



NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION 2022



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 Festival show and much more! These enriching aspects of MIS culture are what will create memories for our pupils, 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 8th, 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our MIS family!

MIS's Mission and Vision Statement includes the importance of pupils becoming lifelong learners and having a good well-being. With the term of school already behind us, we should take a moment to appreciate all the hard work done by our pupils, parents and staff.

I would like to take this time to thank all of our parents for the support and partnership during this complete and unforgettable school term.

I look forward to our continued work together as we challenge ourselves and our students to set the highest standards and achieve our ambitious goal.

This term has seen students from across our school participate in an extraordinary number of curricular activities, through which they have demonstrated outstanding levels of engagement, creativity and resilience. Some of the learning initiatives undertaken, all of which would not have been possible without the generous support of parents, families and school staff.

I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic term.

As they say, it takes a village to raise a child, and together we can continue to achieve great things at this great school!

With warm regards.



Mrs. Maha Hilmy
School Principal



6TH OF OCTOBER

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.

In order to provide our MIS pupils with a well-rounded education and to raise good citizens.

HALLOWEEN

MIS pupils were excited to come to school dressed up in their favourite costumes to celebrate Halloween whilst participating in the SPOOKY outdoor and indoor activities and games. Wizards, witches, fairies and dinosaurs roamed the school looking for treats at our administration offices.

They were so excited to receive plenty of treats.

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plenty of treats.



PINK AWARENESS

In support of the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, MIS was happy to launch the first event titled "Pink Awareness" on the 17th of October, 2022, organised by Baheya Foundation. Parents were invited to attend an inspiring session that included information about the Baheya foundation, breast cancer, its risk factors, symptoms, and how we can prevent it. The session was conducted by:

Dr. Fatma Hossam, Oncology Awareness Specialist at Baheya.

Ms. Nourhan Hosny, Public Relations Specialist at Baheya,

Ms. Sandra Youssef: Counselling Psychologist at MIS

Our Year 7 pupils also participated in this event by selling the goodies they had made during the Home Economics class and raising money to support@baheyafoundation



SITARA TRIP

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide a broad and interesting curriculum, we arranged a trip to Sitara Theatre to watch the 'Monkey Puzzle Play'. Sitara's adaptation of this classic picture book by Julia Donaldson includes a range of puppets and masks by acclaimed UK Design Artist, John Barber. They watched the unique interactive play in the theatre and took part in pretending to be some of the characters. FS1 & FS2 were excited to have such an amazing experience and the adults enjoyed the humour as well!

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ARMED FORCE MUSEUM TRIP

In order to provide our MIS pupils with a well-rounded education and to raise good citizens.

MIS organised a trip for Years 1, 2 and 3 to the Armed Force Museum to celebrate the month of victory and enjoyed exploring the mighty Egyptian people's heroism.

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PANORAMA 6TH OCTOBER TRIP

MIS organised a trip for Year 4, 5, 6, and 7 to the 6th of October Panorama. They were impressed to learn about the details of the 6th of October victory and enjoyed the multiple educational activities presented at the museum.

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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 2022-2023.

Through interactive swimming pool games, their coaches taught them the most important swimming rules and helped them get acquainted with the water.

CAMBRIDGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Merryland International School was honoured to host the first face-to-face Cambridge Professional Development Training Workshops in Cairo since the COVID pandemic started.

We were pleased to host and meet all the participating speakers and delegates!



PARENTS MEETING

This term was the first Parents' Meeting for the school year 2022-2023. Pupils' achievement data were shared with parents along with techniques to supplement academic growth at home.

We would like to thank all the parents who attended the meetings and also thank our Year 7 pupils who played a vital role in ushering our parents to the classrooms.



SPORTS DAY

Our MIS P.E. Department organised a fun filled Sports Day for all stages. Pupils rotated through a variety of game stations and competed in a friendly and safe environment. Sports Day events are not focused on rewards, but geared on student participation in healthy activities, team spirit and making new friends with student peers from other classes and grade levels!

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 aims to provide an opportunity for all ages to consider spiritual and moral values, to develop community spirit and reinforce positive attitudes. During assemblies, we give out certificates in addition to our 'Golden Star' that one of our classes earn every month. We were pleased to have FS1B, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 3 assemblies this term and looking forward to having other Years' assemblies throughout the coming terms.



