

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

What an amazing 36 days of school we have just had...non-stop learning and fun through a variety of experiential lessons and many enriching opportunities. This past half term has certainly flown by in a flash. I have loved my first half term at Hartland – especially getting to know the students in all phases in the school as I sat alongside them learning Arabic or a variety of other subjects. One new subject we have all been participating in this past term is that of Moral Education. The new initiative from the Ministry of Education is built on 4 key pillars: character and morality, the individual and the community, civic studies and cultural studies. My secondary students and I have navigated an interesting set of lessons on equality and justice in our world that certainly prompted many interesting discussions.

Leading on from this, we are also further promoting the Happiness Agenda started a year ago by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed. His vision is to make the UAE one of the happiest countries in the world and Hartland is ensuring that student, staff and well-being is at the core of this happiness agenda. After half term we will launch Mindfulness Week with a series of activities and workshops for students to have an opportunity to be mindful! Outside my office, opposite our counsellor's office, I have displayed many ideas of ways to make us happy. Check out www.actionforhappiness.org for many further ideas you can take part in with your child in promoting this key element of all of our growth. I invite all of the Hartland community to submit an image to be mounted on the board of a place in nature or the outside that bring us happiness. I would prefer the student to be in the photo but if not that is fine, a photo with a one sentence explanation will do. Deadline for this is November 9, 2017.

Finally, as I wipe the last bit of sweat off my brow from the very active day we have had here at Hartland, I thank all of the students for their enthusiasm participating in all of the activities we have had for Dubai 30x30 fitness challenge, another initiative to combat obesity and promote healthier lifestyles. We have enjoyed swimming, dancing and playing dodgeball to name a few activities this week....please continue to encourage your child to do a at least 30 mins per day to keep this initiative going in the week of half term!

I look forward to your Happiness entries and all of your further participation in sports and fitness #DubaiFitness challenge.

Have a wonderful and relaxing half term.

Yours faithfully,



Yasmine Dannawy
Assistant Principal

PANTOMIME UPDATE

A note from the Director Ms. McKiernan

We are now entering the last rehearsal before half term and I am very excited about how the show is coming together! Every aspect is working incredibly well, I have to give a special mention to the Parent Prop Making Team. They have been coming in and creating amazing pieces of set and costume that are going to help to bring the Pantomime to life. A very big thank you to them for this support.

The Principals are working hard on learning their lines and the target is to be 'off book' after half term. The Townspeople Chorus have been given their costume ideas and will need to bring in their sandy coloured costumes after half term on Tuesday 7 November.

On another note, I am really excited to come to school over the half term break and see the Sylvia Young Theatre School in action! I cannot believe how fortunate our pupils are to have the opportunity to come and work with world renowned theatre makers! If you have no plans, please do consider this as a wonderful opportunity for your children to experience.

Cast Profile: Ben Brookes - Year 7

Ben is in Year 7 at Hartland International. He is a seasoned performer, having worked on all school productions in the past. He is playing the part of Paul who is one of the mean squad characters.

How would you describe your character?

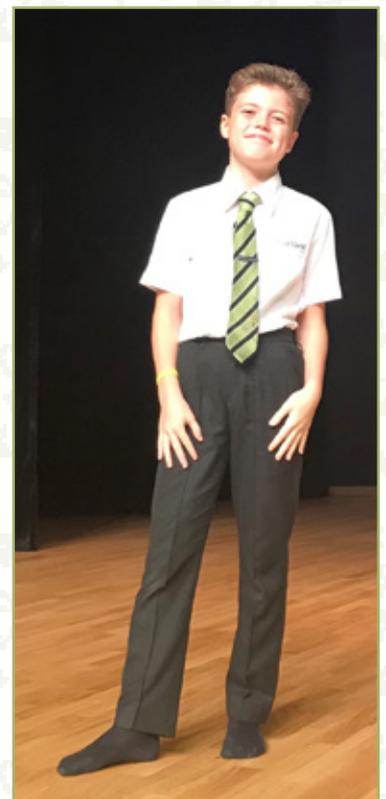
I would describe my character as a bit of a bully towards Jack and his friends. He is someone who likes to make fun of Jack and brag about how his life is so much better than Jack's and his friends.

What do you enjoy about acting?

I enjoy that it lets you transform yourself into someone who could have a completely different personality to you. It teaches me that I can do a lot of things that I couldn't do before. It builds up my confidence, the more I do it, the easier it gets. I used to get stage fright but eventually I have come to enjoy it so much. I love performing in front of people and I never thought I would be able to do this.

