



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

Parent News

Sunday, 11th February 2018

Calendar

Monday	12	--Grade 11 Trip, International Trip --ISA Tests
Tuesday	13	--Grade 11 Trip, International Trip --ISA Tests --Makerspace (Valentine Cards), Primary Library, 2:30 pm to 3:20 pm
Wednesday	14	--Grade 11 Trip, International Trip --February Break, (Holiday)
Thursday	15	--Grade 11 Trip, International Trip --February Break, (Holiday)
Friday	16	--Grade 11 Trip, International Trip
Saturday	17	--Grade 11 Trip, International Trip
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --Primary Parent Conferences

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

We have a short week ahead and there are a few important announcements that I would like you to be aware of.

ISA for Grade 3-5

We have our International School Assessments taking place on Monday and Tuesday in Grade 3 – 5. These tests are used to benchmark our school against other similar schools around the world. It is essential that on these days our students are at school on time at 7:45am and ready to commence assessments at 8am sharp. Please support your child by ensuring that he or she has slept well and has had a healthy breakfast before leaving home. Due to the International School Assessments, the Primary Leadership Team will not be available for drop-in visits on Monday morning.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our booking system for Parent-Teacher Conferences is open on Moodle. Please do make an appointment with your child's teacher for Monday, February 19th or Tuesday, February 20th.

Award Winners

I would like to recognise our award winners this week. They are:

Bronze Award Winners

Rand Hijawy 5C	Al Anoud Al Jazzy 3S	Mohammed Al Lozi 2J
Laya Baloula 5C	Hasan Malkawi 2M	Aisha Al Naser 2J
Naser Abdullah 3S	Layla Baareh 2M	Alisha Zakarneh 2J
Jannah Hmoud 5C	Malak Haijawi 2M	Abdullah Fraij 2J
Abdallah Asfour 5T	Ahmad Shanti 2M	Loulwa Bilbeisi 2J
Faisal Abu Ragheb 4M	Aysha Salous 2M	Leen Dahleh 2H
Elia Al Nims 4M	Omar Rasheed 2M	Taleen Khoury 1I
Rania Yasin 4D	Yasmin Farraj 2M	Naser Aldein Al Mousa 1I
Zaid Al Jamal 4D		

Silver Award Winners

Issam Al- Saket 5C	Sadeen Rashid 4D	Ahmad Shanti 2M
Sara Halawa 5T	Joud Zeidan 4D	Imad Al Baghal 2M
Rashed Samawi 5T	Hamza Al Adwan 4D	Maia Gourourinis 1C
Aisha Saket 5T	Ahmad Al Rabi 4D	Adam Teebi 1C
Ahmed Mustafa 5T	Hala Al Qaimari 4M	Maryam Al Adhami 1C
Akram Abu Khajil 5T	Sarah Dahleh 4M	Ibrahim Al Louzi 1C
Ayla Akkawi 5T	Sarah Kachakeche 2M	Hasan Al Sarraf 1C
Zaid Al Jamal 4D	Omar Rasheed 2M	Yaseen kilani 1F
Salma Abu Baker 4D		

Gold Award Winners

Abdel Majeed Al- Shdeafat 5T

Nasser Abu Ragheb 3S

Yasmeen Khoury 1S

I hope that you have a wonderful week and enjoy the long weekend with your family.

**Yours sincerely,
Andrew Powell**

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

Grade 11 TOK

Last week we continued with our lecture series for Grade 11 TOK classes and were fortunate enough to have Ms Salma Nims of the Jordanian National Commission for Women come to speak. She certainly shared a few home truths about the position of females in society in Jordan and hopefully inspired our students to take action now to make their voices heard as part of this debate.

Drama Workshop

Over the weekend we had Annie Sutton, a renowned theatre practitioner and author, in school giving a masterclass to our students. The workshops focussed on the work of Berkoff and Lecoq and the art of physical theatre. We hope that after the success of this year Annie will continue to come to IAA every year to expose our students to practical drama.

Dead 2 Red

We also had a successful keep fit session for the D2R team, students, staff and parents on Friday morning. It was a beautiful morning and the different groups enjoyed their time as they walked/jogged or ran around the King Hussein Park. The next D2R event will be on the 22nd of February at the bake sale, when we will be selling wristbands to support our chosen charity, the Al-Aman fund for orphans.

ISA Tests

Whilst the coming week is short, it is packed full. This week we have the annual ISA tests for Grade 6 to 9. These will take place on Monday and Tuesday first thing in the morning. Grade 10 to 12 will follow an altered timetable on these days. It is essential that student attendance is 100% on these days and that students in Grade 6 to 9 come to school with the following examination materials:

- Black Pen
- Pencil (preferably HB2)
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Calculator (any type as only simple calculations are required)

Please note that pencil cases will not be allowed in the exam rooms, so we advise students to bring their equipment in a clear plastic bag.

Grade 8's IDU & SSA

On Tuesday, after the ISA test, Grade 8 will be participating in their IDU and SAA unit, which is an excellent collaborative piece between IAS, English and Sciences. The students will be exploring various facets of the important global campaign to eradicate Polio through the lens of these three subject areas. They will also listen to guest speakers from the World Health Organisation who will explore what is being done to eradicate this awful condition.

We wish you a relaxing long weekend.

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

The Primary Library introduced the students to a new Author of the Month –Michael Morpurgo. He is the author of many books for children including *The Wreck of Zanzibar*, *The Butterfly Lion*, *Private Peaceful*, *War Horse*, and many more. He also set up a charity in 1976 called 'Farms for City Children' in which children who live in the city get to go to a real farm and stay there for a week. Children are involved in everything necessary to keep the farms going. They learn where their food comes from, the importance of caring for animals and the land, and the value of working cooperatively as a team. Our IAA students wished they could go!

On a different note, the second graders enjoyed a fun, relaxing day at the library for '*lazy story time*'. They brought in their teddy bears and blankets and listened to stories. The students loved it!

Save the Date: We would like you all to know that we are planning the Book Fair to coincide with Book Week, which will be March 4 to 8. This is a time when the best book-sellers from Amman come to the IAA campus for parents and students to browse new book selections and purchase for their home libraries. The libraries work with the Primary Literacy Team to make sure that the activities for the week are a celebration of reading. The KG Library has decided to celebrate Dr. Seuss that week. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you for signing up for the IAA Parent Book club. We are proud to announce our book choice, *The Bamboo Stalk* by Saud Al Sanousi. This is a bilingual book club and participants will be reading and discussing the novel in their choice of Arabic or English. The conversations should be interesting.

Right now, we have a trial to Encyclopedia Britannica via the school libraries available on the school network and on BYOD. If you are interested in learning more, please contact your child's librarian to see how this online resource can be of use to your child. Last week, I was able to help a G12 student locate primary sources related to an Internal Assessment, whilst the subscription also features "Beginning" and "Intermediate" levels to better differentiate for the various levels of information literacy at IAA, from PreK to G12.

Finally, we have a new favourite app to share with you.

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