



NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION 2023



Dr. Amir Ayad
Managing Director

It is hard to believe that the month of December is already drawing to a close and that we are off to our Winter Break. The school year is flying by! The past four months have been packed with many activities and learning in different ways through learning and exploring, festive days, trips, coffee mornings, meetings, sports, the Winter Wonderland show and much more! These enriching aspects of MIS culture is what will create memories for our students, parents and staff. Wishing you a very peaceful and happy holiday time and looking forward to creating more memories in the New Year, starting January 8, 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MIS's Mission and Vision Statement includes the importance of students becoming lifelong learners and having a good well-being. With the first three months of school already behind us, we should take a moment to appreciate all the hard work done by our pupils, parents and staff. Please take a moment and continue the Term survey sent to hear from you.

As we bid farewell to Term 1, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the remarkable achievements and growth we have experienced as a school community. The past few months have been a testament to the dedication, resilience, and spirit of collaboration that define our school.

It was a term filled with academic rigour, colourful events and happy celebrations. As we approach the holiday season, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and exceptional students for their unwavering commitment to our school's success.

As we look ahead to Term 2, I am confident that we will continue to build upon the foundation of success and growth that we have established in Term 1. Together, we will embark on new adventures, overcome challenges, and celebrate achievements, all while nurturing a community that thrives on collaboration and mutual support.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to the exciting journey that awaits us in the upcoming terms.

Warm wishes for a joyous holiday season and a restful break.



Ms. Rania Takla
School Principal



Ms. Lauren Soliman
EYFS Head

We are approaching the end of the first term of this academic year and I would like to express my sincere thanks to all parents for the support you have given to EYFS teachers and staff members and the school community since September. This term our little ones have settled so well and have adapted to the school routine brilliantly. One of my priorities this year is reading and I'm so pleased that we have seen great progress in this area in FS2 and FS1, as they began their journey being introduced to blending in term one. Please continue to support us by reading at home with your child. This term our pupils have made great progress socially by forming strong bonds with their teachers and making great friendships which I'm confident will flourish more over time. This term our little ones have progressed so much in their English speaking skills and are becoming more fluent every day, being able to express themselves more confidently. We have seen our pupils develop

a deeper understanding of what we are teaching inside the classroom through out of school trips and events which were linked to our broad curriculum. We are already excited for Term 2 to commence and are all the wonderful memories which await our little ones. I wish you and your families a wonderful, restful break and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Best Wishes

Undoubtedly, the first term of the school year has been a period of remarkable transformation and triumphant achievements for our cherished students. In academics, they have demonstrated a commendable work ethic and a thirst for knowledge. They have tackled challenging concepts, expanded their understanding of various subjects, and showcased their intellectual abilities through projects, presentations, and assessments. Their progress is a testament to their dedication and the efforts of our talented teaching staff. Beyond academics, our students have flourished in many other areas. They have embraced various activities, participating in sports, arts, music and home economics, allowing them to explore their passions and develop new skills. Their involvement in these activities has fostered teamwork, leadership, and a sense of community. It has been truly heartening to witness their personal growth. Our students have demonstrated

resilience and determination, overcoming obstacles and pushing themselves to reach their full potential. They have become more confident, independent, and responsible individuals, ready to face the challenges that lie ahead. As we conclude this term, I want to express my gratitude to the students for their hard work and dedication, and to the parents and guardians for their unwavering support. Together, we have created a nurturing learning environment where students can thrive. I wish our students a restful and rejuvenating break, filled with laughter, joy, and quality time with loved ones. May the rest of this year bring them continued growth, success, and happiness. I sincerely would like to thank each and every one of our students for being an integral part of our school community, and I eagerly anticipate the start of the next term, where we will continue to inspire and empower our students to reach new heights.

Warm regards.



