

School Updates:

The school will be closed for Christmas and New year from December 26th and reopen on Sunday, January 2nd. Please note that the admin and support staff working hours during the week of **December 19th and January 2nd** will be from **8am to 12pm**.

Over the holidays, the admin team will start working on issuing ID cards to all our ABA families. Please keep a lookout for communication from us requesting that you upload photos, vaccination certificates, etc.

We are pleased to announce that our **Middle and High School students** will have access to **'Grab and Go' lunches** from the cafeteria after we return from the winter break. More information will be provided in the week leading up to school resuming.

School Calendar 2021-2022

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A slight adjustment has been made to the 2021/2022 school year calendar to accommodate the transition to the Al Irfan Campus.

- February 9th is a regular school day
- February 10th will remain a staff PD Day (No Students)
- March 17th is staff moving day (No Students)

Elementary School

Assemblies

G1-G5 were able to meet and share learning at the Elementary school assemblies on Sunday. InterHouse information was shared with G4 and G5. Grade 2 students shared learning from their 'How we organise ourselves' unit of inquiry connected to the choices digital learners make when using technology.





Elementary teachers ended the assembly on a high note with the super fun cha-cha slide!

Whole Elementary school unit of inquiry

With the move to the new campus fast approaching, Elementary has been working on a responsive and innovative plan. **We are developing a new WHOLE elementary school 'Who We Are' unit of inquiry!** This means one unit of inquiry from FC to G5 which will help us to reflect upon the transition and will enable us to continue to build upon our identity as a learning community. Team coordinators spent time crafting a central idea to be used across the grade levels. The team started with essence works, connected to the transdisciplinary theme and developed potential statements with two or more concepts. Each grade level will develop their own unique lines of inquiry connected to specific key concepts. This approach to major milestone school events is responsive and innovative. It demonstrates the creative and risk-taking approach of our teachers to develop units of inquiry that have the 'so what' element and are highly relevant within our ABA context.



Middle School

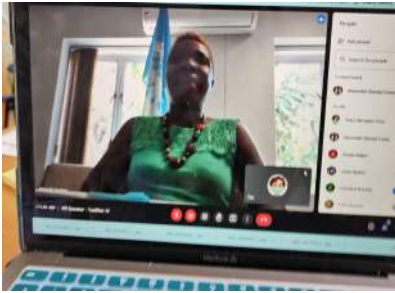
MS End-of-Year Assembly



The MS Students enjoyed the final assembly of the year on Tuesday. Students wowed the audience with their moving poetry, presentations and memorable performances. Our in-house magician, the one and only Mr. Ashok left everyone spellbound with the many mesmerizing tricks up his sleeve! And the super fun

surprise by MS faculty towards the end had everyone in splits, as they rendered the 'teachers version' of 12 Days of Christmas! Jolly good start to the season, indeed!

MS Serves



MS Students were excited to listen to our MS Serves guest speaker Ms Mickelle Hughes; she spoke to the students about her experiences working with and for the United Nations, and the Millenium goals and SDGs that her development groups have been focusing on. Students also had the opportunity to ask her follow up questions about her work for the UN.

Students have also been uploading their MS Serves Podcasts - **these will be shared in the new year**

PTA Hot Chocolate and Cookies

A BIG thank you to the PTA for organising Wednesday's MS treat - the students thoroughly enjoyed their break time.



Festive/winter MUFTI

The mood was truly festive as Middle School students donned their Christmas and winter holiday wear.

The MS Team wishes everybody a safe, fun and restful winter break and Happy New Year 2022!!

High School

Winter Break - On behalf of the High School we wish all ABA families a relaxed, safe and enjoyable winter break whether travelling or remaining here in Oman.



Parent Support - Thank you to the PTA for providing some festive cheer by providing hot chocolate and cookies to High School students today. Thank you to the Booster Club for supporting the recent High School productions and the MESAC Sports evening.



High School Student Council: Thank you for organising assembly today, your commitment to giving back to ABA is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations

To Ayman al Busaidi for becoming the youngest ever golfer to represent the Oman men's national team. Ayman is currently travelling to Egypt as part of a team of four playing in the Pan Arab Golf Championship.

Grade 9 French Trip

On Tuesday, our French Grade 9 students applied



the learning from Unit 2 on Food ("Bien manger pour être en forme") by participating in a Master chef style competition that Madame Paratian, Monsieur Monclar and Chef Thierry Quintric from the Grand Hormuz designed together.



The students were given the recipe of the "Salade Vigneronne" in French and they had 55 minutes to work out the ingredients, the instructions and present their own creations of the dish. Our reflective communicators worked in 4 teams: Cornichons, Baguette, Sygma and Fromage. Once their salad was done, they also had to fill in a quiz in French to test their knowledge on cooking. Team Sygma was declared the winner. It was a great opportunity to see the ATL skills such as collaboration, communication and research in action. A great real-life learning experience! You can click on [the link](#) to see a video of the trip.

Forthcoming Events : Please see the separate message emailed to High School families

Athletics

We enjoyed celebrating team and personal achievements with Season 1 MESAC parents and participants in a spruced up MPH venue this week. Student athletes were presented with MESAC medals and patches and coaches awarded two of the new Viper medals to the Most Improved and Most Valuable Students from within the Swimming, Golf and Academic Games Teams. It was great to have this event on campus and was well attended and supported. Season 2 sports continue this week and will resume immediately as normal after the break.

