



GEMS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
CAIRO



# Welcome to the Future Welcome to GISC!

December 2023

## What Not to Miss

- December 20 – Winter Wonderland Musical Concert
- December 21 - Half Day for students. Dismissal 11:30
- December 21- T1 Progress Reports issued via Toddle
- December 21- Pizza Parties for Winning classes in the Class Decoration Contest
- December 22- Jan 7- Holiday Winter Break
- Jan 8 Term 2 begins

*Happy Holidays!*

## Message from Ms. Catherine Spencer, Head of the School

Holiday cheer has been pervading the halls of our school for the month of December and the Holiday Bazaar on December 15 was an exceptional occasion for us to come together as a community in celebration and friendship. The smiles and laughter were contagious as we all enjoyed food, fun, and games. However, behind the scenes, we have an extraordinary team of PTA parent volunteers, as well as our GISC operations, events, and marketing teams, who spent long hours planning and orchestrating this tremendous day. Hats off to you!

The last week of Term 1 is filled with special events including the student council-sponsored Spirit Week, Arabic Language Day, Classroom decorating competitions, and our eagerly awaited Winter Concerts on December 20. I look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate in the spirit of joy and community!

May you and your entire family enjoy the peace and blessings of the upcoming holiday break, and I personally extend my very best wishes for the New Year 2024!

Warm wishes for the season,

*Catherine Spencer*  
Head of School





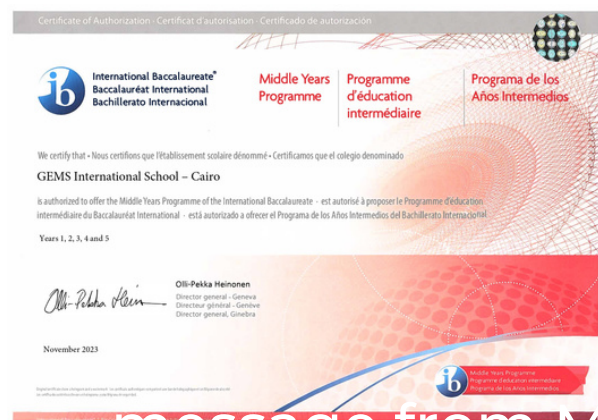
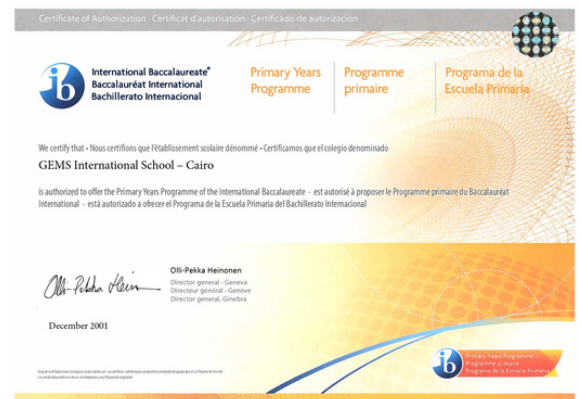
# Exciting Announcement: GEMS International School Cairo is Now an Authorized International Baccalaureate World School!



We are thrilled to officially announce that GEMS International School Cairo (GISC) has achieved full authorization as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. This accreditation allows us to offer both the Primary Years Program and Middle Years Program to our students from PreK through Grade 10.

In a remarkably short span of time, GISC has obtained some of the most esteemed program accreditations in the world of international education. Alongside our recent recognition as a Cognia School of Distinction and our candidacy for the IB Diploma program, we are well on our way to realizing our vision of providing exceptional education on a national, regional, and even global scale.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, students, and parents, as well as the EEP corporate office, for their unwavering support and commitment to making GISC a reality. This is only the beginning of our journey, and we remain fully dedicated to upholding the highest standards of GEMS Education and the International Baccalaureate Organization worldwide. We are grateful for each and every one of you who have joined us on this remarkable journey.





## GISC Students making a difference



Our KG2 Sea Turtle students have been actively making a positive impact in our community! As part of our inquiry into homes, they handpicked personal items from their bedrooms to donate to children in need. This hands-on experience taught them valuable lessons about kindness, global citizenship, and the power of community support. With beautifully decorated boxes, they proudly delivered their donations, spreading love and making the world a better place. We are incredibly proud of their compassion and initiative. Let's celebrate their difference and continue to encourage their growth as mindful global citizens.

## Thrilled to announce that our MYP students are now proud members of the Rotary Interact Club!

We are excited to share that our MYP students have joined the Rotary Interact Club, an organization dedicated to community service and leadership development. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to make a positive impact in their communities and grow as responsible, compassionate, and engaged young leaders.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the club founders, Mr. Hisham El Maghraby, Nadia Shalaby, and Ms. Inas Samy, for giving our students this incredible opportunity. Their vision and commitment have created a platform for our students to contribute to society and develop essential leadership skills.

We would also like to extend a big shoutout to our amazing parents who have always been there for us, supporting our students and being our partners in this exciting journey. We greatly appreciate their continuous support and involvement in our students' endeavors.

Together, let's nurture responsible, compassionate, and engaged young leaders who will make a difference in the world. This journey of service and leadership will undoubtedly shape our students' lives and empower them to create positive change in their communities.

We are proud of our MYP students for taking this step and becoming part of the Rotary Interact Club. We look forward to witnessing their growth, accomplishments, and contributions as they embark on this exciting journey.





## Re-enrollment Letter of Intent for the Next Academic Year (24-25)

We are excited to inform you that the Letter of Intent for the upcoming academic year re-enrollment (24-25) will be sent out to you shortly. We kindly ask that you take a moment to fill out the letter and return it to us by January 11th. Your prompt response will greatly assist us in planning for the next academic year.

Thank you for your cooperation

## Classrooms Decoration Contest Winners

After much deliberation, the judging panel has made their selections. It was no easy task, as every class put in tremendous effort and showcased incredible talent.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the amazing parents who poured their hearts into making each classroom shine with charm and magic.

The winning classes that have emerged victorious:

Early Years: [KG2 Pufferfish]

Elementary: [PYP5 Flamingos]

MYP: [MYP4 Reflective]

Congratulations to all the winners! Your creativity, dedication, and hard work have been recognized and celebrated. You've truly made the school environment a vibrant and inspiring place for our students.



Thank you to all the participants, parents, and educators who made this contest a roaring success. Let's continue to fuel the sparks of creativity in our classrooms and beyond!

