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## MESSAGE FROM MR. JEFF

The first term of the 2023-24 school year wrapped up and it was a very busy term! We kicked off a range of activities for the first season of BSA's and were very pleased to see KIS field the very first ever Girls Varsity Football team! The girls has a great season and were very competitive in each of their games. Congratulations to our Varsity Boys team that did very well in the local COASH league and enjoyed a higher level of competition in the CABA tournament. At press time, we have a group of students participating in the World Scholars Cup event hosted at Yale University. During the first term, we also enjoyed grade level hiking days, the grade 10 students participated in a Personal Project retreat and the grade 6 students also enjoyed an overnight excursion. We are able to celebrate the arts with some wonderful music and drama performances. The second term will be equally as busy and started off with an amazing spirit week. Go Wolves!

## REPUBLIC DAY



Republic day celebrated on the 25th of October marks a day that is able to recognise the creation of an independent and sovereign state of Kazakhstan. It commemorates the adoption of the Declaration on the State Sovereignty of the Kazakh SSR (Soviet Socialist Republic) in 1990.

The Republic day was celebrated until 2009 but was reinstated as a national holiday in 2022 following President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev's proposal to revive the date during the first National Kurultai (Congress) on June 16.

This is able to serve as a reminder for our country's commitment to democracy, peace, and stability, highlighting the values and principles that Kazakhstan stands for, with a strong emphasis on freedom, unity, and equality.

It is an opportunity to celebrate the rich traditions, customs, and achievements of the Kazakh people.

**By: Mariya K**

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EYP/PYP



# PYP - PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GRADE 2 MINI-EXHIBITION

Thursday, October 12

By; Margot L

On the 12th of October Grade 2 had an exhibition based on the theme 'Who We Are' in which they had to pick a famous figure special to them and research their lives to create a biographical poster along with a figurine of their chosen person. From Pelé to Leonardo Da Vinci the subjects of the exhibition came from far and wide and had many different achievements under their belts. The Second Graders then had to present their poster and figurine to family and friends, showcasing their biographical and presentation skills. Mr. Eric, a second-grade teacher had this to say about the exhibition, "At the Mini-Exhibition, Grade 2 students presented their biography posters that they made in Language Arts, and the bottle dolls that they made in Art. This unit was about biographies, so students chose a famous person to research and completed the project throughout this unit. Parents were invited to see the students' work and celebrate all of their hard work!"



## UN DAY

Wednesday, October 18

By: Margot L

On October 18th, the UN Day Assembly unfolded with grace and significance for our PYP students. President Ayse and Vice President Mariya graced the occasion with a concise yet compelling presentation. They artfully delved into the UN's various committees, elucidated the significance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and underscored the pivotal role the UN plays in our contemporary society. Following this, Mr. Rob delivered an inspiring speech, igniting a sense of purpose within our PYP students. He passionately urged them to embark on a journey of change, advocating for a better world through simple yet impactful actions, such as conserving energy by turning off lights or reporting events that demand our attention.

# PYP - PRIMARY SCHOOL

## G4 TRIP TO PIONEER

27-29th September

By: Mariya K

The grade 4s were able to undertake a trip to the Pioneer Mountain resort. They were able to participate in several Forest School Activities. Those included being able to create dens out of trees for them to gain shelter to eat their lunch in. Furthermore, the students were able to touch on their more creative side and create art out of nature, as well as use sticks to create stretchers for their plush toys over an obstacle course. Although these were challenges, the hardest one that the grade 4's had to face was climbing over 500 meters up a mountain. But the ones that stood out to students were toasting marshmallows on an open fire, being away with their friends, and having a fun time!

## EY FIELD TRIP

Wednesday,  
October 18

The Early Years were able to gain a great opportunity in their second field trip to the First President's Park. The teacher Ms. Tere was able to enable the students to obtain a captivating inquiry exploring nature and the weather. In order to engage them they were able to play hide and seek. This experience is valuable to them as they are able to grasp new ideas, cooperate with their classmates, and see the different ways that nature can change in a short period of time.







**MYP/DP**

# MYP/DP - SECONDARY SCHOOL

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Tuesday, October 17

A representative from the University of Wisconsin-Madison visited KIS in October to talk to students about the university and what it has to offer. The University of Wisconsin-Madison is one of the 50 best schools in the United States with an incredibly diverse student body, being ranked in the top 20 universities in the nation for the largest number of enrolled international students. The university is also a prolific research institute, with more than \$1.4 billion expended on research in 2020-2021. Nestled between multiple lakes in the Wisconsin capital, the university enjoys temperate summers and snowy winters, and a favorite pastime of students and Madison locals is trekking onto the frozen Lake Mendota for concerts, skating, and more! The university offers courses, and degrees ranging from Surgery Studies to Finance, Investment, and Banking with a large faculty and administration always willing to help.

