



THE ABA WEEKLY



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ABA THIS WEEK

Students and parents will only be able to purchase/ top up the prepaid cards on Mondays in the Admin building from 7 to 9 am. Students can also purchase/ top-up their cards on Mondays in the cafeteria from 9 am to 3 pm (excluding break times).

STUDENT PHOTOS

Order forms and payment is due before the 24th of February 2022 for Elementary and Middle School. Students can hand them in to Ms Sumaiya in the main Admin building. Please contact reception@abaoman.org if you have questions about the photos.

THIS WEEK'S MENU



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES REPORTS

ES reports for Semester 1 will be published by Thursday, 10th February.

**PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

**PHYSICAL
DEVELOPMENT**

**COGNITIVE
&
CREATIVE
DEVELOPMENT**

**SOCIAL
&
EMOTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

For students in Early Childhood, parents will receive a narrative report outlining their progress in the four domains of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; Cognitive Development and Creative Development.

For students in Grades 1-5, parents will receive narrative comments for the IB Learner Profile, Approaches to Learning, and specialist subjects.

For Language and Mathematics, some of the significant achievements your child has mastered from the learning continuums during this learning period have been identified, followed by more detail in narrative comments, including next steps.

WHAT ARE LEARNING CONTINUUMS?

We know that each learner is a unique individual, so we expect learners within the same age group to have different proficiency levels and needs within an expected range. Teachers measure individual growth using learning continuums, rather than evaluating the group against a fixed measure.



Our learning continuums are standards-informed, provide depth and academic rigour, and align with our IB philosophy and our school mission. You can find copies of each continuum on the [ABA PYP Corner website](#): (you will need to sign in using your child's abaoman email address to access these documents)

LEARNING CONTINUUMS

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To develop an understanding of what phases your child is working in, please have a conversation with their homeroom teacher.

**To access these documents, you need to be logged in and using your child's Google @aboman.org account.

ES Language learning continuum

ES Mathematics learning continuum

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ES AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

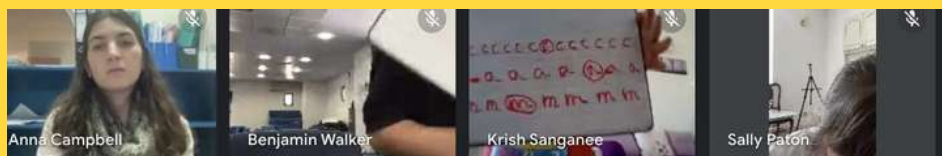
As ASAs have been impacted by our move to online learning, we will resume Season 2 once students have returned to campus. As soon as this is confirmed, we will share adjusted dates for Season 2



SAVE THE DATE

Student Led Conferences will be held on Wednesday 9th March and will be online. More information will follow soon.

PYP ONLINE LEARNING GALLERY



MIDDLE SCHOOL

As part of ABA's commitment to identifying and addressing the needs of each individual student in order to understand and maximize their potential, we administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) to students in Grade 8 and the Pupil Attitudes to Self and School Survey (PASS) to students in Grade 6 on Feb 1st, 2022.

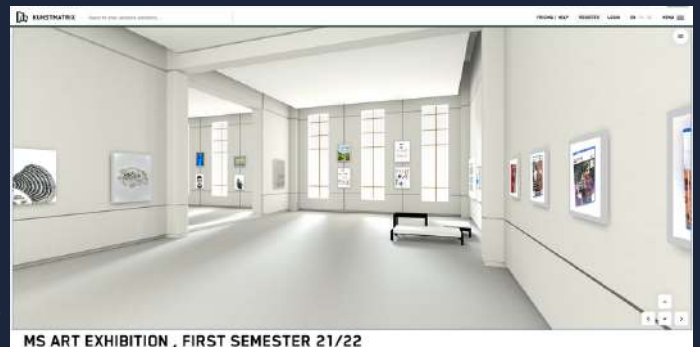
The tests were in digital format, curriculum-neutral and did not require any pre-learning or knowledge to complete the tests.



MS VIRTUAL VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Our MS art exhibition for the first semester is live !!!

You will have the option of visiting through a 3D tour or browse the catalog. We hope you enjoy seeing the samples of our talented MS student's work.



Click above to take a look



MS CONNECTS



Our Grades 6 & 7 MS Solves EXPO presentations took place on Tuesday with students sharing their pavilion designs, merchandise and ideas for celebrating their countries uniqueness. The talent and imagination of our MS Students is quite amazing. Grade 8 will present their pavilions next week.



