

دائـرة الـتـعـليـم والـمـعـرفـة DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE





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School Information

School Profile			
School Name:	International Community S	chool	
School ID:	6010		KO to Oroda 12
School Council:**		School phases:	KG to Grade 12
School curriculum:*	American	Fee range and category*	
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	Staff Information			
Total number of teachers	99	Turnover rate	11%	
Number of teaching assistants	13	Teacher- student ratio	1:14	

	Students' Information			
Total number of students	1407	Gender		Boys and girls
% of Emirati students	32 %	% of SEN	students	2 %
% of largest nationality groups	Jordan 25% Egypt 17% Syria 15%	·		
% of students	KG	Primary	Middle	e Secondary
per phase	15 %	38 %	29%	18 %



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	Inspection Details			
Inspection Hijri dates from:	14/03/1441	to	17/03/1441	
Inspection Gregorian dates from:	11/11/2019	to	14/11/2019	
Number of lessons observed:	130	Number of joint lessons observed:	27	

The overall performance of the school:

- The current principal and vice-principal joined the school in September 2019.
- The overall performance of the school is good. Progress has improved since the last inspection and achievement is now good in most subjects. External data indicates that attainment is improving over time. The new leadership inherited an effective school development plan (SDP) and, through thoughtful self-evaluation, has a clear vision for further school improvement. A new learning culture is developing, with improved quality of teaching and students' learning skills.

Key areas of strength and areas for improvements:

Key areas of strength

- Good achievement of students in High in Islamic education, AFL, English, mathematics and science.
- Students' understanding of Islamic values and UAE culture.
- Students' positive attitudes to learning, leading to outstanding attendance.

Key areas for improvement

- • Attainment and progress in all subjects, by:
 - designing lessons with interesting activities to fully engage all children and students
 - developing the reading skills of all students in English by assessing reading ages and providing all students with appropriately graded readers
 - ensuring that students are given clear expectations before they begin any writing task across subjects.
- The use of assessment data to identify and meet the needs of all groups of learners, particularly to challenge the more-able students, by :

 ensuring that all teachers are confident users of Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) data and can identify development areas for each individual student
 monitoring the progress of all students regularly and intervening when students' progress is slow

- identifying the most-able students and designing extension tasks and independent learning opportunities for them.



• The monitoring of teaching and its impact on learning, by:

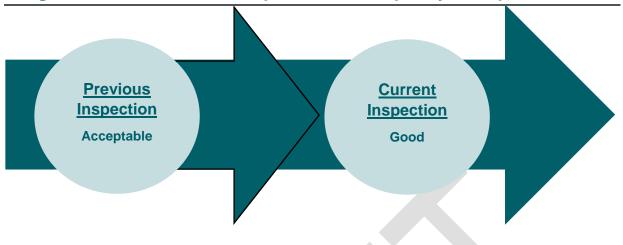
- making sure that subject coordinators set teachers clear targets for improvement against which teaching practice is monitored

- identifying good practice and setting up peer observations to share professional skills

- raising leaders' and teachers' expectations for the attainment and progress of children in Kindergarten (KG).



Progress made since last inspection and capacity to improve



- The school has made good progress since the last inspection in almost all areas. There has been raised achievement in Islamic education, AFL, English, mathematics and science, although Arabic second language (ASL) and social studies remain acceptable.
- Students' learning skills have improved overall although there has been only partial improvement in students' problem-solving, critical thinking and innovation skills.
- Attitudes to learning are more positive among boys who are now more independent learners.
- Leaders are analysing assessment data, particularly MAP, in greater depth, although not all teachers are yet fully confident in this process. However, lesson planning has improved and more thought has been given to differentiated activities. Students with SEN are well identified but support for their learning, and for those who are gifted and talented (G&T), remains a target for further improvement.
- Subject coordinators have received substantial training and now have more responsibility to raise achievement. They observe lessons and give feedback to teachers to ensure a positive impact on learning.
- The school leadership team has a clear vision and strategic plans for the school's further development. The school has good capacity to improve.



