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A message from the Leadership Team

Dear Buckswood Families,

We have been so proud of how our learners have adapted to online learning, growing in independence, confidence and resilience with parents quietly cheering them on. Your support means a great deal. Real learning happens when children try on their own first, make mistakes and try again. You can help by giving your child time to think before stepping in, praising effort rather than only answers, and keeping a simple, familiar routine.

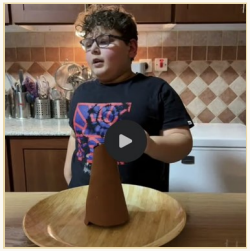
As an IB PYP school, we also want our learners to be balanced. Baking together, reading a bedtime story, building, drawing, a walk outdoors or simply talking about the day are all rich learning opportunities. Thank you for the patience, encouragement and love you bring every day. Together, we are helping our children become confident, independent and balanced learners, whatever the classroom looks like.

— The Leadership Team, Buckswood School Riyadh

01 SCIENCE WEEK

Science in Action: Our Young Scientists' Showcase

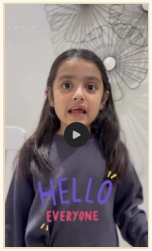
Our students took part in Science Week, and what a week it was! They experimented, explored and learnt many new science activities and facts, sharing their projects and hands-on discoveries on our class Padlet as we celebrated World Science Day. From volcanoes and water lenses to soap, gravity and a grasshopper under the microscope, here are some of our young scientists.



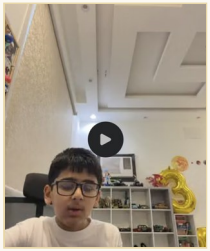
My Volcano Experiment
Rakan · Year 4A Nottingham



Volcano
Saeed · Year 4A Nottingham



Handwashing and the Magic of Soap
Zehra · Year 2B Cambridge



What is Gravity?
Muhammad · Year 7 Manchester



Water Cycle Working Model
Abrish · Year 5 Leeds



Nature Uncovered
Maha · Year 6 Edinburgh



The Magic Water Lens
Yara · Year 3 Oxford

02 · ANNOUNCEMENT

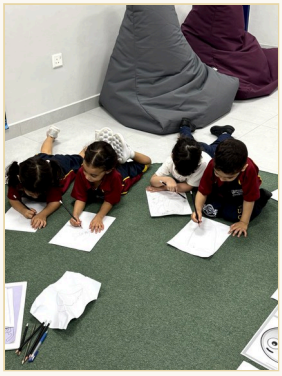
Student of the Week continues online!

Our classes may be online, but celebrating our students hasn't stopped. We continue to name a Student of the Week, so the motivation and encouragement keep going, wherever learning happens.

03 BACK ON CAMPUS

Two Days Back, and the School Came Alive

For two wonderful days, our students were back on campus, and we loved every minute of having them here. We had missed our dear students, and it was so clear how much they had missed coming to school too. Their laughter, giggles and footsteps made the school feel alive again, even if only for a short time. Now we are back online, and we miss them already!







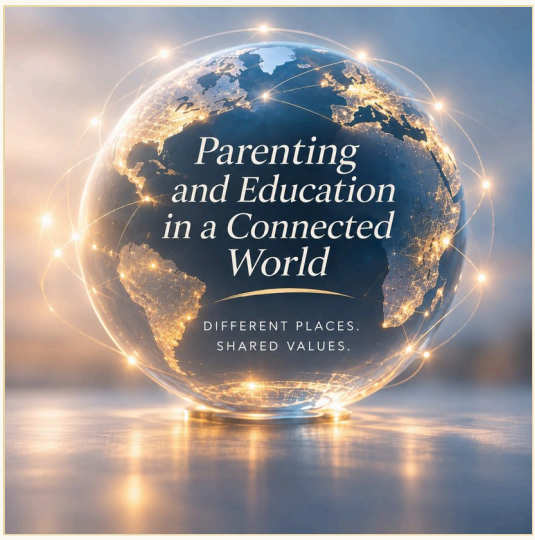







04 FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM DR. T

Parenting and Education in a Connected World



Today's Millennial and Gen Z parents are among the most informed, connected and involved generations in their children's education. They are deeply invested in ensuring their children feel heard, valued and supported, and rightly so. However, in an age of AI, instant information and social media, new expectations bring new challenges for schools and families alike.

While parents know their children better than anyone, teachers bring professional expertise and daily insight into the realities of classroom life. Generation Alpha learners are also growing up differently, requiring greater attention to wellbeing, emotional development, self-regulation and individual learning needs.

In this evolving educational landscape, one principle matters more than ever: we must listen to both sides of the story. A child's feelings should always be acknowledged, but understanding a situation requires more than one perspective.

