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Parent Teacher Conference

Primary School News

Primary Welcome

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and in good health. Last Tuesday marked our 100th day at school for this academic year and still our activities are going strong! In particular, G2 students dazzled us last week with their self-made and creative T-Shirts and costumes to mark the occasion. Meanwhile, the character day was the icing on the cake and the grand finale to a magnificent primary book week. Many activities are still in store for us so please try to keep up with us!

Parent – Teacher Conference

I would like to remind you that this Thursday, the 15th of February, we will be holding the second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. As always, these meetings present a valuable opportunity for Pre-K to Grade 5 parents to connect with classroom and specialist teachers to discuss the progress and development of our students. The booking platform has opened since yesterday and will remain so until 1.00 pm Wednesday February 14th. Kindly note there will be no school for students on this day.

Primary Book Week

Last week, we were celebrating the joy of reading and the magic of storytelling in the form of Book Week. Throughout the event, we had so many exciting activities such as author visits, storytelling sessions, and book fairs. More so, our primary students embraced their favorite book characters by dressing up in costume, sparking their imagination and creativity. We extend our utmost gratitude and appreciation goes to our wonderful Library Team who made the event so special and enjoyable.

An exceptional week of Learning in the IAA Early Years last week.

Pre-K children impressively learned facts about all the planets in our Solar System and produced books they shared with children in KG1. They finished the topic off with a dress up day of Astronauts and Aliens. KG1 children completed their 100th day of learning last week and will celebrate with a range of exciting activities in the coming week. They dressed up as Animal characters from beloved stories to celebrate the end of a marvelous book week. Last but not least, in KG2 children have been making presentations to demonstrate their learning about Nocturnal and Diurnal animals in their current topic of 'Seeing the Light'. They have made shadow puppets and retold stories using shadow theater. Can it really get any more exciting than this!

Celebrating Jordan's Football Achievement

Yesterday, after the National Anthem, our students were thrilled to participate in a special event that we had during the morning lineup to commemorate Jordan's amazing achievement in the Asian Cup of Nations. The occasion addressed the power of coming together through sport, unity, pride and joy. During the event, a special tribute was made to the national Jordanian team and the Jordanian supporters for showing good sportsmanship after the final match.

Gate Policy

We all agree on the importance of arriving to school early to maximise learning time. We require your support in this matter so, please ensure that students must be present on campus no later than 8:15 am. As per our

gate policy, students who arrive after 8:20 am will be listed as late; lateness will be permitted only two times per semester and the student won't be allowed entrance to the school in case of a third lateness as indicated in our gate policy. The school gates will be closed at 8:30 am and students who arrive after closing the gates will be denied entrance and sent home.

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

Parent Teacher Conferences

The main focus for this week is the Parent Teacher Conferences taking place on Thursday 15th February. The booking system is now open on Moodle and we would urge you to make appointments with a 5minute gap to aid transfer between teacher locations. In addition, we strongly urge that your child(ren) attends with you to share and participate in the reflection on progress so far and targets moving forward.

Civvies Day and Bake sale

Our next Civvies day and Bake Sale will be held on **Thursday 22nd February**. This month Grade 9 are in charge of organising the Bake sale and we wish them good luck in raising funds for Charity. The Charity we will be supporting in February is UNRWA given the unprecedented suspension in funding for their programmes at a time when they are the main provider of the much needed humanitarian support in Gaza.

Beauty and the Beast

"I Want Adventure In The Great Wide Somewhere". Adventure will be coming to the IAA stage from Monday 19th February Wednesday 21st February as we showcase Beauty and the Beast. Do not miss the chance to see Bella, the Beast, Lumiere, Gaston, Mrs. Potts, Cogsworth, Chip and many other enchanting characters work their magic as they tell a tale as old as time. Thank you to all those dedicating many hours to put together a production that is sure to be a success. All proceeds raised will go to Gaza, as we stand in solidarity for Palestine.

Personal Project Update: Grades 9 and 10

The MYP Personal Project is an independent, significant and essential piece of work that our Grade 10s have just completed. It allowed them to showcase their skills, talents and personal growth as they engaged with issues that were personal to them. The outcome was a tangible manifestation of their journey, highlighting problem-solving, resilience and a newfound sense of self-awareness.

Congratulations to our Grade 10 students. Grade 9s, get ready as we embark on this journey with you.

