



THE ABA WEEKLY



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UPDATES

Parents/guests visiting the school are required to wear the ABA lanyards and carry appropriate identification at all times.

Cafeteria

MENU



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PYP EXHIBITION



ABA PYPx 2022! What an amazing journey of creativity and inquiry for our Grade 5 students and parents who were equally thrilled to be on campus today to witness their unique ideas. The PYP Exhibition website is officially LIVE. There are 71 individual inquiries that demonstrate a greater understanding of 16 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). View the extraordinary work of our Grade 5 learners **HERE!**



Please see the 'SDG Links - Student Websites' menu at the top of the main page to view the individual websites, research, creative projects and action the students have undertaken.

Take some time to read through a selection of individual Grade 5 websites. Please add feedback using the Google feedback forms beside each of the student's profile pics. Our students will really appreciate it.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

CATS AND DOGS FUNDRAISER

Our MS students have been working with Ms Andrea on making tote bags and other accessories to raise funds for Muscat Dog Adoption to help stray dogs and cats. They will be selling the products from Sunday to Thursday in the MS Art Room during the 2nd break. If you would like to purchase any of the products that will be displayed on our social media handles closer to the time, please send cash (small denominations) with your child. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause.

Tote bags and Bandanas

1 for OMR 4, 2 for OMR 6

Bowties

OMR 2

May 22nd - 26th



SING! OPEN REHEARSAL

MS students and parents thoroughly enjoyed Tuesday's open-rehearsal. Big thank you to Ms Babb and Ms Zita and to all those who attended the wonderful musical experience.



MS STUCO ASSEMBLY- ABA'S GOT TALENT

MS Student Council planned, organised and presented a fabulous ABA's Got Talent assembly in the MPH. There were singers, musicians and dancers, and the calibre of talent was off the scale.



The students voted with their cheers and Jassim's vocal performance came in first place, followed by Alexander on the piano and McKenzie singing 'Let it Go'. Kudos to our amazingly talented ABA vipers!
- Inputs from **Talal Al Raisi**

MS CREATES - CHESS

El Classico match between two chess prodigies Arsenii Chupin and Jack took place in this weeks MS Creates chess activity. Well done to Arsenii for winning the match.

MS INQUIRY

Energy balls and smoothies were on the menu in 'Do you know how to breath' with Ms McKay.



There's always time for a spot of Yoga



WHAT'S COMING UP IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Grade 6 Field Trip to COMEX at the OCEC on **Tuesday 24th May**
- MS Disco (date and time to be confirmed)
- Arts Unleashed 'Midsummer Night's Dream' productions **4pm & 6pm on the 7th & 8th June.**
- MS Semester 2 reports to parents on **June 13th**

MS CARES

Our Middle School students showed great agency and drive in raising money (500 rials) to support various initiatives undertaken by charities such as OCA, Dar al Ata'a, UNICEF and Muscat Dog Adoption. On Tuesday, 17th May, MS students presented Dr Manar Al Zadjali and Ms Suhaila Al Balushi from the Oman Cancer Association with a cheque of 200 rials.

"OCA supports cancer patients and they have a vision to reduce the burden of the disease. If given a chance, we would really like to work with the OCA in the future" - Inputs from **Shyam, Angie and Sama**



SUPPORT SESSIONS: UNDERSTANDING VISUAL TEXTS



On Wednesday 18th May, DP students, Sarah Al Tae & Georgia Isles, delivered a **Visual Texts Masterclass** to grade 8 Language & Literature students. Visual texts are texts in which meaning is shaped and communicated by images rather than words. The Masterclass was an opportunity for the grade 11s to showcase their analytical skills; Georgia showcased an image from the documentary, My Octopus Teacher, and Sarah presented a powerful photograph taken by Gordon Parks. The grade 8s had the opportunity to build on the visual text terminology they already knew, while asking questions about what to expect from the DP unit. A big thank you to Sarah and Georgia for their lively Masterclass and taking the time out to visit MS.

