

GISS Monthly Newsletter October 2025

Main Highlights of the Month:

Dear Families,

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October has been an exciting and busy month at GISS! From celebrating community events to diving deeper into learning routines, our students, staff, and families have worked together to build momentum for a fantastic year. Here's a look back at what we accomplished this month and what's ahead in November.





Map Tests

We completed our 1st MAP assessments with 2nd and 3rd coming in winter and spring.

These assessments are not about grades but about understanding where each child currently is so we can help them set personal goals and track progress.

In November, teachers will work with every student to set individual learning goals based on their MAP scores.

Parents will also receive the scores and have conversations with teachers about how best to support their children.

Academic Focus

This month, students have been diving into their HMH English chapters and Singapore Math units, while also exploring projects in IPC/IMYC, languages, and PE.

We're still learning and refining our best practices together as a new school, but the joy of discovery is clear in every classroom.

Our focus is on helping children grow in confidence, develop strong learning habits, and make meaningful connections between their studies and the world around them. To support this at home, elementary students will be bringing their books back not for homework, but for families who would like to review together.

We'll also be sending a reading log home for Grades1–8 to track progress, with the best readers each month enjoying a special treat. .





IPC Came to Life in Grade 3!

Our Grade 3 class wrapped up their brainwave unit with a mini-exhibition, where students proudly presented their neuron paintings created during the project.

They also shared their talents on the xylophone before rotating through exciting stations in Math, English, Science, and Arabic.

At the Innovation Station, our young innovators programmed lego robots.

To finish the day, families joined in for yoga with Ms. Frida and art therapy, where children and parents drew their happy place together.



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October Events:

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October 6th: (Armed Forces Day) we celebrate the return of the Sinai, The Students learned about Egyptian pride, history, and the successful return of the Sinai.

October 13th: Concluded our Fight against SDG 2 Zero hunger with our students making a Special trip to Safaga to serve our community with the food they collected.







October 14th: Parent Coffee Morning – Our first coffee morning was a big success! Parents met with leadership, asked questions, and strengthened our school-family partnership.

Spirit Week: A colorful week full of school spirit, themed dress-up days, and activities that brought our community together.

First successful Fire Drill – With support from Hoda Gamal Eldeen, Corporate HSE Manager at EEP, our students and staff completed the fire drill in record time, just 2 minutes!

Breast Cancer Awareness Day – We joined the global movement to raise awareness, show support, and learn about health and well-being.

Halloween Parade – Our students dressed up in creative costumes and paraded around the campus, enjoying a fun and festive celebration.







Looking Ahead: November Events during our Kindness / antibullying awareness Campaign Month

November 8th: Our Open Day will be held in our school Campus. - Registration through the link on Instagram's bio.

ATP Tennis Challenger Volunteering – Sign-up available on Toddle.

Soma Bay MUN (January prep) – Volunteer opportunities open.



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November 18th : Parent coffee

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November 20th : World Children's

Day

November 26th-27th: Thanksgiving

Holiday

End of November:

Parent-Teacher Conferences.



What Not To Miss:

- Fall Carnival Details to come
- School Photos More details coming soon

Positive Discipline

Here are three practices to strengthen routines and responsibility at home this month:

- 1. Encourage effort, not just results Notice and praise the process your child uses("I see how hard you worked on that problem") rather than only the outcome.
- 2. Give age-appropriate responsibilities Assign simple daily tasks (packing their own bag, setting the table) and follow through so children learn accountability.
- 3. Build identity through routines and culture Children thrive when they know who they are and where they come from. Share family traditions, teach them your culture, and model the values you hope they will carry forward.





Meet Our Safe Guarding Team

Will be visiting each classroom and introducing ourself all month long.

Gentle Reminder:

Review the parent/staff handbook on toddle.

