



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

## Parent News Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Calendar

Monday, June 17	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8-9 am -Grades 3-5 Sports Day, 8:30-10 am
Wednesday, June 19	-Grade 5 Promotion, Auditorium
Thursday, June 20	-Primary End of Year Assembly, Auditorium, 1-2 pm -Last Day for Students

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

We are at the end of what has been a tremendous school year. It has been great to see the growth and development in our students who are now ready for a well-deserved summer break. As with the school of our nature we will be saying goodbye to a small number of students who relocate to other countries and a number of our staff who will either return home or move onto other international adventures.

While there are many worthy of recognition I would like to highlight the contributions made by Ms Marisa Meister. She has decided to retire after fourteen years of service at IAA, and leaves on an absolute high after leading the transformation of our Pre-K programme. Congratulations Marisa! I know that many of our students have cherished their time with you, parents have appreciated your wise counsel and your colleagues have found you an absolute inspiration to work with.

### **Football and Basketball vs the French School of Amman**

Last Friday, IAA hosted a series of friendly football and basketball games with Lycée Français d'Amman. Students from Grade 2 – 5 showcased their skill development, passion and teamwork. It was pleasing to see the emphasis that all of our coaches and parents placed on participation and sportsmanship throughout the day and I was very pleased with the quality of the games that I watched. Congratulations boys and girls!

### **Sports Days**

Many thanks to Coach Samer and his team for organising two days of fun for our KG1 – Grade 5 students. In addition to being enjoyable events, they were well organised and the children's energy was contagious with teachers and parents enjoying the opportunity to watch their children undertake the various activities and challenges.

### **Final Assemblies**

We look forward to ending the year with our Grade 5 Promotion Assembly on Wednesday evening followed by our final Grade 1-5 End of Year Assembly on Thursday. It is important that students do attend school on Thursday and the final assembly is a key community event for students. Unfortunately, due to limited space in the theatre we are unable to host parents at this celebration.

### **Prefect Selection**

Over the past two weeks I have interviewed the bulk of our Grade 4 students for positions of responsibility. I have been especially impressed by the quality of these leadership candidates. They are articulate, model the four pillars in their daily lives and are genuinely committed to making our school a great place. Unfortunately, there are only eight Prefect positions available but many deserving candidates. While this is a challenge in some respects it should also be a celebration of the quality of our students. I trust that all of the children who have engaged in this selection process have found it to be valuable and whether successful or not, look towards the upcoming school year with positivity. There will be various other opportunities available in the form of House Captaincy, Student Council, Peer Mediation and Community Service.

### **Departing PTA Members**

For the past three years a core group of women have worked tirelessly as part of the PTA to support the school and our students. Their dedication and commitment often go unheralded. As a new PTA team succeed them I would like to recognise the contributions of Rana Imam, Azza Abu-Ragheb, Isabelle Beiruti, Heba Joudeh and Shereen Halawah.

## **Award Winners**

I would like to recognise the following award winners:

### Silver Award Winners

Yazan Al- Rawi 5D	Hashem Zalloum 5D	Natalie Khatib 3B
Jaffar Al- Hussein 5D	Karim Karajah 5D	Maya Dallal 3B
Munira Al- Hashmi 5D	Abbas Hamdan 4B	Hashem Kanber Agha 1A
Randa Al- Fayez 5D	Jamal Semreen 3B	Elita Saeed 1A
Abdel- Kareem Abu Khajil 5D	Ahmad Shanti 3B	Zaid Al Akash 1A
Talia Shanti 5D		

### Gold Award Winners

Farah Jebrel 5C	Massa Madi 5D	Riwa Al Qaimari 2A
Layla Agha 5C	Zaid Al Nammari 4A	Ahmad Salem 2C
Elia Al- Nims 5C	Sanad Damrah 4A	Abdullah Al Khawaja 1A
Farah Zureikat 5C	Sanad Khawaldeh 4A	Ibrahim Al Ghezawi 1A
Naya Aryan 5C	Sammy Al Nasser 4A	Bana Jaber 1A
Nazeeh Abdul- Hadi 5C	Mohammad Karyouti 4A	Alberta Dadson 1A
Masa Sakkijha 5D	Hazem Matouk 4B	Joy Haddadin 1C
Mustafa Al- Ma'ayta 5D	Hashem Samawi 4B	Amin Mohsen 1C
Mohammad Dajani 5D	Ghassan Al- Khawaja 3B	Saifeddin Nassereddin 1C
Sarra Abu- Tayeh 5D	Faris Musleh 3B	Faisal Al Saheb 1C
Faisal Abu Ragheb 5D	Rashed Abu Dahab 3D	Tatiana Faydi 1C
Talal Al- Asad 5D	Nadine Dajani 3D	Giorgio Fontana 1C

