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Letter from the Principal



Mr Stuart Bryan

As you can see from the pages that follow, our 'AL TARBIYEH' acronym continues to be brought to life in the day-to-day activities of our wonderful school. In addition to the individual school events highlighted in each school section, the combined Round Square Student Leadership Summit and Round Square Adult Discovery Framework Workshop events were a great success. We were delighted to welcome back to ABS the Chairman of Round Square, Mr. Rod Fraser, and the Chief Executive Officer of Round Square, Ms. Rachael Westgarth, who both confirmed that ABS was at the forefront of the latest Round Square initiatives.



Our guest speakers, Her Excellency Senator Taghreed Hikmet, Mr. Mahmoud Nabulsi, and Ms. Raeda Sabha, were all inspiring role models for our students, with a special mention, of course, for the heroic Mr. Jarah Alhawamdeh a 22-year old cancer survivor, amputee who shared his mountaineering experience of climbing successfully to the Mount Everest Base Camp. His goal is to raise one million dollars to keep the UNRWA Al Jofeh School, which he attended, open. ABS Students presented Jarah with a cheque of JD 1,000 for his campaign from the Community Engagement Fund.



At the end of the Round Square Leadership Summit, students enjoyed the meditation/yoga and dance sessions led by Ms. Diana “Dany” Kreidieh and Ms. Linda Zeidan.



We would like to thank everyone who was involved before, during and after the Round Square Leadership Summit and Discovery Framework events as they were both successful.



I would like to congratulate all Grade 10 and Grade 12 students on the completion of their external IB examinations. All examination sessions went very smoothly indeed and we wish them all well for results days in August and July respectively. We have already highlighted the very positive university placements and offers of our class of 2018, including many of the most competitive and prestigious institutions worldwide. Moreover, we have also collated all our university offers and placements for the past 5 years, which makes very impressive reading indeed and continues to demonstrate the value of an ABS and IB education in terms of securing the very best tertiary progression routes. Please click [here](#) to view ABS university offers and placements for 2014 - 2018.

With best wishes,

Stuart Bryan

Principal

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Message from Head of IB College

IB College



Ms Cathy Souob

Congratulations to Grade 12 on finishing their exams! We hope all their hard work and effort have paid off and we excitedly anticipate the issue of results on 5 July.

While Grade 12 have been preoccupied with their studies, Grade 11 have enjoyed an active couple of weeks. There was the field trip to the Blind Institute, as part of a CAS project, where students donated equipment bought by the proceeds of the Arabic production and read Arabic stories to the blind students. All Grade 11 students also paid a visit to the *Cell Therapy Centre* and the *Hamdi Mango Research Centre* where they had a lecture on stem cells and visited microbiology labs, Nano technology labs and biotechnology labs. They learned from specialists about types of treatments in which cell therapy is used.

In memory of Al Nakba, Grade 11 students had the opportunity to listen to Mr. Tareq Al Bakri who gave a presentation on his initiative in Palestine involving the documentation of the villages that were demolished in the 1948 war. His presentation captivated the audience as he told stories of how he helped Palestinians in the diaspora trace their homes in Occupied Palestine from old photographs.

Good luck to Grade 11 as they complete their *Mid IB Checklist* and prepare for their end of year exams and our best wishes to you and your families on the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan. May it bring you all peace and serenity.

CAS Trip and Activity to the Blind Institute

On Tuesday 8th of May, ten students from the IB College and MYS went to the Blind Institute in Amman to carry out a CAS activity. This was led and organised by the Grade 11 student Sara Haboob, who showed admirable leadership skills. The students read stories they had rehearsed with the help of the IB College Arabic Department to two sets of visually impaired students and then they played some interactive drama games. Mr. Abdurrahman accompanied Miss Jane-Ann in supervising the trip and his efforts were appreciated.

Some Grade 11 students are now planning to set up a much-needed summer camp at the Institute which will be a CAS project. This will take place during the holidays as many of the visually impaired students miss their school life as they are often unable to leave their homes. The students will organise fun, safe activities to do with the students, including teaching English, artwork, music, drama games, sports, etc. Any students from Grades 9 – 12 interested in participating in this noble and fulfilling endeavour should e-mail Jude Snober from Grade 11.

The ABS students on the trip were all involved in the major play production 'Point of View'. They presented the school with several Braille books which were ordered from the U.K. These were very gratefully received. Plans to purchase special educational writing boards and pens as well as portable electronic magnifiers all specialised for the visually impaired, are underway and those will be delivered by the students on the next trip. These purchases are being paid for with the profits of this year's major play production, 'Point of View' which featured a group of young people living at an academy for the Blind.

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Message from Head of MYS

Middle Years School



Ms Sarah Byham

Grade 6 Expedition

Grade 6 had their expedition to Petra on the 3rd and the 10th of May where they camped in Al-Ammarin camp in Petra.

The main purpose of the expedition was to stress the values of Arab Heritage, Responsibility and Team Work which are the essence of our AL TARBIYEH acronym.

They had a wonderful and successful experience.



MYS News

House Week

Students in the MYS recently celebrated their annual House Week, where the four different Houses of the ABS - Oryx, Eagles, Hawks and Falcons - competed in an all-out effort to demonstrate the best House spirit. Based on the AL TARBIYEH principles of Teamwork and Excellence, teams of students decorated entire sections of the MYS in their House colours.

Perhaps the most significant event of the week was the much-awaited Sports Day, where teams and individuals from the four Houses competed for the honour of winning the vaunted Sports Day Cup. Victory was decisively snatched by the Falcons, thanks to an excellent display of collaboration. Congratulations to all the students who participated very enthusiastically in this day.

A special thank you to the PHE and Athletic Departments, the MYS Staff, and to the AMAZING MYS Student Council members!

Our School works towards developing well rounded, responsible, world citizens. To that aim, recently Ms. Rawan Shihab, the Head of Nutrition & Health Education at the Cancer Control Office, held an anti-smoking session with our Grade 9 and 10 students. She covered the following topics using educational models in an interactive manner:

- Tobacco constituents
- E cigarettes/vapes
- Health effects resulting from smoking
- Health effects resulting from secondhand smoke exposure
- Benefits of quitting and tips on how to quit

It was a very informative session and gave our students and staff a lot to reflect on.

MYS News

Care Group Activities

MYS Care Group

Last week, the Care Group celebrated their success, passion and pride. It was a long journey throughout this year, which was full of amazing experiences. Miss Hala Hammad, the MYS Counsellor, worked with the Care Group to achieve our aims, which are Change, Act, Raise Awareness and Empower.



Some of the highlights of this year for the Care Group were cutting tomatoes to make قلاية in Izwatti, organising the Dafa initiative to create both physical and emotional warmth, organising the Zad initiative to share the Holy Month of Ramadan with others, picking pomegranates and tomatoes in the Jordan Valley and Irbid as an act of exchange to change. Not to mention, of course, our phone diet sessions in school in order to focus on human interaction that we were honoured to share with Miss Sarah and Miss Sandy. These are just a few of the things that we did this year, with genuine concern and dedication for community service. Our actions all stemmed from the AL TARBIYEH acronym. We truly completed our missions of change, act, raising awareness and empowering with passion and great desire.



MYS News

Care Group Activities

To celebrate the Holy Month of Ramadan, the Care Group has been working very hard this month on their Zad (زاد) Initiative in order to raise funds to buy food Items for less fortunate people, as part of our mission.

لديك ما يكفيك من خبز ولكن... ليس ما يكفي للجميع.....
لديك ما يكفيك من حب ولكن... ليس ما يكفي للجميع...

مبادرة زاد



بمناسبة قدوم شهر رمضان الفضيل, قررت مجموعة الرعاية للمرحلة المتوسطة العمل على مبادرة (زاد) بهدف جمع النقود لشراء الطرود الغذائية وتوزيعها على الأسر الأقل حظا.

ساهموا معنا... وكونوا جزءا من عمل الخير

MYS News

Elections for the Municipal Student Council



Public Speaking Competition

The Arabic Language Department organised the public speaking competition for Grades 8 and 9 students. The competition showcased the public speaking skills of some of our Grades 8 and 9 students.



MYS News

Arabic Department



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Message from Head of PS

Primary School



Mr Fiyaz Ahmed

Dear Parents,

As we enter the Holy Month of Ramadan, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Ramadan Kareem.