Enjoy the holiday, stay safe but stay active!
Check out more [pictures of the ceremony here!](#)



Vipers Swim Team



ABA vipers swim team are holding assessments on **Wednesday January 12th 2022 at 2:15pm at ABA Pool**. The programme is suitable for swimmers aged 7-18 who can complete the following:

1. Aged 7-8 who can swim one length of each of the strokes - Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke with correct technique and maintain buoyancy in deep water.
2. Aged 9-10 who can swim 4 lengths of each of 3 strokes - Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Can tumble, streamline and maintain buoyancy in deep water.
3. Aged 11-12 who can swim 4 lengths of each of 3 strokes - Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke, Can tumble, streamline and swim 25m Butterfly
4. Aged 13+ who have competitive swimming experience



Session day and time is based on the young athlete skill level. Once the assessment is completed you will receive notification of the decision to allocate a squad or not based on current availability. To book your slot please email swimmingteam@abaoman.org before January 9th 2022.

Mother Language Program (MLP)

The MLP team wishes you a great winter break and a Happy New Year 2022!

Just a few words from some of our teachers:

Spanish- Ms Natali

Mis mejores deseos de que estas Navidades sean muy especiales en compañía de tus seres queridos y que el amor y la alegría reine en tu hogar. ¡Feliz Navidad y un próspero Año Nuevo!

Persian- Ms Hoda

والدين محترم و دانش آموزان عزیز ، شروع بسیار خوبی برای دوره زبان فارسی بود، بچه ها عالی هستند! شما را در سال ۲۰۲۲ میلادی جدید می بینم! برای همه شما تعطیلات بسیار خوشی توام با سلامتی آرزو می کنم. سال نو مبارک. با احترام هدا

Russian- Ms Mila and Gulnara

Дорогие родители и студенты, это было замечательное начало курса русского языка, у детей отлично все получается! Они большие молодцы! Увидимся в новом 2022 году! Желаю всем прекрасных каникул и с наступающим Новым годом вас! С уважением, Гульнара и Людмила.

Arabic- Ms Nesrine, Ms Ruba and Ms Faten

یتمنی قسم اللغة العربية من برنامج اللغة الأم للجميع إجازة شتاء سعيدة، وأن يعود الجميع بنشاط لتعلم الجديد من النصوص والمفردات، بالإضافة إلى قواعد النحو



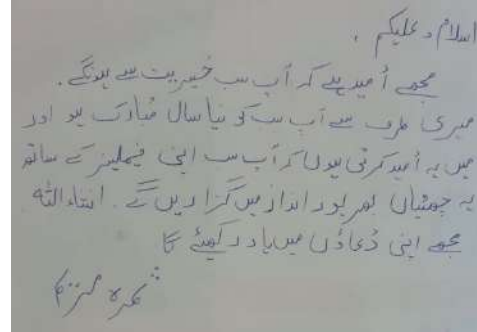
French- Ms Perrine

Je vous souhaite de joyeuses fêtes de fin d'année! A l'année prochaine!

Turkish- Ms Ada

Hoş geldin 2022! Bu yıl her şey çok güzel olacak

Urdu- Ms Samrah



For our French community or any French learners, there is 'a Kermesse' on **Saturday 18th December 3:30-6pm** at the CFO in Madinat Qaboos. This is a **free event** with lots of activities from games of pétanque to story telling in French. Everyone is welcome! If you want to know more about it, check [the event](#) on Instagram!

PTA

The PTA had a very, very busy and FUN week! It all started on Monday in the staff room where all staff were treated to hot beverages and brunch. **PTA school calendars were, and still are, available for all staff, so please do take one if you haven't done so already!**



On Monday, the PTA was also in the MPH with the Elementary School students where 4 stations/games Snowball-aim, Ornament Race, Cookies for Santa and Reindeer Ring Toss were set up. Everybody left with an "exit-ticket" in the form of Ritz crackers or sometimes a small present. **We had a total blast with the students and teachers!**

Wednesday was another busy day! During the first break each Middle School grade was brought to a different part of the school where they were treated to a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie! They loved it! And guess what? Santa stopped by the Elementary school and passed out cookies to all students there!

On Thursday, before the HS assembly, students stopped by the drama court for a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie while Mr. Langrish and musicians were performing live music! Amongst the audience were the ES students who had time to sit down and enjoy the concert! **The PTA wishes everybody a safe, fun and restful winter break and Happy new year 2022!!**



VBC

Please mark your calendars - we are kicking off the New Year with a Pop Up Shop on **January 10th (7:00 - 7:45am) at the MS carpark**. We hope to see you there. But for now, why not come and browse our retro, new and standard merchandise on the [webpage](#). And as 2021 comes to an end, the Booster Club sends Season Greetings to the whole ABA community! We will see you back in 2022 - **thank you for your ongoing support!**

Parents as Partners : The Parents as Partners Webinar Series - Fall Semester is coming to an end and it's not too late to catch up on the ones you missed. There were 8 webinars this fall which addressed child development within the context of family and school. Two that might be of particular interest are Neutral Spaces: Tips and Tools for Avoiding Power Struggles and Positive Education and Science of Wellbeing where participants are invited to conduct a quick Family Wellbeing audit. To gain access to these you can register for the NESAs webinar directly using [this link](#). You can join live or watch them at your own convenience. To find out more click on this [link](#).

100 DAYS TO OUR AL IRFAN CAMPUS

Excited to see what our new home looks like?
Here's a small preview - [Watch Video Here](#).



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