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Parent News

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Parent Teacher Conference

A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love”.

-Lao Tzu

Yesterday, our campus was beaming in Green; a color that represents peace, tranquility, hope, renewal, harmony, luck, and life! Our students and staff were dressed in this enchanting color as part of the “World Kindness Day” activities which IAA will be celebrating throughout the week! While we raise awareness on the importance of being kind to all kinds, it is imperative that we be mindful of being kind to ourselves for kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle; be kind to your mind. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a force of IAA that keeps on demonstrating kindness and generosity every chance they get; the IAA PTA! Thank you for decorating the campus with Green ribbons and for hosting Ms. Muna Awad, who conducted a workshop for parents on this special occasion.

As you are aware, today we will be hosting our Annual Information Day, an exciting time for all of us here at IAA! Always happy and proud to meet with new prospective families as we proudly share our achievements and vocalize all the special attributes and qualities of IAA. Please be reminded to contact our Admissions Department should you like to register an additional family member in the school as the deadline to submit applications is December 8th, 2022.

As for tomorrow, IAA will be conducting its first Parent-Teacher Conferences of the current academic year! Allow me to thank you in advance for dedicating the time and effort to check on your children's academic progress. I am positive that both parents and teachers will continue to strive for excellence in each and every classroom and to cultivate an open and positive school climate for our children.

On another positive note, allow me to extend my deepest congratulations to the IAA Hawks U14 Girls Football team for winning the AAC football tournament during the weekend! So proud! Our U14 girls and boys played in the AAC football tournament and exemplified superb sportsmanship and athleticism! Thank you to our IAA Hawks coaches, led by Coach Samer Taha, for their dedication and school spirit, and a special thanks go to the parents for their support.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation, and for being such an integral part of our community.

Kind regards,

Hana Kanan
Director, Ed. D.

Primary School News

Dear Parents,

I would like to convey to you the progress our students have made since the start of this academic year. Guided by our definition of high-quality teaching and learning, our teachers continue to provide students with learning opportunities that focus on acquiring knowledge and applying it to new situations, synthesizing information, and solving real-world problems. As such, we will continue to have emphasis on learning preferences by providing inclusive and differentiated learning, quality classroom instruction that ignites curiosity and motivation, and interventions for all of the students.

Parent–Teacher Conferences

A gentle reminder that primary Teacher–Parent conferences are set for tomorrow, Tuesday, the 15th of November. The online booking system opened on Thursday, the 10th of November, and closes today, Monday, the 14th November at 1 pm. If you have missed a meeting please feel free to touch base with your child's teachers to arrange a meeting after the conferences. Please take some time to recognise the outstanding faculty we have and join me in commending their efforts. They have gone above and beyond and led the way as innovators as they remain fully committed to supporting your children's education and well-being. Please remember that there will be no school for students on that day.

Class Assemblies

I am pleased to inform you that class assemblies are resuming in full swing. We are looking forward to attending more quality performances produced by gifted and talented primary students. Class parents are more than welcome to attend in person and as always, health and safety measures will be followed. Additionally, after-school activities will also continue on Sundays and Wednesdays alongside the Sport Complex activities and the Music tutoring programme. Please remember that if your child is using the bus service, he/ she will be going home on the second round with secondary students.

Weather & Diet

As the cold and rainy season continues to bring us the rain blessings, please remember to send your children to school wearing ample warm and rainproof clothing. Jackets must be labelled to make it easier to find them in the lost and found cabinet. Once more, a gentle reminder about securing a balanced diet for our children, particularly with the daylight-saving times and the modified school day hours. Thank you for ensuring that students come to school having a nutritious healthy breakfast as this will help them maintain their concentration and have enough energy for learning throughout the day.

Community Support

We would like to thank our students and families for their participation in the “Kindness Day” yesterday. It was lovely to see everyone in green to mark the occasion. We will be celebrating all week with various activities and acts of kindness and displays among students. More so, and as we draw closer to the World Cup, the school will be having a “Jersey Day” where students will have the occasion to support their favourite team by wearing their national football colours. In keeping with our school’s mission and Pillars, I would like to announce the names of the students who were selected for the Community & Service team in primary school. Please join me in commending the students listed below for signing up and embracing this responsibility and leadership role. They are:

Grade 4 CAS: Alya Al Adwan, Anika Mediratta, Lana Al- Samaraei & Sanad Suradi

Grade 5 CAS: Saif Samhouri, Salma Nasereddin, Nader Yousef, Salma Fraij, Kareem Elayyan, Sultan AlAdwan, Tema Al Bdour, Julia Madanat, Zeina Alshrouf, Taliya Allahham, Mohammad Kasih, Hashem Al Salehi, Haya Al Shdeafat & Reema Kalouti

Wishing you all a warm and a prosperous week ahead!

Secondary School News

Dear Parents

This has been a busy time for our community. Alongside all the activities and sports, we sent out the Semester 1 Progress Reports on Thursday.

Parent Teacher Conferences – 15th November

Accompanying the Progress Reports were the instructions for parents to make appointments for the Parent Teacher conferences on Tuesday 15th November. A few reminders for that day:

- There will not be lessons on Tuesday. Students are to stay home.
- Students are strongly encouraged to attend the Parent Teacher conference
- Please name your devices so that teachers are not having to admit 'iphone' in the hope that it is the correct parent.

We really hope that you find the conferences positive and useful in supporting your children and that you enjoy meeting the teachers.