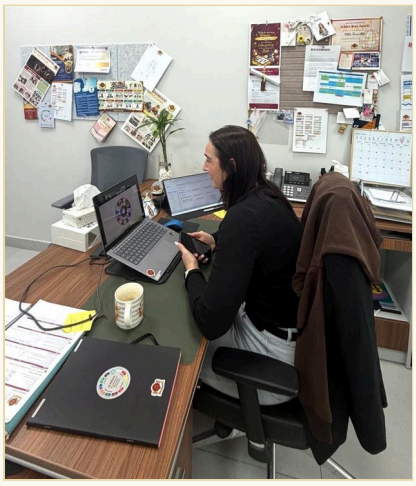
> *"Listening does not mean dismissing, and supporting does not always mean agreeing."*

It means asking questions, communicating openly and allowing both home and school to understand before reaching conclusions. Ultimately, education is a shared journey, and our children benefit most when parents and teachers replace assumptions with trust, judgement with understanding, and confrontation with genuine partnership.

— Dr. T, Principal

05 ONLINE MOMENT

Leadership Takes the Lesson



Who said leaders only lead? This week, our Leadership Team stepped into the shoes of a teacher and joined an online class to flex their Spanish skills. ¡Muy bien!

A fun reminder that at Buckswood, we never stop learning, whatever our role, and that a little courage to try something new is something we can all model for our children.

06 ART EXHIBITION

More Entries for the Buckswood Art Exhibition

The entries keep coming, and our 12 Pillars have never looked so colourful! This week's artwork includes a globe of clay friends holding flags from around the world, paper-roll pillars, ecology and sustainability posters, a Travel and Adventure world map, a pasta rainbow, painted eggs, a family tree and a board full of smiles. Thank you to every student and family who took part.



Zaid, Year 6 Edinburgh · *Leadership & Internationalism*



Yahya, Year 2B Cambridge

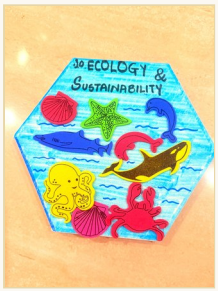


Nabiha, Year 4A Nottingham · *Travel and Adventure*





Tamara, FS1 Candyland







Tamara, FS1 Candyland · *Let Your Smile Change the World*



Abdul Momin, Year 3 Oxford · *The 12 Pillars*



Lily, FS2A Magicland · *Small Hands, Big World*



Zehra, Year 2B Cambridge · *Ecology & Sustainability*

07 WORLD KINDNESS DAY · 13 NOVEMBER

Kindness in Every Word, Gesture and Action

This year we celebrated World Kindness Day by taking one step further: learning about kindness, acting on it and completing kindness challenges. In our online classes, students shared kind words about a classmate without naming them, sang in Spanish about bringing joy with a smile and a big heart, and Leena from Year 6 presented *Spreading Happiness at Home and School*. At Buckswood, we teach our students to be kinder in every action they take, every gesture they make and every word they speak.

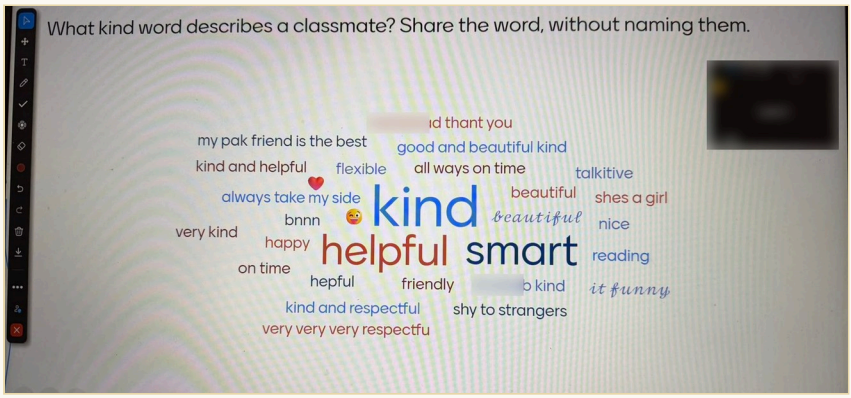


















08 A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

A Parent Said: Thank You for Keeping Our Children Safe

This week, one of our parents wrote to Dr. Tamar and the whole school team to say thank you. Messages like this mean the world to our staff, and we are so grateful to share it with you.

— A BUCKSWOOD PARENT

Dear Dr. Tamar and the Entire School Team,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you, all the teachers, and every member of the school staff for the way you handled today's situation.

I was truly impressed by how calm, professional, and organized everyone was. The way you immediately prioritized the children's safety, guided them to the basement, and reassured the parents who were present in the school building was remarkable.

As a mother, seeing how you handled such a stressful situation with so much care and responsibility gave me a great sense of comfort and reassurance.

Today reminded me that our children are not only receiving an education at your school, but are also surrounded by people who genuinely care about their safety and well-being.

Thank you for your quick response, your precautions, and most importantly, for making us feel that our children are in safe hands, even during unexpected situations.

Your efforts today did not go unnoticed, and I am truly grateful.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Looking Ahead

Thank you for reading the third edition of *The Buckswood Chronicles*. Each week we bring you the stories, milestones and moments that make our community special, guided by the Buckswood Educational Philosophy.

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