



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Calendar

Monday	30	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM --KG1 & KG2 Sports Day, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM --G1 & G2 Sports Day, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM --G3 - G5 Sports Day, 11:30 AM – 12:30 AM --Pre-K Family Day, 13:15 PM – 14:10 PM --IAA Fashion Show, 17:30 PM
Tuesday	1	--Labour Day (Holiday)
Wednesday	2	--Secondary Music Concert, Theatre, 16:15 PM – 17:15 PM --Grade 10 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	3	--Grade 9 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grade 4P Assembly, Theatre, 13:00 PM – 14:00 PM --Grade 6 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Friday	4	
Saturday	5	--SAT Test --Grade 9, 10 & 11 Trip, (Off- Campus) --Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International
Sunday	6	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International
Monday	7	--Grades 6 to 9 Trip, International --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

### A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

I would like to thank the PTA for organising our annual Quiz Night last Friday. Congratulations to all winners; it was surely an evening to remember! A special thank you goes to our sponsors who made the event all the more remarkable.

Last weekend marked the start of Grade 12's final exams. We wish them the best of luck as they embark on their final journey at IAA.

Thank you to all the parents who attended Screenagers last week. The discussion that followed the documentary was fruitful as parents shared their stories and tips. For those who missed the viewing, please take a few minutes to read this interesting article on how to set screen time limits - <https://www.verywellfamily.com/parents-guide-setting-screen-time-limits-4052472>.

This interrupted week is a busy one, full of local trips in Secondary, the IAA Fashion Show, the annual Secondary Music Concert, Primary Sports Day, ending with the cultural and athletics trip to Spain. Besides learning Spanish and visiting historical venues, our students will be involved in many athletic activities.

Finally, there will not be an open meeting with me this coming Tuesday, due to the Labour Day holiday.

Enjoy your week.

**Hana Kanan Ed.D.**

**Director**

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

### **Quiz Night**

I trust that you had a lovely weekend. For many, the PTA Quiz Night would have been a highlight. Close to 150 people attended the event at the W Hotel and were treated to an enjoyable evening of fun, food and great company.

### **Science Fairs Feedback**

I have appreciated the positive feedback that the school received about our Grade 3 – 5 Science Fairs. Our students did a tremendous job of demonstrating their knowledge of the Scientific method and showcased their learning on selected topics of interest. A lot of the experiments featured real world applications and it was great to see the development of thinking and presentations that were articulated from Grade 3 to Grade 4 and then on to Grade 5.

### **This Week's Events**

We have a busy week on campus despite the **public holiday** on Tuesday. There is a **Pre-K Parent Afternoon** on Monday at 1pm as well as **Sports Day** for KG1 – Grade 5. Grade 4P will round out the week with their assembly on Thursday. Parents are more than welcome to attend Sports Day and specific times are as follows:

- KG1 & KG2 8.30-9.30 am



## Gold with Excellence Award Winners

Ahmad Shanti 2M

Imad Al Baghal 2M

Nour Kilani 2M

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Powell

## *Secondary School News*

Dear Parents,

### **Music Concert**

On Wednesday 2 May, we have our annual Music Concert. It will start at 4.30 p.m. after school and tickets (available from Finance and the front desk in Secondary) are designed to promote attendance. We are asking for a minimum payment of 1JD! The concert will last one hour. We will also showcase some of the artwork completed by our students this year in the Theatre foyer. We do hope you will be able to join us and support those who have their work on display, or who are performing on stage. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish the IAA entry *Shaar Banat* in the 'Battle of the Bands', taking place on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Haya Cultural Centre, all the best.

### **Trips this week**

Four days and four trips! We have lots of learning taking place beyond the classroom this week. 9A are the last Grade 9 class to visit the Al Mufti refugee camp to collect data for their migration narratives. Grade 9 Integrated Science are also out on Thursday as they travel to Azraq in order to assess programmes designed to restore environmental sustainability to this important wetland. Grade 10 will visit the recently opened Tank Museum to gain a sense of the importance of technology in warfare and gain an insight into local history. Grade 6 are heading out on Thursday to enjoy a school production.