November 13th World Kindness Day

Joining the movement to highlight the power of being kind, we celebrate World Kindness Day on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to show their support and dress in something green on the day. Because kindness is so fundamental in that it makes our lives more meaningful and makes us happy, we are having a week of activities as we focus on the IB Learner profile trait of "caring". We hope this focus on kindness will stick and all in our community will benefit from receiving increased random acts of kindness. We hope you enjoy seeing all these events on our social media throughout the week and that your children come home happy having experienced the joy of being kind and receiving kindness.

Majlis Al Arabi

Perhaps the most important of all our activities took place at the weekend. This conference brings together students from government and private schools to debate important topics facing the MENA region. It is so valuable for our students to appreciate and begin to understand all perspectives in our society as well as strengthen their Arabic language skills. The conference also sponsors the participation of the government schools, and we train their delegates in advance of the conference. We are extremely proud of all our students who took part, from the Presidents and Chairs of committees, the trainers, the publicity and administrative staff and last, but not least, our Delegates who took part in the committees. We look forward to the next Majlis and hope that parents will encourage their children to participate.

Sporting Success

It was a very full weekend for our sports teams with the U14 girls and boys involved in football tournaments and our Under 16 girls playing volleyball. It was lovely to see the excitement amongst our teams on Saturday. There was plenty of passion and commitment being shown on the field and congratulations to all teams. Our volleyballers made it to the final. One of the boys' teams is through to the semi's and the other won their group. The girls' footballers were super strong. It is great to see our students being part of a team, feeling that buzz that teamwork gives and the skills it helps develop. Next weekend we have under 14 volleyball and under 12 football; another really busy couple of days. Good luck to everyone involved.

AMMUN XXI and MUN for the year.

This coming weekend we have a large delegation taking part in the ABS MUN. We wish all 28 students participating all the very best. Last week, we sent out a letter naming the four other MUN conferences that we will be sending delegations to. We hope that our MUN students will look to build their experiences and use these opportunities to sharpen their debate skills, learn about global issues and make meaningful connections with students from other schools.

Auditions for 'Charlie'

This week we have auditions for our annual musical: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. As ever, there will be many more students wishing to participate than there are parts. We would like to acknowledge everyone who put themselves forward, successful or not. It is not easy to go through the audition process and everyone who did so needs recognition for this. Thank you.

The World Cup and Jersey Day

On Sunday 20th we will celebrate the beginning of the world cup by urging students to wear their favourite football jersey (team or country). In addition, our Student Representative Council are hosting a number of games in the IAA theatre. The actual games and details will be communicated soon. All profits from ticket sales are to be donated to one of the charities that IAA supports.

Appropriate clothing

We had the first of the cooler and wetter days last week. We were surprised to see students coming to school in just their polo shirts and not having coats. Just a reminder that students should have a school jacket or a rain jacket that is either dark blue, brown or black. With the fluctuating temperatures at the moment, it is important that our students are able to keep warm with access to appropriate layering of clothes for the changeable conditions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

In the words of Mark Twain, "Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Happy Kindness Week!

We've started celebrating Kindness early in the libraries! For our makerspace activity, we had Ms. Alia as our guest reader and she read to our KG2 students a beautiful story in Arabic called اللطف : صاغها بالعربية: محمد بسام/ تأليف: جودت ملص

In the primary library the students read "The Kindness Quilt" by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace and are replicating it using squares with kindness notes on the bulletin board. Grades 2 & 3 are learning about the different features of Destiny Discover and finding the books they want in the library. Grade 4s are learning about poetry and figurative language that is used in poetry. They will be exposed to a variety of poetry styles and to poets from different cultures. As for

the Grade 5s this week, they are learning about the awards that authors and illustrators get for their books. The libraries have many award books, but we discuss the Caldecott Medal (given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children), the Newbery Medal (given to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children), and the Coretta Scott King Awards (given to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values).

Grade 6 & 7 students are currently working on skills of paraphrasing, summarising and quoting using simple texts to experiment, try out new methods, practice and know when to use each skill to best show their research and knowledge. See if they remember. For more information click below:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jvDnM_b2Jju9vixwsm60qBVwEDKKdWMr/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116827836896902479395&rtpof=true&sd=true

Grade 8 students will be bringing home books to read. Students had the opportunity to choose a fiction text. Their book choice decisions included comedy, adventure, serious issues to the classics. It's great to see students reading. It is all about the habit of reading more than what they are reading. We also know that the more students read the better they are at comprehending information text that they are required to use in their classwork.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

The IAA libraries team

Sports News

Champions

The Hawks are at it again! Our U16 girls volleyball as well as our U14 boys and girls football teams participated in the AAC tournament this weekend.

Our U16 girls volleyball team managed to play an intense tournament and performed in an outstanding manner. The girls performance earned them the chance to play the finals, and came short in the final after a great performance that showed great character and team spirit.

On the other hand, our U14 boys and girls football teams played in the AAC tournament with all teams performing exceptionally well. Our girls won the tournament after reaching the final undefeated and winning the final in great fashion, while the U14 B boys participated in the warm up tournament and showed great capabilities for the future tournaments. On the other hand, the U14 A boys are one match away from qualifying to the semifinals, in which they were magnificent throughout their matches in what proved a tricky group.

As always, a huge thanks to the organizers, coaches, staff and the amazing parents for their support. And last but not least, our amazing student athletes for showing great spirit and sportsmanship throughout.