

Elementary School

Inter-house Sports

Grade 5 students took part in the first inter-house cage ball competition on Monday 6th December. 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

The Inter-house sports motto at ABA Elementary School is:
“Play hard, play fair, have fun.”

*No **ES ASAs** in the week before or after the winter break. **ASA will resume on Sunday 16 January.**



Music ‘Informances’ - G1-5



Ms. Erin Babb presented live-stream INFORMANCES - a true reflection of the innovation happening at ABA! What’s an informance you might ask? It’s a way to show off and inform the audience of learning currently happening in Elementary music. Congratulations to all our G1-5 students and a big shout out to Erin for her innovative thinking and approach to sharing the musical

talents of our elementary students. A huge thank you to JP for always supporting behind the scenes with all things tech!

Middle School

A 'What's Happening in MS' assembly took place during MS Connects time on Tuesday December 7th. MS Students presented work from a variety of subjects including; Science, Language & Literature, I&S, Maths, Art, Music, Drama and MS Serves. There were also live performances from MS Creates - Karaoke from Jassim and Zaha, along with an acoustic guitar piece from Aarush.



The **MS StuCo** presented themselves and outlined their vision for student voice in the Middle School. The **MS Ambassadors** received their badges from CAn and MBa. A successful celebration of 'What's happening in MS..'

MS Unplugs

As part of MS Connects the MS Students turned off their devices and focused on non screen activities; there were card games, Monopoly, the



Game of Life, paper aeroplane design, sketching and drawing, tile rummy, football, Twister and more. A great feeling around the MS school and the students enjoyed the unplugged session.



MS Pizza Day: At the second break today, MS Students tucked into delicious pizzas! Thanks to the MS and HS Student Councils for arranging this!

Coming up : MS Hot Chocolate & Cookies on Wednesday 15th December at first break - thank you in advance to the PTA for organising this treat. **Thursday 16th December will be MUFTI and 12 O'clock dismissal.**

High School

High School Production

Congratulations to all of the students and staff who were involved in the High School production which was the best 'theatre' in town. Thanks also to the parents who volunteered their time to serve burgers afterwards.



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 Director

MESAC Sports Awards evening has been **rescheduled to next Sunday , December 12th at 5.00pm** for Golf , Swimming and Academic Games participants and parents. Vipers Booster Club was energetic this week with pop ups and hosting barbecues at the Drama performances with pop up shops for students happening also next Sunday during the break times down at the Drama Court. This is a great opportunity to source gifts for the holiday break and there are some great new Viper items too for personal purchase.

Mother Language Program (MLP)

Our MLP teachers are doing a fantastic job and our learners are enjoying and benefiting greatly from the program. The MLP program is now well underway and is currently in its 4th week . More than 65 students enrolled in our Arabic, Turkish, Persian, French, Spanish, Urdu and Russian MLP classes this term. **If you would like your mother language to be represented at ABA, please contact Anjalee Paratian mlp@abaoman.org**



Counselling Department Book Club/Holiday Shopping

Tweens and Teens: **Don't be Scared be Prepared**

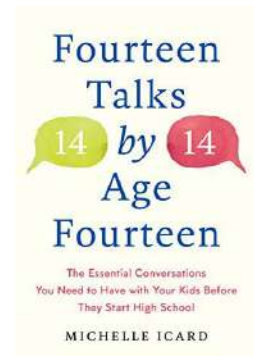
What: School Counselors Claire Anthony (MS) and Colette O Driscoll (ES) will be running a book club based on this book.

Who: It mainly focuses on children Gr 4-7 and of course anyone else is welcome to join.

Why: Keeping the lines of communication open helps everyone

When: 4x 1 weekly meets Jan/Feb - more details to follow after the winter break.

You may want to purchase this book during the break. Please read some reviews [here](#) to see if this book club is for you.



PTA

Next week is already the last week before the winter break and as promised it will be full of PTA activities! 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. During the HS hot chocolate and cookie distribution **HS students will perform live music and the ES students are invited to watch!** And maybe... just maybe... Santa will stop by ABA during our last week at school in 2021...



VBC

This week was a busy and fun week for the Vipers Booster Club! We finally had a Vipers BBQ again. Thank you to the Senior Fine Arts that we could play a little part (no pun intended) at their outstanding ABA theatre performances. It was such fun to heat up the BBQ and



get the burgers grilling again.



We also had our Winter Sale Pop Up Shop, where we presented new and retro merchandise. Thank you to all who came to either event for supporting the VBC and for spreading the Vibes!

And don't forget - **the VBC will be holding a MS and HS Winter Sale on Sunday, 12 Dec, for both 1st and 2nd break at the drama court.** Please send some money with students so they can get some merchandise: new, retro and sales items will be available during both break times!

And last but not least - **come and check out the Vipers merchandise on the [webpage!](#)**

Annual Calendar :

The Calendar for School Year 2022 - 2023 is now up on our [school website.](#)

Winter Contest! - Guess the phrase and win big!

Winner#1

One-night stay for two at Hilton Garden Inn, Al Khuwair

Winner#2

Dinner-for-two at The Garden Grille (a la carte)
(prior reservation required)

[Link to the contest](#)

Maximum right answers stand a chance to win (conditions apply)*Winners will be selected on random (picker wheel) from all the correct entries if you fulfill all required criteria:

- 1) Follow our ABA Oman International School page on Facebook and Instagram
 - 2) Enter the correct answer sneak preview question in the comments below.
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