MS SCHOOL REPORTS

Reports will be published on Wednesday, 9th February. The reports contain subject grades, ATL descriptors and comments from each subject teacher, and can be accessed through the parent portal.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

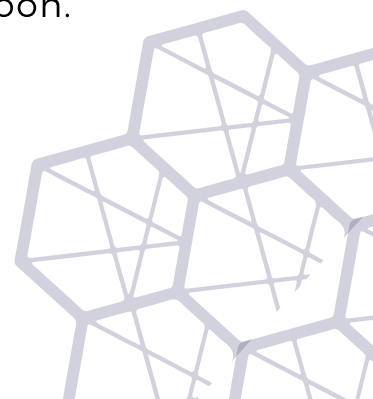
Ongoing parent meetings: Feb 3rd - March 3rd (weekly) Parent Meetings discussing '14 Talks Before Age 14' book

MS UNPLUGS

On **Tuesday, 1st of March**, MS will take part in an Unplugs event - more details coming soon.

LANGUAGE WEEK

On 22nd February, MS Connects will focus on Languages, to celebrate World Languages Week, culminating in a whole school 'national dress MUFTI' on Thursday, 24th February.



HIGH SCHOOL

REPORTS

Grade 9-11 Semester 1 reports went live today. These can be accessed via the [parent portal](#). If you are unable to access and download your child's report, then please email geesex@abaoman.org.

COVID 19



Please continue to remind your child to follow basic guidance to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Wearing masks, physical distancing and regular washing of hands are the best ways to reduce the spread. We continue to offer on-campus learning. For any students in isolation but are asymptomatic please continue to access learning via Google classroom and be proactive in contacting teachers and your Learning Mentor for regular support and feedback.

INTERNATIONAL BRONZE AWARD

Congratulations to all Grade 9 students who participated in a very successful Bronze expedition. Our thanks to Ms Nausia Bonet, Ms Hall, Ms Birchall and Mr Zwart for going the extra mile to ensure the trip could go ahead.



TEENS GIVING BACK

Teens Giving Back (TGB) is a charity at ABA that was founded in 2011 with the initiative to help the ABA and Omani community to give back to the country our students have grown up in.



Today, for the very first time a walkathon was organized in honor of Paul Uche (may his soul rest in peace) and all cancer patients. Paul was our very own ABA Alumni, class of 2009, who died of cancer in Canada as he was completing his Master's in Engineering. He was an all-rounder, be it academics, sports, or music (listen to Paul's music [here](#)). After his passing, Paul's family started a foundation in his name in Nigeria for the treatment of cancer patients.

ABA ATHELETICS

The cross country team and coaches have shown great resilience and persistence in continuing the season and a love of running even without any competition to train for and this week they enjoyed running at the Sultan Qaboos Stadium to conclude the season on a real high.



This week ahead sees HS sports all concluding their season 2 sports programs. Well done to our Tennis, Cross Country, Football and Basketball squads and coaches for making the most of this challenging season. Our MESAC and Muscat schools have not been able to have anywhere near the experience we have been able to facilitate in this season, so it has been really positive to have these practices continue in these challenging circumstances.

Season 3 HS registration has already opened and we are seeing good numbers signed up already. Season 3 will officially begin in the week beginning February 13th, but this will vary in each activity with various and different logistics in place. Coaches will notify all participants of the details once HS sign-up is concluded on February 9th.



MS football teams have extended their season until February 23rd with their Season 3 sign-up opens in the same week.



UNIVERSITY UPDATES



Lifelong learning is built into our mission as well as our reality!

Our students thrive on inventive ways to spend their spare time. This approach has the double benefit of personal enrichment and enhancement of a students profile for university applications

Whether you are on the search for ongoing learning experiences to fill the afternoons or spring/summer holiday experiences, our database has something for you. Scan the QR code to access a rang of enrichment opportunities. (face to face & online)



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

KAHOOT

After last year's success of the Kahoot, the PTA is happy to announce that for the International Cultural Festival we will have a Kahoot again!

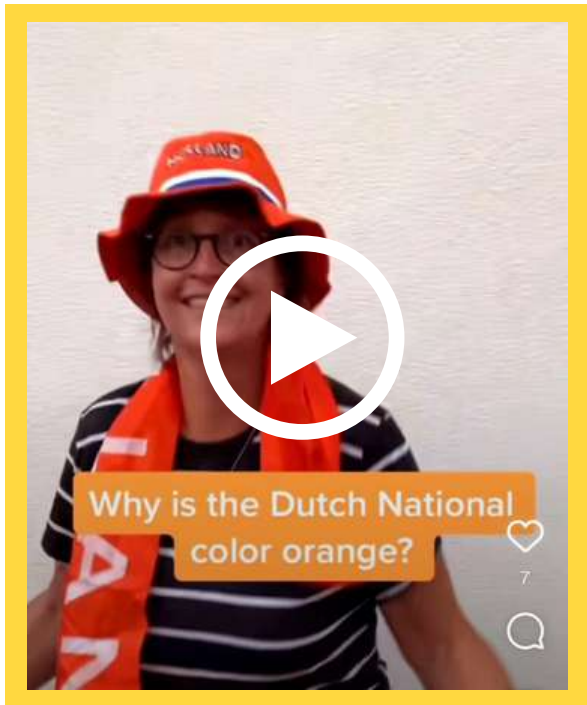


However... we need your help!

