

THE ABA WEEKLY



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Happy Omani Teacher's Day!



Re-registration for SY 2022-2023

Please reserve your child's spot for the 2022-23 School Year by making a 10% deposit of the annual tuition fee no later than March 3rd, 2022. You are requested to complete the **re-registration form** while making the payment.

Family ID cards

The last batch of **family ID cards** was sent home with your child today. Unfortunately, there will be a slight delay in delivering any more cards as the card printer is currently out of order.

Click here for
THIS WEEK'S

MENU

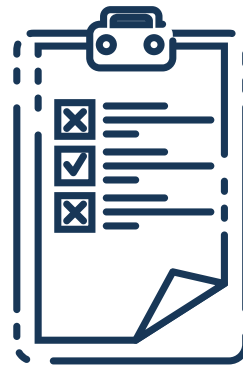
Campus Tours

We know you have all been eagerly waiting to visit our new Al Irfan Campus. Please register through this form to book your tour.



Media Consent

ABA students' photos/videos are at times selected for use on the ABA website, social media, promotional collaterals or for advertising purposes. If you do not wish for your child's images to be used in the school's promotional materials, please specify the same through this form no later than 2nd March, 2022.



Click here to fill in the form

MARCH CALENDAR - NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE

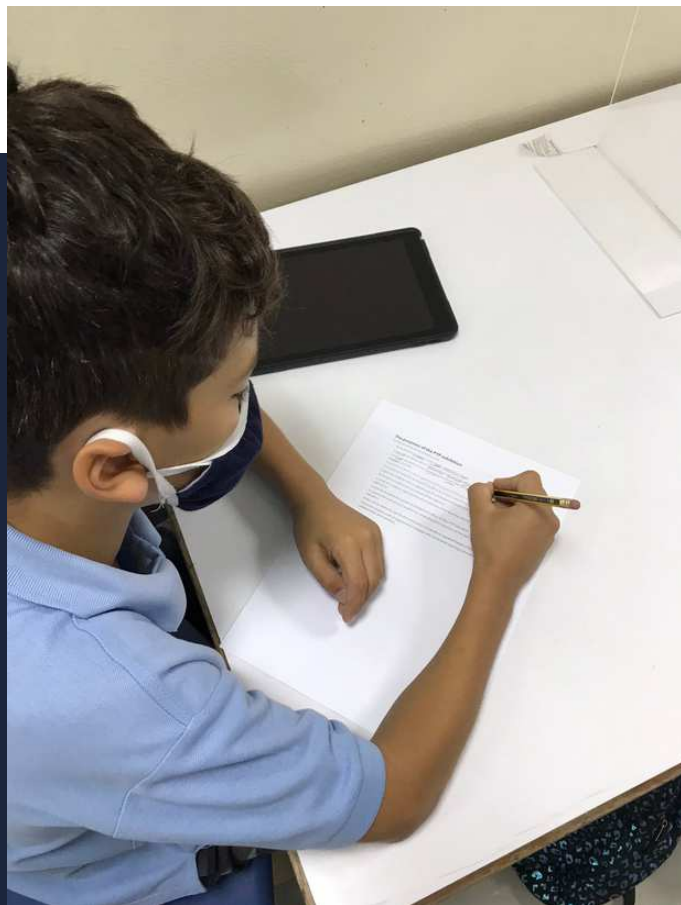
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 ● ES ASA Season 2 week 5	28	1 ● Prophet's Ascension (Public Holiday) 	2	3 ● PTA ICF ⌚ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 	4	5
6 ● ES ASA Season 2 week 6	7 ● VBC Pop-Up Shop ⌚ 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	8	9 ● Calendar Committee Meeting ⌚ 7:00 AM - 7:20 AM	10 ● ES Student-Led Conferences - no school for students	11	12
13	14 ● MS Coffee Morning ● VBC HS/MS Ice Frenzy Fundraiser ⌚ 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	15 ● High School and DP Concert ⌚ 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM 	16 ● Virtual Parent Coffee morning (Grade 9 and 10) ⌚ 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	17 ● Staff Moving Day (No Students) on campus 	18	19
20 ● Spring Break (No School) 	21 ● Spring Break (No School) 	22 ● Spring Break (No School) 	23 ● Spring Break (No School) 	24 ● Spring Break (No School) 	25	26
27 First Day at the Al Irfan Campus	28 ● Ramadan Food Drive Starts ● Board Meeting # 4 ⌚ 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	29	30	31 ● VBC High School BBQ ⌚ 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	1	2