HIGH SCHOOL - ARTS

GRADE 11 MUSIC TRIP TO ROYAL OPERA HOUSE MUSEUM



The Royal Opera House Museum is amazing by any standards and is probably unique in the world for showcasing music and ideas encompassing far more than just Oman's connections with other countries. It was not just a showcase of different instruments, but a look at manufacturing techniques, understanding the physics of how sound is created and how instruments are used in the wider context of an orchestra or band. The trip proved to be truly enriching for our G11 students.

ABA ATHLETICS

The Athletics Directors in the six MESAC schools have met each week virtually in zoom conferences, but this last weekend they were able to meet face to face and start planning for the next school year. Please see the MESAC schedule for the next school year with planning now commencing for a full travel and hosting year ahead.



Domestically, things are also looking much improved and there may be some MS inter-school basketball games on our new campus very soon too.

There is much to be optimistic about and if you have a child who will be in Grade 8-12 next year and who may be involved in MESAC teams, this is a timely reminder to check that passports are not expiring in the next 12 months. If they are, the summer holiday does give a good opportunity to have these renewed.

**MESAC
Schedule
2022/2023**



UNIVERSITY UPDATES



Members of the ABA Parent community who can offer a week of work experience for Grade 10 students from June 5th to 9th, are requested to contact Ms. Denise Barker :

dbarker@abaoman.org



STAND FOR SOIL

Mr Ruaridh Mackenzie, has written an an informative article on the importance of soil health and the urgency to increase organic content in cultivatable soil. In his article, Mr Mackenzie addresses the global Save Soil movement launched by Sadhguru. The purpose of this key movement is to address the soil crisis by bringing people from around the world together to stand up for soil health. **[Read the full Article here](#)**



SOIL IS DYING

MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME



Ms Faten, Arabic teacher (KG-G1)

السلام عليكم.

بالنسبة لمجموعة العربي FC لهذا الأسبوع درسنا حرفي الضاد والطاء مع تلوين لصورتي الضفدع والطائرة وألعاب مطابقة الصورة مع الحرف المناسب، بالإضافة إلى مراجعة المفاهيم التالية: الألوان، والعائلة أب أم أخ أخت، ومفهوم الليل والنهار، ومن أنا.

بالنسبة لل K3 ، هذا الأسبوع كان لحرفي الطاء والعين وموقعهما في الكلمة أول ووسط وآخر الكلمة مع الكثير من المفردات والصور. بالإضافة إلى ألعاب كلمات وحروف، ومفاهيم الألوان، والعائلة، وحيوانات المزرعة. وأوراق عمل عبارة عن محاولة قراءة الكلمات وتوصيلها مع الصورة المناسبة.

وبالنسبة للصف الأول نركز الآن على قراءة النصوص الصغيرة ومناقشتها من خلال أسئلة بسيطة، وأيضا قراءة القصص القصيرة و ألعاب كثيرة ومسابقات مثل: من يقرأ أكبر عدد من الكلمات في مدة بسيطة في محاولة لجعل القراءة شيئا سهلا . وسنستمر على هذا البرنامج حتى آخر العام الدراسي بإذن الله .



Ms Frau Anne, German teacher

Die jüngere Klasse und die ältere Klasse.
Im Deutschunterricht lernen die Schüler sich zu präsentieren, mündlich so wie schriftlich. Sie präsentieren sich mit Namen, Alter, Klasse, Wohnort, Herkunftsland, Sprachen, die sie sprechen und Hobbys.

Die Schüler haben auch eine Figur von sich selbst gezeichnet und haben die Figur mit verschiedenen Flaggen gefärbt. Die Flaggen repräsentieren die verschiedenen Sprachen, die jeder Schüler spricht. Ich bin erstaunt wie jeder Schüler innerhalb kurzer Zeit, mit mehreren Sprachen „herumjonglieren“ können :O

Im Moment lernen sie von den Strukturen der Sätze; wie man einen Satz bildet. Dafür benutzen sie „Bausteine“ aus mehrfarbigen Karton. Die „Bausteine“ sind verschiedene Wörter, die man benutzt, wenn man einen Satz schreiben soll.

