



**GARDEN CITY  
BRITISH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

December has arrived and the term is drawing to a close. We have completed our first term as a new school it has proved to be a very busy term packed with events and activities. We have achieved a great deal in such short a time and everyone is now settled and ready for the winter break.

**Film Night** was a great success as teachers, students and parents relaxed on the floor with oodles of popcorn to watch Paddington Bear. I believe Mr. Tom had even brought his own cuddly toy to lie and watch the movie with. The movie was less of a focus as parents, students and teachers chatted and took time to get to know each other in a very relaxed manner. A big thank you to all the parents who came and the PA and teachers who worked hard to organize the first of many events like this to come throughout the year.



November saw the first official appointment of our School Leaders which was a **visit to the Police Station** to say thank you for their support and present them with certificates of our appreciation. The leaders were joined by representatives from all year levels in the school. Our students were given a royal welcome and some training on how our community police work. The biggest thrill was sitting in the cars and operating the sirens and the radio controls. It was very noisy but a great fun learning experience.



November closed with the celebration of The UAE National Day. We were invited to celebrate with NMC and our boys contributed to The **NMC UAE National Day Programme** by performing the Yola. The event was attended by number of honored guests from the Ministry of Health This was our first opportunity to form a partnership with the local community and we hope that our links will develop next term when we hope to arrange a Health Awareness campaign with them for our school community.



We also had our first **National Day Evening** which showed the depth of the school staff and students' knowledge and pride in the UAE and its heritage and culture. Please check out the displays around the school of our students work. We combined our National day Evening with the **Official Opening of the school**. Together with our honored guests, we cut the ribbon and officially acknowledged the start of our GCBS journey. This

colourful evening was followed the following morning by our **Martyrs' Day Assembly**. This was a solemn occasion and many parents joined us to pay tribute to the soldiers who have given their lives in the service

of their country. What both staff and parents witnessed was a moving minutes silence held by all students from FS1-Grade 4.

The GCBS '**Leader in me**' programme' designed to give all our students the opportunity to develop leadership qualities will be rolling out until the end of term. By then we hope to have appointed all our leaders and committee members for various initiatives that will be part of the schools enriched curriculum in term 2 and in term 3.

### **UNIFORM**

I apologize for the delay in some items of uniform. It is expected that stock is now in place and students can be fully dressed in their uniform next term.

Students need to be in uniform next term and shoes required to be worn are black. Winter has also arrived and so has our winter jackets. These are available in the Uniform shop. Price - 100 AED. Opening times 2.40.3.30 daily

### **STUDENT REPORTS**

As this is the end of our first Academic Term Students will receive a report. A workshop will be held on 'How to read your Childs' report' on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of December from 6.30- 7.30pm. Reports will be sent to parents via students at the close of school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

### **ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY**

**Best attendance: Grade 3**

### **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

We are still trying to improve communication channels with you all. It is very important that we have the correct contact details. If your details are not correct, you will not receive our text messages or emails.

Please contact-reception@gardencityschool.ae with your email address and mobile phone number if you are not receiving text messages or emails so that we can check and update your contact details.

### **DECEMBER KEY DATES**

**Report Reading Workshop** - Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30 - 7.30

### **Holidays**

School will be closed on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** 2.30pm and reopens 7.30am on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January** for students

We now have the pleasure of introducing to you our new school governors.

**Mr Mohamoud Mohamed Ahmed AND Peter John Hendricks**

I would like to reaffirm that parents are always welcome to any event in the school.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Best wishes,



**Caroline Peel**

