

A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

Ramadan Mubarak to each and every one of you! As today marks the beginning of this sacred month, may it bring you abundant blessings, spiritual growth, and profound reflection.

In celebrating the spirit of unity and progress, I extend my heartfelt wishes to all the remarkable women within our cherished community on the occasion of International Women's Day, observed on March 8th. Let us honor the indomitable spirit of women worldwide, and offer prayers for the unwavering resilience of our sisters in Palestine, particularly in Gaza.

Now that our esteemed 14th cohort embark on their Mocks exams, I extend my sincerest wishes for success. Their dedication and perseverance are commendable, and I have no doubt that they will conquer this challenge with grace and determination.

Recently, our beloved school concluded yet another cherished tradition - the Senior Walk of our graduates. It was a poignant moment as they bid farewell to the familiar hallways and embraced the theme of their graduation: "Beyond Boundaries". Indeed, as they prepare to step into the world beyond, their potential knows no limits, and I am confident they will continue to excel, surpassing boundaries with every stride. As we continue our journey forward, preparations are underway for the upcoming graduation ceremony in May. It promises to be a celebration of achievements, aspirations, and the limitless potential that defines our remarkable community.

In closing, allow me to extend my best wishes to each member of our community. May you find strength in unity, inspiration in perseverance, and boundless joy in every endeavor.

With warm regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed. D.
Director

Primary School News

Ramadan Kareem to our beloved learning community! May this holy month bless us all with peace, prosperity, and good health. I would like to report to you a synopsis of the past couple of weeks as these have been action-packed with an array of events taking place across the primary school.

Firstly, the **Grade 3 Science Fair** was a vivid example of the talent, creativity, artistic ability, and scientific prowess of Grade 3. I was proud to watch them confidently present their amazing and well-prepared projects to parents, teachers, and friends. Each year these projects just keep getting better and better.

The second amazing event was the **Grade 1 Crazy City** Exhibition. Through their projects, our Grade 1 students showcased their urban planning, architecture, and engineering. Indeed, their out-of-the-box thinking was evidently out of the box, and they clearly pushed the boundaries of their creativity.

Additionally, we had two events that are close to our hearts in the shape of the **Bible competition** and the **Quran Competition**. All participating students from the primary school did extremely well, and they certainly impressed the audience with their confidence, reciting efforts, and presentation skills.

Another breathtaking event was the primary **Choir Assembly** last Thursday. The primary Choir and Student Council representatives eloquently ran the show, and we all enjoyed the array of singing performances and the art exhibition. Our sincere gratitude goes to our dedicated music and art teachers who worked tirelessly with the students to help them develop their collaborative talent and spirit.

Moreover, the **Grade 2 Live Wax Museum** this week was another exciting event to report on. As the visitors wandered through the exhibition, they were greeted by the likes of Rosa Parks, Neil Armstrong, Ibn Al Haitham, and Nelson Mandela. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and creativity as our Grade 2 students engaged us with stories of their lives and contributions to the world.

The **Grade 4 Farm Trip** was the first excursion of semester 2 and it was very successful in many aspects. As students walked across the farm and picked fruits and vegetables, they thoroughly enjoyed this off-campus adventure, which enabled them to expand their knowledge beyond the confines of the classroom. I am adamant that they will cherish this educational experience forever!

As for Early Years, Pre-K children had a fantastic **Pirates Day** last Wednesday pretending to be pirates and parrots. All day, they had activities with a pirate theme, from counting treasure to walking the plank. Pirate parents then joined them as the day was coming to an end, and they had an exciting treasure hunt with tasks to complete and a map to follow to find the hidden treasure! The children were having so much fun they didn't want to leave, and who could blame them.

Last week's **Bake Sale** went extremely well as we managed to raise around 1400 JD. I would like to extend my gratitude to our school community for their continuous support. I would also like to remind you that the school's **Ramadan Campaign** is up and running. As mentioned earlier, the aim is to support families in the 'Al Ghour Al Shamali' area. Monetary donations are accepted at the school's Finance Department or, you can donate food item that were listed in the letter and bring them to school.

Have a blessed couple of weeks ahead.

Secondary School News

Ramadan Mubarak!

As we move into this special time of year, a reminder of some of the Ramadan events we will be hosting at IAA:

- Grade 6/7 – Wednesday 13th Iftar
- Grade 8/9 – Wednesday 20th Iftar
- All School – Wednesday 27th Community Prayer Evening
- Grade 10/11 – Wednesday 3rd April Iftar

For the Iftars a contribution of 20JD is to be paid to Finance to cover the costs of all meals and gifts for guests and our students. We hope that many in our community will join in these special evenings.

Bible Competition

The tenth annual Bible competition saw a significant increase in the number of students. The student's dedication and enthusiasm for the competition was also noted in the number of verses covered. The students' performance exceeded expectations, showcasing their deep understanding of scripture. Students and parents were very happy with the event, highlighting its value in fostering spiritual growth and knowledge.

Good luck Grade 12

Our Grade 12 had their last official day at school last week. We also had the Senior Walk and the unveiling of their unique theme for this year. Even though it was their last week, many of the Grade 12 took the time to help with some very valuable peer to peer work with Grade 8 students on the importance of self-management and respect when using social media. We would like to thank them for this. Good luck in the upcoming mock exams.

