



SPLASH WEEK AT ST. CHRIS



The start of 'Splash Week' saw the Nursery children experiencing a wet and wonderful day at St. Chris, Saar.

The Nursery playground was turned into a water play zone where children could enjoy a wide variety of fun activities: water target practice, sprinklers, sinking and floating and most exciting of all, the paddling pools!

The children also had a fabulous time cooling off in the St. Chris swimming pool. The pupils showed off their swimming skills to their swimming teachers; kicking, blowing bubbles and even submerging their heads under the water!

They also enjoyed playing with all the toys and swimming through the hoops. Some pupils were already swimming like fish! The teachers were very excited and looking forward to helping the pupils gain swimming skills when they start official swimming classes in September.



Off-campus workshops for students

Bahrain Polytechnic conducted a soft opening for its new premises at the Riyadat Centre in A'ali. The Centre was established for the purposes of delivering courses off-campus to both its full-time students and the community, as well as developing its enterprise agenda.

In collaboration with Bahrain Development Bank (BDB), the workshops will be used to deliver courses from the Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Business. The fusion of academia and commercial activity proves to be an ideal location where students can enhance their innovation skills and develop on their business ideas. Moreover, the Polytechnic is set to conduct some of its courses at the Riyadat Centre to the general public in the near future.

"The concept of having a dedicated site off-campus will allow students to build up on



Officials, students and guests during the launch.

their entrepreneurial plans. We hope to contribute to the innovation ecosystem by developing the next generation of entrepreneurs," said Acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri.

"Over here [at the Polytechnic], we focus on practical learning more than the theoretical. Offering these workshops in Riyadat Centre

paves the way to encourage our students to expand on their ideas, as well as become more engaged with the community," he stated.

"To students currently studying for their Bachelors of ICT, we are hoping to create a dedicated innovation lab because many of our students come up with brilliant software or smartphone applications

and this lab is open at any time for them to use," he added.

Commenting on this, Bahrain Development Bank Group CEO Nedhal Saleh Al Aujan said: "We are very pleased to have Bahrain Polytechnic in Riyadat, as it represents one of the academic and scientific institutions of excellence within the Kingdom of Bahrain."

This reflects the groups goal in strengthening strategic partnerships with various institutions related to the developing the entrepreneurial sector, and working to develop and strengthen the system of entrepreneurial environment which is implemented by Bahrain Development Bank group," he said.

"This initiative comes in line with the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 for the development of small and medium enterprises and to facilitate businesses through programmes and funding mechanisms that match their requirements as it makes up the largest percentage of institutions operating within Bahrain," he concluded.