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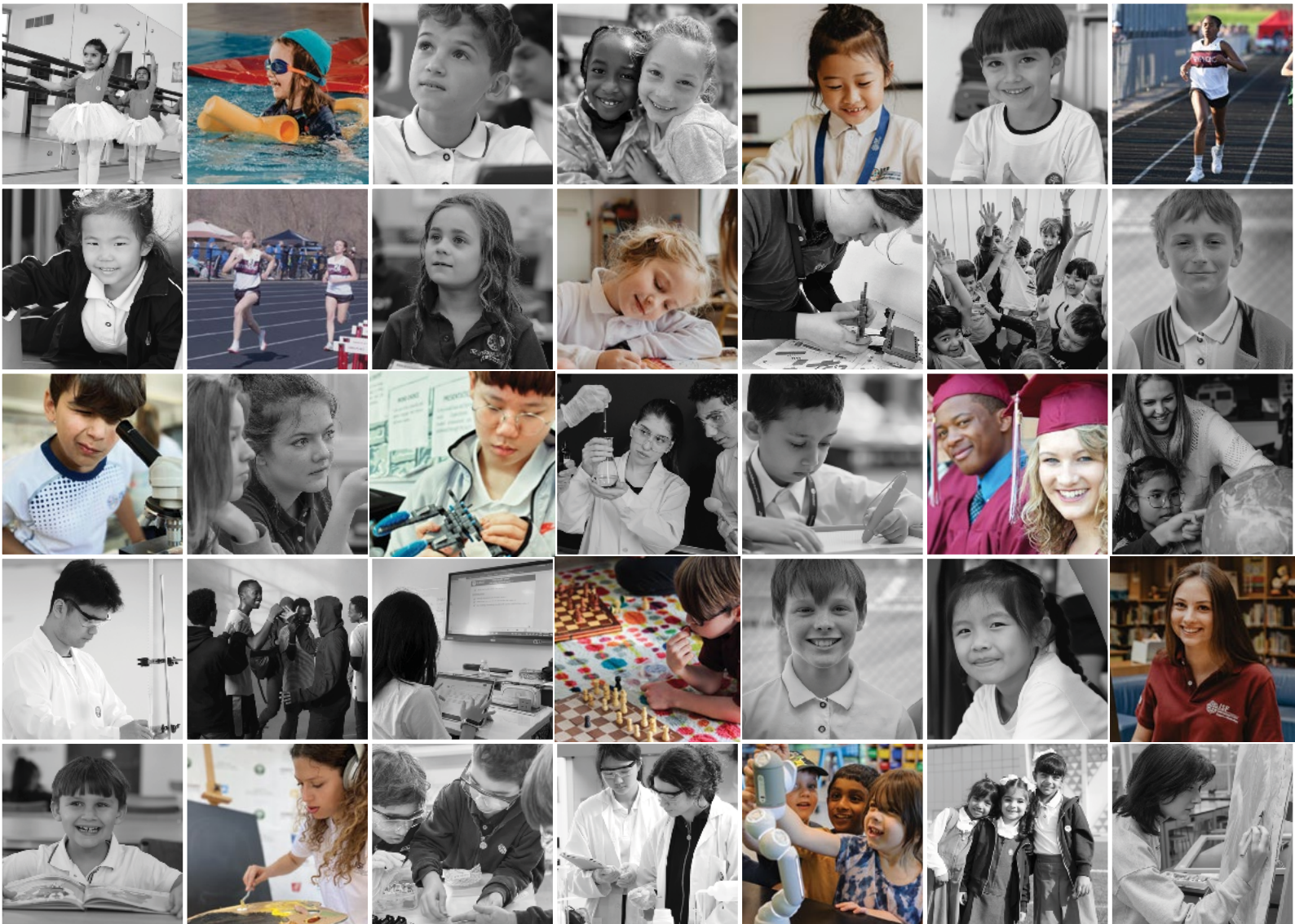
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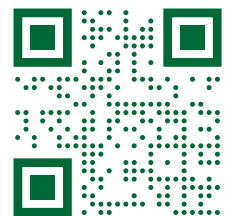


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## RECENT NEWS

### SIS-AI Bateen: A New Chapter Begins

This year, something exciting happened in the U.A.E., SIS-AI Bateen officially opened its doors in the capital, welcoming an incredible 700 students from all over the community! From the moment you step into the school, you can feel the energy and positivity buzzing in the air.

