BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL RIYADH

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BUCKSWOOD CHRONICLES

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01 BIG NEWS

We're Shortlisted for the MENA School Excellence Awards 2027!



We are delighted to share some very special news: Buckswood School Riyadh has been shortlisted for the **MENA School Excellence Awards 2027**, presented by Optimus Education.

SHORTLISTED CATEGORY

Staff Wellbeing

Celebrating the people who make our school extraordinary.

This recognition celebrates the care, support and sense of community that make Buckswood a wonderful place to work and to learn. When our staff feel valued and supported, our students feel it too.

Thank you to every member of our team, and to our families for their continued trust and encouragement. It is a proud moment for the whole Buckswood community.

> *"When our staff thrive, our students thrive."*

A message from the Leadership Team

Dear Buckswood Families,

During times of change, our children's wellbeing matters more than ever. While adapting to online learning, it is important to remember that children need more than academic support; they need reassurance, understanding, connection, and a sense of security.

Every child responds differently to change. Some may adapt quickly, while others may need a little more time, patience, and encouragement. A kind word, a listening ear, or simply asking, "How are you feeling today?" can make a meaningful difference.

I encourage our families to keep communication open, celebrate small achievements, and remind children that it is perfectly okay to ask for help, express their feelings, and take things one step at a time.

At Buckswood, we believe that every child deserves to feel safe, valued, included, and heard. Together, through strong home-school partnerships, we can create an environment where children feel emotionally supported, confident, and ready to thrive.

Because when children feel safe and supported, they are better able to learn, grow, and flourish.

— The Leadership Team

02 SCOUT MOMENT · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Little Adventurers, Big Experiences!

Learning beyond the classroom, our young scouts joined Scouts Pack 257 Riyadh for an adventure in Hidden Valley, exploring the desert landscape, working as a team and making memories together.

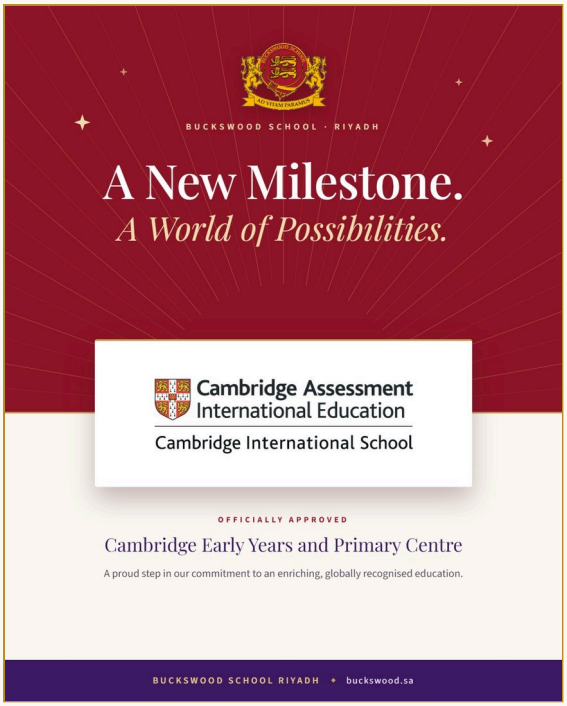












03 A NEW MILESTONE

Officially a Cambridge International School

We are proud to announce that Buckswood School Riyadh has been officially approved by Cambridge Assessment International Education as a **Cambridge Early Years and Primary Centre**.

This is a proud step in our commitment to an enriching, globally recognised education, opening a world of possibilities for our learners.

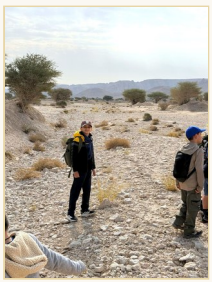
> *"A new milestone. A world of possibilities."*

04 THE 12 PILLARS CHALLENGE

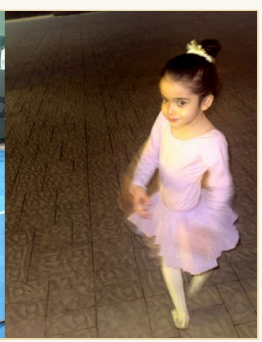
Families Living the Buckswood Way

Our families have taken up the 12 Pillars Challenge, exploring the Kingdom and trying new experiences together. From tennis courts and ballet classes to sandy beaches and desert adventures, here are some of the moments you have shared with us. Keep them coming!





