

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022 - VERSION 6

What's happening in the upcoming months?

Saturday March 19th

Spring Festival and Bazaar



Tuesday March 29th

Term 2 Reports for MY and DP will be emailed home



Wednesday March 30th

3 Way Conferences for PYP, MY and DP and Student Led. There will be no lessons that day.

Thursday March 31st

Student Council Sports Day for Whole School

Last Day of School for Term 2

Monday April 18th

Return to School

Dear Parents,

There are a number of events that I would like to report on in this week's Newsletter. Please find them described below. There is certainly a lot happening at AIA!

MUN – Next weekend Thursday 10 – Saturday 12 March

Once again, our older students are representing the school in MUN (Model United Nations). The event will again be held in Cairo and will be attended by students (both physically and virtually) from all over the world. Once again, this promises to be a very exciting and enriching event.

Maths Day 16 March

The world of Maths is both fascinating and, in many ways, liberating. Teachers have formed a Maths committee to celebrate this important day. More details later.

MAP Assessments – Next week – Grades 1-8

As you are aware, our MAP assessments for Grades 1-8 will be held the week beginning Sunday 6th of March. As they will be held throughout the week, it is important your child attends every day if healthy.

The assessments will be held during class lesson time. The timetable will be flexible as there is no actual time limit.

If a student is absent, s/he will miss the assessment.

Kindly note that a number of teachers at AIA (including myself) have conducted MAP assessments previously. My experience tells me that students taking the assessment for the first time do not score as highly as they should. In other words, their scores do not match their ability. As students become more familiar with the type of assessments, the tools and the

'mechanics' of the test, their scores improve.

Next week's newsletter will give you the details of how you will receive your results. The second round of MAP Assessments will take place in June.

3 Way Conferences for PYP, MY and DP and Student Led will be held on Wednesday 30

March (note the change in date). There will be no lessons that day.

Student Council and Sports Day

The Student Council has taken on the responsibility to organise our annual Sports Day. This event will take place on the last day of school. More details will be given later. In the meantime, please find below a letter from the Student Council.



LETTER FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Parents,
We hope you are well.

We would like to give you some information about a new event that the Student Council is organising- Sports Day. This will take place on our campus on Thursday 31 March which is the last day before the Term 2 break. We have simply named it "Sports Day." Sports activities will be conducted between teams that will be formed especially for this day. Each team will have as captain a member of the Student Council.

For this event, the Design Media team will create specific T-shirts with the colour of the team that the each student belongs to. The size will be the same as the school's short- sleeve uniform. In addition, these shirts can be used also as uniforms during their PE lesson.

Therefore, we require your child's shirt size, in order for the Design Media team to know the quantities.

A link will be available early next week for this purpose. Thank you so much.

*Best regards,
Student Council*

PYP Student Led Conference and MP, DP 3 Way Conferences – Wednesday 30th of March.

There will be no classes this day. Students will come to school by car as there will be no bus service.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION



PYP: Parents will book online for their Student-Led Conferences. The booking link will be available next week.

MY and DP: Parents and students can attend these conferences without a booking any time between 8am and 2.30 pm.

Students will arrive with their parents and leave straight after their last conference. Students can come in non-uniform (neat casual).

Community Projects (from Ms Heba, Community Service Coordinator)

In an attempt to have all our AIA classes join our Interact 'pinned' students at AIA, we are enthusiastically returning to Rotary projects after a two-year-long halt due to Covid-19.

MY students will be visiting shelters for the underprivileged to assist them with their daily basic needs. It is a uniquely insightful opportunity to interact with a community coming from a range of different socio-economic backgrounds. The aim is for our students to own the project and feel that they can make a positive change to their lives.

Our MY and G11 students are showing authentic teamwork and compassion while planning for our AIA Crafts Bazaar where they will be providing hand-made items such as accessories, paintings, woodcraft, decorative artificial plants, needlework, knitting and pottery.

The Bazaar will be held on our school campus on **Monday 28 March** during first break where PYP, Grade 9, AIA staff members and some Rotary members are welcome to buy MY and Grade 11 handmade products.

With the help of our Treasurer, Adam el Hamouly, proceeds will be used to buy shampoo, shower gel, napkins and combs for El Horreya Shelter near Fouad Street. Our students will be visiting this centre to distribute the items. An exact date for the visit will be provided later.

