



# THE ABA WEEKLY

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR IN MAY

### Monday 16th

PTA AGM

ABA Sing Performance

### Tuesday 17th

MS Talent Show

### Thursday 19th

Grade 5 PYP Exhibition

Staff Appreciation

### Sunday 22nd

Exportfolio Fine Arts Exhibition

### Monday 23rd

MYP5 Arts E-portfolio Exhibition

### Tuesday 24th

PTA Art-Effect

### Wednesday 26th

PAL - Workshop with Ann Katrin

## ABA THIS WEEK

### *Congratulations*



We are delighted to announce that Mr Simon Walker will be stepping into the role of 'Assistant Head of School' in the new school year, in addition to his responsibilities as High School Principal. As part of the School Leadership Team, Mr Walker has been instrumental in promoting a positive and collaborative school culture with a strong focus on academic excellence and global citizenship.

Mr James Lawless has taken on the position of Aquatics Director at ABA. He holds the ASA Level 3 Senior (Head Coach) and has produced many champions over the years. This year, Mr Lawless successfully launched ABA's flagship Aquatics Programme at our new state-of-the-art Aquatics Centre. With his experience and dynamism, ABA's new swim offerings are sure to be unparalleled.



## ELECTION SEASON

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Would you like to join a team of dedicated volunteers committed to supporting the mission, vision and values of ABA through strategic planning and good governance?

[Click here for more information.](#)

Please note, deadline for candidate submissions is 1:00 pm on 17th May.



### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA self nomination form will be open until 7am on May 16th (the day of the AGM). So you are still able to sign up!

[Click here to visit our website for job descriptions and self nomination.](#)





# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PYP EXHIBITION

The PYP Exhibition (PYPx) is a culminating, collaborative learning experience in the final year of the PYP. It provides students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge, concepts, approaches to learning skills, action, and Learner Profile attributes that they have experienced across their years within the PYP curriculum framework.

This year, Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to share their PYP Exhibition journey with their parents face to face at our new ABA campus. The last time the PYP Exhibition was shared face to face was in 2019!



The PYP Exhibition website will go 'live' on Wednesday 18th May. Stay tuned! Huge thank you to our Grade 5 team of students and teachers for the incredible info-sharing and collaborative efforts during the PYPx journey.

## GRADE 4 INTER-HOUSE | CAGEBALL

The Inter-house Cageball event today was an absolute success! Our Grade 4 students showcased excellent sportsmanship, leadership skills, effective communication and collaboration.

One of the major goals for this year was to upgrade the inter-house sports programme by organising regular events. This will provide our students with the following opportunities:



- Inclusive competitive sport with a focus on participation and fun
- Foster team spirit and collaboration as students work together
- Play and interact with students outside their class
- An introduction to competitive sport in a supportive environment

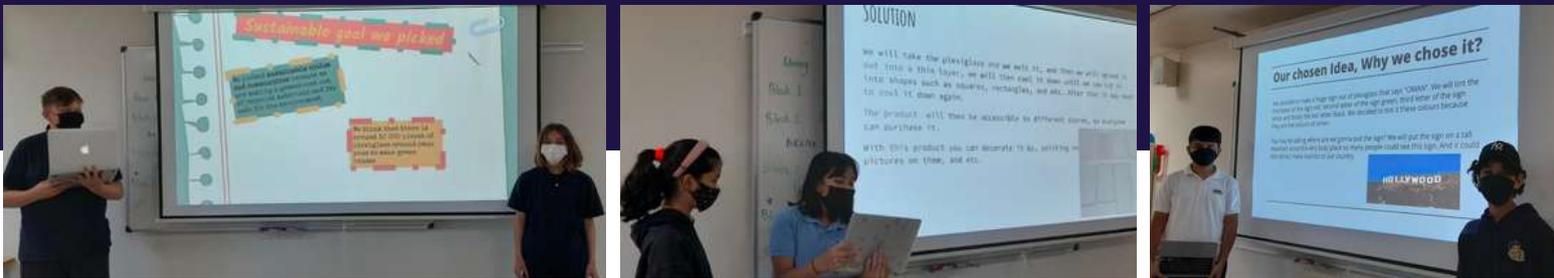
# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MS CONNECTS

MS Students were involved in a wide variety of learning activities throughout Tuesday.