HYGIENE CAMPAIGN

MIS is committed to promoting a healthy environment where pupils stay healthy. As part of that commitment, we conducted our 'Hand Washing and Personal Hygiene Campaign' this year. Pupils were able to learn about the importance of cleanliness and proper hand washing that plays an important role in preventing the spread of infections. Hand washing and Personal Hygiene is such an important message that is worth repeating. It is by far the best way to keep pupils from getting sick and prevent the spread of germs.

WINTER FESTIVAL

This year on the 22nd December, MIS has hosted a musical concert to celebrate Holiday Season. The entire school was very festive with sparkling decorations, string lights, posters, and other seasonal crafts. All the pupils and staff members liked the fun and happy atmosphere that resulted from this celebration.

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TECHNOLOGY

Pupils were intrigued by 'What is technology?' Long discussions and debates took place, and they are now confident to identify technology when they see it! Technology is **ANYTHING** created by humans to either make their lives easier or help solve a problem! Therefore, learning with ICT is an essential part of primary education as it improves engagement and knowledge retention. Our KS2 pupils enjoyed learning about MS Word, PPT and all its tools not only for promoting and developing these skills but also encourages them to engage confidently in imaginative learning and makes teaching and learning more effective and enjoyable for everyone involved.

SCIENCE AT MIS

In our science classes, MIS pupils could be **ANYTHING!** An engineer, a doctor, a teacher, a technician and so much more! We observe, research, analyze, test, classify, experiment, predict...etc. MIS pupils were interested to learn about chemical reactions and how to produce gas by mixing two chemical substances. In Year 3, pupils learned about the states of matter and the characteristics of each matter. They also enjoyed experiments about soluble and insoluble substances.



ART AT MIS

"There is no depth to education without art."~ Amiri Baraka.

Our pupils learned the importance of saving the planet through art classes by using recycled materials to create masterpieces/amazing works of art.

We instill in our pupils the value of using recycled objects to extend their imagination and build creativity.



MATHEMATICS

Year 5 pupils engaged during their Maths session with hands-on activities to reinforce learning about angles. Pupils also had the opportunity to develop the skill of working with others, which is one of our school pillars of character that highlights 'TEAMWORK'.



ADMISSIONS

We are delighted to announce the launch of the admissions season for the new Academic Year 2023/2024! To give priority to our existing MIS families, the School offered siblings of present pupils a first consideration priority when applying for the new academic year.

We thank all parents who applied for their children and wishing them good luck with the admissions process and upcoming assessments.

For more photos click below :

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2023

1st Jan: New Year's Day (School closed)
7th Jan: Coptic Christmas Day (School closed)
8th Jan: First Day Term 2
12th Jan: End of Term 1 Reports
15th Jan: 2nd Parents Meeting (Students Out)
Inservice for teachers
19th Jan: Epiphany Day (School closed)
25th Jan: Police Day (School closed 26th Jan) tentative

February 2023

26th Feb to 2nd March: Half Term Break

March 2023

23rd March: 1st day of Ramadan (School closed) tentative

April 2023

5th-12th April: End of Term 2 Exams
9th April: Palm Sunday (School closed)
12th April: Last day End of Term 2
13th to 27th April: Easter break
13th April: Holy Thursday (School closed)
16th April: Coptic Easter (School closed)
17th April: Sham El Neseim (School closed)
21th-22th April: Eid El Fitr (School closed)
25th April: Sinai Liberation Day (School closed 27th April) tentative.
30th April: First Day Term 3

May 2023

1st May: Labour Day (School closed 4th May) tentative 3rd May: Progress Report.
11th May: 3rd Parent Meeting (Students Out) Inservice for teachers.

June 2023

15th June: Last day for students - Preschool/FS1/FS2 18th-22nd June: End of Year exams
22nd June: Last day for students - Y1-Y7
26th June: Last day for teachers
26th June: End of year Reports
27th - 29th June: Eid Al Adha (School closed) tentative 30th June: Revolution Day (School closed).

July 2023

19th July: Islamic New Year School closed on 20th July.
23th July: Revolution Day (School closed 27th July) tentative