



# Principal's Newsletter



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### Dear parents

We are delighted to advise you that Vernus International School will be launching its **After-School Clubs** starting Monday, 5th October 2026.

The clubs will provide students with opportunities to develop new skills, explore their interests, stay active, and enjoy a variety of activities in a safe and supportive environment.

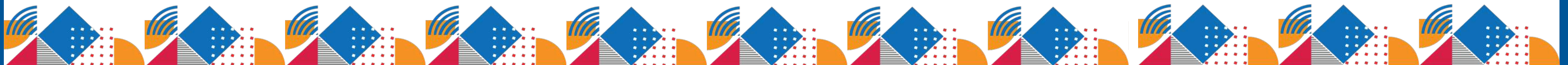
#### Weekly Activities:

- Monday: Swimming & Basketball
- Tuesday: Ballet, Gymnastics, & Karate
- Thursday: Tennis & Football
- Time: 2:30–3:30 PM

**All clubs will be conducted by qualified coaches.**

Kindly take note of the above schedule and services. For any inquiries or further information, please contact **[clubs@visdubai.com](mailto:clubs@visdubai.com)** or 04 320 8000.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



We are pleased to report on our students' significant progress thus far this academic year. We would like to remind you that our 1st Parent-Teacher Student Conferences (PTSCs) **for all grades are scheduled for Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026**. These conferences provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress in each subject.

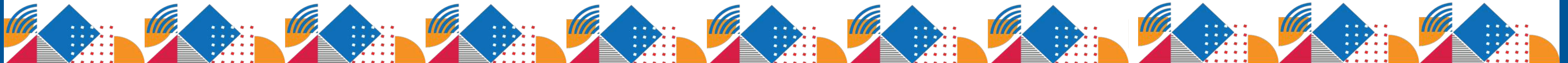
To make the most of the PTSC, we suggest that parents come prepared with any specific questions or topics they would like to discuss and review their child's report card and assessment scores in advance. This will help ensure a productive conversation focused on supporting each student's growth and development.

Please note that on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026, students are off timetable; that means students will not attend regular classes from 7:45 am to 2:45 pm. We would request that students accompany their parents to the PTSC meetings.

**Please see the important details below:**

Parent-Teacher Student Conferences (PTSC):

- Date: Thursday, 8th October, 2026
- Time: 8:00 AM 2:30 PM (10-minute meetings)
- Where: Teachers' classrooms
- How: Face-to-face



# PTSC

Appointments: [Click here](#)

- Reminder for all parents to be patient and respectful of each other's time.
- Please book appointments as early as possible.

Other notes:

- If you are not able to meet with specialist teachers/homeroom teachers on this day, please simply email them directly using the contact details below.
- For easy reference, our full teaching list is mentioned below.

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Thank you for your continued support.  
We look forward to seeing you at the  
upcoming Parent-Teacher-Student  
Conference (PTSC).

