

52ND UAE NATIONAL DAY



Merryland International School extends our heartiest
congratulations
and wishes to the visionary leaders and people on the
UAE National Day.



Merryland International School congratulates
Astronaut **Sultan Al Neyadi** for the stunning achievement.
He is the first Arab to serve on the International Space
Station (ISS) for a 6-month mission, as part of Expedition 69
and the first Arab Astronaut to perform a spacewalk.



Alhamdulillah

For the fourth time consecutively, ADEK Irtiqaa inspection report has rated
Merryland as an OUTSTANDING school.

2015 - 2016

2017 - 2018

2021 - 2022

2022 - 2023



GLORY TO GOD

OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARD WINNERS - 2023

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TOPPERS IN THE CAMBRIDGE IGCSE 2023



LEEN 8A*



EVELYN 8A*



MARYAM 8A*



MARIEM 8A*



MOHANNAD 8A*



MD ZUHAIR 7A*



ERIC 7A*



DOHA 7A*



RAFA 7A*



MAFAAZ 7A*



MD AYMAN 7A*



PRASHIL 7A*



REEL 7A*



INDUJA 7A*



ABDELRAHMAN 7A*



JANA 7A*



SYED 6A*



SARA 6A*



ESLAM 6A*



SEIFELDIN 6A*



DAKSH 6A*



ZOONI 6A*



SIDHARTH 6A*



ABEER 6A*



SAAD 6A*



THEJASWIN 6A*



JEROM 5A*



ABDULLAH 5A*



ABDULLAH SALIM 5A*



HASSAN 5A*



AIYA 5A*



TAIMULLAH 5A*



MEERA 5A*



MD WASSI 5A*



ADHAM 5A*



SUBASREE 5A*



RUBAB 5A*



AHMED 5A*



NANDAGOPAL 5A*



MD HIBBAN 5A*



MARIAM 5A*



MD ZUHAIR 5A*



SARAH 5A*



MD SAIF 5A*



SAFAN 4A*



AISHANI 4A*



ANOUSHA 4A*



VISHNU 4A*



TEHREEM 4A*



AREEBA 4A*



VIGNESWARAN 4A*



KHONDAKER 4A*



RENUTH 4A*



MD AAYAN 4A*



MONISH 4A*



HASSAN AHMED 4A*



SALAHELDIN 4A*



JOVITA 4A*



TOPPERS IN THE CAIE A LEVEL EXAM 2023



AMAN 4A*, 1A



NANDA 4A*



NUZHAT 4A*



RIYA 4A*



AAYAN 4A*



ABDUL HAQ 4A*



AYESHA 3A*, 1A



ALI TARIG 3A*, 1A



MD TANFIZ 3A*, 1A



MD KHIZAR 3A*, 1A



FATHIMA 3A*



LUJAIN 3A*



SUMAYYA 3A*



YASSER 3A*



ADIL 3A*



METHUPA 3A*



MAZIN 3A*



AADI 3A*



ALVIN 2A*, 2A



AFRA 2A*, 1A, 1B



TASNEIM 2A*, 1A, 1B



GAURAV 2A*, 1A, 1B



IMAN 2A*, 1A



OSWAH 2A*



SRI 2A*, 1A



MERONN 1A*, 3A



HASEEB 1A*, 2A, 1B



JONATHAN 1A*, 2A, 1B



ESHAL 1A*, 2A



MD IBRAHIM 1A*, 2A



NIGEL 1A*, 2A



SAWERA 1A*, 2A



MALAZ 1A*, 1A, 1B



AFNAN 1A*, 1A, 1B



MD FASIH 1A*, 1A, 1B



MALAK 1A*, 1A



NETHIDU 4A



VENKETESAN 3A, 1B



TASMIA 3A



TASNIM 3A



MD ALSHAFEI 3A



OMAR 3A



MD HAFEEZ 3A



MD FAIZAL 3A



DAVE 2A, 2B



DEIPANJON 2A, 1B



ZIAD 2A, 1B



RIDHWAN 2A, 1B



MUNTASIR 2A, 1B



NAJAF 2A, 1B



RISHAB 2A, 1B



MD KHAN 2A, 1B



MARIAM 1A, 2B



FAQUIEHA 1A, 2B



ALI AZHADH 1A, 2B



OSAMA 1A, 2B



MD MOEZ 1A, 2B



SYED 1A, 2B



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HASNAA 1A, 1B

October 13, 2023

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SUSTAINING A LEGACY OF ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATION

