FUJAIRAH PRIVATE ACADEMY

Principal: Ms. Jan Brettingham 4 July 2022 12/Par/21



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Dear Primary Parents,

The letter below is the last from Ms. Crystal who will be leaving us after eleven wonderful years at the school. She is returning to the UK to follow a leadership role closer to home. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the fantastic contribution she has made and how she will be remembered for the care she has given generations of children.

Regards,

Ms. Jan

Dear Primary Parents,

We are drawing to the end of another successful and happy year at FPA and it is a good time to reflect on the past few months, celebrate achievements and start to look forward to next year. All of the staff were so happy and excited to be able to welcome the children back into school at the beginning of this academic year. Whilst it was not the 'normal' of before the pandemic we were happy to compromise and adopt the covid protocols in order to move on from online learning.

As a school we observed Flag day in November and KG2, Grade 3 and Grade 4 enjoyed special theme days. The highlight of Term 1 is always National Day. It is a joy to celebrate Emiraticulture and also learn about some of the other cultures we have in our school.

Term 2 was a little more unsettled as the Covid variant meant that we had to return to online learning for a few weeks but we were still able to celebrate Emirati Children's day, World Book Day and be involved in Safer Internet Day. The children enjoyed the opportunity to join in activities for British Science Week and explored the theme of 'Growth.' The teams in KG1 and Grade 3 also had special theme days to help broaden the curriculum.

In Term 3, we welcomed a team of Inspectors from the British Schools Overseas who were suitably impressed with our school and particularly mentioned the high standard of teaching and the excellent behaviour and manners of our students. Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and KG2 also had extra-curricular Science days to consolidate and build upon the learning taking place in usual lessons.

As always the end of the academic year is a time for goodbyes and we wish any students that are leaving the very best with their new schools. We are also saying goodbye to some teachers: Ms Amanda, Ms Asha, Ms Lydia, Ms Zoe, Ms Claire, Ms Susannah and myself. All of us are leaving with mixed emotions, very sad to be leaving a job we have loved and children we adore

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but excited as to what the future will hold. Goodbyes are always followed by new beginnings and there are some fabulous new teachers ready to join the FPA family in August.

This has not been an easy year in terms of covid, but we are very grateful for your cooperation - you have had your children tested, been very open with us if any family member has tested positive and taken the moves to online learning in your stride. It meant we could operate safely, and we thank you.

I wish everyone a happy and restful summer holiday. Have a wonderful time with your families and the school will look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 29th August.

Best wishes,

CRYSTAL HALL

Ms Crystal