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Letter from the Principal



Mr Joss Williams

As the winter break approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils, families and colleagues a peaceful and happy festive season. I know pupils and colleagues alike will enjoy their well-earned break and return in January full of enthusiasm for the challenges ahead. A balance between rest and consolidation of studies is needed, and pupils are encouraged to reflect on the guidance they have received from teachers and mentors.

The range of activities and opportunities for learning, both academic and personal, has impressed me since my arrival and as I meet with colleagues and parents in the last week of term to outline some exciting future plans, I reflect on how far we have come and the strong foundations upon which we are able to build.

On a personal note, I cannot really believe that a full term has already passed. Kristine and I would like to thank the ABS community for the warm welcome that we have received and we look forward to a positive and rewarding 2020.

Movember

Ms. Kristine Williams: Director of Student Wellbeing and Co-Curricular Activities

The month of November is known around the world as Movember. During this month, men are encouraged to grow a mustache in order to increase awareness of health issues that men face. ABS has supported 'Men's Health Matters' by selling blue bracelets and t-shirts and mustache shaped pins and cookies. We rounded off Movember at the end of the month with the 'wear something blue' day. The ABS community have raised awareness and funds which will go to the King Hussein Cancer Foundation.



Message from Head of IB College

IB College

The IB College was a buzz of student-centred activities during the past three weeks. We began with the *Grade 12 Quiz Night* which was a great success. Grade 12 students attended in their droves and were very much engaged to test their knowledge on topics ranging from local landmarks, to popular music, sport and the IB! Many thanks to Ms Rasha, Ms Jwan and Ms Tala and the Student Council for organizing such an enjoyable event.



Ms Cathy Souob



As we firmly believe that students learn best when they learn from each other, Grade 12 shared their CAS projects with Grade 11 students. CAS projects varied in goals depending on students' individual interests. Among those presented were helping less privileged children by teaching them basic skills, organizing fun events for Easter, raising awareness of the importance of mental health and organizing forums to engage young minds. Throughout the presentations, Grade 12 were able to place the concept of service at the centre of every project. Well done to all!



Grade 11 Business Management students had their share of the spotlight as they presented their business plans to parents, staff members and fellow students. Teamwork and collaboration were evident as students worked in groups to come up with potential business ideas that the students felt were needed in Jordan and designed business plans to put them into action. Many thanks to Ms Suha for organizing the event and mentoring the students



Those Grade 12 students who are interested in studying medicine and have been called for university interviews, had a chance to practice their interviewing skills in a mock set up with staff members after school on the 4th of December. These interviews aim to help them improve their communication and critical thinking skills. Students moved around tables and engaged in rope play with “patients” presenting different medical cases and were judged on their responses. Many thanks to Ms Reida, Ms Suha and Ms Hanan and all the teachers and students who took part and gave our medic hopefuls a taste of what they will soon be facing. We wish them all the best of luck!

Amman Model United Nations (AMMUN)

ABS students were able to celebrate another hugely successful AMMUN conference which was held this year on the ABS campus and The Grand Hyatt Hotel, from 13-17 November. Each year, AMMUN is proudly organized by ABS students.

Delegations from Schools in Palestinian, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Tanzania, and Cyprus participated along with our local schools: King's Academy, Modern American School, International Community School, De la Salle Jordan, English Talents School, National Orthodox School, Amman Academy, Jordanian International Schools, Modern Montessori School, and The International Academy Amman.

AMMUN boasted approximately 500 young people and accompanying staff, all of which was overseen by AMMUN XVIII's Secretary-General, Hashem Saqqaf, and his student leadership team.

The event started with an opening dinner and trip for the International delegates to the beautiful historic sites of Petra, followed by inspirational opening ceremony led by our AMMUN XVIII Leadership Team and ABS Principal. MP Qais Zayadeen was a remarkable keynote speaker who shared his vast array of experiences to inspire the audience members.