Our school might be new, but it's already proving to be extraordinary. The atmosphere is unlike any other; students and teachers work together like a big family. Everyone is excited to learn, grow, and succeed.

What makes SIS-AI Bateen stand out? First, the academic offering is top-notch. There's something here for everyone. Through the SABIS® Educational System, students are prepared for college, learn how to engage in lifelong learning, and become well-rounded, responsible, community-minded individuals who can achieve sustained success. The teachers are super dedicated and always ready to help us achieve our best. They use teaching methods that keep lessons interesting and interactive.

Beyond academics, the school encourages us to grow as leaders and team players through the SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO). We get to help our peers bridge their academic gaps, arrange for sports competitions, organize events and trips, lead projects, and make decisions that really matter. It feels awesome to know that our voices are heard and that we're part of building this new school together.

Starting a new school year in a new building might have seemed a little scary at first, but SIS-AI Bateen has already become a second home. With such a positive and supportive environment, it's clear that this is only the beginning of an exciting journey for all of us.

Here's to the start of something amazing!

*SLO Management Department*





## A Term to Remember: Celebrations and Achievements at SIS-AI Bateen

This term at SIS-AI Bateen has been nothing short of incredible! Our school has been buzzing with energy and excitement, thanks to a line-up of events that brought our community closer together and highlighted our talents.

One of the standout moments was the unforgettable Eid Al Etihad celebration, where students and staff came together to honour the spirit of unity and tradition. The event was filled with cultural pride and joyful memories that we'll cherish forever.

We also took time to recognize the remarkable achievements of our STEAM club members. Their hard work and creativity remind us of the bright minds shaping our future.

For Grade 8 students, the trip to IMG World was a thrilling highlight, offering them a chance to bond, explore, and create memories outside the classroom. Meanwhile, the adorable Teddy Bear Picnic for infants and the Petting Zoo experience added a touch of charm and joy to the term, bringing smiles to everyone's faces. Seeing the young ones interact with animals and share their excitement was truly heart-warming.

In December, we celebrated Arabic Language Day, a meaningful occasion that reminded us of the beauty and richness of our heritage and literature. It was a moment to appreciate the stories and traditions that shape our identity.

From creativity and learning to celebrations and achievements, this term has been packed with unforgettable moments. We can't wait to see what the next term has in store!









## ACADEMIC UPDATES

### Turning Struggles into Success: How Students Support Each Other at SIS-AI Bateen

At SIS-AI Bateen, we've introduced a new way to help students who may be struggling academically, and it's all about students supporting students. This year, instead of having special sessions run only by teachers, our academic department has taken a different approach. They've assigned a student in charge of organizing weekly lessons and pairing students who need help with mentors.

Here's how it works: mentors are given something called an AMS 14 sheet. This sheet highlights questions that were poorly answered in the previous week's assessments.

The mentors go over these questions with the students to make sure they understand the concepts they struggled with. It's like having your own personal tutor who knows exactly what you need help with!

Once this part is done, the mentors guide the students through something called the Preplist. Completing the Preplist is super important because it directly contributes to the student's final grades in that subject. It's a great way to practice and make sure you're fully prepared for what's next.

After all the reviewing and preparation, the students move on to the ITL Hall, where they get the chance to retake the exam, they previously failed. It's a second chance to prove themselves and show that hard work really pays off.

This system isn't just about improving grades; it's about building a community where everyone helps each other succeed. It's inspiring to see how mentors and students work together, showing that with teamwork and determination, no challenge is too big to overcome.

We're proud of this initiative and can't wait to see how it continues to help everyone at SIS-AI Bateen shine!

*Neddy Al Tayyar*



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## Exploring Opportunities: Optional IGCSE Courses and Opt-Out Exams at SIS-AI Bateen

At SIS-AI Bateen students may choose to take optional IGCSE courses. Starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students may take these courses, which range from Biology to Business and Math, to prepare for future external exams. Math also give students a head start on the next year's mathematics curriculum without causing any negative influence on the student's average. Biology and Business exams are counted as subjects in the report card of students and may give an extra boost of grades in the final average.

Students also have the option of taking opt-out exams, which include subjects ranging from History to Mathematics and much more. Students must study the course materials on their own and then score a minimum of 90% on the opt-out exam. If successful, this score then becomes the subject score on their end-of-year report card.

Students who successfully opt-out of a course can become an assistant teacher, adopt a failing student or study an additional course on their own.

*Yasmina Al Kara*



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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Our Stars Shine Bright!