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Merryland International School, an institution built on the visionary foundation of Mrs Susheela George and led by Mr Aaron Grandon, has once again proven itself as a bastion of academic excellence. This year, the school achieved a remarkable milestone, with Cambridge International recognising 18 of its students with the prestigious 'Outstanding Learner Awards'. This incredible feat solidifies Merryland International School as the institution with the highest number of awards received in a single year.

The story of Merryland International School is a testament to steadfast commitment, guided by the visionary Mrs Susheela George, a globally renowned educator, winner of more than 25 awards in the field of education. Mrs George established Merryland in 1978 as one of the first schools in Abu Dhabi. Since its inception, Merryland has consistently pushed the boundaries of educational excellence, fostering an environment where students not only flourish but also excel. Presently, Merryland has earned the distinction of being recognised as an outstanding school by ADEK consecutively since 2015. The torch of leadership has now been entrusted to the capable hands of Mr Grandon, a dedicated leader who passionately builds upon the educational legacy forged by Mrs. George, propelling the educational journey to new heights.

Merryland International School's success story is not only the result of its exceptional students but also the dedication and commitment of its staff, who consistently go above and beyond the clock limitations. The tireless efforts of the school's educators and administrators are a crucial component in the achievements of its students.

These 18 outstanding learner awards, bestowed by Cambridge International, serve as a testament to the incredible talent, hard work, and commitment of Merryland's students and the educators who inspire and guide them. They have not only showcased their prowess in various subjects but have also demonstrated the school's commitment to providing a world-class education.

Merryland International School has earned its place as a household name in Abu

Dhabi, with parents flocking to enrol their students due to the school's '3D' formula — a combination of dedication, discipline, and divinity. Under the umbrella of the '3D' ethos, the school has ascended to international acclaim, drawing attention not only for its academic prowess but also for its commitment to holistic development.

Merryland International School has consistently been a pioneer in educational innovation. Within its unique and diverse learning environment, the institution introduced 3D video-based learning for all STEM subjects and languages, representing a groundbreaking approach to education.

Additionally, the school boasts a cutting-edge robotics lab featuring more than 30 different robots, including humanoids and quadrupeds. Here, students are actively engaged in AI initiatives, drone programming, and nanosciences. Merryland International School has also established several international partnerships.

One of the school's standout features is its groundbreaking weather station, a first of its kind in the UAE. Merryland's facilities also include a state-of-the-art planetarium, a flourishing hydroponics garden, an organic garden, a captivating heritage village, a Carl Sagan-inspired solar system walk, and a multitude of other distinctive educational experiences.

Merryland International School's remarkable combination of academic excellence and diverse learning opportunities has garnered recognition and respect, making it a sought-after institution for parents and students alike. Year after year, Merryland International School continues to excel, reaping prestigious awards in the field of education. With its outstanding students consistently achieving top of the world and top in the UAE honours, the school has firmly established itself as a leader in educational innovation.

Merryland International School's achievements reflect its unrelenting commitment to its students, ensuring they not only achieve academic success but also become well-rounded individuals prepared to face the challenges of the future. As the school celebrates this remarkable milestone, it stands as an example of what can be achieved through dedication, innovation, and a shared passion for learning.

The sincere effort under the passionate leadership of Mrs George, and Mr Grandon has led the school to reach the pinnacle of excellence yet again. The school has received 18 outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards in the 2023 Cambridge Examination — IGCSE, AS and A level. The Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards 2023 recognises the exceptional performance of our students and the committed services of the school.



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BRIDGING CULTURES: MRS. GEORGE'S HEARTWARMING MOMENTS WITH EMIRATI STUDENTS



Mrs. George, the founder of the school, dedicated time to connect with her Emirati students, fostering a rich cultural exchange within the educational setting. Through meaningful interactions, she aimed to create an inclusive environment where students from diverse backgrounds could feel a sense of belonging. By engaging with her Emirati students, Mrs. George not only strengthened the bonds within the school community but also promoted understanding and appreciation for different cultures, enriching the overall learning experience.