Last MUN

This weekend was the last of the MUN Conferences we will attend in the 2023/2024 calendar year. We ended on a high with some best delegates and honourable mentions. Our MUN students have been more active than ever with larger numbers attending more conferences than in any previous year. We would like to thank parents for their support of this very valuable activity.

Waterloo Maths and Pi Day

Our Maths Department has been busy. Last week we had over 80 students sitting for the University of Waterloo international maths competition. We eagerly await their results. This week and next week we will be holding some fun competitions to celebrate Pi Day on the 14th March. We are looking forward to the excitement these will create.

Grade 10 supporting our Ramadan campaign

Last Thursday, our Grade 10s organized the last bake sale before the onset of Ramadan. They did not disappoint as they came out in full force and demonstrated unity and teamwork to raise a huge amount of money to support people in need. Our Grade 10s certainly lived up to the school's pillar of "duty", serving those who are most vulnerable.

Guest Speaker

Grade 7s were quite fortunate as last week they welcomed guest-speaker Mr. Osama Fakhridin, a Palestinian poet. He shared with us his latest work, "ولو بعد حين", a lot of which focuses on the Palestinian narratives and the ongoing devastations in Gaza. For each poem, before its recital, he gave us context to how it came to life. It was a beautiful example of how the arts can be used as a powerful tool to support Palestine, amplifying the voices of its people whilst expressing the resilience of their culture in the face of oppression.

Music Corner

Last Wednesday, our students and music teachers organized a delightful music corner during break. A talented group of musicians showcased their skills, confirming that music serves as a unifying force within our

community. By the time the last performance came, a large crowd had already formed, all eager to listen to more. This event set the stage for further music corners, culminating in the Spring Concert in May.

Sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

Dear parents,

Ramadan Mubarak to you and your families. Ramadan is a sacred time for fasting, prayer, and reflection. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed month filled with forgiveness, generosity and spirituality. It's also a wonderful opportunity to explore stories that celebrate faith, family, and community.

Here at the IAA libraries, we have a wide selection of books to read and enjoy in Ramadan. I hope you will take a look at the suggestions for Ramadan reading in our libraries.

KG Ramadan collection

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Primary Ramadan collection

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Secondary Ramadan collection

<https://collections.follettsoftware.com/collection/6240423233593c00121333b4>

On a different note, I'd like to share one of the library programs that our younger students have so thoroughly enjoyed, our libraries makerspace program, that we began over 6 years ago and is still very popular! It is a bimonthly after school activity that isn't just about arts and crafts; it's about fostering creativity, and a love for learning in a fun and collaborative environment. It provides a platform for children to explore their creativity and turn ideas into tangible projects. This hands-on approach encourages them to think outside the box and experiment with new materials and techniques. We will be continuing this program after Ramadan.

Ramadan Kareem!

Dima Shaka'a
Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

College and Career Counselling News

Ramadan Kareem everyone!!

Exciting times for our G12 as they complete a major milestone finishing school and embark on a new one in months' time. I wish them all the best of luck in their upcoming Mock exams and Externals. Please note that both exams (Mocks and Externals) will be shared with colleges so performing well at this point remains important.

Our counselling sessions for G11 are completed. All students are now asked to work on the gaps in their profiles and to spend the remaining 7 months wisely; focusing on entry exams like SAT and IELTS or TOEFL, internships opportunities or online courses and lastly improving their grades in the IB Diploma. We will be calling on all students to come in August to begin the college application process.

All G10s have chosen their subjects for the IB Diploma. Their current choices by no means set in stone, they have the option to change them once they've tried the subjects at the beginning of G11. However we do not recommend that students make too many alteration particularly if it is reflected in the Transcript, as universities prefer to see consistency in all 6 subjects across the two years of the Diploma program.

Over the last couple of weeks we hosted two universities: the German Jordan University and Lakehead. We also conducted the March SAT exam for a number of G11 students; results should be out by end of the month. We encourage students who are looking to apply to an American institution to sit the SAT this time of year and avoid the pressure of G12. The next scheduled SAT is May 4th and June 1st. You can register for either using the following link:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>



Sincerely,



Sports News

Good day,

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, marked a special day for the IAA gymnastics team as we savored the beautiful performances showcased by our students from grade one to fifth grades. Not only were we the largest team in the tournament, but the performances of all Hawks participants were so dazzling and superior that the audience engaged with them using all their senses. Whether it was in floor routines or on the vault, the technical skills displayed were remarkable.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the parents for their unwavering support of their children's training and development. They have been a steadfast pillar of support for the coaches, who deserve commendation for the tremendous effort they have exerted during this period. Generosity, sacrifice, and perseverance were the defining characteristics of Coaches Doaa, Majd, and Tariq.



More fantastic news! Congratulations to the Hawks for their outstanding achievements in Taekwondo. Grade 5 student Giana Massimi clinched the Gold Medal at the Golden Point Taekwondo Tournament held in Amman on Friday, March 8th. Additionally, congratulations to Noor Asali for her remarkable performance in the UDO Middle East Street Dance Championship 2024, where she secured 2nd place while representing Jordan.

Finally, and not least, Nadine Qubain managed to seize the third position in the Cross-Country Arab Racing Championship for Juniors held in Jordan. This achievement is truly remarkable, considering the participation of strong and distinctive Arab teams in endurance sports. We congratulate Nadine on this accomplishment and wish her a successful future, both at the Arab and global levels, representing these sports.



For further details, please click on the link below

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Thank you.