Delegates passionately engaged in three days of lobbying, merging and heated debate and in the end successfully passed many resolutions. The Conference was honoured with the presence of H.E. Mr. Samir Al-Rifai who spoke in front of members of the Board of Trustees, the Leadership Team, parents, staff and the happy, but exhausted delegates.

Special thanks go to all involved in the meticulous planning of this impressive event and to the generous sponsors who assisted in making it all happen.



Message from Head of MYS

Middle Years School



Ms Sarah Byham

Awareness Sessions

During a recent wellbeing period, the school hosted Mr Ahmad Al-Assad (the founder of Talentology) to talk to Grades 9 and 10, under the title of 'Time Management and Social Media'. It was a successful session, which proved to be beneficial and thought-provoking for our students.



Led by Miss Tala Said and Miss Rita Abu Krayem, Grade 9 students were invited to explore the different ways in which Art and Music have been used by different individuals across time and space to address different causes. From classical composer Rachmaninoff to Palestinian underground hip-hop, students reflected on how they can inspire themselves and others, and be a positive force for change in the world.



The Christmas Assembly and Lunch

One of the great traditions at ABS is that we support each other with the important events in our lives. This includes helping celebrate each other's religious occasions. To this end, MYS staff members and students enjoyed a lively concert, as part of the lead up to Christmas celebrations, organised by the MYS Religion teachers, with the help of the Music staff. We started our assembly by a reading from the Bible about the Birth of Jesus and watching a short film about the birth of Jesus and the Nativity Church in Bethlehem. We were able to witness the talents of some of our students and staff, and to enjoy listening to some festive music, with some playing instruments and singing, including the Grade 6 students' rendition of 'The Twelve days of Christmas' in French.

Last week saw the MYS Student Council's annual Christmas Lunch. Over 160 turkey and chicken meals were served in the MYS, and many times that number of free cups of hot chocolate to warm students and staff on that cold December day. The spirit of Caring and Team Work was on full display as Council members spread holiday cheer, played live music and organised the logistics of a truly monumental task with broad smiles on their faces! The kitchen staff, led by Chef Wael, provided us with great support and great food.



We want to wish everyone a very happy Winter Break and to thank students, staff and parents for a successful, if very busy, few months. Good luck to those taking exams!

The Arabic General Knowledge Competition

The Arabic General Knowledge Competition aims to encourage students to communicate, interact and work together in a spirit of teamwork that reflects a sense of cooperation and solidarity. It aims to motivate students with regard to different thinking skills, expression and time management through a variety of rich and diverse fields of knowledge.

The competition, which took place on the school stage on Monday, 2 December, was attended by Grades 6, 7 and 8 students from the Middle Years School. The students were chosen according to House teams.

The Falcons were the proud winners of the awards distributed by the Head of the Middle Years School at the end of the competition.



MYS Arabic Language Department - Speech Competition

The MYS Arabic Language Department organised the Annual Speech Competition for Grade 7 students on Sunday, 17 November and for Grade 8 students on Thursday, 14 November 2019.

A group of male and female students participated in the competition, presenting a variety of local and international speeches. The MYS Arabic Department teachers helped the students in preparing for these speeches which they presented in front of their colleagues and teachers at the school theater.

All participating students received certificates of appreciation for their outstanding performances.

Message from Head of PS

Primary School



Ms Dima Qubain

A number of exciting events have taken place during the past few weeks. The Primary School Radio Station has been successfully launched and will go live very soon. It will be a unique platform for our students to enhance leadership and student voice. Students will broadcast school news as well as give commentary on local and global issues. ([Click here](#)).

Furthermore, there has been a focus on Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Collaboration through various activities and presentations.

Enjoy reading through our newsletter to find out more about student driven-activities which have enhanced the sense of belonging and Agentic learning.