By: Margot L

## UN DAY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, October 18

UN Day is celebrated every year on October 24th to commemorate the creation of the United Nations in 1945. It is a reminder of the ongoing struggle and commitment of the United Nations towards peace, cooperation, and security between nations. UN Day is a great opportunity to reflect on the importance of international relations and collaboration between countries, especially in times of need like fighting climate change or protecting human rights. UN Day underscores the necessity for fighting for a more equal and bright future for all. Today people must come together to reaffirm their support for the mission of the United Nations to foster international harmony and development. The day was hosted by our very own grade 11 students, Mariya and Ayse who were able to refresh the secondary school's mind on the importance of the UN and the types of positive impact it is able to bring to our world. We were able to immerse ourselves in a simulation of the UN which our school has a before-school activity known as MUN. The two hosts were able to display a video that revealed the types of procedures and activities that occur.

By: Margot L



# SCHOOL EVENTS

## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

**Friday, October 6**

An annual event that our school tends to hold is Teacher Appreciation Day. Our school held it again this year on Friday, October 6.

In our school, there are the most talented and enthusiastic teachers, whom we can happily and gratefully congratulate on Teacher's Day. Mr OB distributed sweets and flowers with a congratulatory speech to our teachers so that each teacher could feel how much we appreciate their contribution to the development of the younger generation of KIS.

As a newsletter team, we can express how highly every student values your work and how grateful we are for your support!

**Happy Teachers' Day!**

**By: Daria F**



## SAT TESTING

**Saturday, October 7**

The SAT is a standardised test widely used for college admissions in the United States. It measures key skills like reading comprehension and computational ability. This is a multiple-choice test. The full form of SAT is the Scholastic Assessment Test, which was earlier known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

KIS is one of the 25 test centers, which host SAT tests in Kazakhstan. The very last SAT test session was held on Saturday, October 7 and we had the opportunity to accept more than 20 students for testing.

KIS has completed the session successfully!

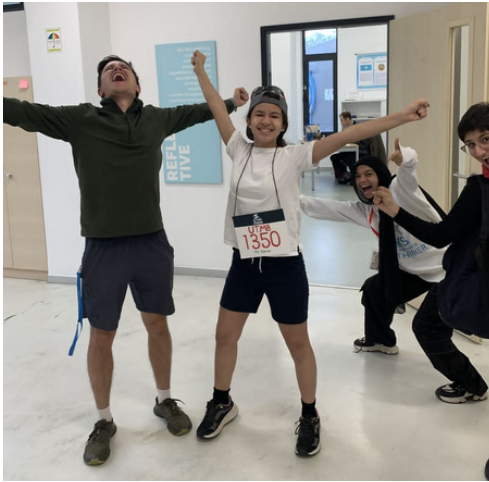
**By: Daria F**



# OUR TOP PICKS FROM SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3

## DRESS UP AS YOUR TEACHER'S DAY



## SUPER HERO DAY



## SPORTS DAY





# OUR TOP PICKS FROM SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3

## PAJAMA DAY



## WOLF DAY



# HOWLING INSIGHTS

## INTERVIEWING TEACHERS: HAVE YOU EVER FAILED A SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

By: Jahanara B

*As scholarly the teachers of KIS may be today, we have to remember that they were like us once upon a time. They must have had a few highs and lows with their grades too.*

*Here's what a few had to say about that:*

**When you were at school, which subject did you get or almost get an F for?**

**Mr. Adrian:** F? Me??? Hard not to be perfect. I didn't even know it went down to an F. The lowest I've gotten is an A

*And now he passes on his academic secrets to us. It's comforting to know students' education is in his humble hands.*

**Mr. Patrick** (laughs): I'd say physics. In university. However, it was never in too much danger in high school... maybe history.

*Maybe that was destiny's way of steering him towards the world of biology.*

**Mr. Rob:** Oh gosh. In high school? None of them. I was the nerdy kid who got A's in everything. But when I was in elementary school I would struggle with spelling. Still do sometimes.

*Don't we all*

**Mr. Niels:** Oh what was it? Religious studies? Because I got the day and time wrong, and I didn't turn up to the exam. I thought it was in the afternoon. Actually the story is that I thought I was doing HL and my teacher changed me SL without telling me, so I got the time completely wrong. Here was me thinking I got the morning off, I was like Yaaaaay. It was a complete disaster.

*That was an absolute roller coaster. Mr. Niels' teacher must have woken up on the wrong side of the bed that day.*

**Ms. Hanlie:** Me? Accounting in grade 8

*Accounting has all sorts of horror stories. Understandable.*



# THE SCIENCE BEHIND SUPERHEROES - REAL WORLD PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

By: Daria F.

