



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Calendar

Monday, May 20	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9-10 am -Iftar for disadvantaged children at IAA
Tuesday, May 21	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 9-10 am
Thursday, May 23	-Secondary Independence Day Assembly, Auditorium, 9-10:30 am -Primary Independence Day Assembly, Auditorium, 1-2 pm
Saturday, May 25	-Independence Day
Sunday, May 26	-Grade 11 Iftar with Al Aman Fund, Moon Garden -G5 Parents: Grade 6 transition meeting, MPR, 9-10 am
Monday, May 27	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9-10 am -Grade 5 transition to Secondary: 5B & 5D
Tuesday, May 28	-Director's Open Meeting with parents, Director's Office, 9-10 am -Grade 5 transition to Secondary: 5A & 5C
Thursday, May 30	-G5 Parents: Grade 6 Introduction to MYP, MPR, 9-10 am -Primary Ramadan & Eid Assembly, Auditorium, 1-2 pm
Monday, June 3	-Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9-10 am -Final Assembly Grade 6 to 9, Auditorium, 9-10:30 am

## *A Message from the Director*

Dear IAA Community,

This year, the spirit of Ramadan at IAA is special with several iftars taking place for the disadvantaged people, the Secondary toy drive, Ramadan packages distribution and last week's Taraweeh prayer. And there is more on the way! Such initiatives aim to create a school-wide festive atmosphere that is centred on the spirit of giving. Please explain to your children that Ramadan is not just about fasting, but also a month in which the Qur'an was revealed, a month to do good deeds and share with those less fortunate.

To add to the festivities, we celebrate Jordan's Independence Day this Thursday in both Primary and Secondary schools. And there is lots more happening until the end of the year. Check the calendar of events above for more important dates pertaining to your child.

Our Seniors wrap up their exams this week and they are ready to move on to the next milestone in their lives – university. Throughout the years, the IAA has fostered pride and identity, equipped them with skills, principles and experiences that empower them to fulfill their academic, personal and social potential. Class of 2019....Good Luck!

Finally, I will be available on Tuesday from **9-10am** for the open meeting at my office for those who wish to see me.

Have a blessed week!

**Hana Kanan Ed.D.**

**Director**

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

### **Ramadan Packages**

On Thursday Ms Sahar, along with other members of staff travelled to Fuheis and then the Jordan Valley to distribute packages, including food, clothes and toys to over 100 families. Our Community and Service students helped with the packing and arrangement of these goods prior to delivery and Ms Sahar reported that she was overwhelmed with thanks for our generosity. There are many living in difficult conditions in this region. Ms Sahar has a PowerPoint that she will share with our students at our next assembly.

### **Community & Service**

Our Community and Service students have also been busy at school with attempts to beautify the campus. They have started a flower garden behind the Primary building and have repainted the rock arrangements which depicts the Jordanian flag by the field. It looks wonderful!

### **Weather**

It seems that the long winter has been quickly replaced by hot, dry weather and we have spoken to our students about the need to limit their activity and time in the sun, especially as so many students are fasting. The atrium is available for students to spend time in a cooler environment.

### **Independence Day**

Independence Day celebrations take place this Thursday with Grade 2 and Grade 5 performing Dabke, poetry and a variety of songs in the auditorium from 1pm. All of our students are encouraged to proudly wear traditional costumes or colours inspired by the Jordanian flag.

### **Awards**

I would like to recognise the following award winners:

#### **Bronze Award Winners**

Mohammad Al Lozi 3A	Maya Dallal 3B	Iman Al- Mefleh 2A
EzzIddin Kalbouneh 3B	Salman Abu Dahab 3C	Karam Rabata 2C
Loulwa Bilbeisi 3B		

#### **Silver Award Winners**

Adeeb Manna 5C	Zaid Al- Jamal 5D	Talal Al- Asad 5D
Elia Al- Nims 5C	Aban Al- Lozi 4D	Talia Kanaan 4B
Nazeeh Abdul- Hadi 5C	Christina Imseeh 3B	Abdulfattah Al Najjar 2A
Alisha Zakarneh 3A	Ayah Abdin 3B	Mariam Jaber 2B
Sanad Al Samarraie 3A	Sanaa Alkiswani 3B	Husni Omari 2D
Leanne Badreddine 3B	Yousef Al- Dawood 3B	Nasser Al- Mousa 2D
Ghina Al- Khatib 3B	Yasmin Farraj 3B	Rahma Beiruti 2D