Why should people come and watch Jack and the Beanstalk?

It is entertaining but also represents lots of characteristics and personalities that exist. It can teach people a lot of things about how to behave. For example, when my character gives up in the end because we should have been nice to Jack, it sends a message about the qualities of human beings. The way we present the story makes it easy for the audience to understand. People will enjoy it!



UAE 'YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR'



Daren Tan



Gautam Nambiar



Nadini Nambiar



Chaeli-Jade Pienaar



Mohammed Murad

Towards the end of September, Hartland received word of a very exciting music competition happening with Which School Advisor entitled 'Young Musician of the Year'. Hartland decided to enter five of our very own talented musicians. Students were required to produce a three minute music video of themselves performing a song or piece of music of their choice. After much deliberation, students met together with our Hartland media team and video production was swiftly underway. October 14 was our deadline date and we all worked consistently to meet that. Once final edits were complete and videos submitted we all waited anxiously to see what the outcome would be. The following students submitted entries;

- Mohammed Murad, a Year 8 student, sang a Bruno Mars number.
- Nadini Nambiar, also Year 8, performed 'The Climb'.
- Chaeli-Jade Pienaar, a Year 7 student chose a 'Royals' cover.
- Gautam Nambiar performing 'We're all in this together' from High School Music.
- Daren Tan, a Year 6 percussionist performed Mozart's 'Rondo alla Turca' on xylophone.

We would like to congratulate all of our talented participants for their super work.

This week we received notification that Daren Tan, our Year 6 percussionist has been shortlisted to be one of the remaining ten finalists. With over 50 schools across the UAE having entered the competition, this is a great achievement! He will now attend two masterclasses in the Madinat Theatre in preparation for his final performance in the final which is held on November 4. Needless to say, everyone here in Hartland is thrilled and Mrs Cottam and I both look forward to cheering Daren on next week.

Wishing you the best of luck Daren, watch this space!

Ms. E. Egan

MATHLETICS



First Mathletics Certificates Awarded to Pupils

The first distribution of Mathletics certificates has been distributed across the school to all the pupils who have collated enough points to receive either a bronze, silver or gold certificate using the programme Mathletics.

This interactive programme supports mathematical learning at home. Well done to all the pupils who have received a certificate, however, a particular mention goes to Oscar Zambarakji (Year 4) and Darvyn Tan (Year 2) who both received the first gold certificates of the academic year. Well done to them!

A reminder that activities are assigned by the class teachers from Year 1 to Year 6, dependent on learning that has taken place in the classroom. Your child can access the designated work by using their personal username and password. The next distribution of certificates will take place in November for learning completed between October and November.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me should you have any questions about Mathletics.

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Mrs McDonough
Primary Maths Lead

GIFTED & TALENTED UPDATE



On Sunday 22 October, five students from Year 5 and five from Year 6 participated in a Gifted and Talented competition held at Dubai College. Gautam Nambiar, Elizaveta Soboleva, Isobel Hulme, Mason Barton and Rylan Firth, all from Year 6, were joined by; Alexander Ring, Stephanie Finley, Giorgi Oganessian, Parvathy Nair and Prisha Gupta from Year 5.

We spent an action packed three hours participating in four different activities. Thinking philanthropically about how we could raise money to help disadvantaged children; playing sport - learning the rules and competing in a "tchoukball" tournament; thinking academically, testing the reactivity of metals and being creative by planning and presenting an advert lasting one minute. We all began the morning a little nervous and Mrs McKiernan and Mrs Green were very proud of the way we overcame those nerves and went on to enjoy the morning.

Here are some quotes from the team members:

"I really enjoyed taking part in all the activities at the competition. I particularly enjoyed the Academics Science Challenge where we had to use different liquids and metals to see which were the most reactive. I had a great day." **Alex Ring**

"It was challenging and fun at the same time!" **Stephanie Finley**

"I found the Dubai College competition very interesting. All the activities were fun, yet challenging. We had to be creative in our thinking and had to collaborate our efforts. We worked very well as a team. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the competition." **Gautam Nambiar**

"I really enjoyed my day at Dubai College. My favourite part of the day was the Science competition. We had to find out which metal reacted most to a liquid. We found out that Magnesium was the most reactive as it started to fizz and bubble. This showed that there was a chemical reaction and a gas was being given off. Our team won a trophy for our work in the Science competition." **Isobel Hulme**

"I was delighted to be chosen to go to DC. The event was challenging yet fun. I really enjoyed the day." **Mason Barton.**

At the end of the morning, we were thrilled when the winners of the Academic Challenge were announced and our Year 6 team were victorious! Well done Hartland.

