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A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

A new month is arriving bearing a heap of blessings along with it! I sure hope you have all enjoyed the drizzling rain last week as much as I did; such a delightful and refreshing start to a new month, a new chapter in our little learners' lives, a new beginning, a new dream to pursue, and a new opportunity to seize! May they all fulfill what their hearts desire sooner than they have ever expected.

It was with great pride and excitement that I announce that Admission is now open for the 2023/2024 academic year! As such, IAA will be hosting our annual Information Day on Monday, November 14th at 2:45 pm in the IAA Theatre; an exciting time for all of us here at IAA! As always, I am thrilled 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.

Moving on to yet another successful event! IAA's Model United Nation (I'MUN)! After months of preparation and training, the 12th annual I'MUN took place this past weekend. This successful student-led conference involved many schools within Amman and a few others right from Bethlehem, the heart of our beloved Palestine. Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Nasser Judeh, has graced us with his presence as our guest speaker. His Excellency spoke true words of wisdom addressed to our future leaders and was beyond thrilled to see high school students come together to tackle issues from around the region that are relevant, challenging, and controversial. Congratulations to our marvelous students for a job well done, they truly never cease to amaze me!

Lastly, allow me to thank you all for the ongoing support and cooperation you have demonstrated since the start of the school year; I genuinely take pride in our community's constant dedication and unwavering sense of commitment to ensure that our students are always provided with the finest learning experience they could possibly attain.

Kind regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed. D.
Director

Primary School News

Hello from Primary School

A very warm and sincere welcome to all families. I do hope you have had a restful and enjoyable mid-term break and that you managed to get quality downtime with family and friends. I am looking forward to another exciting stretch of the academic year and I trust that our students are ready and charged for the second part of this term. I am pleased to inform you that the weeks ahead, leading up to the winter break, will be very busy and packed with high-quality teaching and learning. As ever, our staff members have planned a variety of engaging activities planned for our beloved Early Years and Primary students.

Academic News

Our academic teaching programme will resume in full swing. Following the first round of summative assessments, our teachers have examined the data and will be able to support our students where and as needed in a more focused manner. Just as well, academic excursions are commencing this week with the Alchemist visit for grade 5 and the Religion trip for Grade 4 coming up shortly. I would like to remind parents to send us the consent forms for trips in a timely fashion to smoothen proceedings and preparations. Your support is highly appreciated in this matter.

News from the Early Years!

We are thrilled to share what has been going on in Early Years this month!

Pre-K children have been learning all about animals, where they live, what they eat and how we should look after them. So, Judith and Zaid from Welcome Home Kennels came into school with two

beautiful young dogs for the children to meet and learn more about. The children were fascinated watching the dogs walking, talking to staff about them and petting them.

KG1 children have been developing their computer literacy skills when they have been learning about Food. They have asked and found answers to their questions about where different foods come from, why some foods like bananas grow in Jordan but would not grow in the United Kingdom, and how people in different countries like to cook their foods.

KG2 children are learning all about being healthy and that includes keeping our bodies hygienic. So, Ms. Anna shared with the children what it was like when she was a little girl growing up in an old house in Manchester, they are still talking about the tin bath in front of the fire! Children have made timelines for bathing in the past to the present and made 'green' soap bottle dispensers by reusing materials that would normally just have been thrown away!

Parent – Teacher Conferences

It is worth mentioning that we have Parent Conferences scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th and this will be a good opportunity for Pre-K to Grade 5 parents to connect with classroom and specialist teachers. The conferences will go ahead with plans to hold them once more via Zoom. Booking details and important information will be shared with you soon once they are finalised in a detailed letter. A gentle reminder that there will be no school for students on the day as teachers will be available for these meetings.

Leadership at IAA

As you already know, leadership is one of IAA's pillars, and is considered a unique and rare quality that we encourage. After the creative campaigns we had in primary school and the closely contested elections, I am delighted to announce the results for the House elections and the Student Council Representatives for this academic year 2022/ 2023. Please join me in congratulating to the following newly elected students:

House Leaders:

Aqaba Dolphins Captain: Mohammad AlOmari, **Vice- Captain:** Farah AL Rasheed

Pella Falcons Captain: Sarah Al Rifai, **Vice- Captain:** Sarah Al Saket

Rum Wolves Captain: Bana Qutob, **Vice- Captain:** Aleen Riyal

Zara Wild Cats Captain: Mariam Elfayez, **Vice- Captain:** Christopher Abu Yaghi

Student Council Reps:

G2A: Yousef Obeidat
Talal Allahham

G2B: Zaha Al Awamleh

G2C: Khaled Dahleh

G2D:

G3A: Suhail Dababneh
Joanna Bani Younis

G3B: Kareem Alkhalwaldeh

G3C: Sina Zidan

G3D:

G4A: Romina Abdelattif
Saif Jaber

G4B: Samir Shawareb

G4C: Ryan Amin

G4D:

G5A: Salma Al Kayed
Laith Odeh

G5B: Rashed Al Rabi

G5C: Saif Abdul Hadi

G5D:

We commend their efforts as young leaders as we all know that it takes a brave heart to assume such positions. We wish them all the best as we look forward to seeing all of them grow in their various roles.

Weather, Nutrition and Daylight Saving Time Hours!