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Performance Standard 1	Students' Achi	evement	
Judgment	Good	Change from previous inspection	Improved
Justifications			ce. Achievement r than expected ore-able students well-engaged in

Performance Standard 2	Students' pers innovation skil	onal and social development, a Is	nd their
Judgment	Good	Change from previous inspection	No Change
Justifications	This has lea record. • Students de and UAE cu	emonstrate positive and responsible attit d to improved behaviour and an outstan emonstrate a good knowledge and appre liture and heritage. kills in innovation and entrepreneurshi	nding attendance

Performance Standard 3	Teaching and A	Assessment	
Judgment	Good	Change from previous inspection	Improved
Justifications	 lessons the environment Using assessmention Teachers de 	ave good knowledge of their subjects proughly. They generally provide inter ts and activities. ssment data, teachers are becoming r students' progress. to not always challenge more-able stude s or asking questions which develop critic	more effective in nts effectively by

Performance Standard 4	Curriculum		
Judgment	Good	Change from previous inspection	Improved
Justifications	students. Cr The curricu	lum is now planned well to provide good ross-curricular links between subjects are lum provides students with very good ir knowledge and appreciation of Em	e good. opportunities to



	 Individual teachers do not always adapt the curriculum well to provide support and challenge for SEN and G&T students.
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Performance Standard 5	The protection	, care, guidance and support of	students
Judgment	Very Good	Change from previous inspection	Improved
Justifications	are now wel There are procedures The identific	environment is very safe, secure and hy I supervised and feel well cared for. rigorous procedures for safeguarding and routines for keeping students and st cation of SEN and G&T students is good them in class is less consistent.	and well-tested aff safe.

Performance Standard 6	Leadership and management		
Judgment	Good	Change from previous inspection	No Change
Justifications	 strategic dir Training to quality of tea students' pro Expectations 	orous self-evaluation, senior leaders h ection and are developing a strong learn improve the subject coordinator role ir aching and learning is now having an imp ogress in most subjects. s by leaders and teachers are not su chievement in KG further.	ing culture. monitoring the act on improving



Performance Standard 1: Students' Achievement

Indicators:		KG	Primary	Middle	High
Islamic	Attainment	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
Education	Progress	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
Arabic	Attainment	Acceptable	Good	Acceptable	Good
(as a First Language)	Progress	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
* Arabic	Attainment	N/A	Acceptable	Acceptable	Good
(as additional Language)	Progress	N/A	Acceptable	Acceptable	Good
Social Studies	Attainment	N/A	Acceptable	Acceptable	N/A
	Progress	N/A	Acceptable	Acceptable	N/A
English	Attainment	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
	Progress	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
	Attainment	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Good
Mathematics	Progress	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
	Attainment	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Good
Science	Progress	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
Other subjects	Attainment	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
(Art, Music, PE)	Progress	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
Learning Skills		Acceptable	Good	Good	Good



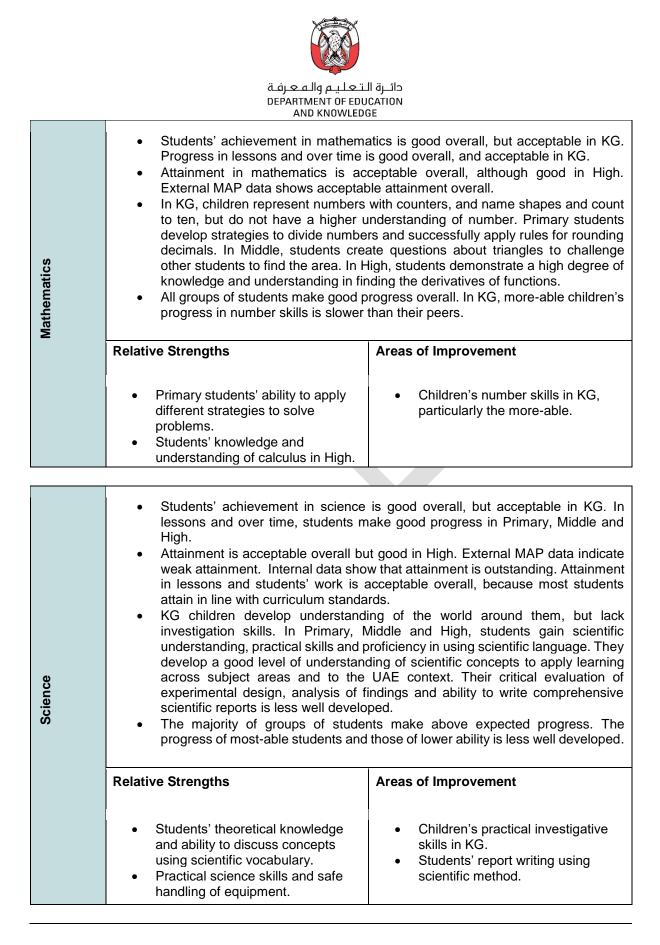
- Students' achievement in Islamic education is good overall. In lessons and over time, students make good progress in Primary, Middle and High, and acceptable progress in KG.
- Attainment is acceptable in all phases. Internal data, and Grade 12 MoE examinations, indicate that attainment is outstanding but this is not seen in lesson observations and students' work.
- Children in KG make acceptable progress in learning the names of the Prophet's family. Progress accelerates as students move up the grades. Primary students explain the pillars of Faith including the meaning of judgment day and draw conclusions about its importance. Students in Middle link their learning of Islamic concepts to verses in the Holy Quran. In High, students explain Hadeeth Shareef and make links to the Holy Quran. Students recite verses of the Holy Quran accurately but do not always follow appropriate Tajweed rules, particularly in Middle.
- The majority of groups of students make better than expected progress.