Ms. Sarah Thabit
Primary Head



WELL-BEING DEPARTMENT

MIS Well-being Department is here to support and nurture the holistic development of our school community. The well-being of our pupils is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to creating a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment where every pupil feels valued, safe, and empowered. We firmly believe that our students well-being and character building are as important as academics. Here is a glimpse of the initiatives and services provided by MIS Well-being Department this semester.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Offering confidential support through one-on-one sessions to pupils facing personal, emotional, or academic challenges. We strive to empower students with the tools to navigate difficulties and build resilience.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We understand the importance of mental health and its impact on overall well-being. This is done through workshops and awareness campaigns. We organized multiple workshops conducted by Safe Egypt. One workshop focused on helping our pupils to learn more about relationships and their impact on our growth and development, setting boundaries in relationships and recognising the difference between healthy and unhealthy ones. The other workshop focused on understanding self-worth, identifying their own physical and emotional boundaries, and protecting themselves from inappropriate behaviour. [Safe Egypt Album](#)



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

We value the partnership between parents and the school community. Through informative sessions and workshops, we aim to provide parents with resources and strategies to support their child's well-being at home. We organized a parent workshop titled "How to win your Relationship with your child". We encourage all students, parents, and staff to take advantage of the resources and support offered by the School Well-being Department. Remember, your well-being matters, and we are here to help you thrive. [Parents Session Album](#)



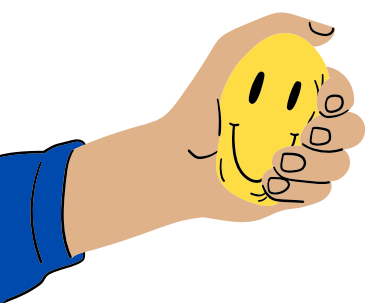


EYFS INSIDER

EYFS SENSORY LEARNING

Our sensory curriculum offers a variety of opportunities for students to take part in a number of enrichment activities. These are designed to enhance the curriculum and support students to access a range of multisensory experiences. These experiences not only enhance student's curriculum experiences but also encourage them to develop their confidence, interaction, curiosity and engagement but also promote the exploration and enjoyment of the wider community environment. Also the importance of sand play for young children is fundamental. Sand play provides the opportunity to develop small muscle coordination and also hand eye coordination. It also provides for cooperation and stimulates verbal communication. At MIS we have a wonderful outdoor environment where our young children can explore, practise and master emerging physical skills, and also experience the pure joy of movement. Our outdoor sand and climbing frame areas are a firm favourite of all our children. The earliest forms of play in childhood are functional play. A child will use an object for the same purpose over and over again. Filling a bucket with sand and then dumping it out and filling it again is an example of functional play. During this type of play, children typically strengthen fine and/or gross motor skills as well as improve their own logical thinking. Children have always been intrigued by sand play. They dig in sand, sift it, build with it, pour it, enjoy the feel and smell of it, pretend with it, and explore how it moves. Sand is well suited to the explorative and imaginative nature of young children. Pretending to be in the desert or on a dinosaur hunt in the sandpit are both firm favorites.

Sensory Boxes Album





MIS PRIMARY INSIDER

DISCOVERING PLANTS PARTS IN YEAR 1

Plants are a group of living organisms that produce their own food and oxygen. Year 1 made their own discovery journey to better understand plants, explore the different parts of a plant, including the roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and fruit. They were also guided about the importance of plants.

[Discovering Plants Album](#)



A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM IN YEAR 5

Our Foundation Stage pupils had a wonderful time at Kidzoo. They enjoyed a variety of activities, starting with feeding the animals, painting, coloring pottery, baking bread, painting on the wall, making soap, and taking an exciting ride on a donkey cart. From start to finish our pupils had a great day! They learned about their surroundings and relished in the variety of enjoyable activities.

[Digestive system Album](#)



MIS LOWER SECONDARY INSIDER

ARABIC SOCIAL STUDIES

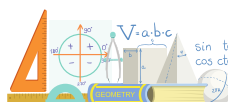
The students were excited to explore the volcanoes in their Arabic social studies lesson. Students investigated active volcanoes around the world and demonstrated ways to prepare for and respond to eruptions. Students also explored historical volcanic eruptions and evaluated the impact of these on people and the environment.

[Arabic Social Studies Album](#)

GEOMETRY IN YEAR 8

The lesson was designed to examine the mathematical concepts of length, perimeter, and area. Year 8 solved and enjoyed many activities and discussions to develop students' understanding of these mathematical concepts.

[Geometry Album](#)





KIDZOO TRIP

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Kidzoo Trip



TRIPS

One great advantage of school trips is that they provide students with practical memories and experiences in different field. MIS pupils had experienced different experiences along the past duration.