GRANDMOTHER PAR EXCELLENCE

Merryland students meet Mrs George on Grandparent's Day to express their love and respect to her.



HARMONIOUS BLISS: SCHOOL MUSIC BAND SPREADS JOY WITH FOUNDER MRS. GEORGE



In a heartwarming celebration of music and camaraderie, the school's music band recently shared joyous moments with Mrs. George, the visionary founder. The air resonated with melodies as talented students showcased their musical prowess, creating an uplifting atmosphere. Mrs. George, adorned with a genuine smile, immersed herself in the rhythm, demonstrating the unity and joy that music can bring. This harmonious encounter not only celebrated the school's musical talents but also highlighted the founder's appreciation for the arts and her ability to connect with students beyond the academic realm.

METROPOLITAN WISDOM MEETS EDUCATIONAL EMINENCE

Most Rev. Yakob Mar Elias, Metropolitan of the Brahmar Diocese of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, who visited Merryland school recently, praised Mrs Susheela George for her great contribution in the field of education and her philanthropic activities.





The MIS breast cancer awareness program is a commendable initiative that raises crucial awareness about a disease impacting countless lives. The contributions made by the school community to the Red Crescent not only help in funding vital research but also provide direct assistance to patients and their families, demonstrating the power of collective action in the fight against breast cancer. This program not only educates students about a significant health issue but also instils a sense of compassion, empathy, and social responsibility that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on their lives.



MERRYLAND STUDENT COUNCIL

PRESIDENTS					
 Josh Vijoy		 Ronaish Arshad			
EMIRATI REPRESENTATIVE	VICE PRESIDENTS		GENERAL SECRETARY	TREASURER	
 Khalid Alhashmi	 Eric Joy Kuruvilla	 Mafaaz Fatima Syed	 Jayden Abraham	 Aarya Patil	
HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL		VICE HEAD BOY AND VICE HEAD GIRL		EVENTS COORDINATOR	
 Ayan Hamidsha		 Cathy Ann Joy	 Ryan Victor	 Agnes Maria Isac	 Muhammad Shariq
ENVIRONMENTAL SECRETARY	SPORTS SECRETARY	MENTAL WELL-BEING SECRETARY	CULTURAL SECRETARY	PREFECT COORDINATORS	
 Tehreem Fatima	 Jeshur Jebson	 Alisha Jahanzab	 Anne Maria Isac	 Dhiyab Faisal Ali	 Eva Maria

Merryland student council investiture ceremony is a significant event in the academic calendar, marking the formal induction of elected student representatives into their roles of leadership and responsibility. It is a moment of great pride and honor for both the elected council members and the entire student body. This event serves not only as a recognition of the trust bestowed upon the newly elected council members, but also as a call to uphold the values of teamwork, service, and accountability throughout their tenure. It fosters a sense of unity and purpose within the student body, setting the stage for a year of positive change and active student participation in school affairs.

Mr. Aaron Grandon, Chairman of our school, recently took the opportunity to felicitate the outstanding students who excelled in the Cambridge International examinations and also their teachers. Mr. Grandon commended the exceptional achievements of the IGCSE, AS and A level students, acknowledging their dedication and hard work. He also expressed gratitude towards the teachers who played a pivotal role in guiding and supporting the students throughout their academic journey. The event not only celebrated academic excellence but also underscored the school's commitment to nurturing a culture of learning and achievement. Mr. Grandon's words of encouragement and appreciation resonated, inspiring both students and educators to continue striving for excellence in their pursuit of knowledge.



MERRYLAND SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS



Merryland School house captains are influential student leaders chosen to represent specific houses within a school's house system. They play a crucial role in fostering a sense of camaraderie, competition, and unity among the members of their respective houses. House captains are responsible for organizing and leading various inter-house competitions, events, and activities, encouraging healthy competition and sportsmanship. They also serve as role models, exemplifying qualities of leadership, responsibility, and teamwork.