05 ART EXHIBITION

Our Young Artists Keep Creating

The entries keep coming! This week brings clay suns and doughnuts, folded sun-and-moon pictures, a heart of the 99 Beautiful Names of Allah, a flamingo's great migration, "The Light in Me" lantern and even a life-size cardboard Cybertruck, built from cardboard and driven by imagination. Thank you to every student and family who took part.











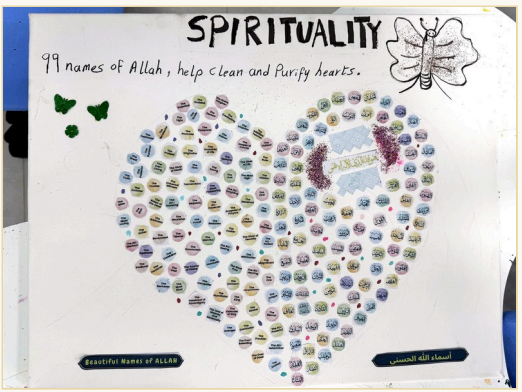






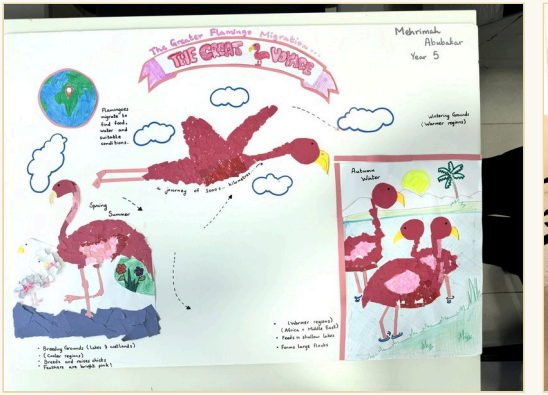














06 FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM DR. T

The Buckswood Teacher: A Skill-Development Facilitator



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> *— Dr. T, Principal*

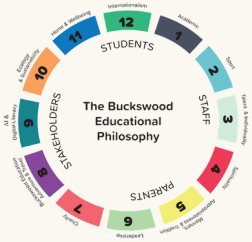
At Buckswood, we believe that education is about far more than what children know; it is about what they can do with what they know. We embrace a 360° approach to education, recognising that every child deserves opportunities to grow academically, socially, emotionally, physically and creatively.

Our teachers are much more than lesson deliverers. They are facilitators of learning, designers of meaningful experiences, mentors and role models who nurture curiosity, encourage creativity and develop the skills, confidence and character children need to thrive.

Through everyday learning experiences, our teachers encourage children to think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate, solve problems, take initiative, embrace challenges and become independent learners. We believe that future success requires more than academic knowledge; it calls for adaptability, emotional intelligence, resilience, creativity and a genuine ability to work with others.

Because at Buckswood, education is not a one-dimensional journey. It is a 360° experience that develops the whole child, preparing children not simply for their next classroom or school year, but for a world that has not yet been imagined.

Real People. Real Learning. Real Impact.



Primary Years Programme

UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Looking Ahead

Thank you for reading the fourth 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.

Visit us at www.buckswood.sa

"British at heart. Global in outlook. Uniquely Buckswood."

HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

To Our Wonderful Children

A Little Message from the Buckswood Family

To our wonderful Buckswood children,

If we could wrap up a little bundle of sunshine, laughter, hugs, curiosity and magic, we would send one to each and every one of you!

You see, school is not simply a place where we learn to read, write, count, investigate and discover. It is a place where friendships blossom, little ideas become big adventures, mistakes turn into wonderful lessons, and every single one of you gets to shine in your own special way.

We miss the sound of your laughter in the corridors, your curious questions, your playground adventures, your little stories and, of course, those lovely moments when you pop into our offices just to say hello!

Whatever the days may bring, always remember something very important:

You are the heart of Buckswood.

Our school is made special not just by its classrooms, books or beautiful ideas, but by YOU – your kindness, your courage, your imagination and all the little things that make you wonderfully unique.

Keep being curious, keep being kind, keep trying your best and, most importantly, keep being YOU. Remember, at Buckswood, it is never about being the best; it is always about being your best.

We are sending you the biggest Buckswood hugs, a little sprinkle of British sunshine and a whole lot of love.

With all our love,

The Buckswood Family

Once a Buckswood child, always part of it!