On that note there will be a **Grade 9 Parent Meeting about the Personal Project journey held on Sunday 25th February in the MPR from 9.00 am to 10.00 pm**

Meatless Mondays from the 19th February

As part of our commitment to Healthy Living and to the health of our planet we are joining the Meatless Mondays movement. A separate letter will be sent home giving more information about this initiative. We hope that many students and families will choose to support this programme to bring about impactful change.

Well done Hawks and thank you Library

As ever, our Hawks have been busy and congratulations to all our boys and girls who took part in recent Basketball tournaments. We would also like to thank our Library team for organising a wonderful book week in Secondary. The competitions and workshops were enjoyed by all who participated and we hope they proved inspirational.

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

College Counselling News

A smooth start to February as we continue to work diligently with our G11 students and parents on setting goals and directing them on the path to realizing their dreams during our one on one presentations. With just a few months to go before we begin the actual college application process, it is very important that students start working on their individual 'to do list' and have it completed by August this year.

We are now half way through our G10 meetings for subject selection. Most students I've met have been fully aware of the IB Diploma requirements and have done their background reading into the differences in subjects on offer. We advise those who have not yet read the prospectus to do so; it will make choosing the appropriate subjects easier.

Next week we will be hosting four universities on campus:

German Jordan University

Trinity College Dublin

IE in collaboration HTU

St George's University

All four college representatives will be presenting to our G10 and G11 about their respective colleges, the programs they offer and scholarships. We recommend that students attend and make the most of this opportunity.

A final reminder for students in G11 to register for the coming SAT on the 9th March. Seats at IAA are limited so the earlier you apply the more likely you'll be able to sit the exam on our campus. To register, please use the following link:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines>

Sincerely,
Aya Abdel Hadi

Library News

Dear parents,

I am delighted to share with you the success of our annual Book Week activities. It was a joyous and enriching experience for our students, staff and community alike. From captivating local authors, storytellers and a puppeteer, our students were immersed in a world of imagination and learning. The smiles on their faces were heartwarming as they picked out books to buy or listened to a story. Our primary book character day on Thursday was full of story characters that they love and connect to and the daily library questions were a big hit with our students as they rushed to the library every morning eagerly to answer the questions.

Our secondary students were also intrigued by the process of putting a book together and how much detail and effort goes into each page. Aya Ghanameh provided invaluable knowledge and inspiration to our students, offering them a glimpse into the creative process behind bringing a personal story to life. Our students gained a deeper understanding of the craftsmanship and dedication required to produce books. She also shed light on the collaborative work involved in publishing a book, from editing and design to printing and distribution. The Arabic Scavenger hunt for Grade 6 was engaging and fun and they got to do a little bit of research as well in the process!

All in all, it was a brilliant week for all. Here's a video that captures all our activities:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J3zVxUF2WbYxfPT_H6qEaQRKMwHTILxT/view?usp=sharing

Have a wonderful week!

Dima Shaka'a
Head of Libraries & Primary Librarian

Sports News

Greetings,

We have a lot of great sports news that took place during the past two weeks, including Ali Dibie's achievement of clinching the top spot and earning a coveted gold medal at the Abu Dhabi World Jiu-Jitsu Championship in his category. The exhilarating competition unfolded in the vibrant city of Amman, Jordan, and Ali's remarkable feat unfolded on the 2nd of February 2024.

Following in the footsteps of the Hawks athletes from our school who have achieved success in Jiu-Jitsu, our ambitious player Keyan Azzeq from grade one secured his first gold medal in his category by winning the Abu Dhabi International Tournament, held in Amman last week.

Regarding the AAC Basketball tournaments that concluded in the last two weeks, our U14 teams participated in these events with young, aspiring players. Right from the outset, our objective was to establish teams capable of sustained competitiveness. Our boys' team secured 4th place, while the girls' team achieved 2nd place. The participation proved immensely beneficial for both teams, yielding commendable results. This success not only elevated the morale of the players but also instilled in them a heightened motivation to persistently enhance their technical and physical abilities.

As for the U16 teams, we congratulate our girls on reaching the finals and securing fourth place in the AAC championship. The competition was intense, and our girls demonstrated significant improvement in their performance. Their participation provided valuable match experience that will contribute to the development of their tactical abilities in the future. Additionally, we commend the boys' team for their outstanding performance despite not advancing to the finals. They showcased a high level of skill overall, and it was only minor details and unfortunate circumstances that prevented them from qualifying.

For further details, please click on the link below

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gd8Oa1UuO1k6hDg-MRpFeeGuyw81E6Zm/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you.