

JUNIOR NBA 2026

GIRLS' TOURNAMENT

Merryland International School's girls' basketball teams demonstrated exceptional commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship during the Jr. NBA Tournament held at Muna British Academy and Repton School Fry Campus. Competing against strong opposition from schools across Abu Dhabi, the players showcased determination, resilience, and a passion for the game.

The U16 and U12 Girls' teams both displayed outstanding teamwork and determination in their recent campaigns; while the U16s started strong with an impressive victory over Belvedere British School (Detroit Pistons) before falling in a hard-fought match against Al Rawafed Private School (Milwaukee Bucks), the U12s showed remarkable perseverance by bouncing back from a challenging opening loss against GEMS World Academy Abu Dhabi to secure a well-deserved win over Rabdan Charter School.



Most Valuable Player (MVP) 2026



Proud Moment for Merryland!
Our Principal honored Thedini of Grade 5-D during the morning assembly live broadcast for her outstanding achievement. Thedini received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) 2026 Award from Zayed Cricket Academy in the Junior Girls Category. Congratulations, Thedini! We are proud of your dedication, hard work, and excellent performance. Wishing you many more achievements ahead.

ABU DHABI SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

ATHLETIC MEET 2025-2026

Merryland International School, Abu Dhabi, proudly participated in the Abu Dhabi Sports Championship Athletic Meet 2025-2026, where both our boys' and girls' teams showcased remarkable talent, confidence, and determination.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from our students, who competed against schools from across the region with great spirit and sportsmanship. With over 78 students participating in the first round, Merryland International School had qualifiers in nearly every category for the finals. Out of them, 36 students qualified for the finals, and our athletes went on to achieve medals in different events. This achievement is a true reflection of our students' hard work, dedication, and consistent training.

All our athletes demonstrated outstanding discipline, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the championship. Their achievements have brought great pride and honour to Merryland International School.



Under-11 Girls 4 × 50 m Relay Team secured the Silver Medal by winning 2nd Place at the Athletic Meet.



Mansoor Saeed Saleh of Grade 7-E won the Silver Medal in Long Jump.



Under-15 Category, Mohamed Abd Al Ghafour Henouz of Grade 9-C won the Silver Medal in Long Jump.



Under-17 Category, Abdullah Rafeeq Abdullah of Grade 11-E won the Gold Medal in Discus Throw .



Under-15 Boys 4 × 100 m Relay Team The Under-15 Boys 4 × 100 m Relay Team secured the Bronze Medal with excellent teamwork, speed, and coordination.



Under-17 Category, Abdullah Rafeeq Abdullah of Grade 11-E won the Silver Medal in Shot Put.



U11 GIRLS RELAY TEAM demonstrated incredible speed and flawless baton passes, sprinting their way to a spectacular performance that showcased their brilliant teamwork and determination.



U12 BASKETBALL TEAM dominated the court with sharp passing and clinical shooting, executing brilliant plays that kept the crowd on their feet and truly highlighted their incredible teamwork.



U13 FOOTBALL TEAM showcased exceptional court vision and relentless defense, putting up a fierce, high-energy performance that truly highlighted their growing skill and unbreakable team chemistry.



U13 FOOTBALL TEAM put on a masterclass in tactical discipline and possession, moving the ball with precision and battling fiercely from kickoff to the final whistle.



U16 BASKETBALL TEAM displayed outstanding court maturity and tactical precision, pairing a relentless, high-pressure defense with clinical finishing to dominate their opponents.



U19 CRICKET TEAM delivered an absolute masterclass in composure and tactical brilliance, blending disciplined bowling, sharp fielding, and explosive batting to completely control the crease.



SWIMMING CHAMPIONS absolutely electrified the pool, breaking personal records and powering through every lap with flawless technique, explosive speed, and the pure determination of true title winners.



TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS delivered an absolute masterclass in focus and agility, combining lightning-fast reflexes with devastating spin to outmaneuver every opponent and rightfully claim the top spot on the podium.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS



Within the school, the PE Department conducted a range of Inter-House competitions, giving students the platform to compete, learn, and showcase their talents. For Juniors, events included Cricket, Football for Boys, and Basketball for both Boys and Girls. These matches promoted teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition among students, while also strengthening house spirit and camaraderie.



MERRYLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS DAY HIGHLIGHTS



The much-awaited Sports Day at Merryland International School was celebrated with great energy, enthusiasm, and vibrant house spirit, bringing together students, teachers, and parents for a day of athletic excellence and joyful participation. The event was honored by the presence of Chief Guests—Mr. Aaron, Ms. Jessy, and Ms. Shuba—whose inspiring words motivated the young athletes and emphasized the importance of perseverance and sportsmanship. Throughout the morning, students from all grades showcased their skills in various track and field events, with the field echoing with cheers as they demonstrated determination, healthy competitiveness, and excellent team coordination in races, relays, and fun activities, making the day truly memorable.



The Sports Day concluded in an atmosphere of excitement and pride as students eagerly awaited the final results. Medals were presented to the champions of each category, celebrating their dedication and hard work. The climax of the day arrived with the announcement of the Overall Sports Day Champions: Eagles House took 1st Place, followed by Ospreys House in 2nd Place, and Falcons House securing 3rd Place. House Masters and Mistresses, along with their triumphant students, received the trophies from the Principal during the closing ceremony, with their collective cheer beautifully capturing the essence of unity and teamwork that Merryland International School consistently upholds.





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As we draw the curtains on the academic year 2025–2026, Merry Mustang team wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to every contributor who made our school magazine so memorable. Your enthusiastic participation, activity details, and vibrant pictures from each department have truly brought our newsletter to life. Every shared moment reminds us of the creativity, dedication, and passion that define the spirit of our school.

As we step into the new academic year 2026–2027, let us carry forward this same spirit of excellence and collaboration. May our journey continue to be one of growth and achievement, and may every student, teacher, and parent strive towards new heights.

"Fortius, Altius, Sapientius" — Stronger, Higher, Wiser — let this be our guiding light as we reach for excellence together.

Wishing you all a happy, fulfilling, and productive year ahead!

Merry Mustang