FAGNOON TRIP

Enriching our curriculum with diverse experiences, our Year 1, 2, and 3 students had a delightful visit to Fagnoon. Engaging in art and creativity, they explored pottery, tie-dye, and more, fostering a memorable and enjoyable time.

Fagnoon Trip Album



FAYOUM TRIP

Embarking on a thrilling journey to Fayoum, MIS students embraced the vibrant culture and awe-inspiring landscapes that awaited them. They delved into the enchanting world of pottery in the charming Tunis Village, marveled at the waterfalls, and indulged in felucca rides. As the day unfolded, they experienced thrilling sandboarding adventures, savored the joy of toasting marshmallows by the campfire, and were swept away by the enchanting melodies that filled the air as the sun bid its farewell. Cherished moments that will forever be held in their hearts

Fayoom Trip



KIDS STATION TRIP

During their trip to Kids Station, Early Years enjoyed a variety of activities and games. From the house of balls to discovering new talents and skills. Pupils enjoyed wall climbing, sandpits, physical activities, lego, art, and much more.

[Kids Station Trip Album](#)



CELEBRATIONS COUNTRYSIDE DAY

Bringing the splendor of the Egyptian countryside to MIS playground!

The special Arabic Department organized a celebration of the Egyptian Countryside today, offering our students insights into various aspects of rural life, such as the farm animals station, authentic Egyptian agriculture and plants station, pottery making station, and a bakery tour. Additionally, our students presented an artistic demonstration during the morning line, showcasing the beauty of the Egyptian countryside.

[Countryside Day Album](#)



ARABIC DAY

On World Arabic Language Day, we honour our rich cultural heritage and language!

Arabic keeps reiterating the vital role it played in science, literature, and a host of other fields. It also plans to raise awareness of our lovely language and the essential function it plays in fostering human connections.

MIS celebrated the richness of our Arabic language through various activities and performances

[Arabic Day Album](#)

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SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week at MIS is in full swing, and the excitement is contagious!

Pupils embrace themes with enthusiasm, showcasing creativity. From Mix and don't Match to Crazy Hair/Hat Day, each day displays unique styles. Pajama Day brings comfort, Dress as Teacher Day sparks laughter. Color Blast celebrates colors and diversity. Campus transforms, fostering unity. Spirit Week at MIS promotes inclusivity and individuality—proud of students' costumes and welcoming environment.

[Spirit Week Album](#)



6TH OF OCTOBER

On the occasion of 6th of October, MIS pupils cheerfully commemorated this day of victory. They participated by presenting historical facts in our morning broadcast and were dressed in patriotic colours. On the occasion of 6th of October, MIS pupils celebrated this day of victory with great rejoicing and festivities. They participated by presenting historical facts in our morning broadcast and were dressed in patriotic colours.

[6th of October Album](#)

PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY

MIS pupils are sending you warm wishes and appreciating the rich Egyptian culture and traditions that have shaped the day today in celebration of the Prophet's birthday. Thanks to our parents for their generosity in celebrating this day with us.

[Prophet's Birthday Album](#)





TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES

This year we have started monthly assemblies. Assemblies are special because it is a place and time where pupils and teachers come together for a shared purpose. That purpose is usually to provide an opportunity for all ages to consider spiritual and moral values, to develop community spirit and reinforce positive attitudes. We were lucky to have preschool and Year 3 this term and looking forward to other Years assembly in the coming terms.

PARENTS MEETING

It was about time for MIS Staff to gather and get along and gather after school to boost the general morale and create a fun and relaxed atmosphere for everyone. It provided an opportunity for everyone to bond outside of the class and enjoy some fresh air and strengthen team spirit.

[Parents Meeting Album](#)



WINTER WONDERLAND

A musical program honoring the holiday season was held at MIS. The entire school was decked out in sparkling decorations, including posters, string lights, and other holiday crafts. The joyful and lighthearted mood that this celebration produced was enjoyed by all of the students, staff and parents. We hope everyone has a relaxing winter vacation!

