

AL NOOR-ABA NEWS

29 November 2018

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents,

The triangular relationship between parents, student and school is critical in the education of our students.

In each section of the school we try to ensure that you are kept close to the philosophy of the school, the programmes in the school, what is happening at ABA and of course how the students are doing in school.

In recent weeks, we have held parent/teacher conferences that have provided an opportunity for a dialogue with teachers on the progress of the students. These complement other means of communication relating to student work and assessments, such as in Managebac or Seesaw. I trust you find this communication useful.

We also aim to offer you the opportunity to better understand what is offered at ABA and why. Recently, the regular parent coffee mornings with the principals were held along with a few workshops of special interest.

A Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay and CAS information evening last week was much appreciated by the 40 or so parents who were actively involved in getting to know TOK. Many wondered why they had not been able to study this subject themselves at school.

We see parents and teachers as learners as much as students. As further examples, parents of Kindergarten students were able to explore the philosophy behind learning through play, along with insight into how teachers intentionally provide opportunities for such learning.

An evening focused on inquiry was also held this month. After an introduction to the concept of and transdisciplinarity in the PYP, parents learnt to experience inquiry as learners themselves (photos [here](#)). Parent [feedback](#) from the 60 or so who attended, using the thinking routine "I used to think... Now I think...", was very positive.

There are many activities taking place weekly at ABA. Please do encourage your friends to take a look at what is on offer and come along to the events. They are invariably interesting and helpful.

Best wishes for a weekend of learning.

Upcoming Dates

02 Dec	Santa's Workshop Grade 6 Common Room
03 Dec	PTA Open Meeting PTA Room 7.40 - 8.40 am
04 Dec	Board Meeting Elementary Library 5.00 pm
04 Dec	Grade 4 - 5 Sports Day 7.40 - 10.30 am
04 - 06 Dec	Grade 8 Adventure Oman Camp
05 Dec	K2 - 3 Sports Day 7.40 - 10.15 am
	K1 - Sports Day 8.30 - 9.45 am
06 Dec	Grades 1 - 3 Sports Day 7.40 - 10.30 am
	Winter Music Fest ABA Pitch 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Simon Taylor
Superintendent

Message from the Elementary School

To family and friends of ABA
come and join us to support the

GRADE 1-3 SPORTS DAY

Tuesday, December 4 th	Grade 4-5	7:40 – 10:30am
Wednesday, December 5 th	K2-K3	7:40 – 10:15am
Thursday, December 6 th	Grade 1-3	7:40 – 10:30am

on the ABA Grass Field and Tennis Courts

Students will need:

- o Grade 1-5: house t-shirt and navy blue shorts
- o EC: Team colour t-shirt
- o sports shoes
- o hat and sun cream
- o water bottle and snacks



Elementary Sports Days

We have a busy week next week with our three sports days on 4-6th December. The students have been preparing themselves for the activities during their PE classes and are looking forward to showcasing their skills. Parents are welcome to come along and support the students during their activities.

The PE staff are grouping the students into balanced teams. If you are leaving early for the winter holiday and will not be here during your child's sports day could you please inform the PE staff so we can ensure the teams are balanced. We hope to see you all out on the field next week.

*Raewyn Jack
Elementary PE Department*

Message from the Middle School

Reminder - Middle School Coffee Morning

Our monthly MS Coffee Morning will be Wednesday 5th December, 7:30 - 8:30 in the Middle School Common Room. This is for all middle school parents. In order to prepare for the meeting, we have asked that you submit your questions [here](#) or through this link: <http://bit.ly/DecMSCM>

Currently we only have two questions, if additional questions are not received by Monday 3rd December, we will reschedule the Coffee Morning to 9th January 2019.

Mathematics Problem of the Week - 29th November 2018

We are happy to report that we have had the most responses to date for our last problem. Woo Hoo! The question was, "A bowl contains 50 grapes of different colors. If 20% of the grapes in the bowl are red, how many grapes are not red?" All submit answers were correct, 40 of the grapes are not red.

Here is this week's problem:

Find the sum of all the whole numbers between 41 and 50 inclusive, which are multiples of either 2 or 3 or 5.

We hope even more of you will submit your answers [here](#) or with this link: <http://bit.ly/MPW29Nov> Check back here next week for the answer and a new problem. (if you would like to submit a problem for consideration, please send them to kbowin@abaoman.org).