Think of a question about your country/culture. Make a short video (no longer than 20 seconds) with a question - it could be a common sign, gesture, food item, etc. Landscape works best for the Kahoot, so please turn your phone! Email your video and 4 answer options to PTAevent@abaoman.org Please let us know the right answer too!

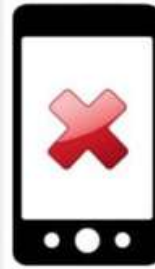
Once you submit a video you will be entered in a draw and stand a chance to win a prize! Have fun! We cannot wait to see your videos! Oh, and you are allowed to enter more than 1 video!

Here's a little example !



Video Recording Tips

Portrait



Landscape

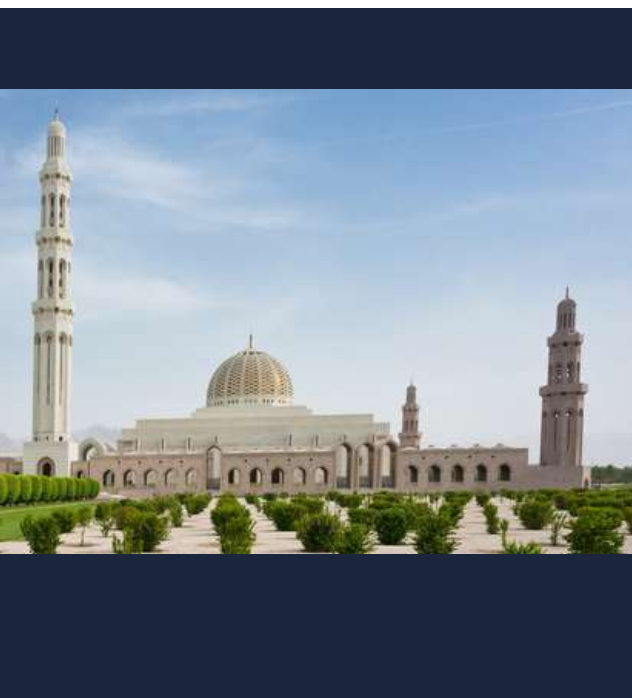


Please film your video in Landscape.

- Using your phone or tablet to record is perfect.
- Please hold your phone/tablet to record video in landscape, not portrait (landscape is horizontal, portrait in vertical). This type of recording will help fill the screen better and make for a more consistent presentation for our recital.
- When recording your video, include just a few seconds of silence before and after

PARENT ACTIVITIES AND LEISURE

Another exciting PTA initiative is **PAL**. PAL stands for Parent Activities and Leisure. PAL will include all activities we are organizing for parents.

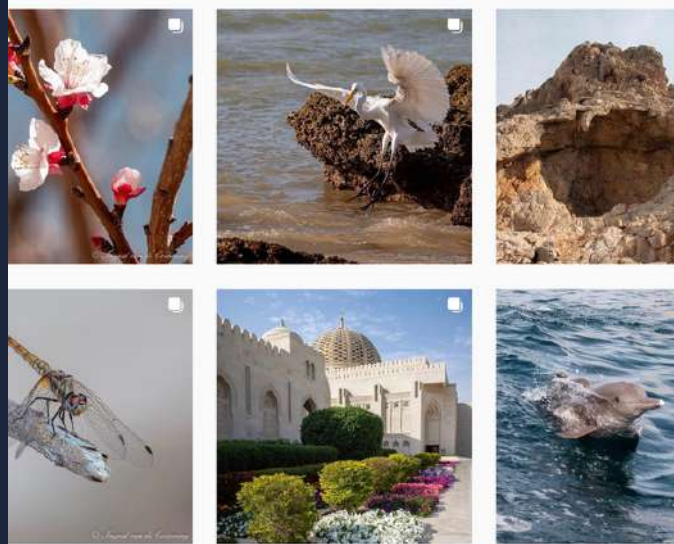


The postponed trip to the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** now planned for Tuesday, 8th of February, is our first PAL! We will follow all SC guidelines, go with a small group and will not carpool. Please follow the link for more information and to sign up [CLICK HERE!](#)

The following PAL will be on Tuesday, 15th of February at 9 am online - a super useful and informative **photography workshop by Ingrid**.



Do you like to take photos, but do not own or use a camera other than your phone? No problem! We will be looking at composition during the workshop, and with some tips and tricks, we are sure you will be able to capture beautiful photos instantly! More details and the link will follow.



Click here to take a look at some of Ingrid's stunning work here!

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

VBC POP UP SHOP

VBC Pop Up Shop at the outside car park on Monday morning! Come and grab some really cool Vipers gear on the **7th of February from 7am to 7:45am**, and don't forget to collect your pre-ordered Hoodies.



Click below for more information on Vipers spirit gear.

