



*Mr. Aaron Grandon  
Chairman*



# MERRYLAND

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Merryland International School has once again achieved remarkable success. By setting new standards, the school's outstanding performance in the Cambridge A LEVEL, AS LEVEL & IGCSE examinations held in June 2025 produced a significant number of top achievers across various subjects.



*Mrs. Susheela George  
Founder*



### CAMBRIDGE International Examinations

Sixteen exceptional students have earned twenty-five Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards – including Top in the World, Top in the UAE, and Best Across honors.



**KRISHA MRITHIKA**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
AS LEVEL MATHEMATICS  
TOP IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
AS LEVEL PHYSICS  
FIRST PLACE IN UAE  
BEST ACROSS FIVE



**PAARTHIV SOMESULA**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE BUSINESS STUDIES  
TOP IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
IGCSE CHEMISTRY  
IGCSE ICT  
FIRST PLACE IN UAE  
BEST ACROSS SEVEN



**VAISHNAV JINU**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE MATHEMATICS  
SECOND PLACE IN UAE  
BEST ACROSS SEVEN



**ZULKIFL IQBAL**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE MATHEMATICS  
TOP IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
AS LEVEL PHYSICS  
THIRD PLACE IN UAE  
BEST ACROSS SEVEN



**SWALEHA BINTE**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE MATHEMATICS



**MALIHA NUZHAT**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE MATHEMATICS



**MAY TAWFIK AHMED**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE ENGLISH



**BASHAR MOHAMMED**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE ENGLISH



**ZAINAB ABDUL**

**TOP IN WORLD**  
IGCSE ENGLISH



**TAHA KAMRAN**

**TOP IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**  
AS LEVEL CHEMISTRY  
FIRST PLACE IN UAE  
BEST ACROSS FOUR



**LEEN MUSTAFA**

**TOP IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**  
IGCSE ARABIC



**ISAM ABDULLAH**

**TOP IN UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**  
AS LEVEL PHYSICS  
SECOND PLACE IN UAE  
AS LEVEL BEST ACROSS FOUR  
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT  
FURTHER MATHEMATICS



**JASHAL JEBSON**

**FIRST PLACE IN UAE**  
AS LEVEL  
BEST ACROSS FOUR



**AHMED IBRAHIM**

**THIRD PLACE IN UAE**  
AS LEVEL  
BEST ACROSS THREE



**YOUSSEF SHABAN**

**SECOND PLACE IN UAE**  
IGCSE  
BEST ACROSS EIGHT



**HALA HANY ELSAYED**

**THIRD PLACE IN UAE**  
IGCSE  
BEST ACROSS EIGHT

*Congratulations, Toppers!*

# MIS GRADUATION DAY



The 2026 Graduation Ceremony for Merryland International School's outgoing Grade 12 students was celebrated with immense pride, joy, and grandeur in the presence of parents, faculty, alumni, and distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Dr. Saeed Aldhaheri (Chair Professor, UNESCO co-Chair, and Certified AI Ethicist) and Guest of Honour Dr. Deepa Grandon (CEO of Transformational Life Consulting). Following a warm welcome, the event featured an inspiring address from the Principal, who congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to pursue their future aspirations with determination, resilience, and integrity. Additionally, A Level Co-ordinator Dr. Mohan delivered a thoughtful speech reflecting on the students' academic journey while applauding the hard work, perseverance, and remarkable achievements they demonstrated throughout their years at the school.

In his keynote address, Dr. Saeed Aldhaferi inspired the graduates with valuable insights on leadership, ethics, innovation, and the importance of lifelong learning in an ever-evolving world. MIS Chairman, Mr. Aaron Grandon, addressed the gathering with words of encouragement and appreciation for the support and dedication of parents and teachers in shaping the students' future. Dr. Deepa Grandon delivered a motivating message encouraging students to embrace challenges with confidence, compassion, and a positive outlook towards life. The programme also featured heartfelt speeches by the Student Council members and the alumni representative, who reminisced about memorable experiences and lifelong friendships formed during their school years. One of the most touching highlights of the evening was the candlelight ceremony, symbolizing hope, wisdom, and the bright future awaiting the graduates. The celebration was further enriched with melodious musical performances, followed by the formal presentation of certificates and mementos to the graduating students. The ceremony concluded with a memorable photo session with the distinguished guests, management, faculty members, and graduates, marking a proud and unforgettable milestone for the Class of 2026.