# Small Habits, Big Growth

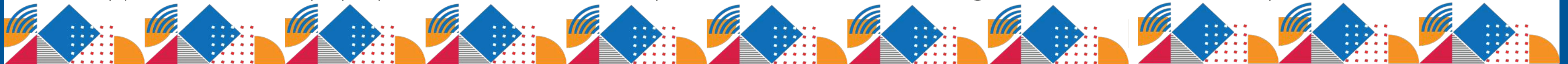
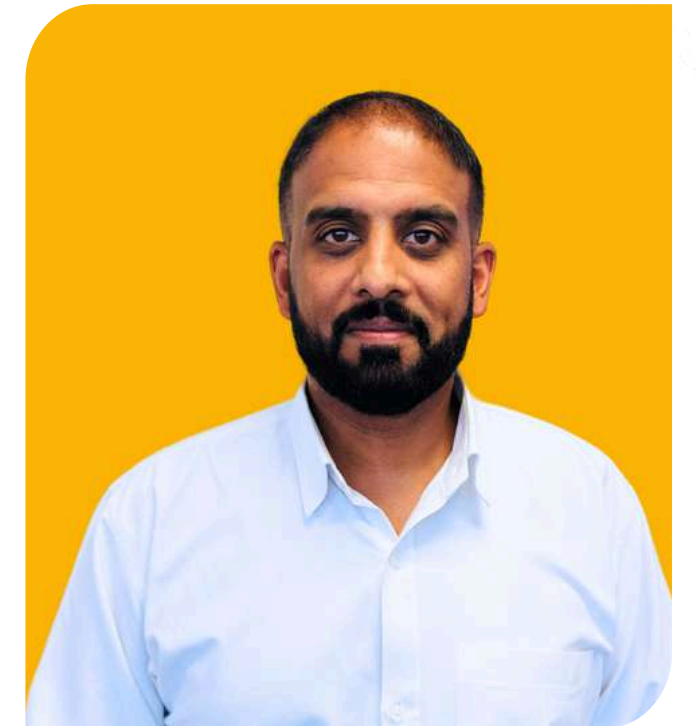
Some of the most important learning that happens in school does not always come from a textbook. It happens when a KG student learns to put away their own belongings, when a Primary student remembers to bring the right materials, when a child chooses to read for a few extra minutes, or when a Grade 6 student begins managing deadlines, organizing their learning, and taking greater responsibility for their progress.

These may seem like small moments, but together they build the habits that shape successful learners. Across KG–6, we are encouraging students to develop independence, kindness, resilience, organization, curiosity and confidence. As children grow, these skills grow with them. What begins as learning to take turns, follow routines and ask questions can later become the ability to collaborate effectively, manage time, solve problems, reflect on learning, and make thoughtful choices.

Families can make a real difference through simple, consistent routines such as regular reading, preparing for the next school day, discussing what was learned in class, encouraging children to complete tasks independently, and celebrating effort as much as achievement.

One of the most valuable things we can teach children is that progress does not always happen in one big leap. It is often the result of small choices made consistently: trying again after a mistake, asking for help when needed, completing a task carefully, showing kindness to others, or being prepared for the day ahead.

Academic achievement remains important, but the habits behind that achievement matter just as much. These habits help children become confident, responsible, and adaptable learners who are prepared for the challenges ahead. Every small step counts, and every positive habit helps prepare our students not only for their next lesson or next grade, but for the future beyond the classroom.



# European Languages Day

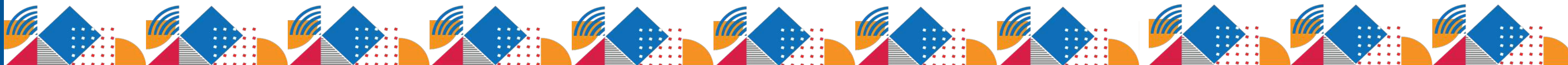
Our KG and Elementary students enjoyed a vibrant celebration of European Languages Day, turning our assembly into a wonderful journey through languages, cultures, and creativity!

Our students took part in a variety of fun, interactive, and age-appropriate activities designed to spark curiosity and celebrate the many languages spoken within our diverse school community.

A special shout-out to Ms. Nadira and our Grade 6 students for organizing and leading such engaging activities! From guessing different languages and discovering who could recognize them, to identifying staff members speaking different languages, our students had plenty of opportunities to listen, learn, and have fun.

The highlight of the celebration was a series of short, entertaining plays performed by students from different age groups, showcasing confidence, creativity, teamwork, and the joy of communication.

**Many Languages. Many Cultures. One Community.**



European Languages Day reminded us that language brings people together. Every language opens a door to a new culture, a new perspective, and a new way of connecting with others. At VIS, we are proud to celebrate the linguistic and cultural diversity that makes our school community so special!

**Keep speaking, keep learning, and keep celebrating languages!** 🌍🌟



# Parents Association

As a parent at VIS, you're already part of our Parents Association!

We're bringing our parent community together through fun events, cultural activities, meaningful projects, and exciting opportunities to connect.

