



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Calendar

## MARCH 23

**8 WED**

**Personal Project Information Session for Parents of G9 Students**

**Time:** 08:30 am to 09:30 am

**Location:** MPR

### A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. As you are aware, the holy month of Ramadan is fast approaching and I would like to wish you all a blessed month in advance, Ramadan Mubarak! 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 pleased to announce that our annual Ramadan Campaign will start soon, and I would like to remind you that your contributions are always welcomed; whether you are donating money or food packages, your offerings shall be valued and appreciated by those in need. Similarly, and per our annual tradition, we will be hosting an Iftar for orphans and disadvantaged children in addition to yet another lovely Ramadan tradition, IAA Prayer Night. More details concerning the events will be announced soon.

Another annual and cherished occasion is taking place soon which is close to our hearts; Mother's Day! As dear as this occasion might be to the majority of our students, it 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 of the students'

emotional and mental health, and show any kind of support with their grieving journey; be reminded that there's no expiration date on feelings of loss and grief. Allow me however to wish those celebrating with their children a wonderful Mother's Day! Your constant efforts, resilience, selfless acts of love, kindness and strength are worthy to be celebrated not only on Mother's Day but every day. However, should the students insist on recognizing and acknowledging their teachers' efforts on this special day, they are encouraged to gift the teachers something that holds a sentimental value to it, or anything aligns with our Gifts Policy.

Kind regards,  
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

### **Primary School News**

Welcome back! I hope your mid – term holiday was pleasant and that you had the chance to spend quality downtime with family and friends. I am looking forward to another exciting stretch of the academic year and I trust that our students are ready and charged for the next few weeks which I am pleased to inform you that it will be busy and packed with quality teaching and learning. As always, our staff have planned excellent and engaging activities for our Early Years and primary students.

For the remaining few weeks leading up to the next holiday, it will be the usual focused teaching and learning environment in and out of classrooms. I would like to thank you for the support you have provided our staff and students since the beginning of term two. The maturity which our students are exhibiting is well noted and it is pleasing to see that almost all of them are doing their best to commit to a high level of engagement and learning. As we prepare for the next stretch of the calendar, it is worth mentioning that Ramadan schedules will be communicated to you soon via Moodle for each class.

Our academic teaching programme will resume in full swing and will be able to support our students where needed to enable them achieve their potential both socially and academically. Additionally, after School Activities will continue on Sundays and Wednesdays alongside the Sport Complex activities and the Music tutoring programme to further enrich our students' school experience. A gentle reminder that children using the bus service will be going home on the second round on the days of their activities.

While we embark on resuming school routines after the break, I would like to remind you that students must be present on campus no later than 8:15 am. Students who arrive after 8:20 am will be listed as late; lateness will be permitted only two times per semester and the student won't be allowed entrance to the school in case of a third lateness as indicated in our gate policy. The school gates will be closed at 8:30 am and students who arrive after closing the gates will be denied entrance and sent home.

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank our school community for the generous contributions and participating in the school endeavors to aid the sufferers of the earthquake that devastated Syria and Turkey. A big cheque with the amount of money raised was displayed during the last assembly in the theatre and we shared the latest updates with our students and parents. As communicated to you earlier, all funds will be channeled through to the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization.

Wishing you all wonderful weeks ahead.

Walid Albay  
Primary School Principal

## Secondary School News

Dear Parents

We are excited to be back after the short break. There is a lot taking place in the coming weeks.

### **Student of the Month: February**

Before we look forward to the coming weeks we just want to celebrate those students whose approach to their studies was highlighted by their teachers for commendation. The February student of the month information can be found here: [Student of the Month: February](#)

### **Robotics Round Up**

**Competitions: Our Robotics Team** were in competition over the last weekend. After a long time preparing, dedicating so many afternoons and weekend sessions to finalise their missions and presentations, they finally got the chance to compete in the FLL tournament. This is the first time this team has come together to compete in Robotics, so we are extremely proud that they were awarded the Judges Award.

**The Robotics Club.** is starting again on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March and will run until Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. It will be held after school hours once a week on Tuesdays 2.45 pm - 4:00 pm (2:30 pm - 3:45 pm during Ramadan). All students in Grades 6 to 10 are eligible to participate (whether beginners or with experience). If any students are interested and want to register they can see Ms Suha in Digital Design.

### **Celebrating International Women's Day**

This Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> March is International Women's Day. We will be celebrating this day with some activities in school during the morning. We also want to have some immediate impact and as part of that plan are holding a **Civvies Day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. The usual donation of 2JD applies and the funds will go directly to a local NGO that supports female empowerment in Jordan.

### **Grade 9 Parent Meeting: Personal Projects**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30 we will be holding a meeting (face to face and zoom) for Grade 9 Parents about the Personal Project. This important component of the MYP has been introduced to the Grade 9 students. As they start managing these projects, it is important that we have an opportunity to explain the nature of the task and how parents can support their children through the process. More information will be emailed shortly, please keep a look out for these messages.

### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: the countdown is on....**

It is not long now to the opening night and tickets will be going on sale shortly. Every year, the shows sell out so please keep an eye out for emails about how to purchase tickets. The show evenings are **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. We wish the cast and crew the very best in their final rehearsal weeks and for the shows themselves. From what we hear, we are in for a real treat!

### **Celebrating our Taught Languages**

On the Thursday before the break we had a wonderful assembly in which our students celebrated all three languages that are taught at school. There were some outstanding contributions by our students in Arabic,

English and Spanish. For our Spanish students this built on a very successful visit and workshop they held with the Venezuelan Ambassador the week before.

### **Umrah Trip**

Our Grade 11 students returned from their Umrah trip on Thursday last week. The trip was very popular with over 20 students participating. Our thanks go to all those who worked on ensuring the trip went smoothly and safely for our students.

### **Learning beyond the classroom**

**Field Trips:** Thank you to everyone who returned their forms for the field trips taking place in Grades 7 (to Petra University) and 9 (to Azmi Al Mufti Refugee Camp) in the coming weeks. Both these experiences will really add value to the work that is being done in the classroom and give a real-world application and context to important concepts being studied.

**Theatre Trips:** We also have a Grade 10 trip to NES to watch their interpretation of Shakespeare's a Midsummer Nights Dream.

**Guest Speakers:** On Monday we have a notable percussionist, Awwad Awwad, coming to school to share his talent with Grade 7 who are taking a unit on drumming. This should be a lot of fun for the students as they work with him.

### **Ramadan Hours**

We will be releasing the Ramadan timetables next week but we are in a position to confirm the following:

- Ramadan Timetable will begin the morning of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Ramadan Timings: students are to be in school for 8.45 am in order to prepare for Period 1 which starts at 9.00 am. The school day ends at 2.15 pm

Thank you

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **Library News**

Welcome back! What a wonderful Book Week we had thanks to your support and positive feedback. Our 8th graders celebrated their Arabic scavenger hunt win with pizza today and our primary students are still coming into the library wanting to answer questions and win prizes!

This month, the libraries are having a 'Readathon'. We are challenging our students to read for a cause and read as much as they can during the month of March. They can be sponsored by you, by relatives or friends for a small amount of money for each chapter/book or whatever you decide with your child. They can choose to read whatever they like - fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, poetry and in Arabic or English. Our libraries have a rich collection of different genres. We will be supporting a local non profit organization called Bunayat Center for Special Education. It is a center that specializes in education for children and adults with special needs and allows for their integration into society as

they get older. If you would like to register your child, please click on the link - <https://forms.gle/pHWYp6BwQX5yCFhS7> or pass by the libraries for any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful week!

Dima Shaka'a  
Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian