



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### *A Message from The Director*

Dear IAA Community,

This week marks not one, but two auspicious occasions that are dear to our hearts; the Holy month of Ramadan and Mother's Day! Consequently, allow me to extend my fervent wishes to all of you yet again; may God ease all your hardships and shower you with endless blessings, peace, harmony and joy throughout this serene month.

As communicated before, Ramadan is truly a time to increase one's spirituality, patience, self-control and self-discipline, while focusing on selfless acts of generosity and charity, especially towards the less fortunate in surrounding communities. I am therefore thrilled that our annual Ramadan Campaign is ongoing with donations being offered by our generous community; thank you for all your efforts, contributions, and dedication towards those in need. Similarly, I would like to commend and congratulate all the 50 students in primary school who participated in the Holy Qur'an Memorization Competition conducted last week; a fit celebration of the Islamic Religion, the Arabic language and even our cultural heritage. On that note, I would also like to thank our wonderful PTA for their great efforts in decorating the school for Ramadan in addition to arranging the Pre-Ramadan celebratory breakfast this Wednesday! You never cease to amaze us with your continuous dedication towards our community.

As you celebrate Mother's Day, please be reminded that such an emotional occasion may bring on a cascade of emotions for the children of widowed or divorced parents in our school. We would love to celebrate the wonderful mothers in our community and everything they represent, but it is far more important to be thoughtful and mindful of the students' emotional and mental health, and show any kind of support with their grieving journey.

Again, Ramadan Mubarak to our remarkable community and Happy Mother's Day to all those celebrating!

Kind regards,  
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

## Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We ended last week with a lovely round of events from various grade levels. It was great to be able to see our students' smiling faces while they watched the seniors walk in the primary building. It was a great opportunity for primary students to look ahead to the end result of their schooling years. More so, our annual Holy Quran Competition was heartfelt as we watched our primary students participate. They certainly made everyone, including themselves proud with their reciting efforts.

Over the past few years our art and music programmes have come a long way and they not only provide our students with an opportunity to express themselves but, they also contribute to their positive wellbeing. During this week, our music teachers will be running the postponed music assemblies for grade 4 and 5. I thoroughly enjoyed the previous performances and the presentations delivered by our younger students. They really thrived when they were showcasing their artwork and musical talent. I know many of us appreciate how those teachers go out of their way to inspire and support our students.

I would like to remind you that our annual Ramadan Campaign is still running so monetary donations are still being accepted at Finance. We are arranging packages to distribute to 70 families in an orphanage called "جمعية جمعيه" "الايمان لرعايه و ابواء الايتام". Should you have any questions primary admin staff is most happy to answer them. We are proud of the way in which our school rallies together to support the vulnerable in Jordan. While on the same topic, our Religion team and music teachers are preparing for Eid and Easter Assemblies.

It has been wonderful to hear of the progress that our KG2 students are making as they are learning to read. Our teachers have been very pleased with their students' fluency and understanding of the texts read during their morning reading sessions. I know that the part of the day that I look forward to the most is the writing of Grade 1 students. I hope that a love of learning will continue to be fostered throughout the school.

A gentle reminder that this week marks the beginning of Ramadan school hours. Students are expected to be in school by 8.45 am and the first lesson will commence at 9.00 am. Kindly note that our staff work day starts at 8.30 am so if you arrive at school earlier, be prepared to remain with your child until their teacher is there.

Wishing you and your family a safe and productive week, Ramadan Kareem.

Yours sincerely,

Walid Albay  
Primary Principal

## Secondary School News

Dear Parents

### **Senior Walk**

We finished off last week with a lovely event, our Senior Walk. It was a great celebration for the Grade 12 and everyone rose to the occasion. It was wonderful to see the students come together and cheer their peers through the corridors, and our Grade 12 reveled in their moment. The unveiling of the theme, '**Stronger Together**', for the Class of 2023 was also a special moment and one that parents and students really enjoyed. What a way to finish a school week! We wish our 2023 graduating class all the very best in their mocks and externals, with the mock exams starting this week!

### **Secondary Ramadan Campaign**

With the coming of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a letter was sent home to parents last week from our Religion Department outlining plans for the Secondary Ramadan campaign. We have identified families in need and hope to raise money to give as many as possible care packages so that they may better enjoy this special time of year.

**Other Ramadan activities:** We will also be running Iftars for the wider community and hosting a prayer evening at school. Please look out for these communications dropping into your email boxes.