[Winter Wonderland Album](#)





MIS CELEBRATES

Dima Haitham /FS2B - Gymnastics
Carla Ramy /Year 3A - Gymnastics
Carla Moataz /Year 1A - Gymnastics
Farida Mohamed /FS2B - Gymnastics
Nadin and Taleen /FS2A - Gymnastics



**Please share with us your child achievements
to celebrate it every term.**

Proud of MIS Students!

BEYOND CLASSROOM CARREFOUR VISIT

A great way to get pupils excited about a topic we are teaching is to take them on a visit that reinforces what they are studying. As part of Numeracy, FS1 and FS2 pupils are learning now about counting money. Therefore, we have arranged a real-life experience visit to one the major nearby Hypermarket. Pupils were encouraged to browse the grocery shop and look at different items, compare and talk about the cost of different items. They were also allowed to choose a healthy snack to buy and had the option to purchase a Christmas decoration to display in their class, as the start of the festive season is approaching.



STAFF RETREAT

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MIS FLASHING NEWS

HAYAH ART COMPETITION

We are thrilled to announce that MIS is participating in the Hayat Art Competition! Our young artists will compete against other students from 66 schools. Participation in art competitions is a great way to showcase our artistic talent and potentially win prizes or recognition. This year the art competition is about Preservation versus Innovation in this era of rapid technological advancements and breakthroughs. We find ourselves yearning for the simpler past while embracing the future. Students were encouraged to preserve the past with all its glory and learn lessons and how it affects the present and future. Winners will be celebrated in February 2024, Stay tuned!

Art at MIS

Year 1

Adam Houssam
Tamara Mostafa
Younes Rami
Mariam Ali

Year 2

Hamza Ahmed
Adly
Talia Mostafa
Tia Mina

Year 3

Chantelle
Wassim
Carla Ramy
Ahmed Sherif
Yahia Mostafa
Ali Ahmed
Asser Ashraf

Year 4

Malika Mohamed
Parthenia Ayman
Yassin Karim

Year 5

Sarah Amr
Karen Fady
Parthenia Bassem
Nevin Mazyoun

Year 6

Bishoy Adel
Mariam Hany
Mehrail Osama

Year 7

Maya Ahmed
Melina Gamil
Sally Amin
Mohamed

Year 8

Shenouda
Samuel
Andrew Ayman
Maria Shehata
Omar Riad
Anas



RIZKALLAH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

It was an honor to host Rizkallah Art Annual Exhibition this year in our school.

MIS IN CHILD EXPO

We were happy to participate in Child Expo this year. It provided us with a valuable chance to engage with parents and share information about our mission and vision and latest updates and offers.



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our staff members have completed a highly valuable training session focused on safety, which encompassed a comprehensive overview of essential first aid concepts, protocols, and strategies. Thanks to the training conducted by the Egyptian Red Crescent, our team is now equipped with the necessary knowledge to effectively utilize first aid supplies and confidently administer basic CPR. They also attended two refresher workshops about creativity using active panels. Those workshops focused on the ability to use education technology with maximum efficiency and how to create interactive lessons and build an engaging environment. Our staff also attend a productive session under the title of "The Transformational Educator" by Dr. Mohamed Shabana about the 4 D's: Decoding the secrets of active learning, differentiating teaching strategies and inclusion, designing an impactful lesson, and developing a learning community!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN!



We are delighted to announce the launch of the admissions season from EYFS to year 10 for the new Academic Year 2024/2025! To give priority to our existing MIS families, the School offered siblings of present students a first consideration priority when applying for the new academic year. We thank all parents who applied for their children and wish them good luck with the admissions process and upcoming assessments.

WINTER UNIFORM

Students are required to wear the school uniform every day, except on days when they have Physical Education (PE) sessions, and black shoes. On PE days, students must wear their designated PE uniform.

During the winter season, students are expected to wear school jackets or hoodies. We understand that some sizes may be temporarily unavailable in the store. If your child's size is not currently in stock, we kindly ask that they wear a plain navy blue jacket without any logos or printing until the size becomes available.

Failure to comply with the uniform policy may result in the temporary confiscation of the non-compliant jacket. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our students maintain a neat and consistent appearance. If you have any concerns or questions about the uniform policy, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let us know if you have any problem with the uniform and size.