# MIS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS EXHIBITION 2026

11<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2026

Merryland International School organized a remarkable three-day event from 11th to 13th February 2026 titled the MIS Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Exhibition. Students from KG to Grade 9 actively participated, combining scientific thinking with creativity and innovation. The Sustainable Development Goals were introduced by the United Nations, an international organization established in 1945 where countries collaborate to address global challenges such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. In 2015, the United Nations introduced 17 Sustainable Development Goals with a vision to create a better and more sustainable world by 2030.



**Each grade at Merryland was assigned one of the 17 SDGs, allowing students to explore specific global issues and develop thoughtful solutions:**

- ✓ Grades 1, 2, and 3 focused on SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being
- ✓ Grades 4 and 5 worked on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy.
- ✓ Grade 6 explored SDG 14 – Life Below Water
- ✓ Grade 7 presented on SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities
- ✓ Grades 8 and 9 focused on SDG 13 – Climate Action





Every grade embraced their responsibility with enthusiasm and dedication. The younger students impressed everyone with creative models and even working prototypes that demonstrated their understanding of complex global issues. It was truly inspiring to see them confidently explain their ideas and solutions.



The exhibition clearly demonstrated how small actions can create a big impact when students are encouraged to think critically and innovate like young engineers. It also reflected the school's commitment to nurturing confident thinkers and empowering students to express ideas that inspire meaningful change within their communities.





Many students shared that they had participated in previous years. Some returned because they discovered a passion for engineering and innovation, others aimed to improve their earlier projects, and some simply loved the experience and wanted to challenge themselves again. Their enthusiasm clearly showed how the exhibition motivates students to take initiative and explore new ideas.



It continued to be enjoyed by participants and warmly appreciated by visitors. Most importantly, it demonstrated that Merryland students are capable of taking initiative, thinking creatively, and making a positive impact on the world around them.

Merryland's commitment to sustainability is visible not only through this exhibition but also through outstanding student achievements. A proud example is when Merryland students collaboratively won the Zayed Sustainability Competition for their exceptional project titled Carbon Sponge. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the school's strong dedication to innovation, sustainability, and empowering students to become changemakers.





Events like this remind us that when curiosity, creativity, and responsibility come together, students truly have the power to inspire change – and that small actions can indeed make a big difference.

In conclusion, the MIS SDG Exhibition is much more than a science event. It is an inspiring experience that raises awareness and proves that even small ideas can lead to meaningful change.



# MIS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS EXHIBITION 2026





# STUDENT COUNCIL 2025-2026

## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony was held at 9 am on the 13th of October in the school auditorium. This special occasion was graced by distinguished guests, including the Chairman Mr. Aaron Grandon and the Chief Guest Mr. Sultan Saeed Alrayssi. The program highlighted student leadership through a series of events, including a trailer showcasing previous achievements, a poem recital, speeches, the formal oath-taking, a musical tribute and the signing of the Student Council Chronica.





The Investiture Ceremony 2025-2026 of Merryland International School was celebrated with pride and excitement on campus. The Captains and Vice Captains representing Kindergarten to Grade 12 were also in attendance, making the ceremony a truly memorable and inspiring event.

## BADGING

Prior to the badging, the chief guest Mr. Sultan also shared some valuable insight on leadership and the responsibilities that come with being a leader. The chairman, Mr. Aaron Grandon, delivered an inspiring address to the kindergarten leaders as well as the rest of the captains, vice captains and the newly elected members of the student council.



## MUSICAL TRIBUTE

As part of the programme, a musical tribute was performed by Anaida of Grade 12, adding a warm and celebratory tone to the ceremony. It served as a meaningful way to honour the occasion and inspire the newly appointed leaders.





# UAE NATIONAL DAY 2025

Merryland International School celebrated UAE National Day 2025 with great enthusiasm, pride, and vibrant displays of national spirit. The campus was transformed with the colours of the UAE flag, creating a festive atmosphere for students, staff, and parents. The celebration featured a spectacular parade showcasing students dressed in traditional Emirati attire and national colours, proudly carrying flags and banners that reflected their appreciation for the UAE's rich heritage and remarkable achievements.



# UAE NATIONAL DAY 2025



A variety of engaging stage performances, including cultural dances, patriotic songs, poetry recitals, musical presentations, and dramatic enactments, highlighted the nation's history, values, and vision for the future. Students from different year groups participated enthusiastically, demonstrating creativity, talent, and a strong sense of unity. The event provided a meaningful opportunity for the school community to honour the legacy of the UAE's founding leaders, celebrate the country's diversity and progress, and reinforce values of patriotism, respect, and national identity.





# TRIP TO ZAYED NATIONAL MUSEUM

**“Those who do not know their past cannot make the best of their present and future.”**

**— H. H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**



Merryland International School always strives to instil national pride, cultural awareness, and appreciation for the vision and sacrifices of our founding fathers, especially the late H. H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. So, as part of our National Identity drive, grade 9 students had the opportunity (boys on 18.05.2026 & girls on 19.05.2026) to visit Zayed National Museum where they gained valuable insights into the rich history, values, and legacy of the great leaders who shaped and forged the United Arab Emirates. Students also explored the nation’s heritage and the remarkable journey of the UAE’s growth, unity, solidarity, and progress in the galleries named as Our Beginning, Through our Nature, To Our Ancestors, Through Our Connections, Defining Elements of Identity & The Union & Beyond.





# KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION CEREMONY



The Merryland International School Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony was a vibrant and joyous celebration filled with colour, laughter, and pride. Dressed in their graduation gowns and caps, the young graduates confidently took to the stage, delighting parents and teachers with their performances and cheerful smiles. .





The event featured inspiring speeches from both graduates and parents, expressing gratitude, fond memories, and excitement for the next stage of learning. The beautifully decorated venue, lively music, and enthusiastic participation of families made the occasion truly memorable, marking a significant milestone in the children's educational journey.





# FRESHERS' DAY

Freshers' Day in the KG section was a joyful and heart-warming celebration, where current students warmly welcomed and received the new little ones into the Merryland family. The classrooms were filled with smiles, music, and colourful decorations as senior KG students helped their new friends feel comfortable and happy. Through cheerful songs, simple activities, and friendly interactions, the day created a safe and nurturing environment that eased first-day jitters and marked a delightful beginning to the children's school journey.





# KINDERGARTEN

## FRIENDSHIP DAY

MIS Kindergarten hosted a heartwarming Friendship Day celebration, filled with joy and laughter. The little ones enthusiastically exchanged friendship bands and thoughtful gifts with their best friends spreading love and happiness all around. Through fun activities and cheerful interactions, the children learned the value of friendship, kindness, and sharing, making the day a memorable and delightful experience for everyone involved.



# KINDERGARTEN Happy Feet

As part of the Happy Feet Programme, the kindergarten students presented a delightful fashion show featuring costumes representing different nationalities. They also performed the melodious song, 'We Are the World', beautifully expressing the message of love, peace, and togetherness. Through their colourful performances, the children showcased the spirit of unity in diversity and celebrated the values of harmony and global friendship.