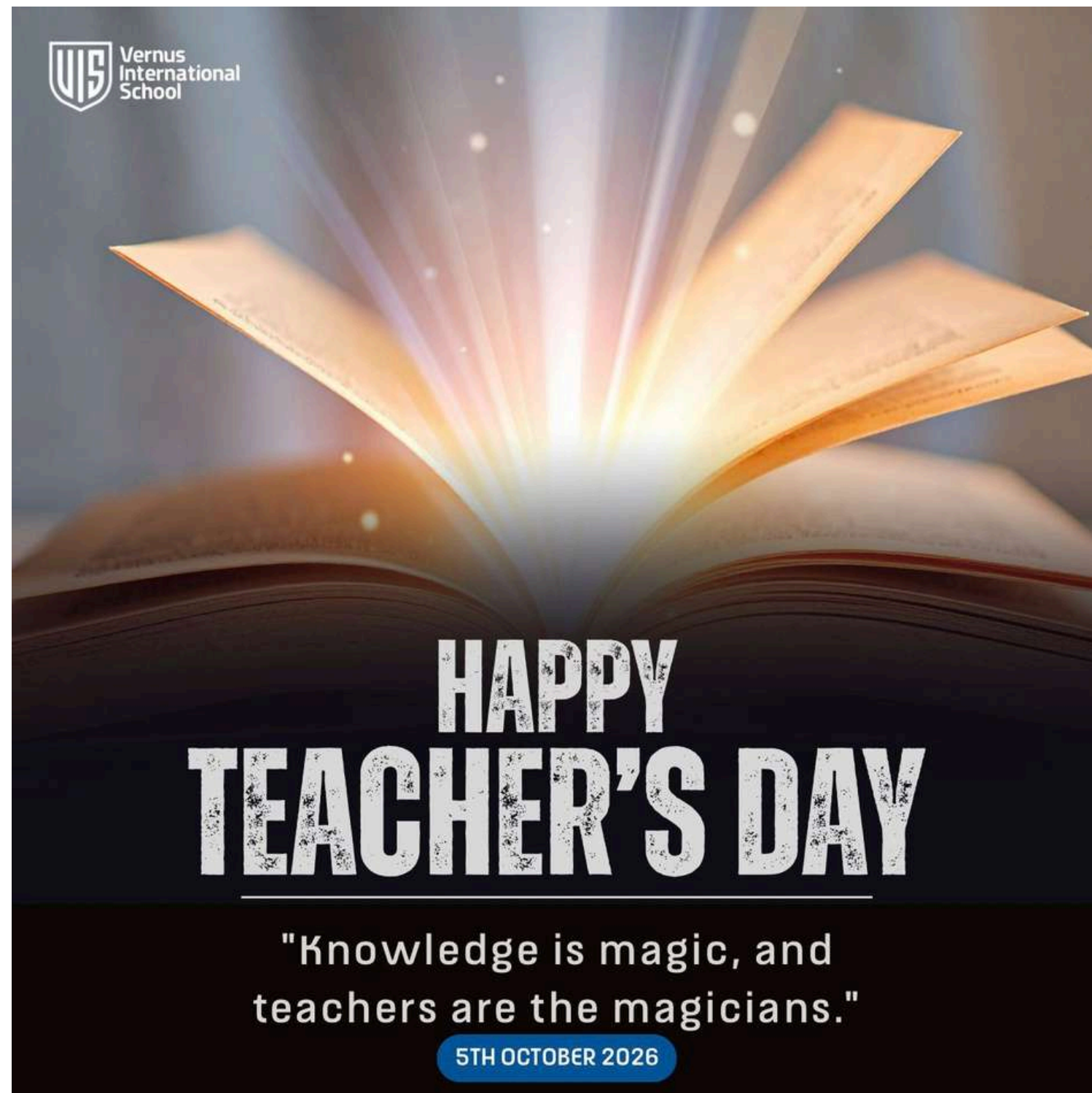
Want to be part of the Committee, take on a role, or share your ideas and talents? We'd love to have you!