*Kathleen Bowin
Middle School Principal*

Message from the High School

MYP PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION



ABA IS DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO COME AND BE A PART OF OUR PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION. GRADE 10 WILL BE SHOWCASING THEIR TALENTS AND SKILLS THROUGH; SPORTS TUTORIALS, COOKING EXHIBITIONS, COSPLAY, WRITING AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

DATE: MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

TIME: 3:00-5:00PM

LOCATION: GYM



Message from the Extra Curricular Program

Muscat Primary Sports League (MPSL)

The MPSL Swim Development Meet was held this week for our U9 and U11 boys. This development meet allows those students who have little or no experience in swim meets a chance to give it a go and challenge themselves in various events. This year was the most successful we have been in the pool, achieving the following results:

Kamen - 2nd in 50m Breaststroke and 3rd in 25m Butterfly

Jashovardhan - 3rd in 25m Breaststroke

Kristof - 3rd in 50m Backstroke

U11 Freestyle relay team - (Krish, Aarav, Ehan and Manuel) - 3rd

Our ABA swim team came 3rd overall. A fantastic result.



Raewyn Jack
Elementary PE Department

Games/events for next week are listed below.

Due to the upcoming Grade 8 Adventure Oman trip there will no training for Grade 8 on Thursday 6th December.

2nd December	U14 Girls Soccer vs TAISM @ TAISM	4:00 - 5:00pm
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2nd December	U19 Boys Soccer vs BSM @ BSM	4:15 - 5:15pm
3rd December	U16 Boys Soccer vs TAISM @ TAISM	4:00 - 5:00pm
3rd December	U13 Girls Soccer vs BSM @ BSM	4:15 - 5:15pm
3rd December	U14 Girls Soccer vs BSM @ BSM	4:15 - 5:15pm
3rd December	U16 Boys Basket ball vs PSO @ ABA	2:45 - 3:45pm
3rd December	U19 Boys Basket ball vs BSM @ BSM	4:15 - 5:15pm
4th December	U19 Girls Basket ball vs BSM @ ABA	3:15 - 4:15pm
4th December	U16 Girls Soccer vs TSS @ TSS	3:45 - 4:45pm
6th December	U13 Boys Soccer vs TASIM @ TAISM	4:00 - 5:00pm

Paul Brace
Athletics Director

Message from the Fine Arts Department



All middle school students interested in participating, please contact Mr. Langrish.

The final performance on Saturday January 19th is free of charge and open to all ABA community to attend.

Natasha Meiliunas
Fine Arts Director

CONCERT BAND WEEKEND

Hosted By
ABA
AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

For Middle School Students
(Ages 11-15)
January 18-19 2019
World Class Musicians and Guest Conductor
Brass and Woodwind instrumental workshops

Registration Fee OR 10 to include lunch and snacks on both days

Free Concert 5pm
Saturday 19 January
ABA Performing Arts Center

Message from the PTA

PTA Website

Check out all the new information available on the PTA website.
Visit <http://abaoman.org/wp-site/pta/>



Building our community together!

Winter Music Festival (Fest)

There will be many things to look forward to at this year's Winter Music Fest. This year we celebrate with the theme of, **'One Beat, One Heart, One ABA.'** A celebration of all the holidays and festivities happening this autumn/winter season. Tickets sales will start the last week of November.

How to make your mark this Winter Fest:

- If you are an amazing musician or vocalist, we need to hear from you! Contact Hend @ 96990748
- If you have an amazing craft or home business and would like to sell your unique items; come out and rent a table at the, 'Winter Bazaar.' Contact Evelyn @ 95231828
- The PTA is also accepting donations for baked goods and sweets to sell at our holiday, 'Sweets & Drinks' table. Some of the wonderful treats will include: Xmas Mince pies, Diwali sweets and Eid Kaak and Kunafa. We're sure you would love to share your favorites as well. Contact: PTAlog@abaoman.org



Santa's Workshop

Every year Santa's Workshop opens for business and this year is no different! Children from grades 1 - 6 will have the opportunity to visit the Middle School Common Room on the 2nd of December and choose from a wide variety of 1 rial gifts for the whole family. The students will be brought to the Common Room by their teachers. Santa will be waiting to take a class picture with those that wish to. Students must bring a their own shopping bag to carry all their goodies. Participation in this activity is optional.

Parents that would like to volunteer as Santa's elves, please contact: PTAtreasurer@abaoman.org or PTArep@abaoman.org



Your PTA

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Message from the Booster Club



Festive Season



POP-UP SHOP
Mon 10 Dec
Outside ECE 7-7.30am

- WRIST BANDS = 3 FOR RO2
- STRESS BALLS = .500bz
- HIGHLIGHTER = .500bz
- COOLING TOWEL = RO2.5
- CAPS (white) = RO1.5
- CAR SUNSHADE = RO2
- STRING BAG (original) = RO2
- BAM BAM STICKS = RO1

All proceeds from the sale of VIPERS merchandise go to the VIPERS Booster Club - supporting our kids!

Yours in community spirit
VIPERS Booster Club