

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

25 November 2021

Elementary School

ASAs begin next week!

After School Activities (ASA) will start on Wednesday, 1st December for our elementary students. ASA sign-ups are now complete. You will hear directly from your child's activity leader(s) before their activity starts. Huge thanks to Ms Sumaiya for organising the sign-up.



Dyslexia Awareness Day

On Tuesday, 23rd November, elementary students dressed in red to raise awareness on Dyslexia. Members of the elementary student council were the driving force behind this initiative.

Music Informances!

Ms Babb has already shared some information about the upcoming ES Music "Informances" - each class will show off and inform the audience of their learning in music. These are coming up in the week of 5th December and will be live-streamed via Google Meet, so look out for the details for your child's class informance!

Middle School

Tuesday's **MS Connects** included Niqash discussions with the Principal, Ed Tech, the MYP Coordinator and the MS Counselor. Advisory time was spent investigating diversity and our diverse community. While **MS Serves** focused on advocacy through art, the **MS Creates**

program continued to offer students creative, action and service activities.

MYP Middle School Workshop took place on 24th November with the MYP Coordinator Kym Brotherton. A recording of the workshop is available via the following link.



High School

Parent-Student-Teacher virtual consultations will take place on **Wednesday**, **December 1st and Thursday**, **December 2nd**. Please contact your child's Learning Mentor or the Secondary Office if you have not received an invitation. Students are asked to attend the consultations with parents. Online learning will be provided via Google Classroom.

Athletics

Season 2 Sports began with great numbers and excitement this week. Student athletes went to all venues around the school and beyond and the fantastic weather really helped too! Due to the public holidays and HS Parent Teacher Conferences next week, HS sports practices will not take place on those days, though MS practices will resume as normal after the holidays.







University updates

ABA has formed a partnership with **Prep Up**, a locally established organisation which offers career guidance webinars and a portal through which HS students can sign up for job shadow experiences. Parents can also check the website to see what is available and to get involved if their companies are able to offer work experience. Contact **firas@prepupme.com** for more details.





Live theatre is back at ABA!

Parents are welcome to come and see the **ABA High School Theatre Production**, our first public event in about two years. The performances will be on **Sunday**, **5th December** and **Wednesday**, **8th December** at 3.30pm and 6pm on both days. Running time is about one hour and tickets priced at 1 Omani Rial may be purchased from ABA Reception. Due to the adult content of the scenes, the performance is only open to HS students and adults. The production showcases nine contemporary plays concerning a variety of social issues with around 50 high school students participating.

After the 6pm shows our **Vipers Booster Club** will be selling a dinner box by the school entrance, comprising burger, chips and juice at 5 OMR per box.

Mother Language Program (MLP)

The MLP after-school program was launched successfully this week. The MLP teachers have really enjoyed their first week and so have the students. If you want to join the program, it's not too late. Just click on the <u>registration link</u>. So far we have **Arabic, Turkish, French, Spanish, Urdu, Persian and Russian** mother language classes. Please click on <u>here</u> to see the MLP timetable. Finally, if your Mother Language is not yet offered at ABA and you would like it to be part of our program, please contact Anjalee Paratian on **mlp@abaoman.org**.

British Embassy Information

Claire Anthony (MS Counselor) and Guy Essex (HS Assistant Principal) are Wardens for The British Embassy at ABA, and regularly communicate Embassy updates with ABA staff via email. In line with the Community Partnership, they would like to extend this service to ABA parents who are UK passport holders. If you would like to receive any information that is shared by The Embassy, please complete this **form**.



Please Note: This is information sharing communication only and all other queries or concerns regarding consular matters must be communicated directly with the Embassy.



National Day

On the 51st National Day of Oman ABA students and faculty donned traditional Omani attire to mark the occasion with great fervour. Click here to watch snippets of the National Day spirit at ABA.

Art for a Cause!

ABA Art teacher Andrea Zarate Pardo along with a group of ABA students passionate about advocating for stray animals put together an art exhibition to create awareness around this cause. Read all about their initiative in today's Oman Observer.

Public holiday

The National day holidays are on Sunday, 28th November and Monday, 29th November. Enjoy the long weekend!