Our students have had a very busy few weeks and have been actively engaged in a variety of activities, learning and actions which are highlighted in this newsletter. With just over four weeks of term remaining, there is still a lot of learning to be done and things to look forward to. After completing a very successful PYP Exhibition, our Grade 5 students are looking forward to their completion ceremony which will mark the end of their time in the Primary Years Programme and in the Primary School.

Grade 5 Exhibition

The Grade 5 Exhibition marks the culmination of the Primary Years Programme and incorporates all of the essential elements of the programme, such as skills, knowledge, concepts, attitudes and action. It is the action and the in-depth inquiry into learning that marks this unit apart from all others. This year, our Grade 5 students have researched and presented under the organising theme “How we express ourselves”. Students worked collaboratively in groups where they expressed their particular interests and talents.







Grades 1-5 Independence Day Celebration





KG Independence Day Celebration





KG2 Unit Presentation





Grade 1 Unit Presentation



Grade 2 Unit Presentation

Grade Two had a very busy few weeks researching about animals and their life cycles. They learned the research process and how to cite their resources. All of their hard work culminated in their student presentation to parents. We were very proud of their efforts.

Grade 2 Trip

Grade Two had a memorable trip to the Humane Centre for Animal Welfare. We learned how to care for animals, where to take our animals in case they need grooming or medical attention and were made aware of ways in which animals can be abused. Our learners also shared what they had learned about the frog and ladybird life cycle.



Grade 3 Sports Day



Grade 3 Unit of Inquiry

As part of their inquiry into the transdisciplinary theme 'Where we are in Place and Time', Grade 3 learners inquired into ancient structures and the materials used in the past. They visited the Citadel and investigated the architecture of past civilisations.



Grade 3 learners welcomed two guest speakers during the unit, Mr. Khaled Hudhud and Mr. Samer Zumout. They are both architects who discussed structures from around the world with Grade 3. They also presented structures from the local architect, Ms. Zaha AlHadid, and how she had an impact on the world of architecture.



Science in the Primary School



Important dates

KG1A Unit Presentation	Sunday 3 June 2018	11:00 - 11:45am
KG1B Unit Presentation	Sunday 3 June 2018	12:15 - 1:00pm
KG1C Unit Presentation	Monday 4 June 2018	11:00 - 11:45am
KG1D Unit Presentation	Monday 4 June 2018	12:15 - 1:00pm
Grade 5 Completion Ceremony	Tuesday 5 June 2018	6:30 - 8:00pm

Summer 2018 School

Amman Bacculaureate School

24th June - 2nd August 2018
6-Week Programme

Basketball Programme

(For 6-14 year olds)

- ◆ 2 hours per day basketball
- ◆ 2 hours per week recreational activities
- ◆ 3 trips per week (inclusive)
- ◆ FIBA certified coaches



Educational Programme

(For 6-12 year olds)

- ◆ 1 hour per day Arabic class
- ◆ 6 hours per week sports activities
- ◆ 3 trips per week (inclusive)



Recreational Programme

(For 4-12 year olds)

- ◆ 10 hours per week sports activities
- ◆ 4 hours per week recreational activities
- ◆ 2-3 trips per week (inclusive)



Creativity Programme

(For 4-12 year olds)

- ◆ 10 hours per week arts activities (handcrafts, dancing, music, painting)
- ◆ 4-6 hours per week recreational activities
- ◆ 2-3 trips per week (inclusive)



Football Programme

(For 6-12 year olds)

- ◆ 2 hours daily football
- ◆ 2 hours a week football theory
- ◆ 2 hours per week recreational activities
- ◆ 3 trips per week (inclusive)
- ◆ FIFA certified coaches



Registration hours: Sunday–Thursday from 8am–3pm

Children can be registered for:

- ◆ 2 weeks: JD 200
- ◆ 3 weeks: JD 280
- ◆ 4 weeks: JD 350
- ◆ 5 weeks: JD 420
- ◆ 6 weeks: JD 490

Get **10%** discount for early booking before 31st May or **10%** discount for siblings.

- ◆ Transportation (Optional): JD 25 per week
- ◆ Lunch (Optional): JD 10 per week
- ◆ The deadline for registration is 15th June 2018

- ◆ Five days a week, Sunday – Thursday from 9:00am-2:00pm

- ◆ 1 Supervisor for every 6 Students

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