Superheroes have always captured our imaginations with their incredible powers and abilities. But have you ever wondered if there's any real science behind their extraordinary feats? Let's embark on a journey to explore the scientific principles that can help us understand some of our favorite superhero powers.

**Super Strength:** Characters like Superman possess superhuman strength. This strength can be explained by principles of muscle mechanics and biochemistry. Our muscles contract by using energy stored in molecules called ATP. Superheroes might have a greater capacity to produce and utilize ATP, giving them their incredible strength.

**Invisibility:** The power of invisibility is a favorite in superhero lore. Scientists are working on metamaterials that can bend light around objects, making them invisible. While we're not quite at the "Invisible Woman" level yet, the science is promising.

**Flight:** Many superheroes can fly without wings or engines. The concept of anti-gravity is explored in physics, and some scientists believe that manipulating gravitational fields might one day allow for levitation and flight.

**X-ray Vision:** Superman's ability to see through objects seems far-fetched, but modern technology like X-ray machines and body scanners is based on the same principle. These devices use X-rays to see through solid objects, revealing what's hidden beneath.

By delving into the principles of physics and chemistry, we can gain a new appreciation for the world of superheroes and the real science that influences their superhuman abilities.

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# ATHLETICS

"More than Academics"



# G6 AKBULAK TRIP

By: Mariya K

The Grade 6 students were able to embark on an exciting team-building adventure to Ak Bulak. The highlight of their trip was an overnight stay, which included a visit to the Gunny Ethno Village, followed by a memorable time at Ak Bulak. Upon their arrival at Kate, one of the students, mentioned that they had "the choice of playing board games, swimming, and watching a movie."

To add some competitive spirit to their adventure, the students woke up early one morning for a spirited game of football before breakfast. Additionally, the students had the chance to explore another hiking route, where they marveled at the landscapes. This experience not only provided breathtaking views but also fostered teamwork among the students. Despite the physical challenges the students returned to school on Friday afternoon feeling tired but with a sense of satisfaction; it was a memorable adventure that will be cherished by our Grade 6.

## COASH FOOTBALL

***"Valle, Valle, Valle"***  
**-Mr. Adrian**



By: Chris T.

On a warm sunny day on the 26th of September, spectators and viewers witnessed the spectacle at Haileybury, where 'the Wolves' dominated AIS in a 3-1 showing. This game was extremely intense, with all players giving it their all in an extremely fast-paced game. Let's relive the moments of the match.

During the opening KIS looked shaky, as AIS had set the tempo extremely high. The defense couldn't handle such speed, as KIS conceded the goal that afternoon against AIS. But, KIS' team energy lifted through the roof after conceding, as beautiful team play was created in the final half of AIS' side, which gave the perfect opportunity for Dilan to strike, and strike he did. This was a crucial equalizer, as after KIS had fierce momentum throughout the rest of the game. As the first half whistle blew, the Coach, Mr. Adrian, focused on the attack, insisting to change the formation in the second half, as a 3-4-1 was implemented, to enhance the free flowing nature that Mr. Adrian was hoping to see.

As the full-time whistle blew and the boys all ran to each other encompassed with the satisfaction of victory on their faces. The feeling of victory was unlike anything else for them as Mr Adrian's words "This is a huge performance, and something to build on!" This was a true reflection of the game, as this was the first win of the Varsity Boys' team for the season. An enthralling performance, capped off with a massive win, VAMOOOOSSS!!!



**By: Carmen Pascual**

We always talk about how a sport is only about winning, but in truth, sport is about strategy, teamwork, and effort. We all must always give our best, even if in the end the game is lost. This is something that the Girls' Football Team has always done without fail. They were able to remain dedicated and committed even when faced with canceled games due to adverse weather conditions.



On October 20, the team played an exciting and challenging match against Haileybury on an ideal weather day. Despite a defeat, the girls remained focused and dedicated, earning the support of both spectators and their community. The last game at Haileybury School truly demonstrates their commitment as even though it was on school break they were able to bring themselves together to form a team. Even though it was a break, the KIS community rallied behind the Girl's Football Team, celebrating their dedication and discipline. The stands were full of people from the other team and ours supporting us. The players felt the support of teammates and parents at all times. It is one of the things that makes you always want to try harder, the support of people you love.

## CAFA

The Central Asian Football Association is a massive achievement for our boys' football team. This tournament will take place from November 2-4 where the boys will be competing other Central Asian football teams. This is able to show the boys commitment, skill and perseverance in being able to take part. Therefore it's vital that we as a school are able to support them by cheering on and coming to their games.





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