



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Monday, 11th April 2022

Calendar

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Palm Sunday

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Easter & Spring Break

A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

Sowing the seeds of hard work guarantees reaping the fruits of success! Allow me to start our first and last newsletter for this month on a positive note; the exceptional record number of university acceptances for the Class of '22! Last week, we were thrilled to hear that our students were accepted into some of the world's most renowned and prestigious educational institutions, including but not limited to 6 Ivy League universities! With so many offers to boast over, we were delighted to have a placement rate of 100%. This meant that all students got accepted into the universities of their choice

where they shall embark on a brand-new journey of further success and endless opportunities Inshala! Congratulations to the Class of '22 and their families for such great achievements which also speak volumes of the quality of educational experience IAA provides to its students.

On another note, I am both pleased and relieved to inform you that after such a long period of thorough and exhaustive preparations, we have successfully concluded the process of regaining our "Re-Accreditation" status by the Council of International Schools (CIS), the International Baccalaureate (IB), and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). As we await the final decision, I remain hopeful yet confident that IAA shall once again exceed all expectations and fulfill its promise in providing high-quality education to our future leaders. Allow me to thank everyone who has been involved in this process and has contributed positively to our mission; IAA's resilient board members, staff members, students, parents, and alumni. Thank you for your hard work, diligence, cooperation and collaboration! It is the culmination of such great efforts that guarantees a prosperous and continuous success for IAA, which enables us to stand high and tall amongst other schools in the region.

Lastly, allow me to wish you and your families a blessed and bountiful Easter, and Eid Fitr Mubarak! Enjoy our coming Spring Break and spend some much-needed quality time with your loved ones, Godspeed.

Kind regards,
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Primary School News

Ramadan Kareem, Blessed Easter & Happy Eid!

As Spring is truly upon us and at this special time of the year, I wish our community peace, bliss, and prosperity. During this holy and festive season, the next stretch of term 2 will be filled with occasions, Palm Sunday next week, Easter, and Eid Al Fitr to follow. It is a joy to see our students from both faiths sharing their experiences about fasting and celebration traditions. We are looking forward to the assemblies that will mark these festivities on Thursday, April 21st.

While on the same festive topic, it is worth mentioning that all these joyful celebrations are coming on the back of two successful activities organized by our wonderful Religion Teachers; the Quran and Bible competitions which were very successful in terms of achieving their purposes, organization, and attendance. Just as well, class assemblies are in full swing and now, the IAA theatre is featuring two performances occurring each Thursday and will continue to do so for the remainder of the year.

On the academic side of proceedings, it pleases us to offer our students the continued High Quality Teaching and Learning program and with the resumption of the Enrichment Programme, we aim to make the best of the last third of the academic year. We are diligently working behind the scenes to produce the finest learning experiences, therefore we encourage you to maximise your child's school attendance. We all agree that attendance is an essential component of a student's academic success.

In terms of resuming our regular services, we are proud to announce that the Primary After School Clubs will be resuming straight after Spring break so, please mark May 8th on your diary. The registration letter has already been sent to you this week, please fill in your child's choices and send it back to the classroom as early as possible before the clubs fill up. The primary list of activities incorporates an extensive range of genres, including academic clubs, and will run up to the penultima week of term two.

Another facet of our school culture is duty, and it has been pleasing to see that during tough times we have been able to continue our commitment to those that are less fortunate. Ms Sahar, along with some other staff members, are aiming to deliver food packages to vulnerable families in Jordan as part of our annual Ramadan campaign. Thank you so much to all of those families that have donated to this cause. Do enjoy a wonderful Spring holiday and stay healthy and safe wherever you choose to go.

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

This is a special time of year with both Ramadan and Easter falling so close to each other. We wish all our families the very best for the coming weeks. We are also looking forward to our Eid and Easter assembly on Thursday 21st before our Spring Break that starts on Friday 22nd April.

Ramadan Activities

1. SRC/Religion and Sports Iftar: we welcome all students who want to participate in the Iftar being held at IAA on Tuesday 12th April. We are welcoming disadvantaged children from the Gaza refugee camp in Jerash into our community. The event will start with games at 5.30. It will involve an Iftar meal and prayer and all children will leave with a small gift. Should you wish for your children to participate, then please deposit 10JD in Finance before the end of Monday.
2. Taraweeh prayers on campus: on Wednesday 13th at 9.00 pm our Religion department welcome you to campus, specifically the multi-purpose room. Together all will pray the evening prayer, then a few Rak'ahs of the Taraweeh prayers followed by the Witr prayer. There will be a five-minute break with some Ramadan sweets (Qatayef). Please remember to bring your own prayer rug. The event will run for one hour.

