Al Uwainat Campus
End of Year Newsletter
It is wonderful to look back at the past few years year and see the changes that we made to improve the school.

John F. Kennedy once commented on change by saying: “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future”

When we did the planning last year for this Academic year we made a conscious effort to try to improve the holistic education that we offer to the students. We were very happy with our Academic program and capabilities after the changes we made over the last year or so but felt that we needed to improve the extra activities that we offer to our students. Now we can look back at what can only be described as our most successful year yet. We added additional activities this year and you only have to look at the year-end round up to see the diversity of events. Our students really enjoyed this year inside and outside the classroom. Not only will we continue with this programme next year but we will also look to improve the product we offer.

There is some very exciting developments in the pipeline for next year. SIS will become the first World Leadership Academy in Sohar next year. We will offer a Leadership programme that will develop our student’s leadership abilities. This will enable our students to become the leaders of the future in not only Oman but also in their own countries should they return. Our sister school As Seeb International School has been running this programme very successfully over the last few years and we look forward to develop our own leaders at SIS.

The school is also in final negotiations to introduce an Entrepreneurship programme into our school. As everyone in Oman is aware, there is a push to create more employment in the Private sector and we would like to contribute by developing and nurturing our student’s entrepreneur skills so that they can start their own business and companies. More detail will follow soon.

We will break ground on our new school campus in the next few weeks. The Campus will be a word class facility with all necessary facilities like well-resourced classrooms, laboratories and libraries as well as additional facilities like two swimming pools, indoor sports facility and sit down canteen. This will enable us to offer the exceptional facilities that will propel us to the forefront of International education. The area where we will built the school is also ideally placed close to the new Al Batinah express way that will enable us to ease transport time from Shinas and Al Khaborah and Saham. More detail will be shared as it becomes available.

I would like to thank all our parents for their continued support throughout this and previous years. Please enjoy the holiday with your family!
Looking forward to tomorrow!

What a year it has been! Every year when we get to the end of the year, we look at each other and say “Wow this year has flown by”! This year was no exception. It feels like yesterday we welcomed students to a new academic year. I remember how some of you were scared and did not want to stay at school but luckily that changed very quickly. Happy students are what makes our hearts warm and happy! It has been magnificent and a privilege to see each one of you grow not only in an academic sense but also in confidence.

The 2016/2017 academic year will stand out as one of the best in the schools’ history. Not only did we implement numerous suggestions from the parent survey that we sent out but our main focus was on creating more opportunities for students to learn by participating in assemblies and our activity program. I must say it really paid off. During breaks when I walked on the playground it was inspiring to see that students continued with some of the hobbies and skills they were taught during activity lessons. Seeing our students keeping themselves constructively busy with a hobby managed to put a big smile on my face.

We are moving towards a very exciting time in our school. The prospect of a big, beautiful and brand new school building gets me extremely excited and I am sure you as a parent as well! This purpose built campus will provide our students with the best education facilities in Sohar and will take us to an even higher level in education.

To all our parents and students who will be traveling, I hope that you will return safely at the end of the holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in August. To our Muslim parents, I hope you have a blessed Ramadan and a happy Eid al-Fitr.
It's time to say goodbye dear little Dragonflies. I'm glad I was your teacher. I've come to love you so. Can't believe the end is here. I hate to see you go. I've watched you learn and grow, and change from day to day. I hope that all the things we've done, have helped you in some small way. So it's with happy memories that I send you out the door, with great hope and expectations for what next year holds in stall. Remember all the fun we had in all the things we did, but most of all remember, you are all very special kids.

Ms Lisa Pietersen
Dear Ladybirds

9 Months ago you walked into this place called ‘Kindergarten’. Many of you were scared. Some of you cried and didn’t want to stay.

In our time together, you learned what it meant to sit in a circle, walk in a line, hold a pencil, use scissors and be part of a group. You learned the phonic sounds, became Mathematicians, scientists, inquirers and more. You learned what it meant to be a friend, you played with others, took turns, work through problems and practiced patience.

Not all of our days were easy, but most of our days were filled with learning, excitement and happiness. I do not want to say goodbye, but you are ready to walk along to KG 2.

Ms Rina van Niekerk

My lovely Ladybirds!
The year is over and it seems like yesterday when I said ‘HELLO’ to my little KG 2 Bees and now it is ‘GOODBYE! It was a great pleasure my little ones to have you in my class this year. We have done so many things. We laughed, played, studied, learned and enriched our lives during the year. You leave my class with a few extra pounds, a few inches taller, and months wiser, more responsible and more mature than back then. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see your personalities grow day by day. Remember you are precious my little ones. I will always have great interest in each and every one of you wherever you may go, whatever you may do and whoever you become. You lit up my life every single day. Remember the fun we had in all we did. But most of all REMEMBER you are very special kids!