Islamic Education

Relative Strengths	Areas of Improvement
 Primary students' understanding	 Recitation skills following
of pillars of Faith. Middle and High students' ability	appropriate 'Tajweed' rules,
to make links to the Holy Quran.	particularly in Middle.

Arabic	 acceptable Arabic second language In lessons and over time, students acceptable progress in ASL. Attainment is acceptable overall, al High, and in ASL in High. Internal d indicate that attainment is outstand students' work. In AFL, most KG children develop a however their conversational skills In Primary and Middle, students der reading and express their ideas abo the majority of students read fluentl analyse the elements of a story. Ac different purposes is less well-deve The majority of groups make better 	though it is good in AFL in Primary and lata and Grade 12 MoE examination results ing, but this is not seen in lessons and in accuracy in writing and letter formation, in standard Arabic are less well developed. velop good accuracy and understanding in but the main events in the story. In High, y with good understanding and discuss and ross the school, students' writing for loped.
	Relative Strengths	Areas of Improvement
	 Students' reading skills in AFL. Students' analytical skills of texts in AFL and ASL in High. 	 Students' extended writing for different purposes in AFL and ASL. Children's conversational skills.

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Social Studies	 Students' achievement in social studies is acceptable overall. In lessons and over time, most students make expected progress. Attainment is acceptable across all grades. Internal data indicates that students' attainment and progress are outstanding, but in lessons and their work, most students attain in line with curriculum standards. Students in Primary develop knowledge and understanding of the UAE culture and its traditions Their research skills to extend their learning about UAE culture and history are less well developed. In Middle, students develop knowledge and understanding between human 				
Soc	Relative Strengths	Areas of Improvement			
 Students' understanding about the interrelationship between human societies and physical environment. Students' research ar skills to extend their k beyond the informatic books. Students' map-reading 					
English	 Students' achievement in English is good overall, but only acceptable in H Most students make good progress over time and in lessons. Progress in KG acceptable. Attainment is weak as indicated by external MAP data. However, in lessons a in students' work, attainment is acceptable due to the good progress be made in Primary, Middle and High. Children make acceptable progress in KG as they develop phonic knowled Speaking and listening skills are good for the majority of students in Primar Middle and High although their reading skills are less secure. Writing skills acceptable overall and good in High. The minority of students in Primary fextended writing tasks challenging. The majority of groups of students make better than expected progress in Primary, Middle and High. Progress is slower for KG children where they do use their phonic skills to write simple words. 				
	Relative Strengths	Areas of Improvement			
	 Students' speaking and listening skills. Students' writing skills in High. 	 KG children's progress in using phonic knowledge to write simple words. Reading skills across the school and writing skills in Primary. 			





-earning Skills	 levels although their independer underdeveloped. Students have positive attitudes ar They communicate effectively and activities Most students make effective connu- use technology effectively in their let 	overall. Children in KG learn at appropriate at skills to investigate and explore are ad demonstrate independent learning skills. interact well in group and paired learning ections with other subjects and real life, and earning. nking skills are developing features.
Lea	Relative Strengths Students' positive attitude to learning.	 Areas of Improvement KG children's independent investigation and exploration skills.
	Students' skills to make cross- curricular links.	 Students' innovation and critical thinking skills.



