Dear Parents,

As you know we are very excited to be celebrating National Day on December 1, 2014. Our plans for National Day this year includes the World Record attempt by GEMS.

The theme and message of our celebration is simple – we are celebrating unity through diversity. GEMS Schools have students, parents and staff from 150 countries. Each school will send a group of students to GEMS Wellington Academy – Dubai Silicon Oasis. This combined group of students representing 150 different nationalities will sing the National Anthem of the UAE and consequently set a new Guinness World Record.

At GIS we will be streaming the event live into our school and all the students and parents on campus will be joining the singing at 10:30. Parents are invited to join in with the celebrations throughout the day. Please see the schedule below to help you decide what events you will be attending.

8:15 -9:00 KG1, KG2, Grade 1 and Grade 2 assembly in the MPH

9:15- 10:00 Grades 3 to 8 assembly in the MPH

Both assemblies will follow the same structure and support the learning the students have been doing in class.

1. Welcome

2. Introduction about National Day

3. Read Quran

4. National Anthem sung by ALL children present

5. UAE Movie produced by children

6. Emirati Artistic show (Dance/Drama)

7. Raise the UAE flags

8. Closing.

After the assemblies several stations will be set up around the school and children will visit them with their parents.

9:00 – 10:15 KG1 & KG2 – Snack and Stations (The Arabic food that parents are bringing will also be available throughout the day in the cafeteria.)

10:15 ALL students and parents will make their way to the football field and go to their assigned areas.

10:30 SHARP the record breaking attempt at GEMS Wellington Academy- Dubai Silicon Oasis will be streamed live on two TV screens and all GEMS students and GIS parents will join in singing the UAE national Anthem.

After the singing of the National Anthem students will continue visiting the stations and participating in the organized activities around the school.

10:40 – 12:00 Grades 1 – 3

12:00 – 2:00 Grades 4 – 8

Each HR teacher has a list of their students and if a parent wishes to take responsibility for them during the day, they ‘sign out’ the child. They do not have to stick to the assigned times if this is the case.

Should you want to take children home early, you must notify the HR teacher and follow the proper procedures.

 We look forward to welcoming you all to GIS to be part of this celebration on December 1, 2014.