

EYFS & PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



PSLT WEEKLY ROUND-UP



Mrs. Stokes
Head of Primary

What a fantastic week it has been for the PE Department at SVS! A huge congratulations to our incredible team for achieving 2nd place overall in the annual BSME Games at RGS Dubai last week. This three-day event showcased the dedication, skill and teamwork of our students, and we are so proud of each and every one of them. A big thank you also goes to our wonderful parents, who are always our biggest supporters!

Well done to all the students who participated in the Arabic Poetry Competition on Monday. It was a fantastic celebration of language, talent and creativity, highlighting the beauty of Arabic poetry and the confidence of our young speakers.

A special thank you to Mrs. Gamage and Mr. Leonard for leading our weekly Tunes on Tuesday events in the Amphitheatre. The variety of talent on display has been outstanding, and the confidence of our Primary students continues to amaze us. It's wonderful to see the MCPA department growing from strength to strength!

A reminder that from Monday, 3rd March, the school will be operating on Ramadan hours. Ramadan Mubarak to those celebrating, and wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead!

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COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY, MARCH 3

- **RAMADAN HOURS BEGIN**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

- Two for Tuesday – FS2

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- Book Fair

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
- Book Fair

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- Book Fair
- International Women's Day

REMINDERS

RAMADAN HOURS

Monday – Thursday

Gates Open **07.50 am**
 Doors Open **08.20 am**
 Primary registration **08.30 am**
 Staggered Pick up from class **12.45-1.20 pm**

Buses depart **1.25 pm**
 Walk Home Alone students leave **1.20 pm**
 Uncollected students taken to canteen **1.25 pm**
 Uncollected students taken to reception **1.40 pm**

Friday

Gates Open **07.50 am**
 Doors Open **08.20 am**
 Primary registration **08.30 am**
 Staggered Pick up from class **11.30am-12.00pm**

Buses depart **12.05 pm**
 Walk Home Alone students leave **11.40 am**
 Uncollected students taken to canteen **11.50 am**
 Uncollected students taken to reception **12.00 pm**

PE/SQUADS UPDATES



Mrs. Teodoro
Director of Sports

PE and Swimming During Ramadan

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, we would like to inform you that PE and swimming lessons will continue as normal, in line with the most updated Ramadan timetable. However, we understand that some students may be fasting and may prefer not to participate.

If your child will be fasting and wishes to opt out of these activities, please inform their class teacher in advance so we can plan accordingly.

Wishing all our families a blessed and peaceful Ramadan. Ramadan Kareem!

Term 2 Sports Awards Ceremony

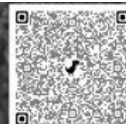
It was a pleasure to welcome you all to our Term 2 Sports Awards Ceremony, where we celebrated the dedication and achievements of our students. This term has been filled with remarkable accomplishments, with 42% of our primary students representing SVS across 11 different sports through DASSA, DSG, and BSME competitions. We have seen students stepping up as leaders, filling in as last-minute substitutes, supporting their teammates, and pushing their limits. It is this spirit of perseverance and teamwork that makes our sports program so special.

As we look ahead to the next term, we would like to remind parents that **squad training will be cancelled during Ramadan**. Training sessions will resume on **April 7th** with our newly selected basketball teams, and the swim squad and gymnastics teams to continue as term 2.

Let's continue striving for excellence—keep training hard, support one another, and most importantly, enjoy the journey!



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SPECIALIST UPDATES

WORLD BOOK DAY



Ms. Falvey
Head of English

We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** on **Thursday, 6th March!**

To make the day extra special, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 6th March – we can't wait to see all the fantastic costumes!

A book fair hosted by Magrudy's bookshop will be set up in our Conservatory on **Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th of March from 7.50am – 1.20pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and purchase new books. If your child would like to buy a book, we suggest bringing **50-100 AED** in the envelope provided by their class teacher. Your child's class teacher will inform you of the day your child is visiting the book fair. You are also welcome to visit at drop-off and pick up with your child.

We can't wait to make this World Book Day a magical celebration of reading!



HEALTHY EATING



Mr. Webster
Assistant Head, Pastoral

Existing data from many studies shows that children who eat a more balanced diet and healthy snacks are often healthier and better learners. Good nutrition helps children have fewer absences and perform and behave better in school. Healthy food improves academic performance, and it also improves a student's attitude. Healthy snacks can be particularly challenging. Many packaged snacks for children are full of refined flour, added sugars, artificial ingredients, and high salt and fat levels. Food and drinks packaged with marketing that appeals to children, such as colorful labels or cartoon characters, are often higher in sugars and lower in all other nutrients.

