

## Elementary School

### *UAE National Day*

UAE National day is celebrated on December 2nd of each year. This year the holiday occurs on Thursday, December 2nd and is preceded by Commemoration Day, which is recognized on November 30th but is usually marked with a holiday on December 1st. So we will have a 3-day week with schools being closed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

### *Martyr's Day*

November 30th is a day of appreciation and loyalty to the martyrs of the UAE, ES Class 3B was selected to represent the school in the flag Square,

All students stood in the classroom at 11:30 a.m. for a minute of silence and then performed the national anthem at 11:31.



For more about Commemoration Day, please see this Article from The National newspaper:

[Commemoration Day](#)

### *December 2*

The UAE officially celebrates National Day on December 2, 2021 to commemorate the formation of the country in 1971. The holiday marks the day that 6 emirates bound together to form the UAE, with Ras Al Khaimah joining as the 7th and final emirate the following year. Sheikh Zayed, the Founding Father, led efforts to unite the emirates and became the first president. His son, Sheikh Khalifa, has served as president since 2004.

According to Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, Minister of Foreign Affairs, “National Day is a historic day that marks a milestone for our country's achievements. We pay tribute to the past 50 years of the founding of our country and together work towards the centenary.”

Ignite School joins the rest of the nation as we pay respects to the Martyrs who fought for the UAE and salute the country’s wise leaders whose vision and stewardship creates the conditions for a better and more prosperous world for us all.



It's hard to believe that December has arrived and as of this upcoming Sunday, there are only 5 instructional days remaining until Winter Break.

Please note the following:

- Dec 1 - UAE Martyrs Day Holiday
- Dec 2 - UAE National Day Holiday
- Week of Dec 6 - G1-4 Award Recognition Assemblies
- Dec 9 - Winter Break Class Awards and Celebrations
- Please remember that although the first day of Winter break is Sunday, December 12th, the last day of Semester 1 is actually Sunday, January 9th.
- Report Cards will be issued on or around January 6th
- Parent Teacher Conferences January 6th and 9th
- The first day of Semester 2 is January 10th

Wishing you a relaxing long National Day weekend ahead

