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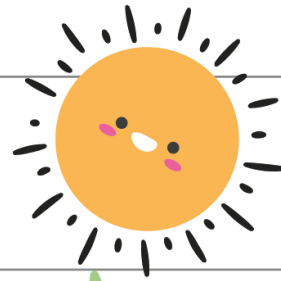
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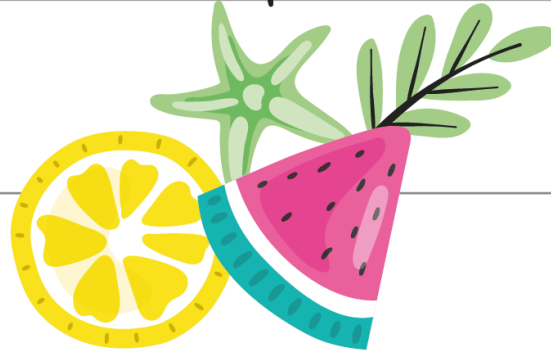
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Summer Break

A Message from The Director

Dear Parents,

As I bid farewell to the academic year 2022/2023, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and best wishes to all our students, esteemed staff members, and the graduating class of '23. It is with great pride and joy that I reflect upon the remarkable achievements and accomplishments of this academic year.

To say that I am proud of our salient students is an understatement, for their dedication to learning, coupled with the guidance and expertise of our esteemed faculty, has resulted in exceptional progress and success! As such, I would like to commend our students for their diligence, intellectual growth, and commitment to excellence. The knowledge and skills they have acquired will undoubtedly serve as a solid foundation for their future endeavors. Similarly, beyond academic excellence, our students have demonstrated exceptional talents and skills through their participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities. From sports to arts, debate to robotics, our students have excelled in diverse fields, showcasing their passion, creativity, and teamwork; I take immense pride in their enthusiasm, perseverance, and commitment to exploring their full potential.

As we celebrate our graduating class of '23, allow me to offer my sincerest congratulations and best wishes yet again! Their accomplishments, both academic and personal, are a testament to their hard work, determination, and resilience. I am immensely proud of each and every one of our 13th Cohort and have no doubt that they will make a positive impact as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. May their future be filled with success, fulfillment, and endless opportunities.

And last but not least, my sincere wishes go to the departing students and staff members as they embark on new journeys beyond our academic institution. Although you will not be with us in the upcoming academic year 2023/2024, please remember that IAA will always be a cherished home for you. The indelible marks you have left behind shall forever be appreciated and celebrated. May you find continued success and fulfillment in your future endeavors!

As I anticipate the next academic year 2023/2024, I am filled with excitement and optimism. IAA remains committed to providing a nurturing, inclusive, and academically rigorous environment that fosters the holistic growth and development of our students. I am confident that, together with our dedicated staff, engaged parents, and motivated students, we will achieve new heights of excellence and create a vibrant educational journey!

Wishing all our students and their families a rejuvenating and enjoyable time! This is a well-deserved period for relaxation, exploration, and quality time with loved ones. I encourage our students to take advantage of this break to pursue their interests, engage in meaningful experiences, and foster a spirit of curiosity and discovery.

With heartfelt appreciation and warm regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed. D.
Director

Primary School News

Primary Farewell

I am delighted to begin the final newsletter of this academic year by extending my congratulations to all parents, students, staff, and administration for the impressive accomplishments we have achieved. As I review the final reports, it is a pleasure to discover the significant progress our students have made throughout the year. I feel proud, humbled, and honored to be a member of this dynamic, youthful, and exceptional learning community at the primary school. Additionally, I am grateful for your contributions as parents and your support in our pursuit of excellence.

This year, our academic programs have made remarkable progress. They not only offered our students opportunities to participate in meaningful learning activities and express themselves in diverse ways, but also helped to instill confidence and maturity in many of them. Throughout the year, our students also developed valuable traits such as resilience, adaptability, and the ability to adjust to 21st Century education through Device Days, Coding and Typing in Arabic and English, while maintaining their drive to excel. They were also presented with numerous opportunities to practice leadership, tenacity, conflict resolution, and public speaking skills in preparation for various projects and presentations.

