

## New Millennium School excels in PIRLS 2021

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New Millennium School, Bahrain has yet again proved its mettle in PIRLS 2021, fifth assessment cycle, by bagging the 'High' rank.

With their outstanding achievements, NMS students have showcased their excellence in Reading and Linguistic Skills glorifying the thriving reading culture of the school.

Conducted every five years since 2001, PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) is an ongoing international assessment program of students' reading achievement in their fourth year of schooling.

Congratulating the students and staff, Principal, Mr. Arun Kuumar Sharma said that at NMS, reading is inculcated, not



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School Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai and Managing Director, Ms. Geetha Pillai congratulated the students and their mentors for their commendable performance.

## 'Historic day' for Bhavans Bahrain Indian School



A BIS coordinator receives an award from Education Minister Dr. Mohammed Mubarak Juma

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Bhavans Bahrain Indian School is on cloud nine as they added another feather in the cap by scoring the highest at the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study 2021 (PIRLS 2021) conducted under the aegis of the Ministry of Education for students of Grade IV.

It's a matter of pride that as per the International Benchmarks BIS is the only school in Bahrain who has received Advanced International Benchmark.

PIRLS 2021 was conducted in 57 countries. It is an ongoing international assessment program of students' reading achievement in their fourth year of schooling – an important transition point in their development as readers. Conducted every five years since 2001, PIRLS is recognised as the global standard for assessing trends in reading achievement in the fourth grade.

These results help schools identify the reading literacy level and the factors associated with the proficient reading

comprehension thereby, helping the educational institutions monitor their educational systems' effectiveness in a global context.

The results were declared in the honouring ceremony was held at Ministry of Education Hall, Isa Town. On behalf of Principal and management, Coordinator Dr. Preet Kamal Bhatnagar received the award from Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, the Minister of Education, Kingdom of Bahrain.

PIRLS teacher Ms. Shivani Barjatya was also felicitated with the certificate of outstanding performance from the Minister of Education, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, and PIRLS coordinator.

The school Directors, Mr. Himanshu Verma, and Mrs. Ritu Verma, were delighted to receive the results, and they applauded the efforts of the students and the teacher.

Principal Mr. Saji Jacob also congratulated the students and teachers on the marvellous victory.

"It is a historic day for BIS," the Directors added.

## 'Preparation and hard work pay off'

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Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School students did incredibly well for their first ever appearance in the World Scholar's Cup Global round competition 2023.

"It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from past experiences in various competitions," said School Director Mr. Himanshu Verma while congratulating the students for their achievements.

The World Scholar's Cup (WSC) is an international academic competition that attracts thousands of students from many countries around the world. The weeklong "Doha Global Round 2023" was attended by a staggering number of 1,800 students, 156 schools across the globe from 30 countries.

The students of The Bahrain Indian School, have yet again brought accolades and recognition to the school in an extraordinary performance at the Global Doha Round 2023 of the World Scholar's Cup.



BIS delegates with their awards

It was raining medals for contestants from The Bahrain Indian School. More than 100 medals (4 trophies, 53 gold medals & 53 silver medals) were won as individual participants as well as teams in the Junior and seniors divisions which ranged from the Scholar Challenge and Scholar Bowl to Collaborative Writing and Team Debate.

In the Junior and seniors Categories, five teams from BIS consisting of three members each,

participated in the grand event. The 15 delegates of BIS nailed the event and made their mark amongst the 850 teams. All the five teams of The Bahrain Indian School, have advanced to the International Championship Tournament at Yale University, USA.

"We wish our young delegates good luck for being chosen as one of the best to represent the ToC in Yale, November 2023," said Ritu Verma, Director.

"The scholars of BIS will continue to work hard and learn, both within and outside of our curriculum. Their outstanding performance has made us and the parents very proud. We applaud their commitment and brilliance – their win should serve as a motivation and inspiration for all students to work even harder in their studies to achieve greater success," said Mr. Saji Jacob, Principal.

## How to turn summer break into fun and productive learning experience



An online discussion for Bhavans-BIS parents

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As summer vacations are just around the corner, it is imperative that the students should use the time judiciously, efficiently and effectively so as to enhance themselves.

At the same time, when the parents think about the choice of activities that the Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School students can be engaged in, the list seems limited.

To utilise summer vacation in the most productive manner, a webinar was delivered for students and parents on the topic "Getting the Best Out of Your Summer Holidays" by Dr. Bhavna Gupta, Principal, Al Saad Indian School, Al Ain, UAE.

Dr. Bhavna said that summer vacation is the time not only to

relax but also to build family bonds, indulge in understanding concepts and improving on subjects where the child needs to improve.

Additionally, she shared that the students can learn new instruments, new hobby, engage themselves in physical activities thereby keeping themselves fit.

Students can learn new sport, new art, contribute in saving earth by getting involved in activities such as gardening, vermi composting, planting, making best out of waste, reading books, joining club activities, enhancing writing skills and writing speed, reading the curriculum related chapters, join non-academic classes, teaching students who are learners on the way, and indulge in volunteer services.

## Campus tree-planting campaign successful

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The first day of July is a special day for Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School.

It is on this day that the school carries out a traditional practice which was first started by the founder to plant trees and celebrate the monsoon season as a time for 'Vannamahastav'.

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School in association with the Bahrain Chapter, observed the day to give back to the environment a small token of gratitude by planting some trees on the school campus.

The School Principal Mr. Saji Jacob, along with the dignitaries from the Bahrain



Participants in the eco-friendly campaign on the school campus

Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, CA

Sharmila Seth, CA SV Meera, CA C. Joseph, CA Sumeet Kopekar, CA Abhishek Gupta, CA Ankush Malhotra, and CA Vinod Rathi, took time out of their busy schedule to come together to make a positive impact on the environment and create a better world for future generations.

The idea behind planting trees in the school campus was to help clean the

air and provide shade and insulation during the hot months.

The School Directors, Mr. Himanshu Verma and Ms. Ritu Verma, offer their heartfelt gratitude to the team from The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants for joining hands with Bahrain Indian School in its endeavor to spread the love of nature.

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