[Click here to register](#)

**Together, let's build a connected parent community and create meaningful experiences for our students.**



# Upcoming Events



We are excited to share that our school will be celebrating World Teachers' Day on Monday, 5th October! This special day gives our students a chance to show their appreciation for the wonderful teachers who support and inspire them every day.

Students will take part in a range of fun, curriculum-based activities to celebrate their teachers in creative and meaningful ways.

If you'd like, you are welcome to send a small gift or token of appreciation with your child for their teachers. This is completely optional – the main focus is on celebrating the day together as a school community.

We look forward to making this a memorable occasion for our teaching community with your support.

# Upcoming Events

We are excited to share that Wellbeing Week will be celebrated at our school from 5th October to 9th October! This special week aims to help students focus on their physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing through a variety of engaging and meaningful activities. Here's the plan for the week:

## Monday, 5th October – Healthy Eating, Healthy Body

Students are requested to bring salad ingredients to prepare a healthy salad in their classrooms and share it with their classmates during lunchtime.

## Tuesday, 6th October – Physical Wellbeing

Hoop Hop Showdown, where teachers and students will play together in mixed teams.

## Wednesday, 7th October – Yoga Day

Students, Staff, and parents will participate in a yoga session, promoting relaxation and balance. Students are requested to bring yoga mats on Wednesday.

We are pleased to invite our parents to join us for a special Yoga Session on Wednesday, 7th October, from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. We kindly request that participating parents bring their own yoga mats and join us for a relaxing and refreshing start to the day.

## Friday, 9th October – Wellbeing Assembly

To mark the occasion, students and staff are encouraged to wear **yellow** to raise awareness and show support for mental health.



**WELLBEING WEEK**  
(5th October - 9th October)

| DATE      | ACTIVITY                                                 | TIME     |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| OCTOBER 5 | Healthy Eating Healthy Body<br>Celebrating Teachers' Day | 12:00 PM |
| OCTOBER 6 | Physical Wellbeing<br>Workout Session                    | 12:00 PM |
| OCTOBER 7 | Mental Wellbeing<br>Yoga Session                         | 8:00 AM  |
| OCTOBER 9 | Wellbeing Assembly<br>KG Assembly                        | 8:00 AM  |

Students & Parents are requested to bring yoga mats on Wednesday. Students are requested to wear yellow on Friday.

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# Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum



## SHEIKH AHMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM

A Life of Service • Sport • Generosity

### SERVICE TO THE UAE

A respected member of the Al Maktoum family, Sheikh Ahmed served Dubai and contributed to the nation's public and community life.

### A LASTING SPORTING LEGACY

He was a founding figure of Al Wasl Sports Club, established Jebel Ali Racecourse, and supported the growth of sport and horse racing in the UAE.

### GENEROSITY & HUMANITARIAN VALUES

He was remembered for philanthropy, helping people in need and supporting charitable and community initiatives.

*May his legacy continue to inspire service, unity, kindness and generosity across the UAE.*

Sources: Emirates News Agency (WAM), 21 Sept 2025 • Government of Dubai Media Office, 26 Sept 2025

## Our VIS Tribute

### Kindness Chain

One chain. Many kind acts. A tribute built through service and compassion.



♥ In honour of Sheikh Ahmed, I will spread kindness at VIS by \_\_\_\_\_



## Honour His Legacy Through Kindness Show your best Humanities values!



Red Wild Cat



Green Oryx



Blue Falcon



Yellow Camel

1 Respect - kind words and listening

+1 Responsibility - complete your task

+1 Kindness & Friendship - help and include others

Focus & Effort - stay on task and try your best

1 Self-Regulation - calm body and good choices

+3 Outstanding Kindness - leadership or exceptional kindness

House points will recognise respectful teamwork and meaningful actions





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# Have a good week everyone

THANK YOU!



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