

PIRLS 2021 ASSESSMENT

Dear Parent,

This letter is to inform you about an important international study of student learning being conducted in our school by **the Honorable Ministry of Education UAE. The Progress In International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)** provides important information for benchmarking student performance in reading around the world. Since 2001, PIRLS has measured worldwide trends in student reading skills at grade 4 (present 5 grade students). **We are very happy to inform you that** our school has been selected to participate in the PIRLS main study.

IEA's PIRLS 2021 will be the fifth cycle in the PIRLS assessment. PIRLS provides internationally comparative data on how well children read by assessing students' reading achievement at the fourth grade (present fifth grade students).

The digital PIRLS reading assessment includes a variety of engaging, visually attractive passages that motivate students to read, interact with the texts and answer comprehension questions. Digital PIRLS includes the ePIRLS assessment of online reading that was initiated in 2016, which was designed to monitor how well students read, interpret and critique information in an online environment that looks and feels like the internet.

Reading literacy is the foundation for academic success, and PIRLS is a valuable vehicle for studying whether new or revised policies impact achievement. The PIRLS reading assessment is based on a comprehensive framework that covers major reading purposes — for literary experience, to acquire and use information, and to search for information on the internet.

As in previous cycles, PIRLS 2021 collects and reports an extensive array of policy relevant information about students' home and school experiences in learning to read:

- Home questionnaire
- Student, questionnaires
- PIRLS 2021 Encyclopedia: Education Policy and Curriculum in Reading

It is important that each student selected take part in the study. In addition to answering reading questions, students will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire about themselves.

Your child's class is selected to participate in PIRLS.

Kindly note the following:

- 1. Please provide a valid PCR Test Result (Negative) of your ward to the class teacher on or before Monday 11.10.2021.**
- 2. Date of the test will be intimated soon.**
- 3. If the PIRLS Assessment takes place on any Term Exam day, then the revised date of that Exam will be intimated later.**

Thank You & Warm Regards

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(Principal)