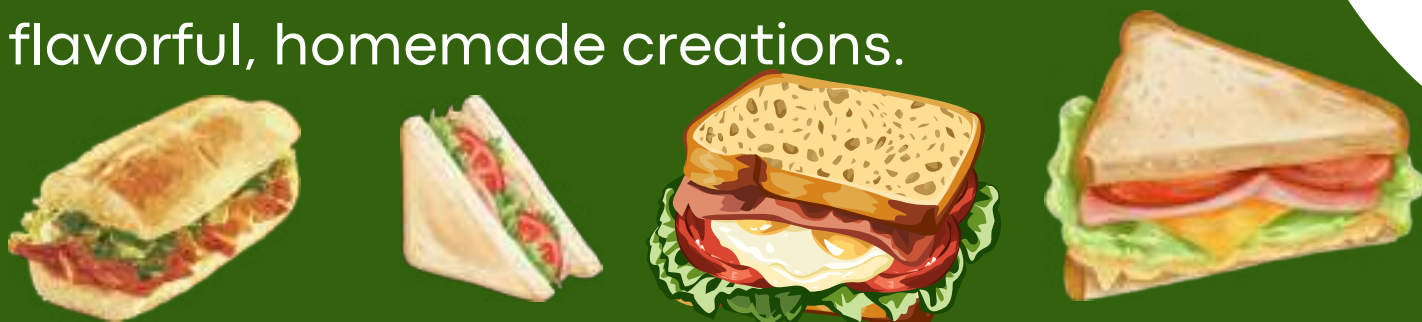


# SANDWICH DAY



## Kindergarten Sandwich Day

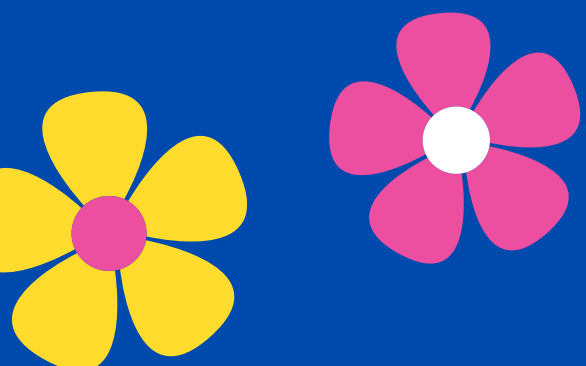
MIS Kindergarten hosted a delightful Sandwich Day for KG2 students, transforming their classrooms into lively kitchens where the young learners stepped into the role of little chefs. Eagerly following their teachers' guidance, the children used fresh ingredients like cucumbers, cheese, and carrots to carefully assemble their own delicious sandwiches. The hands-on activity filled the room with laughter and enthusiasm, offering a wonderful blend of learning and creativity that left the students feeling incredibly proud of their flavorful, homemade creations.





# KINDERGARTEN SCIENTIST DAY

MIS Kindergarten proudly hosted an inspiring Scientist Day for KG 2 students, who arrived dressed as renowned pioneers like Albert Einstein, Alexander Fleming, and Isaac Newton. The event sparked immense curiosity and excitement as each child took the stage to confidently deliver a short speech about their chosen scientist's famous inventions and contributions to the world. By blending history with public speaking, the celebration provided a deeply meaningful learning experience that nurtured scientific thinking, boosted self-confidence, and inspired young learners to explore the world with wonder.



# KINDERGARTEN KIDZANIA



The Kindergarten of Merryland International School, organized an exciting and educational trip to KidZania for the KG1 and KG2 students. This trip offered a unique opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in a world of creativity, roleplaying, and hands-on experiences. The students were eager to participate in various role-playing activities, where they dressed up and took on different professions. Some students explored the world of healthcare, dressing up as doctors and learning about medical practices, while others stepped into the role of delivery persons, hotel management, engineers, and so on, experiencing the logistics of each profession. The trip to KidZania was a valuable addition to the students' educational journey, providing them with real-world experiences that will stay with them for years to come.





# MAKE A WISH DONATION



MIS Kindergarten actively participated in the Make-A-Wish donation initiative, which supports the fulfilment of dreams for underprivileged children. To contribute to this noble cause, the school organized a Merry Farm plant sale and facilitated the sale of handcrafted items prepared by the students. These initiatives not only fostered creativity and collaboration among the children but also enabled the collection of funds for the charity. The collective efforts of students, staff, and parents ensured the success of the program, demonstrating a strong commitment to compassion, generosity, and social responsibility.



# KINDERGARTEN CHARACTER DAY

MIS Kindergarten hosted a lively and colorful Character Day for KG 1 students, who arrived dressed as a delightful array of storybook and fantasy favorites, including Cinderella, Pinocchio, and Harry Potter. The joyful event allowed each child to step into the spotlight, confidently delivering a short speech about their chosen character's traits and memorable moments. By blending imagination with public speaking, the celebration proved to be a wonderful learning experience that significantly enhanced the young participants' communication skills, self-expression, and stage confidence.





# KINDERGARTEN INCLUSION DAY



Merryland International School proudly celebrated Inclusion Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The event highlighted the values of unity, tolerance, respect, and acceptance of differences among students and staff. Students across the school dressed in blue to symbolize harmony, peace, and togetherness. The sea of blue created a beautiful atmosphere that reflected the spirit of inclusion and reminded everyone of the importance of treating others with kindness and respect.