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Performance Standard 2: Students' personal and social development and their innovation skills

Indicators:	KG	Primary	Middle	High
Personal development	Good	Good	Good	Good
Understanding of Islamic values and awareness of Emirati and world cultures	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Social responsibility and innovation skills	Good	Good	Good	Good

- Student's personal and social development is good overall. Their understanding of Islamic values and awareness of Emirati and world cultures is very good. Their innovation skills are less well developed.
- Students have positive and responsible attitudes towards school, and respectful relationships among themselves and with staff. Students are well-behaved, understand the school rules, and demonstrate secure understanding of safe and healthy living. Students initiate activities, such as the ECO club workshop, to encourage students to eat healthy food.
- Attendance is outstanding at 99 %, and students are punctual, demonstrating their enjoyment of coming to school to learn.
- Students have strong respect and understanding of Emirati heritage and culture and how Islamic values influence UAE society. They help the Red Crescent to collect meals for needy people in the community and prepare food for school workers during Ramadan. Students' knowledge of other world cultures is appropriate, learning through curriculum content and activities such as researching Africa in art.
- Students play a good role in accepting responsibility around the school. Members of the school council and behaviour committee promote good behaviour in others. They volunteer to help their peers, such as reading sessions for KG children.
- Students take part in environmental awareness projects and win competitions such as the 'Think Science 2019 Competition'. However, the use of their innovation skills independently in lessons, particularly in Primary and Middle, is less well developed.
- Students have good understanding of sustainability through projects such as Beach Clean, but do not often initiate activities themselves.

Areas of Relative Strength:

- Knowledge and understanding of Islamic values and their contribution to society, and respect for Emirati culture, heritage and tradition
- Students' behaviour and attendance.

- Students' initiation of projects in relation to sustainability and conservation.
- Students' use of innovation skills in lessons.



Performance Standard 3: Teaching and assessment

Indicators:	KG	Primary	Middle	High
Teaching for effective learning	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
Assessment	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good

- The overall quality of teaching and assessment is good.
- Teachers' knowledge of their subjects and how students learn is good. The majority show good knowledge of students' learning needs. In KG, teachers plan appropriate lessons, but provide limited activities for children to explore, investigate and share their learning.
- Teachers' planning of time and use of resources result in students being well-engaged. The pace of lessons has improved and is having a good impact on students' progress, particularly in High phase.
- Teacher-student interactions are positive, resulting in students wanting to learn. Teachers use questioning and dialogue effectively to extend students' learning, particularly in High.
- Teaching to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, innovation and independent learning skills is still developing. Teachers do not always ask challenging open questions to challenge the more-able students, particularly in Middle.
- The school's analysis of data, including against external MAP, SATS and PISA data, has improved. Teachers are now using assessment information about students' progress to modify the curriculum and their teaching plans to meet the majority of students' learning needs. The school is aware that a minority of teachers require support to ensure they always provide the correct level of support and for less- and more-able students.
- In KG, assessment profiles are based on the same tasks for all children so they do not capture progress accurately to plan more challenging tasks for them, particularly the more able.

Areas of Relative Strength:

- Teachers' good knowledge of their subjects.
- Use of questioning to extend students' learning.

- Use of assessment to plan tasks which meet the needs of the less- and more-able students.
- Assessment in KG to ensure planned activities meet all children's needs.



Performance Standard 4: Curriculum

Indicators:	KG	Primary	Middle	High
Curriculum design and implementation	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good
Curriculum adaptation	Acceptable	Good	Good	Good

- The overall quality of the curriculum is good. It is acceptable in KG.
- The school follows the American Common Core curriculum and is aligned to the California State Standards. It meets statutory requirements for Arabic-medium subjects. The school has recently adopted the New Generation Science Standards.
- The curriculum is broad and balanced, providing breadth through a range of other subjects to enrich the core curriculum. It provides good progression in most key subjects.
- The KG curriculum gives children choices in free play during circle time, but restricts them to learn more actively through integrated activities in class. High students have a wide choice of electives and Advanced Placement courses.
- Cross-curricular links with UAE culture and traditions are strong. The school develops good links between science, mathematics and English, as well as between Arabic and science.
- The Curriculum, Assessment and Development Unit (CADU) oversees curriculum development, implementation, review and modification. Assessments of students' outcomes are used well to review the impact of the curriculum on students' outcomes.
- Individual education plans are in place for SEN students and targeted withdrawal support is
 effective. While adaptation of the curriculum to meet the needs of different groups of students
 is good overall, it is less effective in meeting the individual needs of children in KG and for
 supporting and challenging G&T students.
- Extra-curricular activities with other schools, and external events support enterprise and innovation but these skills are not consistently promoted in lessons.
- The curriculum provides students with very good opportunities to deepen their understanding of Emirati culture, history and traditions. Teachers create very good learning opportunities linked to current UAE national priorities, which are further enhanced by the 'My Identity' programme.
- The Moral Education programme is delivered in discrete lessons. It successfully promotes themes of kindness and tolerance in UAE and in other cultures and has a positive impact on students' personal development and behaviour.