IB/CIS/NEASC accreditation visit

Our accreditation visit passed off very successfully. Our Visiting Teams enjoyed seeing classes and talking to our students about how they learn. We would also like to thank all parents who took time to have meetings with the visitors. In the exit meetings, we were very pleased to hear their preliminary commendations and hear them agree with our reflections and ideas for improving IAA in the next 5-year cycle. We are looking forward to receiving the official reports from the IB, CIS and NEASC.

Grade 12 Art Exhibition

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday this week we have our first physical Grade 12 Art Exhibition since 2019! With most of Grade 11 being spent online, it has not been easy for our artists to prepare a full exhibition in time. With the largest Art class in the history of IAA the MPR should be awash with colour, creativity and imagination.

King's Academy MUN

It was good to see weekend activities taking place. We were pleased that our delegation to the King's Academy was a strong one. Our students certainly enjoyed themselves. At a time when the very foundations of the UN are being questioned, it was a valuable experience to be modelling it to try and overcome some of the pressing global and local issues we face.

Arabic Poetry

Grade 8 took part in a lovely Arabic poetry assembly. It was rewarding to see so many students performing on stage, celebrating both their mother tongue and the power of poetry as a medium for communicating about so many important issues, emotions and the richness of our cultural heritage.

Guest-speakers

1. Our G10s are currently unpacking the pre-released material for the upcoming interdisciplinary e-assessment. The focus is on how cultural perspectives should be incorporated when making decisions regarding the built and natural environment. Last week, we welcomed guest-speaker Mais Abuali, an Architect and Urban Designer, who presented about sustainable urban development and provided us with local examples or urban design projects in Amman.
2. Our Grade 9s are currently working on their Service As Action unit, "Humans of Jordan", where they explore the journey of migrants, immigrants and locals who constitute the Jordanian society and learn how to tell their narratives via social media. To support them with their social media posts, we welcome this week the social media influencer behind the "FeedMureed" posts and videos, who uses food as a medium to promote intercultural exchange.

Looking further ahead

Progress Reports

We will send out progress reports for Semester 2 on Thursday 21st April. As well as the usual indicators on Approaches to Learning skills, these reports will contain a narrative from teachers indicating the strengths of students and highlighting areas for improvement as we move towards the end of the year and the exams that accompany those final few weeks in early June.

Civvies Day

Thursday 21st will be a Civvies day. This month we hope to raise a good donation to help those children afflicted with the condition of Cystic Fibrosis. As usual, we would ask that all children coming to school dressed in non-uniform that day present 2JD to their tutors as a donation to the good cause we are supporting.

Thank you, Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

According to Britannica, it defines the word poetry as " literature that evokes a concentrated imaginative awareness of experience or a specific emotional response through language chosen and arranged for its meaning, sound, and rhythm." In the Primary Library, students will be learning about

poetry and figurative language in English and in Arabic. The students love poets like Dr. Seuss, Jack Prelutsky, and Shel Silverstein. *Where The Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein is a collection of great fun poems that students and adults enjoy. Jack Prelutsky was named the first Children's Poet Laureate in the US. His book, *Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face* is a hilarious collection of poems where anything can happen. Frogs in red suspenders, a clocktopus and gloopy gloppers are only some of his imaginative characters that take you on a ride into his world of poetry. We will be reading out poems from different countries. They will be introduced to some famous Arab poets such as Nizar Qabani, Ahmad Shawki, Mahmoud Darwish and Mustafa Wahbeh AlTal. They will also listen to some poetry turned into music sung by famous singers such as Fairuz, Um Kalthoum and Kazem AlSaher. The younger grades will be learning about a new author each week and this week's author is Jacqueline Woodson. She is known for her National Book Award-Winning memoir *Brown Girl Dreaming*, and her Newbery Honor-winning titles *After Tupac* and *D Foster, Feathers*, and *Show Way*. Her picture books *The Day You Begin* and *The Year We Learned to Fly* were NY Times Best Sellers. She was also awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal, in recognition of her "lasting contribution to children's literature" in 2020.

Our youngest students in KG1 have been celebrating a Day in the Life unit where they'll be learning about different jobs and the things people do in the community while our KG2 students will be reading from Aesop's fables, written by the famous Greek storyteller, Aesop.

Grade 11s are continuing to build their research and organizational skills for the Extended Essay in the secondary library. They are focusing on how to find, organize, and engage with high-quality resources to support deeper analytical thought. The G9s are starting their Migration narrative unit and will also be working on conducting primary research for their Personal Project. If you'd like your child to get some extra practice on these skills please let them reach out to Ms. Melissa and she will gladly help them in using advanced search techniques, deciphering academic writing, organizing sources, note taking for deep thinking and more.

Have a wonderful rest of the week!

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