As for promoting social and emotional wellbeing, our students demonstrated a strong sense of duty and empathy through their active participation and engagement in lessons that focused on personal responsibility and social accountability as global citizens. They collaborated to plan student-led assemblies and came together to support vulnerable communities in Jordan through various Community and Service led activities, such as Non-Uniform Days, the Winter Campaign, Ramadan packages, and more. Finally, last week's round of assemblies from various grade levels was a lovely way to end the year, as it was heartening to see smiling faces and children proud of their achievements.

Meanwhile, with less than two weeks left for the summer holiday, we still have an array of events in primary school. Yesterday, G5 enjoyed their excursion to the Jordan museum and the Roman Theatre which dovetailed nicely with our "Cultural Heritage" pillar. KG2 students have their "Wonderful Wide World" showcasing where the performances are set to be outstanding.

Please add to your calendar the following dates:

Monday, June 12th G1 trip to "Showman" Library

Sunday, June 18th G3 Trip to Mind Lab

Thursday, June 15th Primary Sports Day"

Sunday, June 18th "Miss Match Day"

Monday, June 19th "Cartoon Day"

Tuesday, June 20th "Crazy Hat/ Hair Day"

20th June G5 promotion at 4.30 pm

To conclude, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to our student and school community for yet another fantastic year at IAA. I also want to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to our teachers and all primary staff for their exceptional efforts. Their dedication, commitment, and sacrifices have been the foundation of our school's ability to provide such high-quality programs every year.

Whatever your plans for the summer holiday may be, I wish you joy, prosperity, plenty of family time, laughter, and wonderful memories.

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

Thank you parents

With this last newsletter of the year it is a time to say thank you. Firstly, we would like to thank the PTA who have worked on behalf of all the parents to organize events for the community to enjoy and that have shown appreciation to the teaching staff on multiple occasions throughout the year. We would also like to thank all parents for their support on a daily basis in guiding our students through another packed year of learning.

Thank you teachers

We would also like to thank all the teachers who have guided your children through their subjects, offering additional support when needed and challenging our students to go beyond their comfort zones and develop their skills and understanding. We would particularly like to thank those teachers who have contributed to extra school activities that have added so much value to your children, whether these initiatives be academic, creative, service or sporting in nature.

More success

Picking up on that last point, we would like to congratulate the students and teachers who were involved in the annual Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation competition. This international competition sees school teams from many different nations develop solutions to real world issues for actual companies. This year we got all of our teams to the final round and then went on to pick up three Gold and one Silver medal. An amazing achievement considering there were only five different challenges.

Ongoing Competitions

Even at this late stage of the year, we still have two competitions that have yet to finish. One is the Jordan Young Scientist Initiative, founded and funded by the Embassy of Ireland. The finals for this competition take

place on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th June. We wish students and staff success and hope they really enjoy coming together with other young scientists from all over the Kingdom in the final event. The other is a STEM competition run through Gizmos, the company that we use for our virtual labs software. We wish our 7th Grade students who have an entry in that competition all the very best.

Graduation

Tuesday is going to be a fantastic day as we celebrate the Graduation of another fine set of individuals from IAA. Always a bittersweet moment, as we are sad to see them go yet so excited for their futures. This group are heading off to universities all over the world, and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We are sure they are going to fly the flag for IAA and Jordan wherever they may be and with whatever they may do.

Wishing those leaving all the best

As ever, we have a number of staff and students leaving us at the end of the academic year. We would like to wish each and everyone of them the very best in their next adventure. We hope that their time at IAA will be remembered fondly and that they will value the academic and skills foundation they built in their time with us.

End of Year arrangements

A reminder that school will finish at 2.30 on Sunday 11th and Monday 12th June for Grades 6 to 8. Their exams will start on Tuesday 13th. They are allowed to go home once exams are complete. Grades 9 and 11 are already in school for their exams. Grade 10 have now started their job shadowing experience. We hope that this proves valuable in either exciting them about particular career paths or bringing about the realization that what was thought of as a possible career is no longer so appealing! We look forward to hearing about this when they come back in for their DP Transition Days at the end of the year.

