self-Hygiene

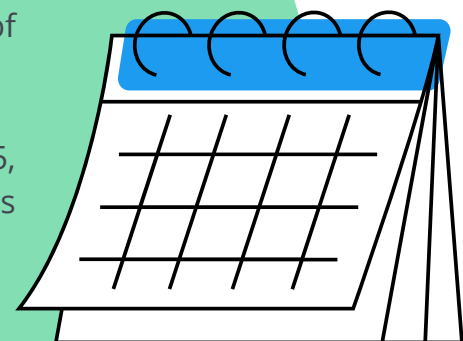
Learners in grades 6, 7, and 8 at Khaled International Schools attended an assembly led by Grade 12 Seniors. The seniors shared important tips on cleanliness and self-hygiene, such as proper handwashing, maintaining a well-organized and clean classroom, and the dos and don'ts of using the bathroom.



## Upcoming Events and Activities

Throughout our academic year, we are organizing a variety of activities. In February 2025, our learners will participate in the following events.

- Math competition for Grade 3
- Football tournament for Grades 4 & 5 Boys during the month of February
- Foundation Day Celebration on February 19
- The Grade 3 Multiplication Challenge! On February 6th, 2025, where all Grade 3 classes will battle it out on multiplication tables from 1 to 10.
- The annual class photo in mid-February



# COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL & LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Teachers Office Hours:

Parents and guardians are welcome to meet with their child's teachers during office hours. Additionally, you can visit the school to meet with the Leaders, Academic Director, Head of Section, or Coordinators.

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