Love you lots!
I vividly remember your first day of school, some of you cried for your parents and didn’t want to stay. Yet you stayed. I held your hand while you said goodbye to your parents and let you sit next to me. In our time together, you learned what it meant to sit in a circle, walk in a line, hold a pencil, use scissors and be part of a group. You learned how to read, became mathematicians, artists, inquirers, and more. You made friends and play well together. It was enjoyable to see you develop different skills. Most of our days were filled with learning, excitement, and happiness. You gave me lots of hugs and high fives.

After six years of teaching at SIS, it is time for me to say goodbye to my colleagues, all the parents I have worked with and most importantly all the students I have taught. It is with great sadness that I will not be able to see them excel in their higher grades, but they must just remember that I believe in them and know they are capable of great things. A very big thank you to all my parents, you have been valuable members of our class and you contributed to the successful year of our learning.
How fast the weeks did go, and soon, it will be Kindergarten Moving –up Day! I, your teacher and friend, wish I could stop the hands of time and put it in a bottle! But no, moving up is not good-bye. It is simply a journey of my dear little learners eagerly awaiting to see what lies ahead as they move to Grade 1. In our nine months together, each one patiently recited familiar action rhymes and greeted the day with a smile. We also learned to cut letters and drawn images that we like best. The multi-coloured abacus made learning numbers and addition rewarding too. I remember you busily creating those 20 piece wooden puzzles and 3 D shapes expecting a big hug for a work well done. Learning to unravel the alphabet and putting them into words made your day right. Outings to the beach, the park and frequent exposure to hands-on activities noticeably improved your confidence to speak well with people around you. Oh yes, writing their own name was a bonus! I believe in my heart that you are all ready to go. I want to say thank you to our ever-supportive parents, for entrusting your beautiful child to me. It is my pleasure to be a part of your child’s early years at SIS! I will never forget your innocent sweet smile and those lovely big brown eyes. Aim high KG 2 Giraffes and never forget to smile!
It is with tears in my eyes that I am writing these words. It is always a sad time of the year when the time comes to say goodbye to a remarkable year and an extraordinary group of children. It has been an incredible year for us and we have grown together and learned so much. We shared in so many things happy, sad, fun and magical. We made such incredible memories and shared such wonderful hugs and laughter. I will always remember the ‘I love you bananas’ or ‘love you 20-20 hundreds’ (biggest numbers my little ones tried formulating), moments and the warm hugs and courageous smiles. I will fondly remember our inquisitive talks and opinionated disagreements, as well as every moment in between. Watching each of my little ones grow and change has been priceless and saying goodbye now as you embark on your journey ahead fills me with overwhelming love and pride for each one of you. I am grateful for all we have shared. Thank you for opening your hearts and allowing me to be a part of your lives. Mostly, I wish to thank you for allowing me to be the best teacher I could be and for accepting my love and encouragement always. Best of luck for your future my little caterpillars. May you grow with love and success into beautiful butterflies.
THE ABC’S OF A GREAT YEAR

A: All good things must come to an end.
B: Believe in yourself, I believe in you!
C: Congratulations on a job well done.
D: Don’t ever give up. You can do it!
E: Each day is a new adventure.
F: Find time to read a good book.
G: Great things are still to come.
H: Have a great holiday.
I: I am proud of your hard work this year!
J: Just keep trying and do your best.
K: Keep that positive attitude.
L: Learning never ends!
M: Make good memories.
N: Next year will bring new friends.
O: Opportunities to learn are everywhere.
P: Please, be safe this summer.
Q: Quite a year we had together.
R: Reach for the stars!
S: So long dear Owls.
T: Thank you for a terrific year!
U: Understand how proud I am of you!
V: Very soon you will be in Grade 1.
W: With pride, I say goodbye!

EXtra brainy, Yes, you are! Keep that zany Zest for learning!
Dear Grade 1’s

You have done amazingly well this year. You attended school with enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn. Every task was tackled with determination to do it the best you can. You were an inspiration to me and the other teachers who taught you!

I applaud you for what you have achieved this year. You came a little unsure, but you blossomed into clever learning machines! The wilder ones got tame, the tame ones a little wilder and now you are exactly right for Grade 2.

Parents although I had to lay the bricks of learning, you were the cement in between. Thank you for your support and effort with my beloved students. You helped me every step of the way.
Erma Bombeck said the following:

"Children make your life important."

