



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November

### 2019

## NOVEMBER

<b>11 MON</b>	<p>Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM</p> <p>Community Project (for G8 parents) MPR 8:00 - 9:00 AM</p> <p>G8A Trip (Off- Campus)</p> <p>G1 The Alchemist Lab Visit 09:00 - 10:30 Am IAA Campus</p> <p>G4 The Alchemist Lab Visit 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM IAA Campus</p>
<b>12 TUE</b>	<p>Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM</p> <p>G8B Trip (Off- Campus)</p> <p>G1 The Alchemist Lab Visit 09:00 - 10:30 Am IAA Campus</p> <p>G4 The Alchemist Lab Visit 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM IAA Campus</p>
<b>13 WED</b>	<p>G1 The Alchemist Lab Visit 09:00 - 10:30 Am IAA Campus</p> <p>G4 The Alchemist Lab Visit 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM IAA Campus</p>
<b>14 THU</b>	<p>G8D Trip (Off- Campus)</p> <p>G1 The Alchemist Lab Visit 09:00 - 10:30 Am IAA Campus</p> <p>G4 The Alchemist Lab Visit 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM IAA Campus</p>
<b>18 MON</b>	<p>Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM</p>
<b>19 TUE</b>	<p>Director's Open Meeting with parents Director's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM</p>
<b>22 FRI</b>	<p>Majlis Al Arabi IAA Campus 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM</p>
<b>23 SAT</b>	<p>Majlis Al Arabi IAA Campus 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM</p>
<b>25 MON</b>	<p>Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell Primary Principal's Office 8:00 - 9:00 AM</p>

## *A Message from the Director*

Dearest IAA family,

We had quite a festive start to November! We kicked off this month with our wonderful annual staff dinner. A night where we celebrate our phenomenal staff that dedicate their gracious time and efforts to the growth of our beautiful community. We cannot be more grateful and thankful to every single member of our fabulous family and team. I would like to shed light especially, to those who served us for a whole decade. We hold our head up high and our hearts are filled with pride at your continuous commitment and loyalty to our school. Congratulations & to another successful 10 years! Insha' Allah.

**Reda Ashour**, Keeping us safe  
**Rabaj Al Shureifat**, Blue Angel  
**Radia Jabrieh**, Blue Angel  
**Khaled Al Da'ja**, Making things work  
**Osama Hammad**, Making things work  
**Laith Joudeh**, Making things work  
**Gordon Hamilton**, Educator  
**Hadeel Abusido**, Educator  
**Muna Darwish**, Educator  
**Rania Hijazine**, Educator  
**Rawan Al Abdallat**, Educator  
**Tamer AlHawamdeh**, Keeping us safe  
**Ahmad Al Nabrissi**, Keeping us safe  
**Hala Asaad**, Educator

## *Primary School News*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for such an overwhelmingly positive turnout at our Parent Teacher Conferences last week. They are an important and valuable part of ensuring that we are all communicating and supporting our students as a team. Many of the families I spoke to were deservedly proud of their children's achievement and progress and it was also great to see so many of our Grade 4 & 5 student's part of the conversations about their learning.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to last month's bake sale fundraiser. We collected over JD 1,600 which will be donated to the Atfaluna Organisation to support medical care for children in need of operations. Our older students as well as our staff have also written messages of support for children in the Kingdom that are

receiving treatment and support from The King Hussein Cancer Foundation. We are sending two hundred cards of hope and encouragement to them this week.

Congratulations to Ms Donia, Ms Cathy and their Grade 3 students who hosted an exceptional assembly recently. They were very creative in their use of shadow play to impart an important message of acceptance. They highlighted the fact that while Jordan and our very own community play host to many different cultures and nationalities, there are more similarities than differences in our ways of being.

We are currently hosting the Alchemist Laboratories on campus due to the current logistical challenges with field trips. They are working with our students on a variety of Science based experiments and activities.

