

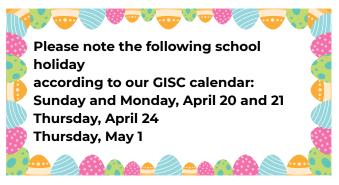






# Message from Ms. Catherine Spencer, Head of School

Easter greetings to our GISC family! For those of you who celebrate this special religious observance, we wish you a blessed Holy Week.





# Message from Ms. Hanady, Head of Early Years

# Welcome Back to Our Early Years Family!

What an amazing and fun week it's been after our holiday break!

The classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as the children dove right back into their Units of Inquiry, showing curiosity, enthusiasm, and a true love for learning.

A big shout-out to our wonderful Seahorse class, who led last week's assembly with a thoughtful message on "Stop, Think, and Go"—a powerful reminder about making mindful and responsible decisions.

We also had a fantastic Meet the Teacher Day, where we warmly welcomed our Sea Turtle parents and introduced them to Ms. Sarah, who has had a wonderful start with the class. It was heartwarming to see such strong connections being built so early on.

April is shaping up to be an exciting month across Early Years! We're kicking things off with the KG2 Endof-Unit Showcase, where our students will proudly share their learning as part of their summative assessment.

Showcases is taking place over three days:

April 15 – Lobsters & Whales

April 16 - Pufferfish & Stingrays

April 17 – Sea Turtles & Sharks











And of course, the highlight of the week was our spectacular Kindergarten Sports Day!

It was a joyful celebration filled with energy, teamwork, and laughter—made even more special by the incredible support of our Early Years families.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable event!















Meanwhile, **KG1** learners took their animal inquiry beyond the classroom with a fun and engaging trip to **MonZoo** on April 16—a perfect way to extend their exploration.

KG2 students will also enjoy their own MonZoo adventure later in the month, heading out on April 28.

And for our littlest learners in **Pre-K,** there's a special first-time experience in store: their very first trip of the year to **KidStation** on April 17.

We can already imagine the smiles and excitement!

It's a month full of joyful learning, discovery, and memorable moments.

Here's to all the exploration, growth, and connection coming our way this April!

# Message from Mr. Mark Broom, Head of Elementary

#### Grade 1 Mini Exhibition: Exploring Environments, Showcasing Growth

We are thrilled to share the wonderful outcome of our Grade 1 mini-exhibition on the theme of Environments! Our young learners amazed us with their knowledge of diverse ecosystems and, just as importantly, with their exemplary conduct and respectful engagement throughout the event.

Our Grade 1 students welcomed visitors with enthusiasm and curiosity, embodying the values we hold dear as a school community. Their ability to connect meaningfully with parents, staff, and fellow students made the event a vibrant celebration of learning.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who supported this special occasion, especially the families who attended and the staff who helped make it a success. Your involvement strengthens the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines GISC.

Throughout the exhibition, the students showcased a range of approaches to learning. They were effective communicators, confidently explaining their projects. They practiced self-management by organizing their materials and rehearsing their presentations. Their positive interactions demonstrated strong social skills, creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

As inquirers, thinkers, caring individuals, and principled learners, our Grade 1 students embodied the essence of the IB learner profile. They asked thoughtful questions, explored complex environmental issues, and expressed genuine empathy for our planet—all with a deep sense of responsibility and integrity. We are incredibly proud of our Grade 1 students for their hard work and dedication. This exhibition was more

We are incredibly proud of our Grade I students for their hard work and dedication. This exhibition was more than just a showcase of knowledge—it was a reflection of the vibrant, values-driven learning community we continue to build together at GISC.

With gratitude and pride,

#### The Grade 1 Team































#### **Reminder: Scheduling Meetings with School Staff**

We would like to kindly remind you that all meetings with school staff must be scheduled in advance. If you wish to meet with a teacher or any member of the school team, please ensure that you email them at least 24 hours in advance to request an appointment.

Please note that walk-in meetings will not be accommodated, as we strive to maintain a focused learning environment and ensure staff availability.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us manage our time and responsibilities effectively.

