



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November

### 2019

### Calendar

## NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

<b>25 MON</b>	<b>Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell</b> <b>Primary Principal's Office</b> <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>
<b>26 TUE</b>	<b>Director's Open Meeting with parents</b> <b>Director's Office</b> <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>  <b>G9 Visit, (Off- Campus)</b>
<b>27 WED</b>	<b>IAA PTA Wednesday talks present (Positive Discipline)</b> <b>08:00 Am</b> <b>The MPR</b>
<b>28 THU</b>	<b>G3 Mr Gordon Assembly</b> <b>Auditorium</b> <b>1:15 - 2:15 PM</b>  <b>DP information session with the G10s - students and parents</b> <b>Auditorium</b> <b>2:30 - 3:15 PM</b>
<b>2 MON</b>	<b>Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell</b> <b>Primary Principal's Office</b> <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>
<b>3 TUE</b>	<b>Director's Open Meeting with parents</b> <b>Director's Office</b> <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>
<b>5 THU</b>	<b>G5 Mr Kevin Assembly</b> <b>Auditorium</b> <b>1:15 - 2 :15 PM</b>
<b>9 MON</b>	<b>Open meeting with Mr. Andrew Powell</b> <b>Primary Principal's Office</b> <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>

## **A Message from the Director**

Hello IAA!

How time flies! November is almost over and we are nearing the very warm and exciting Christmas spirit. November has passed us with a blink of an eye but was also very eventful. Majlis Al Arabi is one of the highlights of this month. Majlis Al Arabi, in partnership with Al Asriyya School, is a replica of the Model United Nations conducted in the Arabic Language. Our students have showed leadership, courage, creativity and problem solving when it comes to the issues that face our native countries and region. Al Majlis also welcomed students from public schools to help and encourage them in developing their skills in debate and negotiation. The talks, discussions and debates that took place during Al Majlis have led me to truly believe that the future will be safe and solid in our children's hands. We are all very proud of the outcome of this very successful conference and we hold our heads up high looking towards a brighter and better future for the generations to come.

In other news, we also have our long awaited information day for our new families. Information Day is where we get the chance to vocalize all the special attributes and qualities of our school to the students and parents that will be joining us in the next academic year. We are always excited to see the new faces that will be walking the halls of this gracious academy. We welcome you all with open arms and cannot wait what your children will bring to our community.

I wish you all a wonderful end of month and a celebratory holiday season!

*Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.*

*A. P. J. Abdul Kalam*

Warm Wishes,  
Hana Kanaan, Ed.D

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

Autumn has arrived and with it some cooler and occasionally inclement weather. It is important that students are dressed appropriately, and we do ask that jumpers and jackets worn by children are school branded items rather than their favourite clothing from home.

Thank you to all of our families that supported our Postcards of Hope initiative. All of our students have contributed to writing cards of support to children receiving treatment through the King Hussein Foundation.

We trust that this activity offered students a meaningful opportunity to exercise empathy and show compassion, two key elements in our Second Step social-emotional programme.

This week we are holding our annual Parent Information Day for prospective parents interested in enrolling their children at IAA. As a Primary School, we continue to be positioned at the forefront of quality education in the city and interest in a place remains high. I know that our student leaders that participate in this day by leading tours of the campus are always especially proud to talk about their experiences at the school.

The parents of students in Grades 2-5 will be receiving a letter of invitation this week to a 3 x 3 basketball tournament, which is a joint initiative of our Athletics Department and the Primary School. One of the latest additions to the Olympics, and the largest urban team sport in the world, 3 x 3 basketball is played by teams of three and we will be hosting a round robin style event that maximises participants' time on the court as well as good fun. The tournament will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and will also be used to fundraise for a local orphanage in Amman.

Last week our Grade 5 students were able to benefit from a visit by the Chinese Taipei Men's Football Team. The players were in Amman as part of the Asian Cup Football Tournament and were only too happy to share their skills and knowledge with our students.

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

Atef Al- Kayyali 5D	Riwa Al Qaimari 3C	Leila Abu Lughod 2D
Faisal Hijazi 3B	Miryam Kanber Agha 3C	Pearla Atari 2D
Haya Al Zraiqat 3B	Rashed Abu Jbarah 2D	

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Andrew Powell  
Primary Principal

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Majlis Al Arabi**

After months of preparation and training, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Majlis Al Arabi took place this weekend. In collaboration with Al Asriyya School, this student-led conference that involved 10 schools and over 200 participants was a resounding success. Our guest speakers H.E. Mrs. Suhair Al Ali and H.E. Mr. Hussein Al Majali were proud to see high school students from different schools come together to tackle issues that were relevant, challenging and controversial in the Arab region. Both of our speakers shared their personal narratives and delivered a common message – to be successful, we have to communicate, collaborate and sometimes fail. We are so proud to see our students take on active roles in Majlis. Their hard work and efforts translated into a wonderful learning experience for many, as they worked together to gain a deeper understanding of the world that they live in and pressing issues in our region. They continue to live up to IAA's guiding principle – "Learners of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow".

## **Bake Sale and Civvies Day – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

This Thursday it is the turn of the SRC to organise the bake sale. Half of the proceeds will go to the IAA winter campaign and the other half will go to a charity of their choice. For civvies please remember that students should bring 2JD for wearing non-uniform on the day.

## **Winter Campaign**

This year we aim to help disadvantaged families with food parcels and also to give them clothes, books and toys. In Secondary we are asking that any donations of cash be deposited directly with finance. We would really encourage students to take some time to go through their 'stuff' and pull out any clothes, books or toys that are in good condition, that are not used anymore and to bring them to school and place them in the collection bins in the Religion Dept. We will ensure that this unused 'stuff' become gifts that really make a difference to someone.

## **DNA Drama Production**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Senior Play. We had a very inexperienced cast on stage this year and they took a demanding script with plenty of complicated dialogue and brought the story to life very convincingly. The result was a thought provoking play that covered many contemporary issues. We are very proud of the whole cast and the production team and would like to thank the teachers who worked so hard to bring this to life.

## **Grade 10 Transition Meeting**

The journey to Diploma begins! This is a very important meeting for all parents of Grade 10 and you are urged to put this in your diaries. The Grade 10 Transition starts on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15 in the Theatre.

## **Vaping – is in the news again**

The subject of vaping has been in the news of late as further research points to the potentially fatal consequences of partaking in this faddish pastime. Unfortunately we know that access to vaping paraphernalia is all too easy and that students are starting at ever younger ages. This coming week we will have a specialist in school to speak to Grade 7 and Grade 8 about these issues and the need to have the strength of character to say 'no'.

## **Hawks Football**

It has been a very busy few weeks on the football front with the Under 18's and Under 14's in action. The Under 18's made it to the final but fell at the last hurdle and were runners up in their competition. The Under 14A team made it to the semi final and we had two Under 14B teams playing and one made it to semi-final and the other to the final. The Under 16's play this week and we wish them the best of luck and hope they can go all the way.

Regards,

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **PTA Corner**

### **IAA PTA WEDNESDAY TALKS PRESENT**

#### **Positive Discipline**

Do you have a stubborn child? Is your child misbehaving? Does your child not listen? Does your child have jealousy issues? What do you do?

Join Noor Al Masri, BSc. Early Childhood Education, Certified Positive Discipline Educator (-England) on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 @ 8am at the MPR.**

This talk is designed for parents and any individuals who specialize and work with children. It focuses on applying tools of positive discipline as well as understanding how young children learn. The importance of belonging, social and emotional learning is also at the top of this discussions agenda! One not to miss.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!