### **EOY Assessments**

Grade 12 have now started their final examinations and so far the exams have been as expected. Our students have walked out feeling confident that they have done well. Grade 10 have their last week of school before their external MYP exams start on the May 8.

On the topic of exams, a letter will be coming out this week which will have the end of year assessment schedules for Grades 6 to 9 and for Grade 11 attached to it. Please do place this information somewhere safe. The End of Year Examination schedules will also be placed on Moodle.

### **Fashion Show**

The weather has been keeping us guessing lately! Whilst we can never be unhappy with rain, our Grade 11 team organising the Fashion Show were left with a damp venue last Thursday. As a result, we have postponed the fashion show until 5.30 p.m. on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Given the additional costs now incurred and the desire for the organising team to maximise their donation to their chosen charity: دار الزهراء للمسنين, we are hoping for a wonderful turnout to support them on Monday afternoon. It promises to be a great event and tickets are available from Finance and the Front Desk in Secondary.

**PTA Quiz**

We would like to congratulate and thank the PTA for the Quiz Night that was held this past weekend. It was an entertaining evening with so many prizes, alternative and entertaining quiz ideas and wonderful food. Thank you too, to all parents who came along to support the event.

**Screenagers**

Last week Grades 6 to 9 students watched Screenagers; a documentary that explored struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. It was an eye-opener as it drew on insights from students, teachers, psychologists, and brain scientists. Screenagers reveals how screen time impacts a child's mental development. It offers solutions on how adults can empower children to navigate the digital world responsibly, whilst finding the balance. The biggest takeaway we want to share with you is to adopt an active role in your child's online social world by having open, honest e-safety conversations with them.

**Bake Sale**

Last week, we had our penultimate civvies day and bake sale for the year. Grade 11 did a wonderful job and raised a lot of money for their chosen charity. We have one last civvies day and bake sale on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It is being organised by Grade 7 and our Social Justice Club to raise money for their SAA unit which is connected to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

**Lost and Found**

Lost and Found is reaching carrying capacity. There are many school sweaters, jackets, water bottles, pencil cases, bags (just to name a few items) that need to go home with their rightful owners. So if your child comes home missing an item, please remind them to visit the Lost and Found. Before we start Ramadan, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

**Looking Ahead**

We have a busy weekend coming up. We have SAT tests going on next Saturday (good luck Grade 11!). We also have our final Habitat for Humanity trip of the school year on Saturday for G9-11. This great initiative helps our students understand and appreciate all the broader context of society where we live.

Our MYP Day on May 15th, is drawing closer and preparations are under way. We hope to see you there. The projects we are celebrating fall under the categories of Science Fair (G6), Technology Fair (G7), Service As Action (G6-9), Interdisciplinary Units (G6-9) and Community Projects (G8). The agenda for the day will be shared with you soon.

We wish you a pleasant day off on Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **Library News**

Dear IAA Community,

### **Britannica School**

Exciting News! Your child now has complete access to Britannica School. We have recently invested in Britannica School – an award-winning online resource from Encyclopaedia Britannica. This wonderful resource is now available to children to access at school or from home and can be used on any device including computers, laptops and tablets.

Please encourage your child to use Britannica School as a starting point when they're searching for information to help them with homework, projects and research papers on the internet.

You can be confident that your child is exploring safe material from a trusted, non-biased and reliable source with access to articles, videos, images and educational games in all subject areas.

Please feel free to have a look for yourself. You will find a link to our Encyclopaedia Britannica products on Moodle, as well as all computers on the IAA and BYOD networks.

### **Makerspace**

Our last Makerspace programme for the year will be on Tuesday, 8 May, from 2:30-3:20 p.m., in the Primary Library. Students and parents are encouraged to come and make patriotic mobiles to celebrate our Jordanian Cultural Heritage. Space is limited to 10 KG students and 10 Primary students. To reserve a spot, please write to [library@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:library@iaa.edu.jo).

### **End of Year Timings**

The last day for Library Classes in the KG and Primary will be Thursday, 24 May. Please make sure to return all books by that time.

### **Summer Reading**

Information about the Library Summer Reading Programme will be coming out next week, so be sure to look for it. We have a new approach this summer that we think everyone will enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen McKim  
Head of Libraries/Secondary Librarian