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A message from the Leadership Team

Dear Buckswood Families,

As we continue with online learning, we would like to encourage every family to keep a steady daily routine. Our learners thrive on predictability. When they wake at the same time, get dressed, have breakfast and settle into a familiar learning space before lessons begin, they arrive calm, focused and ready to learn.

Routines reduce worry, make transitions between lessons smoother, and help our learners build the self-management skills at the heart of the IB PYP. They also keep the day balanced, with regular screen breaks to move and play and a clear end to the school day so they can rest and enjoy learning beyond the screen.

Small habits practised consistently at home will strengthen our learners' confidence, independence and wellbeing, now and when we return to the classroom.

— The Leadership Team

01 IT'S OFFICIAL

Our Cambridge Certificates Have Arrived!

Following last week's news, we are proud to share our official Cambridge International Education Certificates of Registration, issued on 17 November 2026. Buckswood School Riyadh is now registered as a **Cambridge International School**, a **Cambridge Primary School** and a **Cambridge Early Years Centre**: a proud milestone for our whole community.



Cambridge International School



Cambridge Primary School



Cambridge Early Years Centre

02 HANDS-ON LEARNING

We Made Butter!

Who knew cream could turn into butter? In our online class with Ms Asha, students became little food scientists, shaking, straining and salting until their cream turned into real butter, and then enjoying it on fresh bread. Learning by doing, right from their kitchens at home!





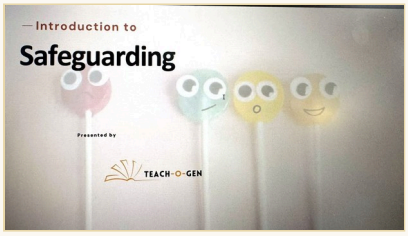


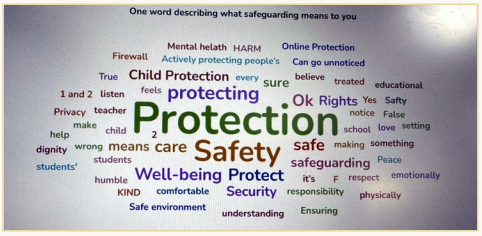



03 STAFF TRAINING

Keeping Our Children Safe

Our staff recently completed safeguarding training, delivered online by Teach-O-Gen. Together, the team revisited what safeguarding means and how every adult at Buckswood plays a part in keeping our children safe, happy and well.









04 · SCOUT NEWS

Jibreel Joins Scout Pack 257!

Jibreel from Year 5 has officially joined American Scouts, becoming a member of Scout Pack 257. This is a wonderful achievement and a new adventure for him, as he proudly represents Buckswood. We wish him every success and an exciting journey ahead!

05 · WELLBEING CORNER

A Message from our School Psychologist

Understanding what is behind the behaviour

Dear Buckswood Families,

Every child's behaviour tells us something. Sometimes, what looks like stubbornness, frustration, or refusal may actually be a child's way of expressing feelings or needs they cannot yet put into words.

As parents, understanding what is behind the behaviour can make a big difference. Here are a few simple reminders:

Listen with patience
Give your child time to express their feelings.

Look beyond the behaviour
Try to understand what might be causing it.

Respond calmly
Your reaction helps your child learn how to manage their emotions.

Set clear boundaries
Children feel safer when expectations are consistent.

Celebrate small progress
Every positive step deserves recognition.

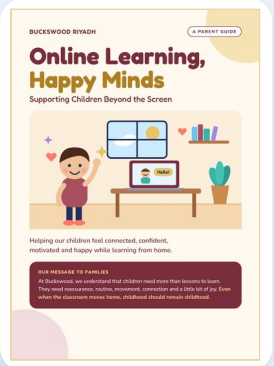
A little reminder: Children don't always need us to correct their behaviour immediately; sometimes they need us to understand them first.

If you have any concerns, questions, or would simply like advice on supporting your child's emotional or behavioural development, please feel free to reach out. I would be happy to listen, support, and work together with you.

Together, we can make a positive difference in every child's journey.