Die Schüler werden zunächst mit dem Thema, „Mein Lieblingstier“ arbeiten. Sie werden Information so wie Bilder oder kleine Videos über ihre Tiere suchen. Sie werden ihre Lieblingstiere für die Klasse präsentieren.

In der Klasse mit den älteren Schülern werden wir wahrscheinlich mit dem Thema „Mein Hobby“ arbeiten.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



The PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Monday.

Introducing our new PTA team!

Chairs: Terry Dontis & Felicia Anand

Communications Liaison: Noura Sinno

Treasurer & Elementary School Representative:

Sriparna Chatterjee

Middle & High School Representative: Hiba Kamal Gaafar

New Parent Representative: Manuela Emmer

Logistics Coordinator: Minita Sampat



PTA | TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION DAY



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day was enjoyed by all! We at PTA would like to thank the parents for the generous food contributions. It has been a very memorable morning!

**The ABA faculty and staff are extremely grateful for the tremendous support from our PTA team and parent community.*



ART EFFECT EXHIBITION MAY 24-31, 2022 PTA

Opening Night
May 24th
7 - 9:30 pm @ ABA
Al Irfan Campus

Exhibition will take place from
Tuesday 24th May
7 pm (opening) - 9.30pm
until Tuesday 31st May

Opening hours for our community will be:

Wednesday - Thursday
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday - Tuesday
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Fund requests

Fund requests granted to Middle School sensory/calming room and garden spaces! Looking forward to seeing these in the near future!

PTA Art-Effect!

Tuesday May 24th

Parent-Staff-Student Art Exhibition! Join us for a showcase of ABA community talent from 7 - 9.30pm in the Reception area at Al Irfan Campus. The exhibition will run until May 31st. Timings are as given in the flyer ←

This is a very special, inclusive exhibition! We are including young, budding artists from our student community, new and seasoned parent artists, teachers and staff of ABA. It sure promises to be an International, colorful exhibition indeed!

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 7pm by HH Sayyida Susan Al Said!



Our Grade 7 students have published an anthology of poems titled - **'Reflections'**, which will be available at the Art Exhibition.

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

The end of the year is always bittersweet as we say good bye to our lovely team members. This year, 5 of our valued team members are leaving the VBC.

Charis, Kirsten, Ilze, Trish, Rebecca - you all brought something special to the team. Your enthusiasm and smiles, your engagement, motivation, inspiration, organization skills, number crunching and dedication to the VBC will be missed. We wish you all the very best in the next chapter ahead!

Thank you

END OF YEAR LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS



All books must be returned by
June 5th
(May 29th for Elementary)

The library will not be issuing
new books from **May 29 - June 5**
as we continue to receive books
being returned.

Summer checkouts will happen
the final week: **June 12-16**



Transition and Change

ARE YOU A PARENT LEAVING THE ABA COMMUNITY TO GO TO ANOTHER COUNTRY AND SCHOOL?

Please join the ABA Counsellors for a Parent Information Session.
We will discuss uncertainty and the importance of leaving well,
arriving at your new location, as well as resources for parents.
There will also be a chance for separate group discussions for
Elementary, Middle and High School parents

Who: FC-Grade 11 Parents

When: 8:30 am | Monday, 23rd May 2022 via Google Meet

Please sign up through the google form. Once your form is received,
you will be sent a google meet invite to join us on the 23rd at 8:30am

SIGN UP HERE

JOIN OUR TEAM

ABA is looking for an enthusiastic Language and Literature teacher with experience and current knowledge of the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) plus IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) experience. Please note that this is a maternity cover position (expected 7 months).

If you are interested and share in our passion for preparing outstanding citizens who will contribute to the world through leadership and service, click on the image to apply.



HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER)

[Click here to apply](#)



Have a great Weekend!