As this first half term draws to a close, we have had plenty to celebrate with numerous events and activities that have engaged and allowed us to participate across Dubai. Next half term we have many activities planned both in and out of school for not only our gifted and talented pupils but for the whole school community. We hope to implement some of the stimulating events that we have already participated in and introduce these into our own school setting. This will give all of our children the opportunity to be included above and beyond the classroom setting. We look forward to our children being involved in the weeks ahead.

Mrs H. Green
(Gifted and Talented Coordinator)

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

A huge thank you to the parents and students who made a tremendous effort to enter photographs for the geography competition. The overall quality is remarkable and as a geographer, I'm fascinated to see some of the human and physical landscapes you have discovered this year.

Overall we had over 250 votes, and it is my pleasure to reveal the winning photographs for the competition! Congratulations, and prizes will be distributed after the half term.

Mr Buse

Parents



[Francesca Moscatelli](#)



[Dragan Djuric](#)



[Maya Slavkova](#)

Teachers



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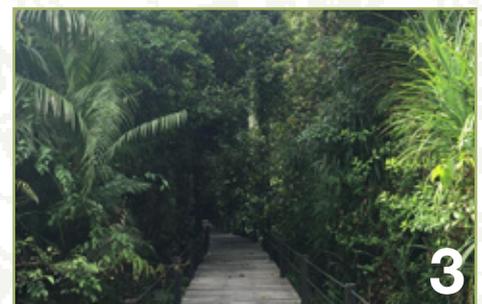
Students



[Jacob Watson - 5R](#)



[Nabeela Kazmi - 4H](#)



[Zeynep Kucukatay - 8H](#)

LIBRARY

Dear Parents

This week has been one filled with great anticipation, big reveals and books, books and more books! On Monday, two of our Emirates Airline Festival of Literature Children's Champions came with me to the Intercontinental, Festival City for the launch of the 10th Literature Festival. Elizabeth Ring (Year 3T) and Mohammed Murad (Year 8) and I spent our journey discussing which authors we would like to be in this year's line up, so it was a trio of excited bibliophiles who arrived into the marbled splendour of the Intercontinental. We made our way quickly to the amazing array of canapes, croissants and drinks and settled down to munch through our plates of treats. All too soon, we took our seats in the hall and sat back to listen to an array of eminent speakers talking about the importance of the LitFest in Dubai, and then, at last, the great reveal was underway.

Great 'oohs' and 'aahs' were heard as the authors' names were flashed on the screen, and the biggest of these were saved for David Walliams, Jacqueline Wilson and Anthony Horowitz – all great favourites of many Hartland children, and huge names in children's literature. There are a huge number of fantastic authors, filmmakers, poets, illustrators and chefs coming to Dubai from 1-10 March 2018, and I would urge you to go to the LitFest website (www.emirateslitfest.com) and be prepared to be amazed, inspired and excited by the people you can listen to. There are tickets on sale now for 25 special events, but they are proving to be extremely popular, so buy them soon! The rest of the tickets will go on sale in January. We will be taking our children to some of the school events, both free and paid for, that will be happening during the week beginning 4th March, and we will be bidding for an author or illustrator to come and visit us at school during that week.

The books for the Chevron Reader's Cup have been announced, and we have the titles on order, so our three teams of readers will have lots to do between now and December.

Having only just recovered from that great pulse-quickener, I now have the new library to look forward to. After we leave on Thursday afternoon for half term, a team of crack carpenters and craftsmen will be installing our new shelves and seating and display boards. I will then re-catalogue many of them so that they are in easier to find areas for all the children. It will be a reinvigorated, if slightly exhausted, Librarian who greets you on the 6 November at the door to unveil the new space; it will be a 'soft opening', to give us all a chance to get to know it and see how it works, with a Grand Opening planned for later in the term.

Finally, can I remind you about our Book Swap Shop in the Foyer? There are three shelves opposite the café full of books for you to swap and borrow. We welcome donations of any books for adults or children, in English, Arabic or your home language, but ask you to be mindful of cultural sensitivities and be aware of any content that may be unsuitable for a school. We really want to encourage our children to read for pleasure, and modelling good reading habits ourselves is a really important way to do this. The Book Swap Shop is always changing the books on the shelves in a constant ebb and flow as people borrow, replace and return, and it is an initiative which I hope you will all support over the year.

