



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

## Parent News Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

Welcome back and Eid Mubarak! I hope you have all had a blessed and restful break with your families and loved ones. It was heartwarming to see students walk in this morning with beaming eyes yearning for learning as the campus was buzzing with laughter, good energy, and an overall positive vibe; you have all been greatly missed!

As you are all aware, the coming month marks the end of the academic year 2021/22, and what a lovely journey it has been thus far! With only 6 weeks left to wrap up the year, it is imperative that our students utilize the remaining time to focus on their studies. Undoubtedly, the academic success of our future leaders stems directly from the culmination of joint efforts- those of their teachers and parents. It is therefore crucial for everyone involved to boost and fortify these efforts in order to secure the needed positive results and outcomes that shall enable our students to reach new heights. I cannot but admire and extend my thanks for your sense of duty, commitment and dedication throughout the year, and I fully trust that you shall continue on the same rhythm until the end of the year.

They say that endings often mark new beginnings, a statement we live by here at IAA; while approaching the end of the year calls for further focus on studies, it also marks the beginning of quite a few admired festive activities! In addition to the Graduation Ceremony of Class of '22 and the long-anticipated Fun Day which both shall be conducted in June, our Secondary students have been embracing their artistic side while preparing for yet another event that I take immense pride in: The Annual Drama production! I am thrilled to announce that "Sleeping Beauty" will premiere in IAA Theatre on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022! tickets will be available at the Finance Department starting Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Make sure to get your tickets before we sell out!

Finally, allow me to commend all parents who have already registered their children in our after-school clubs and sports activities! The students' involvement in extra-curricular activities is guaranteed to positively impact their mental, physical, and emotional health! Thankfully, we were lucky to have the opportunity to carry on with these activities after the dreadful and unfortunate obstacle we were faced with during the past years. Wishing you all a fruitful week ahead!

Kind regards,  
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

## *Primary School News*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust that you had a lovely Eid/ Easter Holiday and that you were able to spend time with your family, and that your children are refreshed for the final phase of this year. Indeed the Eid and Easter joined assembly was the perfect way to celebrate with our community before the break. I have been very proud of the creativity and diligence, shown by our students and their Music, R.E Arabic, and classroom teachers to produce such a performance. It is important that this spirit continues over the next few weeks.

More joy is coming our way soon as we celebrate Jordan's Independence in a few weeks. While there will be a public holiday on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be celebrating this precious occasion with a designated assembly in the theatre on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> with parents attending in person. Students will engage in activities throughout the week and the performance will include singing, Dabkeh, and poetry. Primary students are asked to wear traditional or contemporary Jordanian dress of any sort on the day of the assembly.

Academically and while the implementation of High-Quality Teaching & Learning continues, we are proud to announce to you that the results of the **International School Assessment (ISA)** for grades 3-5 were very promising, placing our students' average at or above the average of students in similar schools. This is a testament to the rigorousness of the school's academic programme and the efforts of our teaching staff and SMT. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we were determined to take these tests to measure our standards of teaching and learning against international standards.

The class placement letter for the next academic year has been sent to you this week. The letter illustrates the process regarding the class placement so please refer to the guidelines within the letter such as not choosing a Teacher or having twins in the same class etc... If you feel that the school should consider anything related to your child's placement, then it is important that you email Ms Sophie and Ms Maria via the [primary@iaa.edu.jo](mailto:primary@iaa.edu.jo) email account by Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. You may call them for further deliberation.

Finally, the Primary After School Clubs has already started this week and the confirmation lists were emailed to you again. The primary activities incorporate an extensive range of genres, including academic clubs, and will run-up to the penultima week of term two. To make the best out of this opportunity, please ensure all the sessions offered are attended by your child, and that they do not conflict with the Sport Complex Activities.

I wish everyone a productive and pleasant week ahead.

Walid AL Bay  
Acting Primary Principal

## *Secondary School News*

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope that all the Eid and Easter celebrations were enjoyed by all and that the ensuing holiday was also a time of relaxation. We certainly enjoyed the Eid and Easter assembly on the last Thursday before the holiday.

We are now entering the final part of the year. It will pass very quickly, especially as we are working towards our final assessment sessions in June. The schedules for the sessions will be released later in May. Please note, the assessment sessions for all grades run up to, and include, the 21<sup>st</sup> June. No travel plans should be made prior to that date. Final reports will be emailed home on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Before we get to the assessments there is much to look forward to:

1. This weekend we have the World Scholars Cup being hosted at IAA. Teams from schools across Amman will be coming to compete in academic and fun challenges. We wish our teams the very best of success.
2. It is also time for our school production – ***Sleeping Beauty*** on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope that many of you and your children will come to support the cast and enjoy the show. Tickets will be going on sale shortly. More information will be sent about performance times in the coming days. Good luck to everyone taking part.
3. In the following weeks we have many of our annual events. We are very much looking forward to celebrating them face to face, rather than online. These include our COMMx (Community Project Presentations), National Day, End of Year Assembly, G10 MYP Celebration and the Graduation for our Class of 2022.

Regards

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## *Library News*

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing break!

It is almost the end of the year and we are in the process of preparing for a great Summer Reading Program for our students. More information about signing up will go out on Moodle next week and in the next newsletter. Please be aware of the KG and Primary library's end of the year timings below.

Secondary students should return their library books by June 9, but the library will remain open for classes till the end of the year. Returning secondary students and parents can check out books over the summer along with Summer Reading participating students.

## **KG & Primary**

**Thursday, May 26:** Last day for students to check out books from the Library

**Thursday, June 2:** Last Day of Library Lessons- emails will be sent home to return overdue books and missing materials

**Sunday, June 5:** KG and Primary Library closed for inventory but open for book returns

**Thursday, June 9:** Last Day for students to return books before we send invoices

**Monday, June 13:** Invoices will be sent for unreturned/lost books and lists shared with Finance. As per IAA Policy, students with unreturned books and unpaid balances will not receive their report cards.

Have a wonderful week!

Dima Shaka'a

Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian

## **Sports News**

It is amazing to see our student athletes excelling on and off the field of play. During the holidays, news broke out of our basketball student athletes, Mohammad Bundukji (Grade 11) and Abdelmajeed Shdeifat (Grade 9), joining the Jordanian National Team. It is with great pleasure that we see our young athletes grow and perform well not only within the school's competitions, but nationally as well. Both Mohammad and Abdelmajeed have been at IAA for years now, and have participated in multiple sports such as football and swimming, to develop into the all around athletes they have become. The journey is still young, but with the attitude and commitment our student athletes show, there are no limits to their ambitions.

Mohammad and Abdelmajeed will participate with our National Team in the U16 West Asia Basketball Championship, that will be held in Jordan on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022. We wish our National team and student athletes the best of luck in their upcoming endeavor.

It has been a huge collective effort, by coaches, staff, teachers and administrators to help our student athletes develop into athletes for life, enjoying a healthy and productive athletic life. Thank you to all that has been part

of every small step towards more success for our student athletes. Thank you for being true to the philosophy and weathering storms and obstacles throughout, to see the fruits of our seeds growing to new heights.