Book Exhibition

The Primary School Book Exhibition which was held from the 28th to 31st of October 2019 was an extremely busy yet rewarding one. A Reading Corner was created and set aside for parents and members of ABS with a passion for storytelling to read a story to the children during their visit. Visits to the exhibition were scheduled and many parents joined their children in choosing books. Also, MYS students were welcomed during their language lessons.



PYP Information Session

A Primary Years Programme (PYP) Information presentation was held for parents, through which they were informed about the framework of the PYP, concentrating on learning and teaching in the PYP and the role of parents as part of the learning community. At the end of the presentation parents participated in the question and answer session.



KG1

We were able to identify different types of professions by inviting some of the classroom parents to explain what their profession is, what tools they use, their responsibility towards the community and how different jobs are connected.



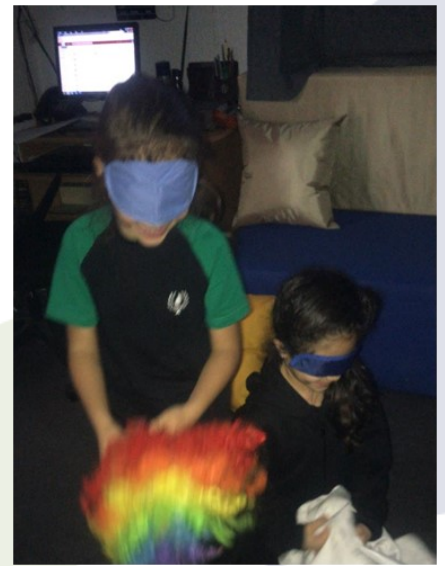
KG2

In our Unit of Inquiry “How the World Works”, we learned about the three states of matter. We learned that particles in solids are closely packed together, so we hugged each other to show that!



Grade 1

As part of the second unit of inquiry “How the world works”, learners participated in the “Cave activity” to inquire into the second line of inquiry “the role of our senses”. Learners tried to explore their surroundings blindfolded in a dark room which spiked their excitement and curiosity around the mentioned subject. Learners developed their communication skills when they had to use their other senses to explore what is around them.



Grade 2

What an exciting time it has been in Grade 2! Learners have explored the six animal groups in depth, learning about the characteristics that are significant for each group. Our learners chose the group that they were interested in, watched a video to become an expert on the topic and finally shared their understanding with other groups.

Learners became more aware of factors that affect life cycles by sharing what they already knew, as well as using the internet to find out more. They designed posters to reflect their understanding. We also read the story, *The Great Kapok Tree*, that is about the disappearance of the rainforest and how that can affect living things.

To enhance their understanding about life cycles, each learner chose an animal of interest to find out more about. They drew the life cycle of that animal and wrote an informational paragraph about it.

Learners were able to use their understanding of the main idea and supporting details to aid them in their writing.



Grade 3

During the mindfulness lessons in Grade 3, we focused on the key concept of Perspective. After visualizing differences between people in class, we focused on our similarities. Learners recognized that no matter the differences between them, we need to respect each other’s different opinions and ideas. Learners watched a video that highlighted the importance of respect and mutual understanding in building healthy, positive relationships.



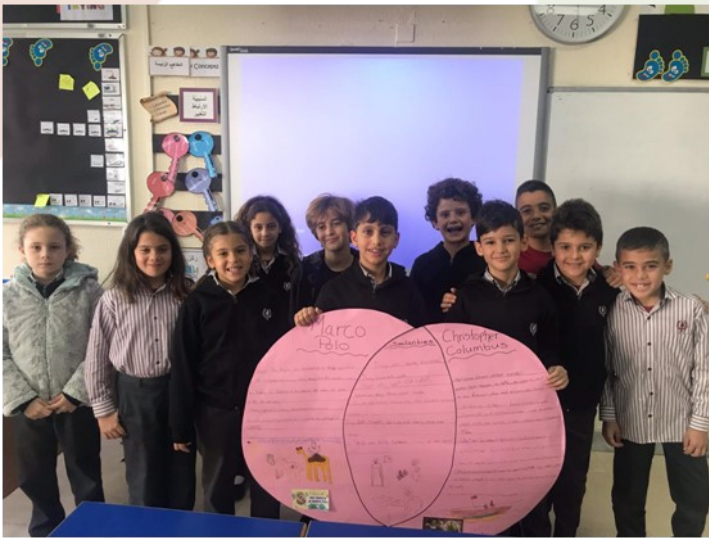
Grade 4

This unit of inquiry, “Where we are in place and time” was full of interesting and engaging activities. Firstly, our learners enjoyed inquiring into how inventions have evolved over time and shared their findings with their peers. After gathering information about several explorers, learners used the Venn diagram strategy to compare and contrast their areas of exploration and the reasons behind this, and by the end of this unit we had a very successful transdisciplinary day.

Meanwhile, learners were reminded about table manners and they implemented their understanding in the school cafeteria. During the Science lessons, learners planted lettuce as part of their plant unit.

Furthermore, Grade 4C welcomed with so much genuine love a young lady who has Down syndrome and made her wish come true by being a music teacher for a day.





Grade 5

Our Grade five learners exceeded expectations through their multi-cultural summative assessments. They were confident and knowledgeable as they showcased their understanding of the main aspects of a culture. Their presentations were of a high standard and they included traditional dances, music, costumes and food. Parents were impressed with the depth of understanding the learners portrayed and were amused by the colorful displays. It was indeed a true reflection of the demonstration of skills and attitudes and a step forward towards their PYP Exhibition.





Primary School Stallions Cup

In collaboration with the P.E. Department, The Primary School House Representatives have recently launched the first ever inter-house competitions. Students across Grades 1 – 5 have been engaging in activities during P.E. lessons and lunch break while exemplifying the IB learner profile and sportsmanship. We commend all Houses for their efforts and passion. Congratulations to the House of Hawks for winning the month of November. Best of luck to all!



Primary School Care Group's Well-being Team

As part of the Student Agency, the Care Group's Well-being Team has been hard at work since the beginning of the year to bring positive changes to the Primary School's eating habits. Besides raising awareness about balanced meals, mindful eating habits and table manners, they also met with the Catering committee to review the items on the menu and gave their own feedback. Their suggestions were constructive and met with great interest. Thanks to them, the Primary School hosted its first 'Taco Tuesday' which was a great success!



Athletics Department

Athletic Department General Updates

Amman Activities Conference (AAC) Tournaments

Ten tournaments took place this month for the Volleyball and Football Teams in various age groups and versus countless school in the Amman Activities Conference (AAC). All teams displayed wonderful sportsmanship and school spirit, with many students coming out to support their classmates in their matches.



Final placements were as follows:

U16 Girls Volleyball

2nd Place



U16 Boys Volleyball 2nd Place



U14 Girls Football 3rd Place



U14 Boys Football (Warriors 1) 1st Place



U14 Boys Football (Warriors 2) Friendly



U14 Boys Football
(Giants)

Friendly



U14 Boys Football
(Knights)

Friendly



U12 Boys Football

Friendly



U16 Boys Football

2nd Place



U16 Girls Football

2nd Place



Stallions Academy

Term One of the Stallions Academy concluded with all participants receiving participation medals for their wonderful energy and enthusiasm throughout the term. We thank them for being with us and look forward to seeing all their faces in Term Two.