Other celebrations

It is not just about Grade 12, there have been some lovely Grade Assemblies over the past few weeks, where we have celebrated all that we have achieved over the year. The Community Project Assembly (COMMex) was a great celebration of our students' ingenuity and ability to deliver authentic and positive change to our communities. We are also looking forward to our Grade 10 Celebration on the 21st June where we recognise the achievement of our Grade 10 students completing their MYP years.

Looking ahead

Our last full school assembly was also a wonderful recap on the year. As we celebrated our successes for this year, we got very excited for next year and reflected on how we can make it even better. We look forward for the start of the academic year 2023/2024 in anticipation of all that we are going to achieve.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Career and College Counseling News

The end of every academic year is a bitter sweet time. As we bid farewell to our graduating class, we usually welcome back to campus our graduates from previous years who visit to let us know how they're getting on. It

is heartwarming to see our alumni roaming the corridors excited to see their old teachers and more appreciative of their school. It is also comforting to hear that they are coping nicely at their respective institutions and that we, as a school, have managed to do a fine job preparing them for adulthood. *(some pictures below)*

For our G11, the coming summer months are crucial. Although a letter will be going out to explain your tasks, I wanted to take this opportunity and remind you of some of things you will need to work on before we meet again in August. I ask that you begin writing your college essays; as they tend to require multiple drafts before they are perfected, starting early is key. Please refer to the presentations we sent you for guidance. I would also suggest that you visit www.studential.com to help you see some exemplars from top universities. As was mentioned to you during our meetings, it is important for every student to complete at least one internship to satisfy application requirements, I do hope you will utilize the summer months to finish an internship or a summer programme or even both! You can always contact our Counselling office if you need help finding a suitable organization or a course. Finally (but by no means final), please register for your standardized tests; remember the UCAT and BMAT medical exams need plenty of practice and I highly recommend for the aspiring doctors to read the syllabus over the summer to familiarize yourselves with the material before sitting the exam in September. Similarly, for the LNAT and SAT.

Our G10s are off to do their Job Shadowing this week. We are excited to hear of their individual experiences during the coming sessions on June 20th. This opportunity is most valuable as it exposes our students to life outside of school. It will also give them a glimpse of the career path they hope to pursue; and whilst we wish for everyone to be certain of their choice, there's still time for those who feel uncertain and would like to explore new avenues. The Job Shadowing exercise is meant for this exact reason.

On a final note, I hope the Class of 2023 are excited about their graduation ceremony as much as we are; I am looking forward to seeing them all on stage on Tuesday and celebrate them on the day.

I wish everyone a restful summer holiday!

Library News

As the end of the school year approaches, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful year we have had at the school libraries. We have been privileged to serve your children, and we hope that we have made a positive impact on their academic and personal growth.

We would like to thank all of you who brought your library materials back and for all your support of the libraries this year. We have had a very busy year in the libraries. From reading stories to our Pre K students, celebrating Book Week, buddy reading between primary and secondary, to academic honesty and use of resources, each of our libraries brought student learning to a different level. Our Family Reading Night and Readathon were also a great success and we are so happy with your support to promote the love of reading with your children.

Throughout the year, we have worked hard to provide your children with a welcoming and engaging space where they can develop their love for reading and learning. We have also made sure that our collection of books and resources is diverse, inclusive, and relevant to the needs and interests of our student population. We are proud to report that our efforts have paid off, as we have seen an increase in the number of students who visit the library, borrow books, and participate in our programs and activities. We have also received positive feedback from teachers and parents who have noticed the positive impact that our library has had on their children's academic performance and overall well-being.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our library and its mission. We could not have achieved our goals without your help, whether it was through participating in our activities or simply encouraging your children to read and learn.

For those that have signed up for our Summer Reading Challenge, we are delighted with everyone's response and can't wait to celebrate our special readers in September! You can come to the libraries to check out books for the summer if you need to.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children in the upcoming school year. We have many exciting plans and initiatives in store, and we are confident that together we can make a difference in the lives of our students.

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Sincerely yours,
The Libraries Team