I hope you have a very happy half term, with lots of time for reading! If your child has a book from the library at home, could I ask that you don't take it with you on an aeroplane?! I have had an awful lot of books that have never come back after a happy holiday to the Maldives, and I have asked children this week to be extra vigilant about the whereabouts of their books over half term; I know only too well how difficult it is to keep track of them in the melee of packing, unpacking and long holidays!

With best wishes,

Mary-Rose Grieve

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#Dubai 30x30

As you are aware the Dubai Fitness Challenge began on the 20 October and will run until the 18 November. The initiative has been developed personally by the Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed in order to try to address alarming diabetic and obesity rates in Dubai and educate the next generation about exercise and positive mental and physical health. The aims are for children to be inspired to take responsibility for their own health and fitness, understand how much fun exercise can be and how it can improve their self-esteem and learning.

Here at Hartland International School we have had a great week of sport and exercise. The students have been participating in extra lunchtime activities, dodgeball tournaments and even a House dance off! Students have helped to create a running track for each lunchtime and are even doing sporting activities in English and Maths. They are recording their fitness activities for the 30 X 30 on their personal calendars and we are entered as a school so if you can add your 'moves' as well. Our aim is to get Hartland International as high up the leader board as possible. We are currently in 44th place! The Dubai Fitness Challenge will continue after the break with parent and teacher fixtures for netball and football and a focus upon Health and Wellbeing in the final week.

Please find link below to a movie of our first week of the Dubai Fitness Challenge!

[DUBAI FITNESS CHALLENGE - WEEK 1](#)

You can go to the website to see the activities that are being offered all over Dubai in the next 30 days and please follow the steps below to register so we can track our community in the Dubai Fitness Challenge.

Parent/Staff registration:

1. Parents, teachers and Staff can register under our school. Go to register and then choose parent/teacher. Hartland International will be on the dropdown menu.
2. The parents, teachers and staff will receive two emails which will include confirmation of registration and your log in credentials
3. Once you receive the log in credentials you can download the app and sign up with the username and password provided via Dubai Fitness Challenge.
4. As of now, access to fitness deals, free fitness classes and activity tracking will go live on the app.

Please find link to the Website and the App below:

WEBSITE: <https://www.dubaifitnesschallenge.com/>

APP: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/dubai-fitness-challenge/id1290311605?mt=8>

Please follow us on twitter @hartland_pe

Best Wishes,

PE TEAM



HOLIDAY CAMP



Dear Parents,

Just a quick reminder that we are running an October Half Term Camp over the break from the **29th October - 2nd November**, with both half day (09:00 - 12:30) and full day (09:00 - 15:30) options available.

The camp will see children take part in different sports every day, including some personal development, problem solving challenges and team games.

Children ages 3 - 13yrs are welcome to come along, with all children being split into the following age groups:

- 3-5yrs
- 6-9yrs
- 10-13yrs

Prices are as follows:

Full Days, Full Week: 800AED

Half Days, Full Week: 600AED

Full Day, Single Day: 200AED

Half Day, Single Day: 150AED

*(There is a 10% sibling discount available - please use **BOOK10%X** at checkout if registering 2 or more children)*

To confirm your place, please book using the link below:

[**BOOK IN FOR HOLIDAY CAMPS**](#)

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

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Following their successful debut in Dubai, London's acclaimed Sylvia Young Theatre School is coming to Dubai backed by community demand.

The all-encompassing musical and theatre Performing Arts Programme is designed to nurture talent in acting, singing and dancing for all students aged 7-18 years, and is open to all levels of experience and talent. Classes will include Drama, Audition Technique, Singing, Microphone Technique, 3-reel Dance and Jazz.

DATES: 29th – 31st OCTOBER, 2017

VENUE: HARTLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NAD AL SHEBA, DUBAI

TIME: 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

FEES: AED 950

For more information, please contact
syts@hartlandinternational.com

Registrations MUST be made online on
www.hartlandinternational.com/syts



School Art and Design Competition 2017

to celebrate the

46th UAE National Day

Express your passion for the UAE and stand the chance of winning a prize by creating a piece of Art that celebrates innovation in the UAE

Base your Artwork around the theme of

New UAE v Old UAE

Take influences from local buildings,
local wildlife and Islamic culture

Create a painting, collage drawing or 3D model

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories

FS1-FS Year 1-3 Year 4-6 Year 7-8 Parents and Teachers

Please complete the application form and attach to the back of your artwork
Closing date is Sunday 26 November at 3.15pm



[Click here to download the form](#)