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**KINDNESS TO ALL PROJECT**

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Dear Parents,

Kindness and generosity are closely interwoven in the fabric of life at GLS. Philanthropy has always been a way of life as we teach children to be humane through ongoing opportunities in the school throughout the year to demonstrate kindness to self and others. Our students are also learning to make connections to the UNICEF'S Sustainable Development Goals of 'Zero Hunger' and 'Reduced Inequalities' and are building solutions to global issues.



In this context, Bentley- the Hippo, a world famous character from a series of children's books authored by Argyro Graphy, has announced an international project – 'Kindness to All' engaging students of all age groups, which addresses being kind to each other – to our animals – to our environment and to ourselves.

Registrations have begun and the project starts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The project consists of a 30-day calendar that has different kindness activities/tasks such as write a thank you card to your teacher or to the bus driver, collect items that you no longer use that you can donate to someone that can use them and so on. The project has activities to encourage children to identify ways to be kind. There are no right or wrong answers and students can complete as much as they can. The project aims to encourage kindness every day not just on specific days like 'Kindness or Earth Day'.

Students participating in this project will submit their own drawings related to the project, which will be compiled by the author into a Kindness Book. Each child will receive a copy of their own book, but more importantly, a second book will be donated. The author's goal is to get a book into the hands of as many children as possible so that they can experience the joy of holding and owning their own book. Students will also earn points on some tasks in the kindness calendar, for which children will receive little rewards. Each child will also get a small "mystery gift" for completing the project.

The project duration is from May 1- June 30 giving children some extra time if needed, and to submit their artwork. Once all the art work is received from children all over the world, the books will be created and hopefully delivered by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The fee for participating in this Kindness Project with Bentley the Hippo is AED 50 per student. Please make the online payment to register your child's name for this International project on Kindness to All, if you are interested, on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.** We encourage all students to participate in this international project so as to immerse them in the value of kindness through interesting activities. They will also have their art work published in the Kindness Book alongside Bentley the Hippo and will be sent a copy of the book.



Bentley the Hippo is looking forward to all of you registering for this project and learn to show kindness to all.

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The steps for the payment for '**Kindness Project KG1- Gr6**' are as appended below.

How to register & pay for an activity online?

Step 1: Login to GEMS Parent Portal using parent login credentials

Step 2: Click Here under Activities



Step 3: To register your ward, select the '**Kindness Project KG1- Gr6**'.

Step 4: Select Enroll

Step5: Select Confirm and Proceed and then Pay Online and follow the screen instructions.

Thank you.

Warm regards,



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