This quote sums up my year perfectly. It remains the greatest privilege to be able to live out my passion of working with inquisitive minds. In the Hippo class this year we had so much fun while learning. It brings so much joy to my own life to see how much each of my students developed in their own unique way. It is truly a bittersweet feeling to see them leaving my class, but at the same time so satisfying to know they will leave behind the sweetest memories and leave with such bright futures ahead of them. Thank you for an amazing year of fun and learning Hippo Class!
It was a great pleasure to have all of you in my classroom this year. You have learned so many things. You can be proud because you all finally know how to read and write. This year is over, so you will move on to the next class, the same children I received last year. I leave you with a few more pounds, a few inches taller, and months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than back then. Even though you could have grown without my help, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to see each one of your personalities grow day by day and see how you have developed in your learning. We have laughed, played, studied, learned and enriched our lives during the year. Take care of yourself, for you are all so precious.
It is a time to say Goodbye. Time has gone by so fast. They say time flies when you are having fun. I guess it is true. This has been an incredible year for us. We have grown and learned so much. We have shared all kinds of movement: happy, sad, fun and magical experiences. All the great moments and difficult times have helped us to create not just a class but our class. A friendly and safe environment we all felt happy to be part of it. Each one of you really worked hard throughout of the year. I cannot find the words to describe how proud I am of you. I am so thankful for all your smiles and hugs. Thank you for making me feels that my job is not a job but a passion. Thanks to you I love being a teacher more and more every day.
Our year has come to an end. I've made cherished memories and many new friends.

I've watched your child learn and grow and hope that all the things we've done have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories I say good bye to my students, parents, Sohar International School and Sohar.
I can’t believe this year is almost over! I am so proud of all of you. Over the last ten months, we have lived, learned, loved, laughed, played, studied and many marvelous moments together!

Remember all the fun we had this year! I feel so honored to have been your teacher. To be greeted by your bright smiling faces every morning was the best thing a teacher could ever ask for but you gave me so much more than that!

You gave me treasured moments that I will never forget!

Oh, how I will miss you all!

Keep Shining bright! You’re all Stars!
Our year has come to an end, and it is time to say “Good-bye”. I am so proud of all of you! We have lived, learned, loved, laughed, played, studied and shared many marvelous moments together. I have watched you learn and change from day to day. I hope that all the things we have done have helped you in some small way.

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Keep smiling bright! You are ALL Stars!
Busy Bees going to Grade 3!

It is never easy to say goodbye. What a year full of fun, learning, laughter and many activities. First, I want to say thank you to my special little Bees. We learned a lot from each other and we grew not only as a class but also as individuals. Like the bumblebee, we solved many Mathematical problems together. Thank you to each parent for the support and your effort throughout the year. Without you, the year would not have been such a big success. It was a year that I shall never forget and I leave you with these special words: “Your future will always be bright when you stay focused, optimistic and confident.”

Ms Mia Ross
The end of the year is always a bittersweet time for me as I have to greet my students. The best part of teaching for me is to get to know my students; to understand what their needs are, what they know and what they want to learn. It is endlessly fascinating and rewarding to be granted a peek into your students’ hopes and dreams and to try to help them reach their goals. I was struck at how mature, and honest, and respectful every one of these young persons has become. By the last day of the term, if you are lucky, you have developed a classroom "culture" of trust and mutual respect--and it is hard to let go of that. It is pretty special!

Hop into the future!
When I look back on this academic year that has passed, I remember all the wonderful memories we have shared together as a class. When you arrived in my class on the first day, I remember your happy, joyful faces. Some of you were a little scared and nervous, but it did not take long until you settled into the class. Through this year, you have all grown so much and I am so proud of how smart you have all become. We have done so many new and exciting things this year and we have had lots of fun learning along the way. Thank you for being such a wonderful class! I wish you all the very best as you move onto Grade Three.
During the day, I teach up to 300 students. I would like to say a special goodbye to every child that I have gotten to know

Goodbyes are difficult for me. There are students here who I have become close to. I find that goodbyes can feel fraudulent, even when you truly want to be sincere. Because both of you know that despite your protestations of “I'll see you later!” you will never again spend much time together. Because the life connections that brought you together are now gone

Times flies so fast, I still remember their faces in the first day of school. To my daughters and sons in 3.1 it was a very interesting year that I spent with you. It was full of teaching, fun and discovering new things. Thank you for everything, I hope each one of you will find the happiness and success in the next academic year.
This has been such a great year, 2017. When you first walked into my class, we were strangers to each other. Maryam, you have grown into a beautiful, responsible student! Getting the third place in Spelling B made me so proud of you! Maria, I think if I leave you in charge of my class, you would be a great mini-teacher! Maal, Fatema, Sheikah, Tala, Aysha and Saja, you always played together, your enthusiasm and kindness towards each other made me happy and proud of you! Reel, you prepared yourself for every lesson and you constantly asked questions and gave answers for everything. To all the boys in my class, I really appreciate your kindness and that you were always willing to help and take care of me. For bringing me small gifts, a sachet of coffee, mangoes from your garden and rich, red tomatoes that brighten my days. Grade 3.2 of 2017, know that each one of you were the reason for me to sincerely appreciate this year as your teacher. Shukrah!
You are very special kids and I wanted you to know how I loved being your teacher and how fast the year passed. Please come back to visit me.