Thanks for your unyielding support for the community! Regards

Ms Heba El Khashaab - Coordinator



HAPPENINGS AT AIA

Monday	7,5 pm	Badminton	4 pm	Karate
Tuesday	4 pm	Basketball		
Wednesday	6 pm	Handball		
Thursday	4 pm	Basketball		
Friday	6 pm	Handball		
Saturday	6 pm	Badminton	11 pm	Karate
Sunday	6 pm	Handball		

The Prices
 Karate : 500 Eg/Month
 Badminton : 500 Eg/Month
 Basketball : 500 Eg/Month
 Handball : 12 * 1200 Eg/Month
 OR 12*1500 Eg/Month
 OR 12*1800 Eg/Month

Interested in playing
Badminton, Basketball or
Handball?

GIU & GUC Presentation

Representatives from the 2 German Universities visited the school to give presentations to our students from Grades 7-11.



Eastern Education Zone in Alexandria competition

AIA has won first place in the Eastern Education Zone in Alexandria competition. This competition entails high standards for the environment of schools concerning cleanliness, security and sports and building's facilities. This is a tremendous result.

Around the Classrooms

Grade 5 students started the exhibition unit "Sharing the Planet" by introducing the idea of exhibition. They wrote their knowledge, thoughts and concerns about the exhibition.



Pre K/ KG - In the library as part of promoting the need to read!



Grade 1 – Science and English

In relation to their inquiry unit: 'All about the air properties and uses', Grade 1 students watched the animated film 'Bubbles' during the English lesson. They were provided with different ingredients and experimented with them to make their own bubble solution. They came up with the recipe as a team and had a lot of fun testing it to see if it works.



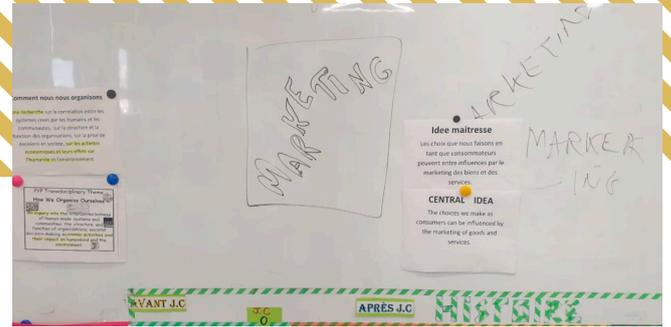
As part of their unit of inquiry: "How the world works", P1 and G1 students made a windsock from recycled materials, in order to study the force of air and measure the direction and speed of the wind.



Unit 3 Grade 2, Summative Assessment Exhibition. Students created an Art gallery and welcomed students and teachers from all over the school. They presented what they produced throughout the unit and described their artwork using the descriptive writing genre from one of their units. Other students asked them questions about their work and how they chose their ideas inspired by related artists. Fayrouz initiated action at home to finish the banner: "Welcome to our Gallery" Students enjoyed the exhibition and had a lot of fun! Thanks to all for the visit.

New Unit: How we Organise Ourselves. G4 & P4

Students in G4 and P4 are making the connection between their topic and the meaning of the transdisciplinary unit of how we organise ourselves. Students then tried to break down the words in the central idea.



Arabic G4 and P4

As part of their Transdisciplinary Unit: 'How the World Works', G4 and P4 students searched for information about Arab inventors and the development of their inventions to see how we use these in the modern era. Inventions such as cameras, airplanes and others of Arab origin were explored.

Grade 4 & Reading

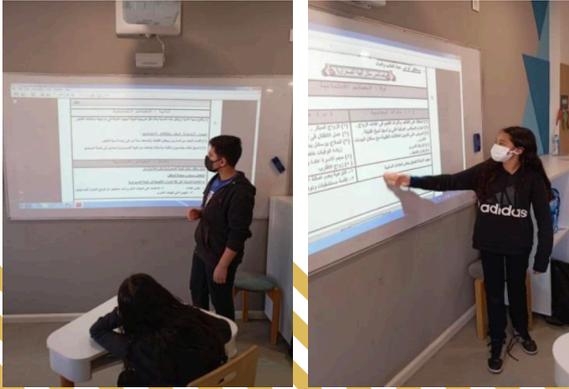
Grade 4 revisited their Cafe reading techniques from the start of the year (yellow) and compared them to their growth to date (white). Students discussed what techniques worked for them and which were readjusted.



G4/P4 in the open library - the need to read!



G5 working on their conflict research theme: graffiti.



Grade 6 NS

Using the reciprocal teaching strategy, G6 students divided themselves into groups to explain the characteristics of the inhabitants in the desert environment, the negative and positive habits of the Bedouins, and their interest in education. The students presented their different points of view regarding the problems and the solutions proposed to solve them.

Grade 7 and Art

G7 learners explored a new print making technique using linocut techniques which is part of their unit for their Art course.



And that's a wrap!

Best wishes,
Michael Chittenden
Principal