Finally, as the weather is turning cooler and the arrival of the long-awaited rainy season, I would like to remind parents about sending children to school wearing ample warm and rainproof clothing. Please ensure that you label the jackets to make it easier to find when it eventually resides in the lost and found cabinet. Just as well, this is a good opportunity to revisit the balanced diet for our children. Particularly, with the daylight-saving times and the modified school day hours, it is imperative that students come to school having had a nutritious healthy breakfast. This will help our children maintain their concentration and ensure they have enough energy to keep them going throughout the day.

Secondary School News

Dear Parents and Guardians

The October break seems like a long time ago given how much has happened since we got back!

New school day timings

As communicated, there are changes to the school day that are being introduced this week. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as we get used to a new timetable and rhythm of the day. A reminder that we would appreciate students being on campus for 8.15 a.m. when we will line up for the National Anthem.

Parent conferences and reports

We are coming to the end of a significant assessment period in preparation for the Progress Reports. They will include narratives that address progress and the "Attitude to Learning" categories. These, at this moment in time, are the most important aspects of the report as they give an indication of what can be done to secure further progress, as we move to the end of the Semester.

The Progress Reports will be followed by parent conferences that will take place on zoom as the community has expressed the wish that we keep the online format. The key dates are:

- 10th November: Progress Reports released
- 15th November: Parent Conferences - There will be no scheduled classes this day. We strongly recommend that your children attend the meetings with you and their teachers

Detail about the appointment booking procedure will be released on, or soon after, the 8th November with the reports.

Events, Activities and Competitions

There is much going on. Our **cross-country runners** performed superbly over the break. Mabrouk to them. We have many sports teams practicing for their upcoming tournaments, and we wish them all the best. The **I'MUN Conference** took place over the weekend. With the theme of "Monopoly on Thought", we had 300 delegates attend which was more than we can ever have imagined. Our attention now moves to **Majlis Al Arabi (11th to 12th Nov)** which is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to debate regional topics with peers from private and public schools and to improve their mother tongue. We have been very happy with the response for ideas for the **Jordan Young Scientist Competition**, and will be shortlisting our entries soon.

Supporting our Community

Civvies day was enjoyed by all on Thursday. The funds raised are to be donated to Access Jordan, who make alterations to sites for people with disabilities to better access community resources. As part of our I'MUN, we always support a charity, and this year it was the "Gift of Life". This organization arranges for medical specialists to operate on children with congenital heart defects to ensure their lives become long and healthy. We are proud that we can support such worthy organisations. Thank you.

Annual Play

Our annual theatrical extravaganza is now beginning its long creative process. Information is going to be posted on Moodle and around school for auditions. This year, it will be a special interpretation of Willi Wonka's Chocolate Factory. All aspiring thespians should keep an eye for these and ensure they meet the audition deadlines!

Trips

Local Trips: It is lovely to see students leaving campus to learn from the classroom in the community. In the coming weeks our Arabic Department are taking all students from Grades 6 and 8 on trips to experience our culture in Amman. Our Grade 9 students will be going to Wadi Rum as part of the Adventurous Journey for the El Hassan Youth Bronze Award.

International Trips: Fantastic to be planning international trips again. Recently the letters for the Theatre Arts trip to London were sent to parents of Grades 9 to 11. Shortly, we will be sending letters for the Cambodia trip in February/March to parents in Grades 10 and 11.

Student of the Month: October

This link allows you to see the student of the month for October. Congratulations to all those who were selected <https://padlet.com/yhoozeer/2d1ckkfgzs5>.

Sincerely

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

Library News

I hope you had a relaxing October break and are ready for the coming fall weeks.

Our makerspace activity this week is for the third graders and we are doing a fish craft with them after reading a book. We'll also show them a short video about ocean pollution and what human waste does to sea creatures. It is important for us in the libraries to expose our students to the outer world and to issues they will help solve one day.

A few years ago, the IAA libraries hosted the Jordanian Librarians Conference where librarians from different schools came together and gave workshops of different expertise to help librarians across Jordan support student learning. This year, a committee, which we are on, is working on several professional development workshops every month or so to continue that initiative and help support the community.

Whether it's learning to cite properly, learning to pick out story elements, or knowing more about animals or the rainforest, the libraries remain the connection to information. Please remember that we are here to support your children's learning journey so feel free to contact any of the librarians. Our library digital resources are available 24/7 at <https://library.iaa.edu.jo/>.

IAA Libraries Team

Sports News

Twelve student athletes from IAA managed to come to the meet, with most of the team travelling during the holiday. Out of the 12 participants from IAA, nine managed to win a medal for IAA, four of which were gold medals.

It was an amazing effort from our student athletes, and what was more encouraging, was that even though cross country is an individual event, the team spirit that was on hand the day of the tournament from our Athletics team was outstanding.

The IAA student athletes that participated in the event:

Djeylani Faye-Aidara – U14 Boys Gold

Celine Ghazal – U14 Girls Gold

Nadine Baqain – U16 Girls Gold

Sarah Al Assaf – U18 Girls Gold

Talia Al Kurdi – U14 Girls Silver

Nadia Issa – U14 Girls Bronze

Husam Baloula and Saif Audi had an amazing impact on the team and performed really well, and nearly missed on a medal, while Hiam Kharouba, Jude Haddadin and Raya Al Saadi managed to get a gold participation medal.

A huge thank you for the organizers, the hosts, the staff, as well as our very own coaches; Coach Hussein and Coach Ahmad, student athletes and parents.