SCHOOL HOUSE SYSTEM NEWS

We are happy to announce our Pastoral System starting this year with our sports day. This system is reinforced by a vibrant House system that reflects the school's culture and values. We aim to operate a traditional British School House system with the same unique names and colours.

In addition to enhancing a sense of belonging, support and pride, the house system promotes competition and high ideals of work and behavior. It also encourages teamwork and creates leadership opportunities for pupils.

Throughout the year, we will host a number of inter-house competitions which allow all pupils to achieve success. These include Sporting, Creative, Academic and Performing Arts activities. House points are awarded on an individual, group or house basis to celebrate effort and success in all areas of school life including academic, behaviour, and extracurricular.



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING

Swimming can be a fun way to keep us active and healthy all year round. MIS pupils started their first swimming lessons for this academic year. Through interactive swimming pool games, their coaches taught them the most important swimming rules and helped them get acquainted with the water.

[Swimming Album](#)



SPORTS DAY

Our energetic and enthusiastic pupils had an unforgettable Sports Day filled with laughter, excitement, and boundless fun!

Check out these amazing snapshots capturing the vibrant spirit and thrilling moments of our young athletes as they showcased their skills and embraced the joy of friendly competition. From relay races to various team matches, every activity was brimming with team spirit and enthusiasm.

[Sports Day Album](#)



CITIZENSHIP

PINKTOBER

MIS turning Pink! Pink is a symbolic color associated with breast cancer awareness, and we as MIS community are proud to support this cause. By turning the school pink, we are helping to spread awareness and support those affected by breast cancer by donating all proceeds to [@baheyafoundation](#). Various activities took place to fundraise as an after-school yoga session for both students and staff, a bake sale filled with delicious treats and





goodies, and handmade ribbons and bracelets which were sold, generating more resources for the cause. Parents were invited to attend an inspiring session that included information about the foundation, breast cancer, its risk factors, symptoms, and how we can prevent it. The session was conducted by Dr. Mai Alaa, Oncology Awareness specialist at Baheya and Ms. Aya Saeed, Public Relations Specialist at Baheya.

They graciously shared insights and tips on this disease prevention, emphasizing the significance of early detection and regular check-ups.

Thanks to all the parents who joined us to make this day a true success and help raise awareness of breast cancer.

Pinktober Album

DONATE FOR GAZA

MIS's heartfelt commitment to the Palestinian cause endures with unwavering support. In line with MIS citizenship programme and in solidarity with Palestine we are proud to collaborate that we have collaborated with the Red Crescent and The Egyptian Clothing Bank. We greatly appreciate your kind contribution of blankets and clothes for Gaza! Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Donate for Gaza

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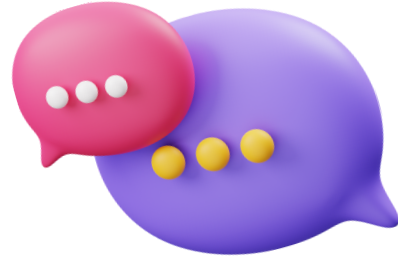
DATES TO REMEMBER

- 22nd Dec to 8th Jan:** Winter Break
- 25th Dec:** Western Christmas
- 31st Dec & 1st Jan:** New Year Holiday
- 7th & 8th Jan:** Coptic Christmas Holiday
- 9th Jan:** First day Term 2
- 11th Jan:** Term 1 Reports
- 18th Jan:** 2nd Parents Meeting (Students Out)-Inservice for teachers
- 19th Jan:** Epiphany Day (School closed)
- 25th Jan:** Police Day (School closed)

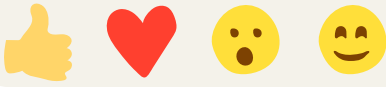
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During our parent meeting, Teachers were very welcoming and the feedback was constructive.

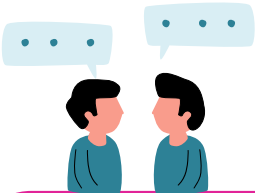


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Thank you for the school management and the teachers' efforts. It was a great day and it was so helpful to understand more about what my son is taking in school etc. And to know more about the way he is getting taught.



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The performance was amazing, the kids were super happy with the presentation and the show...I'm so proud of my son, his teachers and school management