Warm regards, Wallaa Ghanem

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST · BUCKSWOOD TEAM



FROM OUR PARENT GUIDE · ONLINE LEARNING, HAPPY MINDS

What should we say?

INSTEAD OF SAYING…	TRY SAYING…
Why aren't you concentrating?	**Shall we take a little break and try again?**
You should know this!	**Let's work it out together.**
You are behind!	**Everyone learns at their own pace.**
Stop complaining!	**I can see this is difficult today.**
You must get everything right.	**Mistakes are part of learning.**

06 ART EXHIBITION

More Art Exhibition Entries

The art entries keep coming! This week brings a papier-mâché globe of friends from around the world, a 3D garden house under a clay rainbow, a “Little Acts, Big Impact” kindness board, graffiti lettering, a stained-glass parrot and plenty of powerful messages: Be Kind, Never Give Up and Create Your Dream. Thank you to every young artist and family who took part.





















07 FROM OUR FAMILIES

A Parent’s Perspective

> *“I truly appreciate all the love, patience and effort you put into making online learning such a lovely experience for all the children. I know how challenging it can be to keep little ones at this age engaged through a screen, but you always manage to make their days special.”*

— A BUCKSWOOD PARENT

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Colour Week

Sunday 29 November – Thursday 3 December

A Week of Creativity – Many Ways to Share Our Ideas

IB PYP Transdisciplinary Theme

How We Express Ourselves

Colours help us share our feelings, ideas, stories and cultures.

SUNDAY
Red
Dress in red

Feelings & Kindness

Learner profile: Caring

We use our faces, words and actions to show how we feel and to care for others.

Wonder: How can I tell others how I feel in a kind way?

MONDAY
Blue
Dress in blue

Stories & Music

Learner profile: Communicators

We tell stories, sing, act and play music to share our ideas with others.

Wonder: How can I share a story so others understand it?

TUESDAY
Yellow
Dress in yellow

Ideas & Imagination

Learner profile: Thinkers

We create, invent and bring our bright ideas to life.

Wonder: What can I imagine, design and make?

WEDNESDAY
Green
Dress in green

Nature & Our World

Learner profile: Inquirers

We explore nature, discover how blue and yellow mix to make green, and let the world around us inspire our art.

Wonder: How does nature inspire artists and makers?



THURSDAY
Traditional or National Dress
or your flag's colours

Many Cultures, One Community

Come in your traditional dress or the colours of your country's flag! We celebrate the many nationalities and heritages that make up our school community.

Wonder: How do people around the world share their traditions through clothing, art and music?

Learner profile: Open-minded

12 Pillars: Internationalism

Every colour tells a story. What will yours say?

Dress in the colour of the day · Traditional dress or flag colours on Thursday

08 FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM DR. T

What Should a School Give Children That AI Cannot?

As AI continues to transform the world, the purpose of education becomes even more important. At Buckswood School Riyadh, we believe preparing children for the future is about much more than teaching them to use technology. It is about teaching them how to think, question, create and make responsible decisions.

AI can provide answers, but children need the judgement to question them. It can generate ideas, but imagination, empathy, kindness, resilience and leadership remain distinctly human qualities.

Our approach brings together the British curriculum, the IB PYP framework and our 12 Pillars Philosophy, ensuring that technology supports learning while the development of the whole child remains at the centre of everything we do.

We cannot predict exactly what tomorrow will look like, but we can equip our pupils with the confidence, curiosity and character to shape it.

We are not preparing children to compete with AI. We are preparing them to work confidently alongside it and to create a future of their own.

That is what Preparing for Life means at Buckswood Riyadh.



> *We don't follow trends.*
> *We leave trails.*
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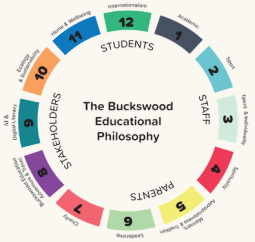
> — *Dr. T, Principal*



Primary Years Programme

UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Looking Ahead

Thank you for reading the fifth edition of *The Buckswood Chronicles*. Next week it's Colour Week, so get your colours ready! 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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