

EMIS Newsletter

Dear students, parents and friends of EMIS,

EMISnews is EMIS' periodic newsletter that keeps you updated on our school, its students, staff and the progress of its mission of **Making Education a Force for Peace and Sustainability in the Middle East!**

EMIS is an international boarding school in Israel that teaches both the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program and the British Cambridge Program (IGCSE) with a focus on Entrepreneurship, Sustainability and Peace. You may view the EMIS short documentary video at [this link](#).

2018 at EMIS started off with an incredible Project Week, whose theme was Borders. Afterwards, we celebrated our diversity by Asian Cultural Week, LGBTQ Week and the Art Exhibition. Moreover, EMIS students represented the school at TIMEMUN and the UNIS-UN Conference in New York City. Peace part of the mission was fostered by the Peace Simulation, and lastly, there was a DP2 Trip to Eilat.

EMIS is in the midst of its admission process for outstanding young individuals from around the world to attend the 2018-2020 EMIS class (Year 5) applications for class 2020 are currently being accepted. If you know anyone suitable who might be interested please pass this information on to them. The ideal candidates should be in grade 9th or 10th, strong academically, with reasonable English, active in their community, willing to travel abroad, curious and passionate about making the world a better place. Scholarships are available to admitted students based on merit and financial need. To apply please direct the candidates to our web-site: <https://emis.openapply.com>.

We wish all of you Happy Easter and Pesach!

Borders Week

On the morning of the 29th of January, all EMIS students took off to different borders of Israel: Gaza, the West Bank, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. There, they stayed for two days tackling socio-political and environmental issues of the zones through activities, lectures, guided tours and even volunteering.

On the third day, all students reunited at a Bedouin Camp near the Masada, learning about the lifestyle of Bedouin communities and sharing insights on

the experiences each student gained from their border. Borders' Week was a complete success! **(Sebas C. - Ecuador)**

DP2 - Eliat Trip

With the year coming to an end, the graduating Class of 2018 went on their last school trip to the south of Israel. The first stop was a visit to a Buddhist center in the desert, followed by a hike along the Shoret Canyon. Thereafter, the journey continued to Eilat where the students spent the night and enjoyed a fun boat party. The next day started with a longer hike which led to a beach where students got to see the most beautiful coral reef in Israel.

Then, the class made it to Kibbutz Ketura where the student enjoyed a bonfire and stayed overnight. The last day started with a tour around the sustainable kibbutz and the last stop was the largest crater in Israel in Mitzpe Ramon. Overall the trip was a great opportunity to enjoy the last few moments together. **(Isabella Akesson - Italy & Sweden).**

Peace Simulation

Conflicts can always be resolved and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict should be no different. Hence why EMIS students believe in conflict resolution and took part in the Peace Simulation. Students were given roles of Israelis and Palestinians, in order to negotiate peace agreement. With students very fond of the situation and some who have little understanding, the Peace Simulation gave students many insights into the topic: “We don’t do this as Palestinians or Israelis however as EMIS pupils trying to make education a force for peace and sustainability in the Middle East.” **(Siseko Bango- South Africa)**

Cultural Week

At EMIS, students from China, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia and

Vietnam celebrated and shared their culture with EMIS and the Hakfar

Hayarok. Students worked together on traditional performances as well as

different workshops about the culture.

“All alone in a foreign land, I am twice as homesick on this day.” The last day of the Asian Week was the Lunar New Year night, which has become EMIS tradition. Students did their best to improve all the impressions from last year: they coordinated, practised, rehearsed and cooked. An event has become a success and a warm memory for all members of EMIS community. **(Linda, Shan Yuan- China)**

TIMEMUN

TIMEMUN is the biggest Model United Nations conference in Israel. Since EMIS was established, its delegation took part in the conference every year and achieved multiple awards. This year, EMIS proudly won the Best Delegation

award for the 4th time in a row! It marked the biggest accomplishment so far with 7 Best Delegates, 2 Outstanding Delegates and 1 Honorable Mention, which resulted in 10 out of 11 delegates from EMIS winning awards in their committees.

The conference was an amazing experience for the EMIS delegation to interact with other high school students and once again, this year experience proved the leading position of EMIS in MUN community in the country. **(Nguyen Việt Hải Triều- Vietnam).**

LGBTQ Week

In March, there was the first ever LGBTQ Week at EMIS. It was a week thriving to encourage EMISers for discussion and involvement in the LGBT community. It consisted of a panel with three prominent LGBT activists from Israel and a holi colour party that was celebrating the diversity and the whole party was filled with colours, fun and music. On Thursday there was a movie screening of the movie "Call Me By Your Name".

The whole week ended by a big party in the dining hall. There was a live music performance by Atara Shefer followed by a DJ that played music until late night. The week was a huge success and the new committee has already started planning for the coming. **(Natalia Bajnokova - Slovakia).**

NYC Delegation

Six appointed EMIS students got a chance to fly to New York in February to take part in the annual UNIS-UN Conference on innovation and technology under the title, "Under CTRL" which took place in the UN Headquarters. They also got a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet some amazing and influential people, such as the CEO of HBO, Mr. Richard Plepler, Mr. Steve Forbes, Ms. Tzili Charney, different missions to the UN, and Ms. Evelyn Lipper, chairman of Beracha Foundation. Students shared their narratives

about how they came to EMIS and their personal connection to the school mission. **(Shana Hazboun - Palestine)**