



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

A warm greeting to everyone, I hope that your weekend was nice and that you have been able to spend a pleasant time with your families during the 'Fun Day' which took place last Friday. It was lovely to see students, parents, and staff engage in the entertainment and the activities in such a beautiful and community atmosphere. As we enter the final stretch of school in what has been a long year, it is vital that your children continue their engagement in their learning over the next couple of weeks so that final assignments and assessments may be completed for the upcoming semester report. Our teachers remain committed to working with their students until the final day of school through classroom time and the ongoing After School Activities.

My appreciation goes out to all of those families that are taking their child's school attendance seriously during this month. Our dedicated teachers are going above and beyond to keep students going and motivated as they plan and deliver quality learning. We still have many occasions to celebrate and showcase students' learning which is still taking place in classrooms. A prime example of this is the upcoming Grade 5 Science Fair scheduled for next week where G5 students will be eager to impress everyone with their projects. More so, we are still being treated to lovely representations of art, music performances, and storytelling through the engaging assemblies and events that the Early Years and Primary classes are producing each week during the remainder of this term.

In regards to communications between home and school, I would encourage parents to continue to dialogue with their child's teachers and our counsellors as necessary. The SMT including myself have been responding to emails and requests to call on a daily basis. To arrange a call or brief meeting, please email [primary@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:primary@iaa.edu.jo) with a brief sentence about the topic or issue as well as your child's name and class. Our curriculum leaders, Ms Anna (Pre-K – KG2), Ms Rula (G1-5), and Ms Alia (Arabic) are also happy to return your calls or schedule a Zoom meeting should you have an issue related to the curriculum that you want to discuss.

As we work into the month of June school materials such as home readers, class texts and Library books must be returned. Your child's teacher will be contacting you about outstanding items over the next few days. It is essential that these materials are returned so that reports may be issued without any delays.

Finally, as Summer is in full swing and the temperature keeps rising, I would like to remind you of the importance of sending your child to school with a sunhat and applying sunscreen with ample UV protection factor (+40). It is also important to remind your children to drink plenty of water during the school day and

especially at break times. If you have any questions about any health-related matters, our primary nurses are always happy to provide guidance and assistance.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Walid Albay  
Acting Primary Principal

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents

We have had a great couple of weeks at school! There has been so much going on; involving so many of our students.

Firstly, just a great big congratulations to the PTA for organizing the wonderful Fun Day. So much to do for people of all ages. It really was a great day out. Thank you to every parent who was involved in the hard work of putting something as big as that together. It takes a lot of time and energy to do so, and we appreciate your commitment. Also, a big thank you to all parents who supported the Fun Day with their presence. I hope everyone had a great time.

Last week, we celebrated our Grade 12 Graduation. The theme of Unique ran through so many of the speeches on the night. Then when the song played, the hats were thrown skywards, the confetti rained over them, our Grade 12 let their emotions show on this special evening. An evening when they will perhaps, for the last time ever, all be together. We wish each and everyone of our Class of 2022 the very very best for university and their future beyond.

On Tuesday last week, we had a large number of former graduates come back to school for our Careers Day. Students in Grades 10 and 11 got to hear from our alumni about life in various careers and were provided with hints and tips about university and the keys to success in general. Our alumni really enjoyed being on campus and having the opportunity to give back. Whilst the sessions were long, the fact that many students stayed on to ask more questions at the end, showed just how useful these sessions were.

There were competitions abounding last week. Our Grade 6 had the final of the bridge building competition. It was great to see them enjoying the spectacle of their designs being destroyed as we identified whose bridge could carry the greatest weight. At the other end of school, it was a big week for our Grade 11 where involved in the Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation competition. We had 4 finalists representing IAA, one in each of the 4 tracks of the programme. It was a very competitive field of teams from all over the MENA and Asia regions. Great results for IAA as we came away with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze place. Congratulations to all the students and to their teacher mentors for these excellent results.

In the last two weeks we have also found time to celebrate, enjoy and serve in other ways. Our National Day assembly was a lovely celebration of our Jordanian heritage and culture. Our spirit week was most definitely enjoyed by the students and the final civvies day allowed us one more moment to work as a community to raise money to support those less fortunate in our society. Our Grade 11's also had their final reading sessions with Primary students as well. This has been a lovely initiative this year and we would like to thank everyone who participated.

Finally, it is a time of year when we celebrate a great deal and the final Assembly on Thursday was just that. A 2 hour 30 minute extravaganza, recapping so much student achievement from over the course of this year, interspersed with some amusing moments from our cast of Sleeping Beauty who really seem to enjoy the stage so much! We also have special assemblies for Grades 6 to 8 taking place this week where we will be recognising students for their contributions to our learning community this year. In addition, we have just released our final student of the month awards for May. They can be found on this link:

<https://padlet.com/yhoozeer/2d1ckkfgazs5>

Whilst all that has been happening, we are also working towards our end of year assessments and separate letters were sent out about these late last week and.....

- Wrapping up those end of year assessments
- Delivering Grade 10 transitions and celebration assemblies
- Preparing Grade 9 for their Personal Project goals over the summer
- Celebrating our Grade 8 Community Projects through COMMEX
- Completing our book returns

.....will now be the focus for the next few weeks. More information will be shared with you about the book return procedures shortly.

We still have a very busy time until the 21<sup>st</sup> of June! Please note that the Final Reports for the Academic Year 2021/2022 will be released on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. It is important for students to return their textbooks and library books, so that they can get their report card issued on time.

Sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **Library News**

Dear Parents,

Only a few more weeks to go till the summer holidays and a lot to do till then!

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Summer Reading Programme. We have gotten amazing feedback and the most sign ups since we started this programme a few years ago! Summer Reading packets will be sent out this week to primary students and secondary students will be emailed with their Readopoly. Students should read picture books, chapter books, informational books, biographies, poetry, Arabic books or any other

language if they prefer. If you haven't signed up your child yet and would like to, please sign up below according to your child's grade for this academic year 2021-2022:

<https://forms.gle/B3P1QoskbqXkup16A>

The libraries are in the process of their annual inventory so we'd appreciate it if all library materials are returned. Students and parents will be emailed with any overdue books this week and invoices for lost/damaged books will be sent out next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your respective librarian.

Sincerely yours,

Dima Shaka'a  
Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

### **Sports News**

Last weekend, our student athletes participated in the AAC track and field meet. Our student athletes delivered a performance that was magnificent! I would like to personally extend my gratitude to everyone involved in such a remarkable meet! Your efforts and dedication enabled all the participants to enjoy yet another unique experience delivered by our outstanding student athletes.

Furthermore, our student athlete swimmers participated in the national championship, and delivered more medals to our Hawks cabinet

Great Job

Mohammad Qaruati

Rayyan Barhoush

Sunny Kirreh

Ahmad Odeh

Rabab Barhoush

Farah Rawshdeh