This week I am pleased to be able to recognise the following Bronze Award winners:

Zahara'a Al Dulaimi 5B	Joud Saadi 5C	Hashem Al Qaryouti 2D
Kenzi Kalbouneh 5B	Katy Hijazy 3B	Yasmeen Wahdan 2D
Yasmine Abu Omar 5B	Laith Smadi 3B	Salma AlKayed 2D
Jaafar Bashir 5B	Maia Gourgourinis 3C	Zeina AlShrouf 2D
Issa Al Ghashami 5B	Zaid Al Akash 2B	Lareen Kawar 2D

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell  
Primary Principal

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **G7 Bake Sale**

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students, who worked as a team to raise over 700 JD in their bake sale. Their chosen charity, El Himmetna Campaign, is thankful for their support and commitment to improving their oncology wing.

### **Change in Weather and Uniform**

Now that the weather is changing and the morning temperatures are dropping please ensure that students come to school appropriately dressed as it is all too easy to catch a chill (especially with wet hair). However, please also ensure that students are wearing the correct uniform. If extra jumpers and a coat is needed for the year, now would be an excellent time to get them. We would like to focus on teaching and learning rather than enforcing the uniform policy.

### **DNA Drama Production**

Excitement mounts as the countdown for DNA has begun! The attempt by a group of students to cover up the "accidental" death of a classmate makes for a suspenseful dark comedy full of unexpected twists and turns. Be prepared to witness a moral tug of war between actions and consequences. DNA will take place on November

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm sharp. Purchase your ticket for 5JD from the Finance office before they sell out. **Please note that the play is suitable for students from G8 and above.**

### **Majlis Al Arabi**

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Majlis Al Arabi conference will take place at the IAA. The theme will be "Our Future Unites Us", and the assembly follows the MUN framework, where over 200 delegates will tackle controversial issues related to our region using the Arabic language to express their opinions and ideas. We are pleased to have more students than ever participating in this important conference! The involvement of local schools whom we sponsor and train makes this conference rewarding for everyone. We wish all participants the best in their preparations for this important conference.

### **Wadi Rum**

More than a week ago, our Grade 9s embarked on an adventurous journey to Wadi Rum, fulfilling one of the criteria of the El Hassan Youth Bronze Award. The rugged beauty of Wadi Rum is breath-taking with its spectacular sandstone mountains, dunes and valleys. Our students certainly demonstrated resilience and perseverance when hiking over 30km in the sand, putting their orienteering skills to test. The toughest part was reaching the top of a steep hill. There, they took in the stunning view, before tumbling down the soft sand dunes. Though their sand imprints were temporary, the permanent imprint this desert made in their hearts make them yearn for another visit.

### **Fieldtrips Organized by the Arabic Department**

Grade 6 students paid a visit to the Association of Human Rights for Persons with Disabilities, in preparation for the study of a translated story, *النورس جبل فوق زياد* by Jens Albaum. The plot centers on Zeyad – the only one in his community who does not have wings to fly. The aim of this visit was for students to empathize with the struggles of those who live with physical and or developmental disabilities and to understand "not to let what they cannot do, interfere with what they can do".

Grade 7 students visited the Abdul Hameed Shoman Public Library. The goal of the visit was to encourage creativity. Our students listened to the beginning of a story from "Al-Hakawati", in an interactive, enjoyable way. Suddenly the storyteller stopped with the telling of the story, asking our students to unleash their creativity to complete the rest of the narration.

Grade 8 students paid a special visit to the "Ezwitti" initiative, in preparation for the study of "نورس". This translated story by Richard Bach is about a seagull who is not content with conformity, eventually leading to his expulsion from the flock. His passion for flight and life takes him on a journey filled with highs and lows, which he then shares with others. The parallels with Ezwitti are strong. The founder, Mahmoud Al Nabulsi, was not looking for fame when he started Ewitti – a restaurant where buying a meal provides another meal for someone in need. Rather he wanted "to create a system of social solidarity and economic support where people can help each other on a daily basis". Our students witnessed first-hand the power of making a positive difference, even in the face of adversity. We look forward to seeing the creative writing pieces of our Grade 8s, when asked to express what this visit meant to them.

### **ChemiCo**

ChemiCo is a unique global platform where students compete internationally in the application of the theoretical knowledge of Chemistry. We will hold two ChemiCo online competitions: Junior Category for Grade 10 (Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>) and Senior Category for Grades 11 and 12 (Nov 27<sup>th</sup>). All Chemistry students will be registered to participate in this competition.

Regards,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena