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# Parent News Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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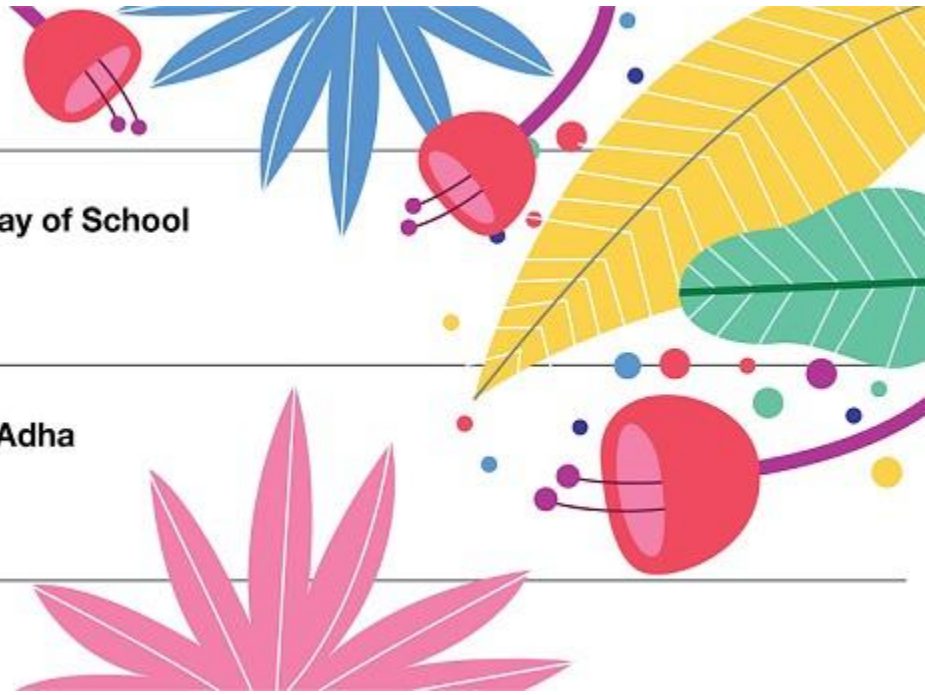
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## A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

As this extraordinary school year draws to a close, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable journey we have shared. This year has been nothing short of phenomenal, marked by countless successful events and outstanding achievements by our talented students. Together, we have celebrated the spirit of excellence, resilience, and unity that defines our community.

In commemorating our 20th anniversary, our community seamlessly integrated this monumental occasion into virtually every event, fostering cherished memories that will resonate for years to come. It has been a source of immense pride to witness our theme, "20 Years of Excellence," embodied in the creativity, commitment, and fervor exhibited by both our students and staff. Additionally, in nearly every gathering, we've extended our support to Palestine, particularly Gaza, affirming our solidarity with heartfelt significance.

As I look ahead to many more years of growth and success, I extend my heartfelt wishes to our parents and students for a joyful and restful summer. To our graduating class of 2024, you have inspired us with your perseverance and achievements. We eagerly await the announcement of the IB results on July 5th, confident that your hard work will be rewarded.

Here's to a future filled with continued success, boundless opportunities, and the same unwavering commitment to excellence that has brought us to this milestone.

Warm regards,

Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

Director

**Primary School News**

Final Farewell

It is with mixed emotions, I am writing the final newsletter for this academic year. As I bid farewell after 20 memorable years at this wonderful educational institute, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the opportunity to have been a part of this school community. It has been an incredible journey filled with joy, achievements, challenges, and triumphs.

To my dear students, you have been the heart and soul of this school. Your curiosity, creativity, and resilience have inspired me every single day. I am so proud of each and every one of you, and I have no doubt that you will achieve remarkable things in the future.

To the parents and caregivers, it has been a privilege to be part of your children's learning journey. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and my team and for being our partners in education. Your support and dedication have made a lasting impact on our school community.

To the teachers and staff, you are the backbone of this school. Your hard work, dedication, and passion for education have shaped the lives of our students in ways that cannot be measured. I am honored to have worked alongside such talented and caring individuals.

The last couple of weeks have been action-packed with events such as assemblies, classroom activities, and school trips. We were fortunate to have firsthand experiences of our students enthusiastically celebrating their learning through impressive drama, singing, and dancing. The events ranged from the KG2 event "Wide World Showcase" to Grade 3's trip to "Mind Map" Business Park, Grade 5's trip to the Jordan Museum, and culminating in the UNRWA presentation in the theater. Tomorrow, we have the primary production taking place, and from what I have seen, I can assure you it is going to be a blast!

From an academic standpoint, our academic programs have continued to be successful, as evidenced by the remarkable progress we have achieved over the past three years. Our students were provided with opportunities to engage in meaningful learning activities, express themselves in diverse ways, and helped instill confidence and maturity in many of them. Moreover, from a 21st-century education perspective, our students have been able to further develop their IT and digital skills through activities such as Device Days, Coding, and Typing in Arabic and English, all while maintaining their drive to excel. It has been rewarding to witness the significant progress that our students have made this academic year as I reviewed the end-of-year reports and read their teachers' comments with great satisfaction.

When it comes to promoting social and emotional well-being, our students have demonstrated a strong sense of duty and empathy through their active participation and engagement in lessons that focus on personal responsibility and social accountability as global citizens. They have collaborated to plan student-led assemblies and have come together to support vulnerable communities in Jordan through various community and service-led activities, such as Non-Uniform Days, the Winter Campaign, Ramadan packages, and more. Our students have also been presented with numerous opportunities to practice leadership, tenacity, conflict resolution, and public speaking skills in preparation for various projects and presentations.

Whatever your plans may be for the summer holiday, I wish you joy, prosperity, plenty of family time, laughter, and wonderful memories. I will miss you all and wish you the best of luck and prosperity in all your endeavors. Go forth and shine brightly!

Walid Albay

Primary School Principal!

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents

The end of this academic year is upon us!

Last week we ended with two important events. We welcomed Grade 5 to Secondary as they enjoyed their promotion assembly. We also celebrated Grade 10 finishing 5 years of the MYP, which is such an important and foundational time for them. We wish both Grade 5 and Grade 10 all the very best as they start the next stages of their school careers. We also wish our Grade 12 students the very best for results day: July 5<sup>th</sup>!

This week we are wrapping up exams, have Grade 10 in for a DP Transition and Grade 11 will be in for a final session before this very important summer break, for some reminders about College Counselling and work expectations for the Summer.

Overall, we have had a very memorable year with many accomplishments to celebrate. Too many to list here but I am pleased that students who have wanted to excel, in and out of the classroom, have been given the opportunities to do so. We have also worked hard for the benefit of our wider community and I am sure students will take many good memories from these moments. Our continued support for Gaza and education of our students regarding this issue has also been a cornerstone of our year.

We would just like to thank all parents for their support this year. We would also like to thank teachers for their hard work and dedication to offering wonderful learning experiences for your children. Also, there are all the other staff that make IAA run on a daily basis, the likes of Security, the Blue Angels, Estates and many more whose tireless and hard work make our campus safe, attractive and a wonderful environment for learning.

We are sure many of us will be travelling this summer, and we want to wish everyone safe travels. Travelling or not, we will all be spending time with family and friends, enjoying a break and recharging for another great year ahead. Wishing you all the very best.

Mr Martin and Ms Zena.

## *Library News*

Dear parents,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the amazing experiences we've shared and to express my gratitude for your continued support. In a world that often feels chaotic, your continued support and encouragement mean more than ever. Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading and learning in our students. Your involvement is invaluable, and together, we can provide a stable and enriching environment for our children.

We would like to thank all of you who brought your library materials back and for all your support of the libraries this year. We have had a very busy year in the libraries and it has been filled with numerous memorable moments.

For those that have signed up for our Summer Reading Challenge, we are so happy with everyone's response and can't wait to celebrate our special readers in September! You can come to the libraries to check out books for the summer if you need to.

In these trying times in our beloved Palestine, we try to find hope in the power of words. I'd like to share an anonymous poem with you:

### **There is Still Hope**

In the darkest nights, when stars hide from sight,  
When the world seems cold, and nothing feels right,  
Remember the dawn, with its promise of light,  
For even in shadows, there is still hope bright.  
Through trials and storms, we stand side by side,  
With courage and love, our hearts open wide,  
Though the path may be rough, and the waters deep,  
Together we rise, our dreams we shall keep.  
In every child's smile, in each book we share,  
In the whispers of stories, in the love that we bear,  
We find strength anew, in the pages we turn,  
For knowledge and wisdom, forever we'll yearn.  
So let us hold fast, through the tempest and strain,  
With the promise of peace, and the end of all pain,  
For as long as we teach, as long as we learn,  
There is still hope, and the world will return.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children in the upcoming school year.

