

Elementary School

ES After School Activities



Children were delighted to join their first ASAs in nearly two years this week. ASAs will run every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 2.15 - 3pm for Grades 3 to 5. If you have a question about your child's ASAs, please contact Sumaiya at salharthi@abaoman.org

Mr Ian hosted an **ES Coffee Morning** on Thursday exploring Technology and Digital Literacy at school and at home. Look out for the presentation and the recording on Seesaw soon.

*An adjustment to the pick-up procedure: please park your car and make your way on foot to the shaded area behind security, where you can collect your child at 3pm. Both the MS and ES drive-by areas will be accessible for parking at this time.

Inter-house Sport at ABA Elementary School

"Play hard, play fair, have fun"

Next week will see the first event of our inter-house sports program for students in Grade 5. At ABA, we believe that inter-house activities provide our students with the following opportunities:



- Inclusive competitive sport with a focus on participation and fun
- Foster team spirit and collaboration as students work together
- Play and interact with students outside their class
- An introduction to competitive sport in a supportive environment

Grade 5 students will build some house spirit during their cageball event on Monday. Grade 4 will be up next!

Music informances next week!

Informances are scheduled for Grades 1-5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Look out for the information about how to watch your child's class informance on Seesaw.

Last day arrangements: Early dismissal at 12:00pm | Free 'Mufti' for students

Middle School

MS Sports

The second season of sports is up and running.



Science

Professor Ioannou, a leading **Astrophysicist from Sultan Qaboos University**, joined us on Wednesday the 24th of November, to present a lecture on Space and the Solar System for the Grade 7 students, as part of their "To Infinity and Beyond!" Unit. The presentation included his current work on the Emirati Lunar Mission, due to launch in 2022 and another in 2024.



The students learned about the length of days and years on the different planets, for example; a year on Venus is actually shorter than a day there!! And if Saturn could fit in a swimming pool it would float! - As its density is less than water - fascinating stuff!

The students were fascinated and put forward many interesting questions about black holes, dark matter and time travel. No question was too big or too complicated for Professor Ioannou! His wealth of knowledge and ability to create a "lecture" style aimed at Grade 7 students was incredible and captivating.

It was a celebration of the knowledge amongst the parent community that we want to foster. **If you have a specialist subject - please contact Mrs. van Harmelen to arrange a lecture, to support us with real world learning.**

MS Creates

Our action, creative and service activities ended this week; students participated in a range of activities including candle making, dropping everything and reading for pleasure, petanque, yoga and well-being, MS News, Arabic club, PSA's, Art Journaling, drama; too many to mention individually. MS Creates will resume in January.

Niqash

Our four-week rotation has come to an end; throughout the sessions students discussed a range of subjects. Dr. Barker focused on ABA's School Mission & cyber-ethical conduct, creating a slogan for ABA. The MS counselor, Ms. Anthony, led discussions on Personal Safety and Child Protection. The MS Ed-Tech specialist, Mr. Hussain, talked about Google Workspace Apps Integration and Organisation; and the MYP coordinator, Mrs. Brotherton, introduced students to the nature of interdisciplinary learning in the Middle School through an introduction to MYP. A recording of the workshop is available via the following link- [MYP Workshop](#)

Upcoming - MS Coffee Morning 13th December

Last day arrangements : MS Advisory Time | Early dismissal at 12:00pm
Free 'Mufti' for students (students must be respectful of our local context)

High School

Geography Field Trip

Thank you to Mr MacKenzie and Mr Elderkamp who arranged a Grade 10 Geography field trip to Mutrah earlier this week. Students were collecting data as part of their fieldwork into the impact of globalisation on tourism in Oman.



High School Production

Wishing all performing High School students the very best for the High School production next week. Fantastic to see that so many students wished to be involved that we have two separate casts performing.

French Trip

Grade 9 French field trip to the Grand Hormuz, Muscat: 14th December

International Award

DoE International Award Gold (G11)
Practice: 13th - 15th December



Last day arrangements : HS Assembly 11am- 11:55am | Early dismissal at 12:00pm
Free 'Mufti' for students (students must be respectful of our local context)

Athletics



Back to a normal sports week ahead.

Parents and participants are invited to the **MESAC Awards Ceremony** on Monday, December 6th at the MPH for our MESAC participants in Season 1 Swimming, Golf and Academic Games.

Theatre Performances

Parents are welcome to come and see the ABA High School Theatre Production on **Sunday, 5th December** and **Wednesday, 8th December** at 3.30pm and 6pm on both days.

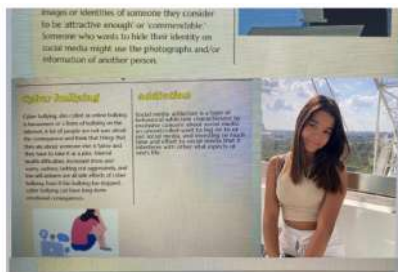


Personal Project Exhibition!

The Personal Project is the culminating project of the Middle Years Programme. It is student-initiated and each project is personally important to the student.

The exhibition is an opportunity for our students to showcase their products and creations, to discuss their learning goals and to receive feedback on their products. This year, because of Covid, we are completing it online, in the form of a [website](#).

On this website you will discover the wide range of products and projects from our grade 10 cohort. On each student's page you will find:



- An introductory video explaining their goal
- 2-3 entries from their process journal
- Their product
- A reflection on their product
- A google form for feedback

Please take the time to explore all 81 student pages and complete as many feedback forms as possible (this will help our students reflect).

PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION

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[Christian Sutton](#)



[Dara Haddadin](#)

MoH Vaccination Drive

Students of Grade 1, Grade 6 and Grade 11 received booster shots as part of the routine vaccination drive carried out by the Ministry of Health (MoH) Staff at ABA Oman International School.



PTA

As a festive start to the end of the calendar year, Mr. Langrish and the PTA are organizing live music performed by and for MS/HS in the drama court on **Thursday, December 9th!** More details to follow.

The last week before the winter break will be full of PTA activities too! Please note that there will be **NO community meeting on Monday, December 13th**, as we will be having our **“PTA Winter Fun Day”** with ES students. Games as well as a few small surprises are planned for the students.

The fun continues on **Wednesday and Thursday December 15th and 16th** when **MS and HS students** will be treated to hot chocolate and cookies.



Drop by the VBC Pop-Up Shop!



December 6th
MS Parking Lot | 7am to 7:45am

December 12th
MS / HS Super Winter Sale
Drama Court, during recess



*For latest updates from VBC, please [click here](#) to read the monthly circular.