### Gold with Merit Award Winners

Zaina Toghoth 5D	Aisha Al Naser 3A	Yaseen Kilani 2C
Talal Mansour 5C	Sama Busheih 3A	Naya Abu Haltam 1A
Maya Ghokapsh 4A	Alisha Zakarneh 3A	Alya Al Kayyali 1A
Salma Toghoth 4A	Sanaa Alkiswani 3B	Salma Zalloum 1C
Raya Owies 4A	Yasmin Farraj 3B	Mansour Kloub 1C
Jude Malkawi 4B	Ghina Al- Khatib 3B	Salma Fraij 1C
Lara Matraji 4B	Abeer Dajani 3C	Hamza Abu Haltam 1C
Salma Haj Ahmad 4B	Omar Rasheed 3C	Naya Imseeh 1C
Nora Sharaan 3A	Faris Rashid 3C	Karim Musleh 1C
George Akkawi 3A	Hashem Saket 3C	

### Gold with Excellence Winner

Sumayah Makanai 4A  
Noor Asali 4A  
Nour Alansari 4A  
Salma Haj Ahmad 4B  
Atef Al Kayyali 4B  
Rakan Qawasmi 4B  
Mariel Imseeh 4B

Layla Baareh 3A  
Ali Kachakeche 3B  
Christina Imseeh 3B  
Ayah Abdin 3B  
Raya Qawar 3B  
Jaffar Zalatimo 3C  
Sereen Altaji 3C

Leen Dahleh 3C  
Yasmeen Khoury 2D  
Elita Saeed 1A  
Zaid Al Akash 1A  
Talal Bilbeisi 1C  
Leila Abu- Lughod 1C

### Platinum Award Winner

Sadeen Al Daoud 5A  
Jordan Donnelly 5A  
Noor Asali 4A  
Adam Abu-Lughod 4B  
Zakariyah Hoozeer 3B  
Abdallah Farij 3D

Mohamed Morrar 2B  
Abdelrahman Al Ahmad 2C  
Laith Smadi 2C  
Zaki Sayed Ahmad 2D  
Katy Hijazi 2D  
Lamia Al- Awwad 2D

Zaid Jaber 2B  
Miryam Kanber Agha 2D  
Noor Al Nims 1B  
Jad Al Qasem 1B  
Qais Smadi 1B  
Nabeel Sakkijha 1B

I hope that you have a wonderful week and a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Andrew Powell**

### *Secondary School News*

Dear Parents

What a fast and packed year it has been. As we enter the last week we would like to take this moment to thank you for all your support, directly from the PTA and indirectly through all the work you have done to support your children and the school over the year. We do appreciate it all.

#### **Graduations and Celebrations**

- **Grade 12 Graduation**

Grade 12s were sent on their way to university with a lovely Graduation on Tuesday. It had a warm and enjoyable feeling to it. We wish our Grade 12s all the very best for results day on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July and with their studies at university. Our 9<sup>th</sup> cohort goes out into the world to represent IAA and become part of our alumni, our extended family.

- **Grade 10 Celebration**

On Monday last week we celebrated the end of the MYP with students and parents of Grade 10. It was a lovely ceremony and students spoke with fondness for what they had achieved and learned in the

MYP. Our Valedictorian came in to pass on some advice for the future. We can't wait to have this fine group of students start their DP journey with us.

- **Grade 5 Celebration**

Takes place later this week. We hear many wonderful things about this cohort. They have a lot of potential, and we would like to congratulate them on reaching the end of their Primary journey. We wish them a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming them to Secondary next year.

### **Grade 11 Orientation**

We are using the remaining time of the year to work with Grade 10 on some valuable DP transition activities. Whether it is subject work or introducing the CAS programme, TOK or the EE they are gaining some valuable insights into the next two years. We also had the International Labour Organisation come to school as part of the programme and we ran a special assembly on Wednesday, the UN Day to highlight the scourge of child labour in the world. Our students presented on stage and spent time with child labourers learning about the circumstances and giving them a bit of fun on the day. We will be continuing with the programme this coming week.

### **EOY Assessments and Make-Up Assessments on 20<sup>th</sup> June**

A reminder that any student who misses an exam due to illness must provide a doctor's note within 24 hours. Parents also must inform the school right away regarding their child's absence. If this happens, then a make-up exam will be arranged for the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> June at 8am. Students who have completed all assessments as per the schedule do not need to be in school on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Book Return Forms**

On each exam day, students should also bring in the textbook for the subject that they are examined on. All students have been given a "book return" form to complete that confirms their return of all textbooks and library items. The form must be handed into Secondary Reception by 11am on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Library items must be returned by June 13<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that students will only receive their end of year reports if all textbooks and library items are handed in on time.

### **EOY Reports**

These will be sent home for Grade 10 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June and for Grades 6 to 9 and Grade 11 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. With regards the note above – students who have not completed book return forms, or who have not returned Library materials will not receive reports.

We wish you all a wonderful summer. We know that many of our students are travelling this summer and being given the opportunity to participate in wonderful summer programmes. So wherever you go this summer and whatever you are planning to do, be safe and enjoy your holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all on September 1<sup>st</sup> (Aug 29<sup>th</sup> for G12) for another packed year of learning.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr Martin and Ms Zena**