Yasmeen Al Saudi 5C	Leen Quweider 3C	Talia Alawneh 2D
Farah Jebrel 5C	Hashem Saket 3C	Abdelillah Al Farouqi 2D
Zaher Jaradaneh 5D	Omar Rasheed 3C	Sameer Kashour 2D
Sarah Dahleh 5D	Adam Lahham 3D	Jessica Wakim 2D
Loulwa Al- Tayeh 5D	Omar Dajani 2A	

#### Gold Award Winners

Natalie Hammoudeh 5C	Adam Khzai 3A	Sereen Altaji 3C
Nour Shdeafat 5C	Sama Busheih 3A	Salma Zuriekat 3C
Yousef Abdo 5C	Shaden Bondagji 3A	Talal Rudeini 3C
Talal Mansour 5C	Sarah Kachakeche 3A	Salma Kloub 3C
Aws Al Salahat 5C	Imad Al Baghal 3A	Sara Qanadilo 3D
Hashem Al- Rashdan 5C	Rakan Imseeh 3A	Leen Samhouri 3D
Abdullah Jada'an 5C	Zakariyah Hoozeer 3B	Bisher Elbarqouni 2A
Abdullah Al Dowaish 5C	Leen Dahleh 3C	Abdelfattah Al Najjar 2A
Jude Malkawi 4B	Haya Sunnaa 3C	Hashem Al Hamdan 2A
Amin Mustafa 4B	Yasmine Alassaf 3C	Bana Bashir 2C
omar Hyasat 4D	Aysha Salous 3C	Abdul Salam Jebrel 2B
Abdulla Abu Hassan 4D	Maia Cubeisy 3C	Tia Ghaith 2B
Sarah Kachakeche 3A	Omar Toukan 3C	Hasan Al Sarraf 2D
Yara Saoudi 3A	Ryan Barhoush 3C	Haya Al Zraiqat 2D
George Akkawi 3A	Fares Rashid 3C	Husni Al Omari 2D
Hannah Fathalah 3A	Abeer Dajani 3C	Majed Rudeni 2D
Malak Haijawi 3A	Omar Rasheed 3C	Masa Al Maslamani 2D

#### Gold with Merit Award Winners

Hashem Al Jazy 5A	Imad Al Baghal 3A	Mariam Al- Hawamdeh 2B
Salma Aberer 5A	Farah Allozi 3A	Haya Al- Majali 2B
Masa Fraij 5A	Yara Saoudi 3A	Faris Al- Karaki 2B
Omar Nashashibi 5A	Malak Haijawi 3A	Yousef Mustafa 2B
Rashid Al- Shami 5A	Haya Sunnaa 3C	Talia Asfour 2B
Tayma Abu Al Issam 5A	Maia Cubeisy 3C	Taraf Al Qudsi 2D
Bana Khoury 5A	Basheer Arabiyat 3C	Lamia Al- Awwad 2D
Faisal Al Samarraie 5A	Omar Toukan 3C	Miryam Kanber Agha 2D
Saba Hourani 5A	Rayan Barhoush 3C	Nadine Bakri 2D
Natalie Hammoudeh 5C	Jazmine Al Jamal 3C	Sadine Al Bustami 2D
Hamza Al- Adwan 5C	Sasha Abu Sawwa 3D	Yasmeen Khoury 2D
Aws Al Salahat 5C	Sara Hijazi 3D	Zaki Sayed Ahmed 2D
Omar Hyasat 4D	Hamzah Mansour 2A	Majed Rudeni 2D
Amin Mustafa 4B	Hussein Hamdan 2B	

#### Gold with Excellence Winner

Yahya Hoozeer 5C	Abdallah Fraij 3D	Nadine Bakri 2D
Jaafar Bashir 4B	Miryam Kanber Agha 2D	Sadine Al Bustami 2D

Salma Haj Ahmad 4B

Lamia Al Awwad 2D

Juana Zeidan 2B

Platinum Award Winner

Zahraa Al- Dulaimi 4D

Jude Saadi 4D

Nadine Bakri 2D

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Andrew Powell**

**Secondary School News**

Dear Parents,

**Ramadan News**

**Prayer Night**

We held our first Ramadan Prayer Night last week, and the turn-out was fantastic. Lead by Mr. Kayed's powerful voice, it was wonderful to see students, parents and teachers pray alongside one another in Community Square, with the moon in direct sight. Between prayers, Mr. Kayed shared with us stories about Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), each with an important lesson to learn. The Religion Department also organised some Islamic trivia and students enthusiastically raised their hands, in anticipation to be called upon to answer. We wish all families at IAA a Ramadan Mubarak as we approach its final weeks.