## MS SOLVES

Grade 6 were using their creative thinking skills and problem solving by finding solutions for recycling, upcycling or reusing all of the Plexiglass screens that are no longer in use in classrooms. There were some wonderful ideas; stained glass plexi windows, repairing windows in war torn areas, reusing them as screens for showing working in maths, and many more. Please have a conversation about this with your 6th Grader.



## GRADE 7 I&S NATIONAL MUSEUM TRIP

MS celebrated a successful I&S field trip to the National Museum. The day started with a Grade briefing with Mr. Corey and Mr. Crocker who outlined the trip expectations and schedule. Once the students arrived at the museum, they watched a video that took them on a journey through Oman's development from thousands of years ago to now.



They then utilised this information, as well as searching through the museum, to find artefacts from each of the time periods in Oman's history, and to create a timeline. Students participated in a scavenger hunt around different exhibits to find artefacts related to the unit's Statement of Inquiry:

**“A nation's choice in how they develop resources impacts globalisation and sustainability”.**

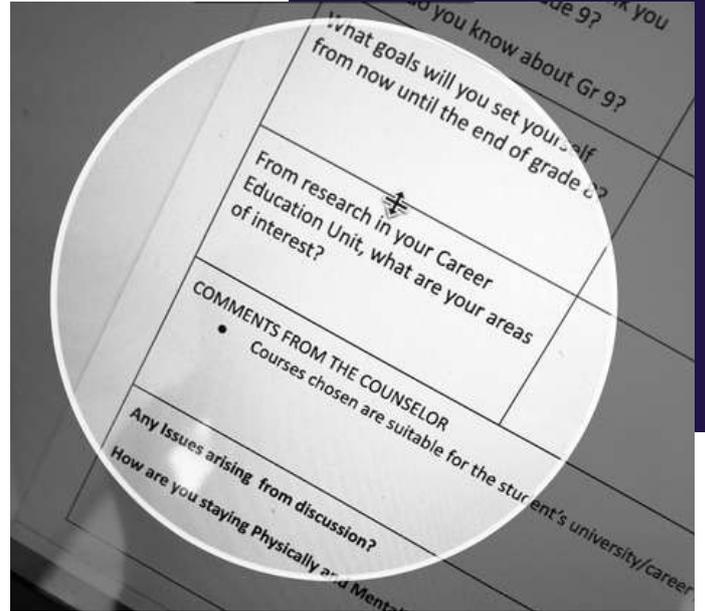
Referencing them to the different regions, geography, history, and culture of Oman. The Grade 7's were full of positive feedback and clearly enjoyed the trip.



## COURSE SELECTION

Grade 8 students participated in one-to-one meetings with Ms. Anthony to discuss their course option choices, transition into High School and future aspirations. Each student discussed personal strengths, interests and goals for the remainder of the year.

Our Grade 8 students who are involved in a plethora of activities in and out of school displayed confidence and maturity during the interview process. It is remarkable to note the personal and social growth they have made in Middle School, despite having the previous two years greatly affected by Covid protocols.



## NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES

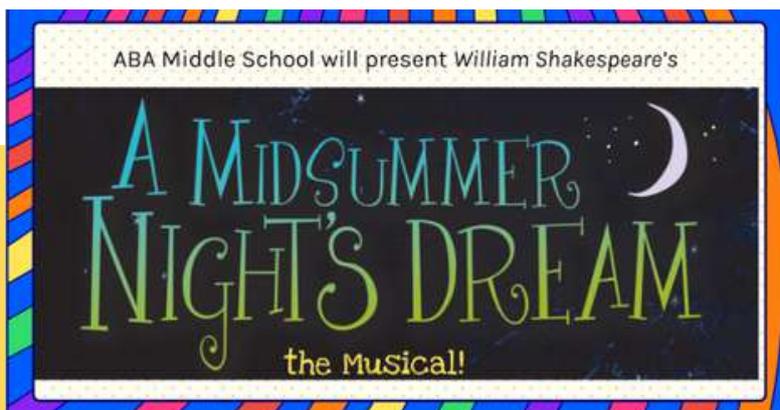


Grade 6 and 7 students have received their 'buddy slips' via email this week. As we prepare for the next academic year, new teaching and advisory groups will be formed, with students given the opportunity to establish relationships with different people and build on existing friendships.

The deadline for submitting this form is **1pm on Tuesday 17th May**. Please take time this weekend to review this with your child and understand their choices.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### ARTS UNLEASHED - MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



The MS Arts Unleashed preparation for the Midsummer Night's Dream production is in full swing - students are designing costumes and sets; actors are learning their lines and musicians are practising. The production will take place on the **7th and 8th of June**, in the Atrium. Tickets will be available to families soon.

### STUDENT COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The MS StuCo are busy recruiting MS Talent for their ABA's Got Talent Assembly on **May 17th**. We can't wait to see the range of talent on display.



# HIGH SCHOOL

## UNIFORM NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Following a review of the school uniform, there will be some developments in High School.

### POLO SHIRTS

We will have new polo shirts that will be available for purchase in August (more information to follow).



Our Diploma students (Grades 11 and 12) will have different coloured (black) polos to the rest of our school. This is following feedback from students and to enable us to easily recognise our older students who have different privileges around the campus.

### BOTTOMS

We will move to having school supplied trousers & skirts for High School students. These will be different styles and sizes but all in the same colour (stone). These will not be available for purchase from school until December/ January.

From August we ask that all High School students wear stone coloured trousers/ chinos/ skirts (no jeans, leggings or jogging pants) and over time transition to the trousers available from ABA.



## GRADE 10 TRANSITION MYP TO DP

After returning from their exam break our Grade 10 students will have an introduction to their Grade 11 DP classes. Each year teaching teams put together 'Bridging Units' so students get a taste of the subjects they have chosen for next year, but also get an introduction to the skills, approaches and tools they will need to ensure success on their programmes.



We also introduce students to the Diploma Core: Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service, and how, by an integrated approach, they can really take ownership and shape their Diploma to ensure a great portfolio for university or work applications.

# ABA ATHLETICS

## FREESTYLE FOOTBALL

The one and only Jamie Knight stopped by the ABA Al Irfan Campus on Wednesday, 11th May!

Students across all grades got to witness and try out some mind-blowing freestyle football moves. Jamie sure wowed the students with his stalls and spins!



Jamie is currently ranked in the Top 10 in the world for Freestyle Football, he is a two time Guinness World Record Holder and was the Official UEFA EURO 2020 Global Mascot.

# UNIVERSITY UPDATES

## CAREER CLUSTERS



### ARTISAN

Construction & Utilities  
Agriculture  
Manufacturing & Logistics



### DESIGNER

Architecture  
Engineering  
Creative Design



### TECHNOLOGIST

Computer Science  
Software & System Development  
Data Science & Analysis



### GENERATOR

Tourism & Entertainment  
Business & Retail  
Hospitality & Customer Service



### INFORMER

Education  
Law or Politics  
Consultancy



### CARER

Healthcare  
Personal Support Services  
Consultancy



### COORDINATOR

Operations  
Events Management  
Support Services

This week's HS Student Life classes were dedicated to career readiness. Our Grade 9 students participated in an Employability Skills session geared towards highlighting the transferable skills that will make them competitive within the job marketplace as well as what approaches to take when choosing careers.

Grade 11 students were engaged in a workshop centred around CV writing and interviewing skills, both of which are relevant to university applications (for some countries) as well as the world of work.

## WHAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR CV?



- Contact details: full name, email address, phone number, LinkedIn profile
- Objective/Introduction
- Qualifications & academic achievements
- Work Experience
- Voluntary Experience
- Extracurricular activities
- References "available on request"

Thanks to our guest presenters from InvestIN. Visit their [website](#) today if you are still looking for career-specific summer experiences.





# MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Hope you all had a great Eid break! The MLP resumed this week and students and teachers have been very busy!

**This week, Madame Perrine and Ms Gulnara would like to share with you what the children have been learning in MLP French and Russian this term.**

## Madame Perrine ( French teacher):

*'Dans le cadre du MLP, nous avons désormais trois élèves inscrits en français. Nous mettons l'accent sur l'écrit et la lecture. La session a commencé avec des interviews des élèves, puis nous avons travaillé la structure des phrases affirmatives et interrogatives. Dernièrement, les enfants ont créé des devinettes sur les animaux de leur choix. Chaque enfant a écrit une devinette, puis est passé devant ses camarades pour leur faire deviner l'animal décrit. Ils ont beaucoup ri et enrichi leur vocabulaire !*



## Ms Gulnara ( MS Arabic teacher):

*Дорогие родители и дети,*

*Хотела бы поблагодарить вас за участие в изучении русского языка в рамках Программы Родного Языка.*

*Дети хорошо поработали в этом учебном году и многому научились.*

*В нашу программу для детей младшего возраста (6-9 лет) входили задачи ознакомиться с русским алфавитом в произношении звуков (гласные и согласные звуки, мягкие и твердые, звонкие и глухие), складывание слогов и чтению слов.*



*Также нашими целями было развитие русской речи, мышления, памяти и логики. Развитие письма печатными буквами, затем прописными. Кроме изучения вышеперечисленного, мы старались включать логические игры, такие как формирование групп слов, разгадывание загадок и ребусов. Дети с радостью играли в игры "Допиши пропущенную буквы", "Угадай лишний предмет", "Соедини картинку и слово" и многие другие.*

*В целом была задача охватить программу подготовку к школе и 1 класса общеобразовательной школы, мы следовали учебным пособиям по программе "Ломоносовская школа" и прописям Узоровой и Нефёдовой.*

*Увидимся на наших занятиях!*

*С уважением, Гульнара.*

# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION - SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY MAY 16TH

The PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held live on Monday, May 16th at 8.30 am in the Multipurpose Hall (MPH), next to the cafeteria.

**\*Please do not park on campus before 8am. See you there!**

TUESDAY MAY 24TH

## PTA Art-Effect:

### Parent-Staff-Student Art Exhibition.

Join us for a showcase of talent from 7-9.30pm in the Reception area at Al Irfan Campus on May 24th. The exhibition will run until May 31st.



**PTA MAY 24, 2022**  
**ARTEFFECT**  
& GRADE 10 ART EXHIBITION

PTA CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE OPENING ON 24TH OF MAY 7PM-9:30PM AT AL IRFAN CAMPUS

COME CELEBRATE OUR ABA TALENTS

24TH - 31 MAY  
SEE FUTHER DETAILS FOR OPENING HOURS

PTA ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & GRADE 10

PTA - BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Save the date!

TUESDAY MAY 19TH

## Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day

Thank you for your generosity in signing up and preparing food for our amazing teachers and staff.

During drop off a PTA member will be happy to receive the food. Also Students (HS) could drop it off at Reception/Admin or you could bring it into Reception/Admin between 8am and 12pm yourself.



Last but not least, we would like to wish Ingrid, our Communion Liaison, a heartfelt thank you and the best of luck in Texas, USA.

## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

12 May 2022



**ABA** — **OMAN** —  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Huge thank you to our ABA staff nurse Suni Reni and to the support nursing staff from private hospitals for all that they do to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

## SY 2021-22 YEARBOOK

If you haven't yet ordered your personal copy of the yearbook, here's your chance to do so.

Please pay OMR 10 in cash at the Business Office on any working day during office hours 7am to 3pm to book your copy.