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#### Abu Dhabi Sports Championship Finals

Our swimmers made waves at the finals with spectacular performances:



- **Seleena Aghiad Alhaddad (U13):**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: 100m Backstroke  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: 100m IM  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: 50m Butterfly
- **Dalal Laith El Sayed (U13):**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: 100m Butterfly  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: 100m Freestyle
- **Yara Sherif Awad Mohamed Abdelhadi (U11):**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 50m Freestyle





**National Taekwondo Championship**  
Congratulations to Khairah Kottakal for her remarkable performance in the National Championship, showcasing strength and skill in Taekwondo.

### **Abu Dhabi Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2024**

A huge round of applause for Jamal and Layla Chammout, who won the Silver Medal at the Abu Dhabi Jiu-Jitsu Championship, proving their excellence on an international stage.

These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our students, their coaches, and the support of our school community. We couldn't be prouder of our young athletes who continue to shine as true stars!



## SLO Stories

### SLO Theme of the Year

The SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO) plays an important role in creating a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for everyone at SIS-AI Bateen. Every year, the SLO adopts a theme that aims to focus all activities in all SABIS® schools worldwide.

The theme for the 2024-25 academic year, “Innovate. Motivate. Energize.”, encapsulates a proactive and positive approach to student life, aiming to create an environment where students feel inspired, supported, and full of energy.



## STEAM

### Exploring Innovation Through STEAM Clubs

At SIS-AI Bateen, our STEAM clubs bring creativity and learning together in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Students explore exciting activities like Robotics and 3D Printing, where they develop new skills and tackle real-world challenges.

This year, we have a special addition—UBOT, the robo-dog! UBOT interacts with people, answers their questions, and adds a whole new level of excitement to our STEAM experience.



These clubs are a space for students to think in new ways, share ideas, and work as a team. They encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and hands-on learning, making every session both fun and rewarding. STEAM clubs are helping students prepare for the future while discovering the joy of learning and creating!

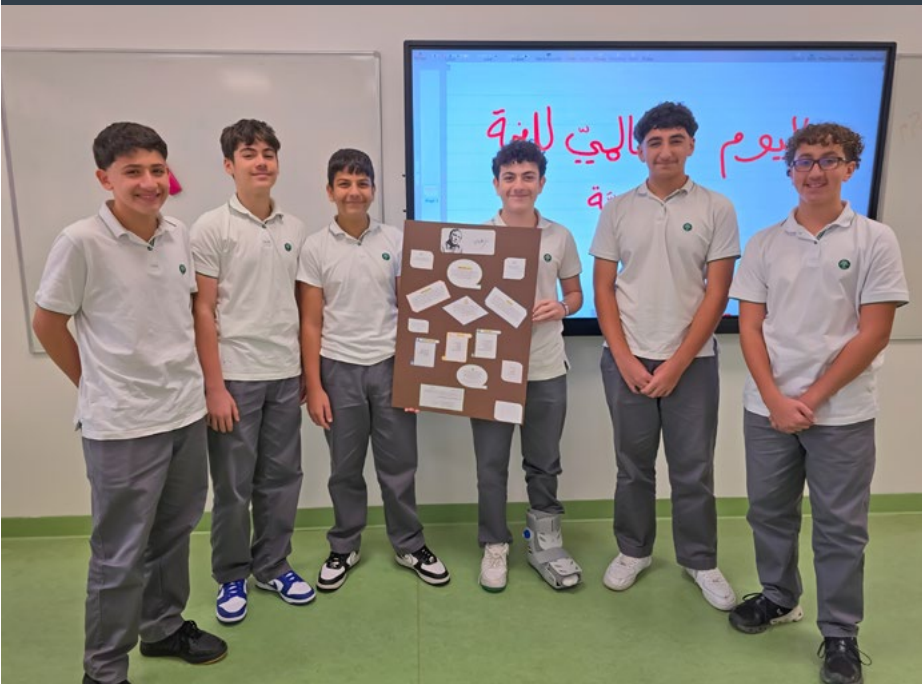


## EVENTS

### Arabic Language Day

Arabic Language Day was a proud moment for us at SIS-Al Bateen. We celebrated the beauty of the Arabic language and its rich heritage by showcasing masterpieces of literature and honoring influential Arab writers.

Through presentations and activities, we explored how Arabic has been a powerful tool for expression, imagination, and knowledge across centuries. This celebration deepened our connection to our roots and reminded us of the importance of preserving our language and culture.



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