**Iftars**

During this Ramadan, we are holding three Iftars for different groups in our community. The toy drive was very successful and some of the guests coming to IAA will benefit from them. The rest of the toys will be distributed to centres that we were not able to entertain and host ourselves. A big thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to these initiatives.

**National Day Assembly**

As part of our celebrations on that day, we are concentrating on civic responsibility. We are fortunate to have Mr. Mahmoud Nabulsi speak. In 2015, he founded "Ezwitti" – an initiative and restaurant

where buying a meal provides another meal for someone in need. This social activist is on a mission "to create a system of social solidarity and economic support where people can help each other on a daily basis". A great initiative that encompasses all four of our pillars - leadership, duty, cultural heritage and acceptance.

### **Speaker on Drug Addiction for Grades 9 and 11**

This week, we have a guest speaker coming to speak to our Grade 9 and 11 students about the rise in addiction to prescription drugs and opioids in particular. I am sure you have been following the news about this new form of substance abuse and it is very important that our students are aware of the dangers especially when access to prescription medicines is so easy in our community.

### **Final Exams for Grades 6 to 9 and grade 11**

Last week, exam schedules for the end of year exams were sent to parents of all grades and for Grades 6 to 9 a revision document was also sent. We would like students to be targeted in their revision, hence these guides. Please do use them as they are very useful.

### **External Exams for Grade 10 and 12 and Grade 10 Transition**

External exams are going well. Both MYP and DP exams will finish this week. Feedback from students has been positive and we look forward to the results. On completion, Grade 10 will be starting their job shadowing before coming back to school for their Diploma orientation.

### **Grade 5 to 6 Transition**

Next week, we have our Grade 5 Transition week and we are looking forward to having the students in Secondary to learn about this next step in their educational journey.

### **Grade 11 – a different week!**

Grade 11 are having different week in school! On Sunday, they will be off timetable as they spend the day making progress on their Extended Essay, a 4,000 piece of individual research designed to further build the skills and academic independence needed at university. On Tuesday and Wednesday, they are off timetable as they complete their Group 4 Project, which takes an interdisciplinary approach in the Sciences to tackling important issues in our community; this year it is sustainability on our school campus.

### **Mr Martin and Ms Zena**

## **Library News**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for allowing the IAA Libraries to take part in educating your children. As our school year draws to a close, we would like to inform you that the final week of library lessons for the KG and Primary Libraries is 26-30 May. **All library materials should be returned by 30 May.** After this date, the libraries begin the process of inventory and issuing fines for lost books. Your kind attention is appreciated.

Summer Reading is coming up. If you are planning to enroll your children, please watch Moodle and WhatsApp for upcoming announcements.

Nobel Prize-winning author, Naguib Mahfouz made a habit of reading and contemplating the great classics of Arabic literature during the Holy Month of Ramadan. Inspired by his honourable tradition, each of the libraries has created a Ramadan Reading List which you may ask for at our circulation desks. Here are some of our Top Picks for this year.

For Secondary Students: *In the Country of Men* by Hisham Matar. A novel about the love and relationship between nine-year-old Suleiman and his mother in the midst of the political turmoil of Libya under the dictatorship of Qaddafi in the 1970s.

For Primary Students: *Moon Watchers: Shirin's Ramadan Miracle* by Reza Jalali. Nine-year old Shirin wants to join her family and other Muslims in fasting for Ramadan but is told she is too young, so she seeks other ways to participate including, perhaps, getting along better with her older brother, Ali.

For KG Students:

حذاء العيد تأليف: فاطمة شرف الدين  
رأت ديمة أجمل حذاء في زجاج أحد المحلات، فطلبت من والدتها شراءه لها. إلا أن الأم إرتأت أن تشتري لها الحذاء الأزرق البراق في العيد لكي تلبسه مع الفستان الأزرق الجديد. إلا أن العيد سوف يأتي بعد سبعة أيام فهل ستستطيع ديمة الإنتظار الى ذلك الحين؟  
قصة مسلية وهادئة تعلم الأولاد معنى العيد وكيفية قضاء وقت ممتع فيه.