#### **Reminder: School Uniform Policy**

This is a gentle reminder that all students are expected to come to school wearing the full school uniform, including appropriate shoes and accessories, in line with our school's uniform policy.

To ensure consistency and uphold our standards, daily uniform checks will be conducted. Any student who is not in proper uniform will receive a note home.

Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, equality, and school pride. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately each day. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Locker Reminder for Students A gentle reminder to all students:

All personal belongings must be kept locked inside your assigned locker throughout the school day. This includes lunch boxes, iPads (when not in use), and any other personal items. Locker keys must be kept with you at all times.

If a key is lost, a replacement fee of 350 LE must be paid to the Front Office Helpdesk (FOH). Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe and organized!



# Message from Mr. James Merry, Head of Secondary

#### **Dear Parents,**

I hope this message finds you and your family well. As we enter a busy and exciting time in the school year, we wanted to share a few important updates and upcoming events with you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership in helping our students thrive.

#### Student Achievement

#### **Congratulations Adam!**

We are absolutely delighted to share some exciting news:
Adam mahmoud Hussein MYP3C has qualified for the 16th Arab
Robotics Competition, taking place from 10 to 15 April.
This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful opportunity for
Adam to showcase his talents and hard work at such a prestigious
event. We are incredibly proud of him and will be eagerly awaiting
updates on his performance throughout the competition.
Wishing Adam the very best of luck!



#### Welcoming Our New Social Worker

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new Social Worker, Ms. Salwa Zaki, who has joined the GISC Cairo community. Ms. Salwa will be working closely with students, staff, and parents to support student well-being and pastoral care.







# Student Achievement Our First International Robotics Competition





Abdullah Bassiouny and Malek Farouk (MYP4) shining at our first International competition - The International STEM Education Competition 2025 in Greece

We are thrilled to share a remarkable milestone in the future of Design and Robotics at GISC! Two of our outstanding MYP students – Abdullah Bassiouny and Malek Farouk - recently represented our school as the only EGYPTIAN team at the International STEM Education Competition held in Greece from April 4th-7th, 2025. Competing under the exciting theme "Can we survive on Mars?", our students developed a fully functional educational robotics project that offered innovative solutions to the real-world challenges humans may face when establishing a colony on the Red Planet. They competed against an astounding 1,200 schools and 23,000 students from various age groups across the globe - demonstrating exceptional creativity, technical skill, and teamwork. Their effortsearned them an impressive 2ND PLACE finish, a testament to their hard work and dedication, and a moment of immense pride for the entire GISC community.

This success would not have been possible without the unwavering support, guidance, and commitment of their Design Technology teachers, Mrs. Radwa Fawzy and Mr. Mohamed Abdel Nasser. Their dedication, resilience, and hard work—overcoming numerous challenges along the way—played a vital role in preparing our students for this prestigious event. We are incredibly grateful for their efforts in inspiring and empowering our learners.

What was undoubtedly an inspiring and enriching experience for our students has set a strong foundation for future success in the fields of Robotics and Design in our school. At GISC, we are excited to continue encouraging our learners to participate in more international events like this, where they can apply their knowledge, showcase their talents, and develop essential 21st-century skills. Opportunities like these empower our students to harness technology to delve into realms of knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving. We look forward to seeing even more of our young innovators stepping onto global stages in the future.













#### Updates

Our staff is currently finalizing preparations for the upcoming examination period. Heads of Department are working to ensure all exam papers are ready and that students have the resources they need to succeed.

We continue to emphasize punctuality, uniform expectations, and behavior standards, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing these values with your child.

#### School Expectations Reminders

Arrival Time: Students must be on campus by 7:30 AM.

Uniform: We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child wears the full school uniform daily.

#### Miss Nathalie's Corner: Handling Backtalk

As children grow and seek more independence, occasional backtalk can sometimes surface. It's important to handle these moments calmly, respectfully, and constructively, teaching our children about boundaries without escalating conflict.

If you're looking for some effective strategies to manage backtalk positively, we encourage you to read this helpful article from Positive Discipline:

#### **Property How to Handle Backtalk – Positive Discipline**

It provides practical advice on how to set clear expectations while maintaining connection and mutual respect — key elements in raising confident, resilient young people.