# COMMUNITY HELPERS

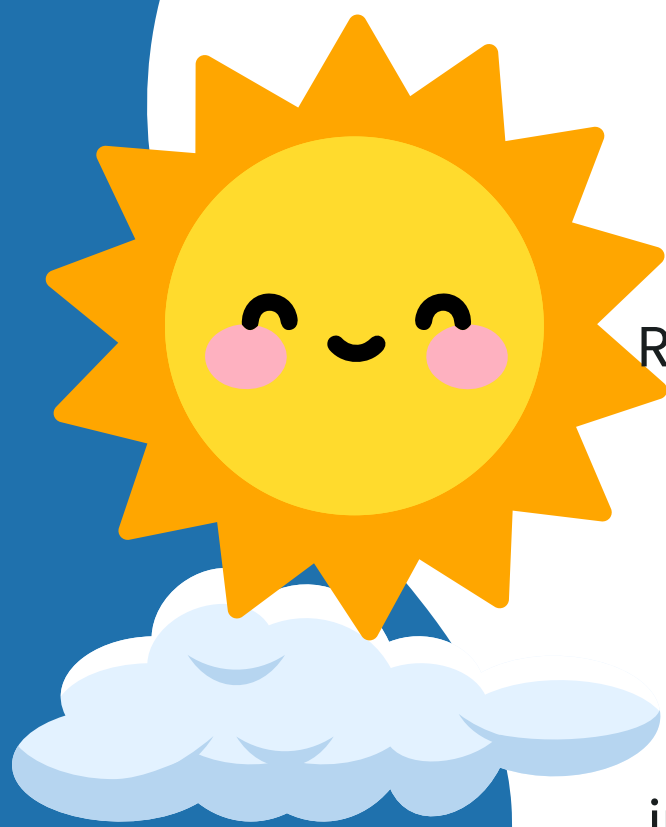
MIS Kindergarten recently celebrated a vibrant and enthusiastic Character Day, where young learners dressed up as community helpers and role models like doctors, firefighters, and astronauts. The event allowed children to confidently introduce their characters, showcasing their creativity while learning to appreciate the vital roles these professions play in daily life. Supported by creative costumes prepared by parents, the celebration successfully fostered a spirit of respect, gratitude, and imagination, turning a fun day of dress-up into a meaningful lesson on community and responsibility.





## Health Awareness Programme

On 19th September 2025, the MIS Kindergarten conducted a Health Awareness Programme. Dr. Radhika and her team from Ahalia Hospital spoke to the KG students about the importance of healthy food in daily life. She explained the benefits of eating fruits, vegetables, and balanced meals, while avoiding sugary snacks and junk food. The session was engaging and informative, helping the children understand how healthy eating contributes to their growth and well-being. It was a successful initiative in promoting health awareness at a young age.



# TRADITIONAL DAY

The school campus was transformed into a beautiful tapestry of global cultures as the Primary Department hosted a spectacular Traditional Day for students in Grades 1, 2, and 3. The young learners arrived dressed in stunning, vibrant cultural outfits, representing the rich diversity of our school community with elegance and pride. The day was a true sensory feast as children participated in a traditional food sharing session, offering a delicious glimpse into the flavors of their homelands. Beyond the festivities, each student took the stage to speak a few heartfelt sentences about their cultural heritage, explaining the significance of their attire and the customs that make their backgrounds unique. This celebration played a vital role in fostering cross-cultural understanding, public speaking confidence, and mutual respect among students.



# SMILEY DAY



On January 9th, the school campus beamed with joy as the Primary Department celebrated a bright and cheerful Smiley Day. The hallways were transformed into a sea of sunshine as students from Grades 1, 2, and 3 arrived dressed in vibrant yellow outfits, radiating positivity and warmth.



Throughout the day, the children immersed themselves in a variety of creative activities, including designing uplifting posters and crafting beautiful art pieces centered around the theme of happiness. A major highlight was the chance for students to capture wonderful memories, taking pictures with their friends and sharing laughter in a festive atmosphere. This event was a beautiful way to promote emotional well-being, kindness, and social bonding among our young learners. We are truly grateful to the Department and the school for organizing such a heartwarming day that reminded us of the power of a simple smile. It was an unforgettable celebration of friendship and happiness that left everyone glowing with delight!



# WASTE TO WEALTH FASHION SHOW

The Art Department recently hosted a dazzling and eco-conscious "Waste to Wealth" Fashion Show for students in Grades 1, 2, and 3, proving that creativity has no limits. Our young designers showcased stunning, high-fashion outfits crafted entirely from discarded materials and recyclable objects, such as newspapers, bottle caps, plastic spoons, and old cartons. This vibrant event not only highlighted the students' incredible artistic flair but also served as a powerful lesson in environmental stewardship and the importance of the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The audience was absolutely enthralled, cheering with excitement as each participant strutted the ramp with confidence and charm. It was a truly memorable spectacle that transformed "trash" into a triumphant display of imagination and style.





# WELL-BEING

As part of the well-being initiative, students of Grade 1, 2, and 3 participated in a weekend activity highlighting the importance of physical exercise for themselves and their families. Children enthusiastically shared photos, short write-ups, and videos showcasing activities such as walking, cycling, yoga, jogging, and simple exercises done together with family members. Many students also took part in family walks and fitness routines, reflecting on how regular exercise contributes to better health and happiness. This activity helped students understand the importance of staying active, reducing screen time, and developing healthy habits within the family.