Areas of Relative Strength:

- Promotion of Islamic values and UAE heritage and culture.
- Effective and regular monitoring and review of the curriculum.

- Adaptation of the curriculum to meet KG children's needs and for supporting and challenging G&T students.
- Opportunities in lessons for students to develop enterprise and innovation skills



Performance Standard 5: The Protection, care, guidance and support of students

Indicators:	KG	Primary	Middle	High
Health and safety, including arrangements for child protection/ safeguarding	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Care and support	Good	Good	Good	Good

- The overall quality of care, guidance and support for students is very good.
- The school has rigorous procedures for safeguarding, including child protection and safety arrangements. These are shared with the school community and parents, and well implemented by staff. Rare incidents of bullying are dealt with effectively.
- The school environment is very safe, secure and hygienic, and maintenance is thorough. Supervision of students, including on transport, is effective through well-defined procedures and staff responsibilities.
- The premises and learning environment meet students' needs to high standards. There are very effective strategies in place for promoting healthy lifestyles.
- Staff-student relationships are particularly positive and respectful. Effective procedures for
 promoting positive behaviour have proved successful because they are understood by the
 majority of students.
- Attendance and punctuality are promoted through rigorous procedures which are well understood by students.
- The school has effective systems for identifying SEN and G&T students. Support and challenge in the classroom for these groups of students are inconsistent.
- The school's guidance for academic choices and preparation for higher education is effective. Students receive detailed careers' guidance. The school implements effective systems for monitoring students' well-being to provide good personal and academic guidance.

Areas of Relative Strength:

- Procedures to keep students' safe in school.
- Promotion of behaviour and attendance.

Areas for Improvement:

• Support and challenge for SEN and G&T students in lessons.



Performance Standard 6: Leadership and management

Indicators:				
The effectiveness of leadership	Good			
Self-evaluation and improvement planning	Good			
Partnerships with parents and the community	Good			
Governance	Good			
Management, staffing, facilities and resources	Good			

- The overall quality of leadership and management is good. Leadership in KG is only acceptable as expectations for children's achievement are lower than in other phases.
- The principal has a clear strategic vision to raise teachers' expectations to improve achievement. He has created a balanced structure of senior and middle leaders, communicates the school's vision well and delegates responsibilities effectively. The role of subject coordinator is beginning to have an impact on learning but not all are fully effective in raising attainment at a faster pace across the school, particularly in ASL. Overall, senior leaders demonstrate a secure knowledge of the curriculum and effective practices in teaching and learning.
- Self-evaluation and improvement planning are good. The school uses internal and external
 assessment data well in its self-evaluation processes. It has a realistic view of its own strengths
 and areas for improvement. Monitoring of teaching has improved and having an impact on
 raising achievement in most subjects. School development plans are thorough, based on
 thoughtful self-evaluation and respond specifically to recommendations in the previous report.
- Partnerships with parents and the community are good. Communication with parents has improved through a digital programme, and the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) has been extended. The reporting system is now more rigorous to give parents specific guidance. The school has strong local relationships with the community and partnerships with Sharjah University and the Space Centre in Alabama.
- Governance is good. The Board of Trustees and the owner monitor the work of the school and have a positive influence upon leadership through weekly meetings focusing on students' achievements and personal development.
- The day-to-day management of the school is well organized. Staff are well deployed and know their responsibilities. School facilities are very good, and resources ensure that good quality learning can take place in all phases, other than in KG.
- The school makes use of international assessment systems for MAPS, SATS, PISA and TIMSS to benchmark students' outcomes and adjust the curriculum to improve them. It has explained to parents how these benchmarks are important to students' achievements.

Areas of Relative Strength:

- Clear strategic vision to raise expectations for achievement.
- Positive influence on the school's leadership and direction from the Board of Trustees.



- Leadership in KG to raise children's achievement.
- Role of subject coordinators in raising standards of attainment across the school.



Provision for Reading