As through the years, you grow, try hard to learn all you can there is so much to know!

It is time to say ‘good bye’ our year has come to an end, but I have treasured a lot of sweet memories in my heart.

Remember all the fun we had in all the things we did most of all remember you are very special kids. Always do your best and good luck for Grade 4
It was a great pleasure to have you in my classroom this year. I watched you learn, grow and change from day to day.

I hope you know how special you are, and that you will never forget that, with lots of hard work and perseverance, you really could do anything.

Remember that I will always have a great interest in your destinies, wherever you may go, whatever you do and whoever you become. I will miss you much and love you always.

Make calculated decisions.
I am writing this letter of thanks to each and every one of you! Thank you for being my super class this year! I thoroughly enjoyed teaching you. Thank you for all the small things that you have during the year.

On days when I was very busy and not so happy, your beautiful flower and special letter brightened up my day and got me going again. I loved your different personalities and clever jokes in class. You gave me a smile on my face on several occasions and that was very special to me. Thank you for loving my subject and all your hard work.

I will miss you dearly next year and wish you all the best on your journey ahead. Always believe in yourself. Best of luck!
An end of the year message from our Arabic Department.

Ms Hala Mosaad

Ms Hasna Yousif
Al Mahdi

Ms Batool Mohammed

Ms Suaad Yagoub
Sabeel Bakheit
Ms Elsora Khalaf
Alla Ahmed

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المعملة/السمراء
Ms Huda Mohammed

يا سيد الله الرحمن الرحيم
في غضون أشهر هذا العام للإبحار، كما أعلنت السفيرة لهذه الرحلة، وهاجيلها وواصلتها نحو تحقيق الأهداف المعلقة. معنا القرآن الكريم، نحن نعيش عليه، نعيش فيه، نعيش على أطرافه، نعيش عليه، نعيش فيه، نعيش على أطرافه.

Ms Taqreed Jafar

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته، أما بعد طلابي أحبب الرحمن، شبابنا، نتشرف بعذار أوجهها.

Ms Hanan Khalid

Abu Fatah

Ms Mona Fathi

الاستفادة من فتى تلميذي
Farewell from the foreign languages department

First, I want to say that you have made me so proud to give me a chance to write these words in the yearbook. Dear my students, so the year is coming to an end and you will all be moving up to the next class. It has been a great year and I want you to know that I have enjoyed every moment of teaching you. However, seriously, you have kept me busy, and it has been great fun. I hope you feel the same and that you will take What you have learned this year and build on it as you continue your studies. You are a great class and I love teaching you.

To all my stunning students,

I can't believe this time of year is approaching already, it's very exciting! It is so nice to see different reflections each student takes away from the school year.

I've made more cherished memories, I've watched the students learn & grow and change from day to day.

So, it's happy memories I sent you all outdoor, with great hope and expectations for what next year holds in stove.

Glow with potential,
Sparkle with promise,
Shine with possibility,

My dear French students it is the end of the year and it is time for you to move on tho the next grade. The Gr. 3’s will move to Gr. 4 next year and on to a new campus and new teachers. I hope you enjoyed the French lessons and that you will remember what you learned during the year.

Remember that a language only becomes alive when you use it. Have a good holiday and safe travels for those of you who will travel during the holiday.
2016/2017: A year to remember!

- Red Day
- PE Uniform Day
- Bus Safety Training
- Yellow Day
- Healthy Lunch box Challenges
- Field trip to Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Sohar
- Science Month
- Leadership Program
- National Day
- KG Beach Sports Day
- Beach Fun Day
- Arabic Culture Day
- Interclass Football
- Class Mascot
- Unveiling of the Holy Quran recitation competition
- Science Star
- Visit to Sohar University
- Teacher's Day Picnic
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Arabic and Islamic Award Ceremony
- KG Dentist visit
- Holy Quran Competition
- inter-school Football
- World Laughter Day
- Math Genius
- Spelling Bee
- Art Exhibition
- Colours Competition
- Qaranqasho
- Hats and Sunglasses Day
- Cinema Trip
- Assemblies
- Ice Cream Day
- Hospital visit
- KG Grandparents Day
Please take note of the staggered start dates for the next academic year 2017/2018:

KG 1: 22 August 2017

KG 2: 23 August 2017

Gr. 1: 21 August 2017

Gr. 2: 22 August 2017

Gr. 3: 23 August 2017

Please be at our campus by 08:30