Whilst many of our students enjoy regular healthy snack and lunches provided from home, there are still a number of students who would benefit from coming to school with more fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks in their lunchboxes. It is appreciated how challenging can be for working families to prepare healthy lunchboxes every day, but it can make such a difference to children's energy levels, readiness for learning and progress in lessons. In Term 3, we hope to work with Student Council to find ways to encourage to healthy eating in school and to motivate students to share their healthy lunchboxes. [10 Healthy School Lunches for Busy Parents in the UAE \(With Help from Your Nanny\) | Yaya Middle East](#)

HEADS UP! : A WEEKLY OVERVIEW

FS1

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:
WORLD OF WATER

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To explore number 5.

Reading: To recognise set 1 A sounds.

Writing: To retell the middle part of our Key Texts.

Science: To explore different materials.

Arabic: To distinguish the shape of the letter د (Dal) in Arabic.



Ms. Walker
Head of FS1

FS2

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:
WORLD OF WATER

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To explore the composition of numbers 9 and 10.

Reading: To read words containing set 1 special friends.

Writing: To write words containing set 1 special friends.

Science: To explore endangered habitats.

Arabic: To distinguish the letter د (Dal) with its words and its short sound.



Ms. Walker
Head of FS2

YEAR 1

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:
ENCHANTED WOODLANDS

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To compare length and height.

Reading: To retrieve information from a text.

Writing: To use the prefix -un.

Science: To compare the characteristics of seasons.

Arabic: To distinguish the letter ط (Ta) in its shapes, sounds and words.



Ms. Stanton
Head of Year 1

YEAR 2

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:
WRIGGLE AND CRAWL

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To recognise number patterns in the 10 times tables.

Reading: To use the reading skill of scanning.

Writing: To sequence a fiction story.

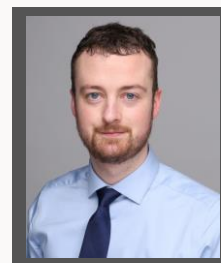
Science: To identify materials and describe their properties.

Arabic A: To مراجعة على الحروف السابقة

Arabic B: To distinguish between short and long sounds.

Islamic: To identify what fasting is and recognise its importance in different cultures and religions.

MSC: To explore traditional stories.



Mr. Larkin
Head of Year 2

HEADS UP! : A WEEKLY OVERVIEW

YEAR 3

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:

Volcanoes

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To compare and order non-unit fractions.

Reading: To retrieve and record information from a text.

Writing: To improve sentences using powerful verbs and abstract nouns.

Science: To understand that light travels in straight lines.

Arabic A: أن يحدد المتعلم التفاصيل الواردة في النص.

Arabic B: To identify new vocabulary.

Islamic: To explain the basic rules and practices of fasting during Ramadan in Islam

MSC: To identify famous landmarks in the UAE.



Ms. Ryan
Head of Year 3

YEAR 4

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:

MISTY MOUNTAIN

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice-versa.

Reading: To retrieve information from a fiction text.

Writing: To examine and box up a persuasive text.

Science: To investigate and describe the functions of different teeth types.

Arabic A: أن يحدد المتعلم التفاصيل الواردة في النص.

Arabic B: To use new vocabulary and structures in sentences.

Islamic: To describe the physical and spiritual benefits of fasting.

MSC: To explain why cultural diversity is important.



Mr. Didcott
Head of Year 4

YEAR 5

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:

PESEANTS, PRINCES AND PESTILENCE

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To multiply a mixed number by an integer.

Reading: To make predictions to deepen my understanding of a text.

Writing: To plan and innovate a text using my own ideas.

Topic/Science: To investigate the spread of germs and good hygiene.

Arabic A: أن يحدد المتعلم التفاصيل الواردة في النص.

Arabic B: To distinguish between old and modern transportation.

Islamic: To compare fasting practices in different cultures and religions around the world.

MSC: To identify a caravanserai and how merchants would use them.



Ms. Barlow
Head of Year 5

YEAR 6

OUR TERM 2B TOPIC:

TOMORROW'S WORLD

OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

Maths: To find a percentage of an amount.

Reading: To retrieve information from a text.

Writing: To use formal language to innovate my box-up text.

Science: To explore how different materials interact with light.

Arabic A: أن يحدد المتعلم التفاصيل الواردة في النص ويقارن بين أنواع الأحذية.

Arabic B: To analyse a paragraph linguistically.

Islamic: To analyse the role of fasting in promoting empathy, gratitude and self-discipline.

MSC: To explore trade routes and city planning in classical civilisations.



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Head of Year 6



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