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,  
The Libraries Team

### **College Counseling News**

The final few days of school can be a mix of different emotions; excitement and sadness all bundled up into one. As we say goodbye to our students and colleagues, we look forward to the new chapter of life. I wish everyone the all best!

School work remains an important part of G10 and G11's summer months. We have a couple of sessions to complete with each grade to emphasise the importance of staying focused during these last few years of high school and to work at building the right profile for university.

To all G11, please read through the letter we sent you about 'Summer Tasks'. It contains very important information about the things you all need to follow up on over the coming months including:

- Sit the IELTS or TOEFL
- Register for SAT if you intend to apply to a US university

- Students applying to Medicine in UK must study and register for UCAT and/or BMAT exam
- Students applying for Law in the UK will need to study and register for the LNAT exam
- Students applying for Art and Architecture start preparing for the Portfolio
- Internship – it is highly advisable that you complete a minimum of two weeks of work placement in the field you intend to pursue at university.
- Community Work – it is important that every student volunteers at an organization of their choice

To all G10, thank you for completing your two weeks of Job Shadowing. This invaluable opportunity is the window to achieving great results. Learning about the world of employment will help you make the right career choices in later years. It will also be added to your CVs for use in your college application. Please use the 'Reflection Form' wisely and write up your answers with thought. Finally, the last couple of weeks, we've been seeing our graduates visit our campus to let us know how university life is like. It is delightful to see them back again in Jordan and witness how much they've matured and become responsible young adults in just a few months.



Sincerely,

Aya Abdel Hadi  
Career and College Counselor

### *Sports News*

I am writing to you the latest IAA sports news bulletin for this year, through which I wish all a continues success and prosperity.

This bulletin is limited to the achievements of the young hawks athletes from primary, who have provided us with many sporting achievements, whether at the level of our school's participation in local championships or at the international level.

### **AAC & MMS Gymnastics Tournament**

The latest of these achievements for this season was the gymnastics tournament held at Montessori school last week that have been some of the most beautiful we have seen for our Hawks' young athletes. We are all truly proud to represent IAA. Our young gymnastics athletes gave stunning performances, the audience was captivated by the impressive skills displayed by all Hawks participants, whether on the floor or the vault. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the coaches, Majd, Doaa, Tariq, and Ahmad Habib, for their dedication and hard work during this period. It was a truly creative effort.

### **IAA Hawks External Achievements**

Alongside the external sports achievements of our champion Hawks in international events, our students have demonstrated remarkable prowess. Joanna Bani Younis from Grade 4 achieved a distinguished feat in gymnastics by winning 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals in the Abu Dhabi Stars International Championship for Juniors in Gymnastics. Following in her footsteps, Tia Abdul Latif, also from Grade 4, earned 2 gold medals and 2 Silver medals in the same championship. I congratulate our school on nurturing such talented athletes and foresee a brilliant future for them in this sport.

In other sports news, Yasmine Al-Wahdan continues to excel on the international stage. Her outstanding performance at the Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi OPEN Bouldering Championship 2024 was remarkable. Yasmeen achieved top honors in multiple categories:

- 1st place in the Female Middle East National, Age 18+
- 2nd place in the Female Open, Age 18+

Additionally, she voluntarily passed on her 1st place award in the kids' category to the second-place winner due to the category having only one award available.

Yasmeen's dominance was evident throughout the competition, leading in both qualifications and semifinals. Her exceptional performance and determination in tackling challenging boulders left a lasting impression on route setters, organizers, and fellow athletes. This achievement signifies Yasmeen's ability to compete and succeed in adult categories, marking a significant milestone in her climbing journey.

In other notable achievements, a group of distinguished Hawks athletes from our school were honored for their contributions to school championships at the kingdom level. These athletes are: in gymnastics, the siblings Hiam, Nouf, and Muin Kharouba; in swimming, Mohammad Karyouti and Nizar Al Soufi; and in football, Jyda Kamal.

For further details, please click on the link below

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Thank you.

**Dr.Eyad Makanai**

Athletics Director and Head of PE Department