### **Charlie!**

A chocolate waterfall, the dancing Oopma Loompas and a golden cast and crew, this production was a sweet delight! A big thank you to everyone who supported it. For the cast to have full houses to perform too was such an encouragement for them and made this experience even more special. Feedback from those who saw the performance has been really positive. We are thrilled that the hard work and dedication of all those involved in putting on the production was so well received. **What will next year's amazing musical be?!**

### **Congratulations Grade 8!**

The Grade 8 students came together last Thursday and put on a successful Bake Sale. They raised a substantial sum for the "Umi Campaign", dedicated to elevating the living standards of mothers in underserved communities around the MENA region. Thank you to all the parents who helped their children with this initiative. The next Bake Sale will take place after Eid.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March is UN World Poetry Day**

If your children have favourite poems they wish to share then we will have opportunities on Tuesday to do so. This annual celebration allows students to deliver poems about any subject they are interested in. We already have some excellent material prepared as we asked students to compose poems on International Women's Day and some of the poems produced were so powerful.

### **Azmi Al Mufti Trips**

The wonderful and much needed rain of last week did play havoc with our trip plans, but we have reworked everything so that all of Grade 9 sections will visit the Azmi Mufti Camp. Our contacts at the camp have been extremely accommodating and even introduced our students to a gentleman who is 101 years old and who shared his stories of displacement. What an amazing opportunity for our students to learn first hand of their shared history.

### **Careers Day**

On Tuesday our Grade 11 and Grade 10 students will be attending our annual Careers Day. As usual a range of guests who represent the major careers that our students target will be invited in to share their experiences

and give tips for how students can find out more, to ensure that the choices of our students really are (or are not!) the appropriate ones for them.

### **MUN is over.....nearly**

Our last MUN of the year took place over the weekend and the Delegates who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It has been a great year with so many students participating. We are now busy preparing for next year and will also run an **internal Mini'MUN in May for our Grade 7 students**. More details about this will be shared with Grade 7 parents soon.

### **Toastmasters**

Our Toastmaster public speaking activities finished last week with our students presenting their speeches to parents and teachers. It has been a journey of growth, in skills and confidence, for our participants. We are looking forward to working on having more such courses next year.

Sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **Library News**

Thank you to all that have signed up for the Readathon. Students will benefit from reading and also do a good deed by donating to a worthy cause. If you haven't signed up and still would like to, please click on the link <https://forms.gle/pHWYp6BwQX5yCFhS7> or pass by the libraries to pick up a sponsor form. The Readathon will end on April 1st so please pass by the Finance department to donate the money your children have collected.

This week will mark the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed month filled with forgiveness, prayer, generosity and spirituality. I hope you will take a look at the suggestions for Ramadan reading in our libraries.

### **KG Ramadan collection**

<https://collections.follettsoftware.com/collection/623859c73658d40012396595?h=6e97f0434706fc9f31e55d563828b86b2718bf0046654e56e1b905bcc5bdc334>

### **Primary Ramadan collection**

<https://collections.follettsoftware.com/collection/5d909e4d9aa23300121bf9a4?h=f54ab793c6cbff18a9eb1ea1ea61f2db2dd0dd2457412e16f0c404a73e2bdcbb>

### **Secondary Ramadan collection**

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

Ramadan Kareem!

Dima Shaka'a

Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

## *Sports News*

Congratulations to the boys and girls track and field team for their remarkable victory at the University District Championship, hosted by the Ministry of Education! The team secured first place overall, with boys taking the top spot and girls clinching second. Our champions excelled, amassing an impressive haul of gold, silver, and bronze medals. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the coaches, students, and parents for their unwavering support and dedication.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the JIU JITSU competition and got many medals  
Zayed Odeh Gold Medal  
Ahmad Yaman AlTal Gold Medal

Congratulations to our student Yasmeen Wahdan who won her third gold medal at the JCF third open lead competition yesterday. Yasmeen competed with 21 kids from different nationalities, as the event had people joining in from 10 multiple Arab nations, nonetheless she performed amazingly and was able to secure first place while being the only person to finish the final route out of all the competitors.

### Gymnastics

Congratulations to Sofia abu Omar who won 4 gold medals in EX competition in Dubai one Gold, silver and bronze and get 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall  
congratulations to Hanya and Haya Loza who won many medals in Gymnast ex competition

I'm glad to announce that both Idries and Ahmad have completed the competition with amazing accomplishments!

### Swimming

Congratulants to our swimmers who participate in 1<sup>st</sup> winter open competition

### Karam Shadid

Silver medal backstroke 50m, Bronze medal IM 100m

Rada Shadid  
Bronze medal IM 100m

Ahmad Odeh

silver medal 50m freestyle and a gold medal for 50m butterfly.

Idries Odeh

bronze medal in his age group for the 100m butterfly.

Nizar Al Soufi

50m free gold, 200m free gold, 100m breast silver, 100m free bronze

Mohammad Karyouti

silver medal 100M Butterfly