KG Stallions Academy

KG Stallions Academy Ballet



KG Stallions Academy Basketball



KG Stallions Academy Zumba



KG Stallions Academy Gymnastics and Get Fit



KG Stallions Academy Gymnastics



KG Stallions Academy Jiu-Jitsu



KG Stallions Academy Football



Primary School Stallions Academy

PS Stallions Academy Football



PS Stallions Academy Basketball



PS Stallions Academy Zumba



PS Stallions Academy Gymnastics



PS Stallions Academy Jiu-Jitsu



PS Stallions Academy Volleyball



Stallions Athletics Term 2 Training Schedule

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Sport	Team	Grade	Group Size	Coach	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Football	U18 Boys	10-12	18	Moh'd S	2:00 - 3:30pm	3.20-4.45pm			3.20-4.45pm
	U16 Boys	9-10	18	Osama	2:00 - 3:30pm				3.20-4.45pm
	U14 Boys	8	14	Mahmoud H	11.00-12.30pm			3.20-4.45pm	
	U14 Boys	7	14	Alaa'	11.00-12.30pm			3.20-4.45pm	
	U12 Boys Giants	6	14	Alaa'	9:30-11:00am		3.20-4.45pm		
	U12 Boys Knights	6	14	Mohammad	9:30-11:00am		3.20-4.45pm		
	U18 - 16 Girls	11-12	18	Alaa'	12.30-2:00 pm				3.20-4.45pm
	12-14 Girls	7-8	14	Osama	12.30-2:00 pm		3.20-4.45pm		
Volleyball	16-18 Boys	9-12	15	Osama	2:00 - 3:30pm		4.45-6.15pm	5.00-6.30pm	
	U18 Girls	11-12	15	Zeyad	4:45-6:00pm			5:00-6:30 pm	
	U16 Girls	9-10	15	Waleed	2:00 - 3:30pm		5:00-6:30pm		
	U14 Boys	7-8	15	Waleed	3:30 - 5:00pm				3.20-4.45pm
	U14 Girls	7-8	15	Zeyad	2:00 - 3:30pm		3.20-4.45pm		
	U12 Girls	6	15	Zeyad	3:30 - 4:45 pm			3.20-4.45pm	
Basketball	16-18 Boys	9-12	12	Ata	12.30-2:00 pm	3:20-4:45pm		3:20-4:45pm	
	U14 Boys Giants	7-8	12	Ata	11.00-12.30pm		3.20-4.45pm		
	U14 Boys Knights	7-8	12	Ahmad	2:00-3:30pm	3.20-4.45pm			
	U12 Boys	6	12	Naef-Hijawi	12.30-2:00 pm	3.20-4.45pm			
	12 Girls	6-8	12	Naef-Hijawi	9:30 - 11:00				3.20-4.45pm
	14 Girls	8-10	12	Zein	11.00-12.30pm		3.20-4.45pm		
	U16 Girls	9-10	12	Zein	12.30-2:00 pm	5.00-6.30pm		3.20-4.45pm	
Badminton	Giants	6-12	20	Luma	10:00-11:15am			5:00-6:30pm	
	Knights	6-12	20	Luma	11:15-12:30pm			5:00-6:30pm	
Track & Field	Primary School	3	60	Ahmad	11:00-12:30pm		3.20-4.45pm		
	Primary School	4-5	60	Ahmad	11:00-12:30pm	3.20-4.45pm			
	12-14	6-8	50	Ahmad	12:30-2:00pm			3.20-4.45pm	3.20-4.45pm
	16-18	9-12	50	Ahmad	12:30-2:00pm		3.20-4.45pm		3.20-4.45pm
Tennis	12-16	6-10	12	MTA	12:30-2:00pm		3:20-4:45pm		
Gymnastics	U8 Girls Butterflies	1-2	8	Khalil Taha	10:00 -11:30am		3:30-4:45pm		3:30-4:45pm
	U8 Girls Superstars	1-2	8	Khalil Taha	1:00-2:30pm	3:30-4:45pm		3:30-4:45pm	
	U9 Girls	3	8	Khalil Taha	1:00-2:30pm	3:30-4:45pm		5:00 - 6:30pm	
	U10 Girls	4	8	Khalil Taha	11:30 -1:00pm		5:00-6:30pm		3:30-4:45pm
	12-14 Girls	5-7	8	Khalil Taha	10:00 - 11:30am		3:30-4:45pm	5:00-6:30pm	
	U12 Boys	3-5	8	Khalil Taha	11:30 -1:00pm		5:00-6:30pm		