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

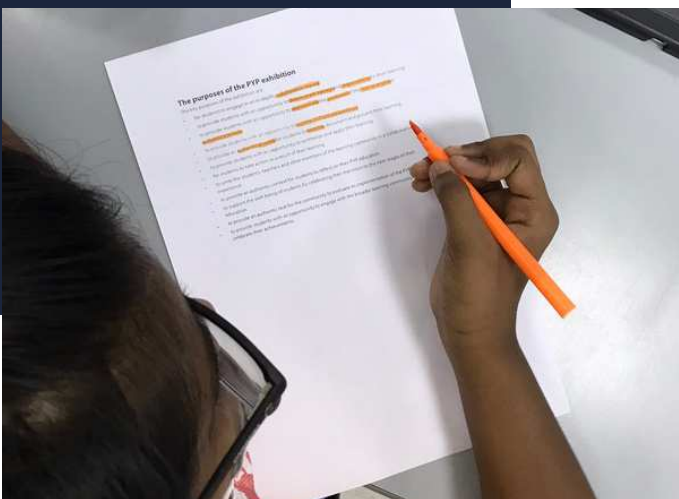
PYP X

As Grade 5 students continue on their PYPx journey, it is the perfect time to review the central ideas and key purposes of the PYPx, as indicated in the PYP Principles into Practice document, The Learner.

Students were presented with the list of key purposes as outlined in The Learner document - a guiding document for our teachers to help them implement the PYP curriculum.



The focus here was to compare and see similarities between the PYP key purposes and the word list of key purposes G5 students had created. The students were reminded that there's no 'secret-teacher-business'! From here, students worked through the process of identifying strong central ideas from across our Programme of Inquiry using a check list. Ideas about how to 'level-up' central ideas by asking specific questions was also shared. Next workshop will cover key concepts and lines of inquiry.



LANGUAGE WEEK

At ABA, we have students from 63 nationalities that speak 48 different languages! To celebrate our cultural diversity and commemorate International Mother Language Day (February 21), ES students took part in a variety of different activities throughout the week to understand the importance of linguistic and cultural diversity.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Throughout the week there has been a focus within Languages and MS Connects, to promote awareness of Linguistic diversity and cultural diversity, and to promote multilingualism. As the week also marked International Languages Day, our guest speaker His Excellency Christian Brunmayr, Austrian Ambassador to Oman spoke with the MS Students about the importance of learning a foreign language. It was an enjoyable and fascinating journey through the acquisition of many languages.

[Click Here for Middle School Podcasts](#)



2s D A Y

TWOsday was Happy Palindrome Day! A Once-in-a-lifetime Twosday because Tuesday's date numbers lined up to create 22.2.22; a date that won't come around for another 200 years. As well as a palindrome, it is also an ambigram, which means the date remains the same when its digits are reversed upside-down.

Twin Day: MS Students and teachers dressed as twins, and there were TWOsday maths activities and a Kahoot during Advisory.



The MS StuCO organised a **'Two for one'** sale in the drama court and raised over 40 rials for the StuCo fund.




**YOUR
SCHOOL
NEEDS
YOU!**



Speakers for our MS Connects Interdisciplinary & Holistic Curriculum

Speaker talks **provide an opportunity for students to hear from those outside the school system.** ... you may be sharing insights on a topical issue, your job, experiences you've had, hobbies or something related to a subject or topic the students are studying.

Please email tvharmelen@abaoman.org if you are in keen to get involved

MS SOLVES - TWIST BOXES



The final MS Solves Twist Boxes are finished. A successful MS Solves!





WHAT'S COMING UP

MS Virtual Coffee Morning

There will be a virtual MS Coffee Morning on March 14th at 9 am, focusing on 'The Move'. A Google form will be sent early next week, inviting MS Parents to send in their questions.



HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE 11 AND 12 VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend, earlier this week we shared the presentation and answers to the questions asked.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you again to the High School Student Council (HSSC) who organised a virtual assembly last week.

LANGUAGES WEEK

Thank you to all of our students and staff who have been involved in the various events to celebrate languages this week.



DRESS CODE AND ARRIVING ON TIME



We will continue to monitor the arrival of students to campus in the morning. All students must follow our dress code and are expected to be on campus by 7:20am at the latest. Students must then go immediately to their mentor class.

MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME (MLP)

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

The MLP team celebrated Mother Language Day on Monday, 21st February. Our MLP teachers gave exciting language lessons in Turkish, French, Spanish, Arabic, Urdu and Russian to our elementary students. It was also great to have our parents back in the classroom. Lots of parents volunteered all week to teach an aspect of their Mother language to the students. Finally, a big thank you to EC and ES teachers who also contributed through a range of fabulous activities in class.



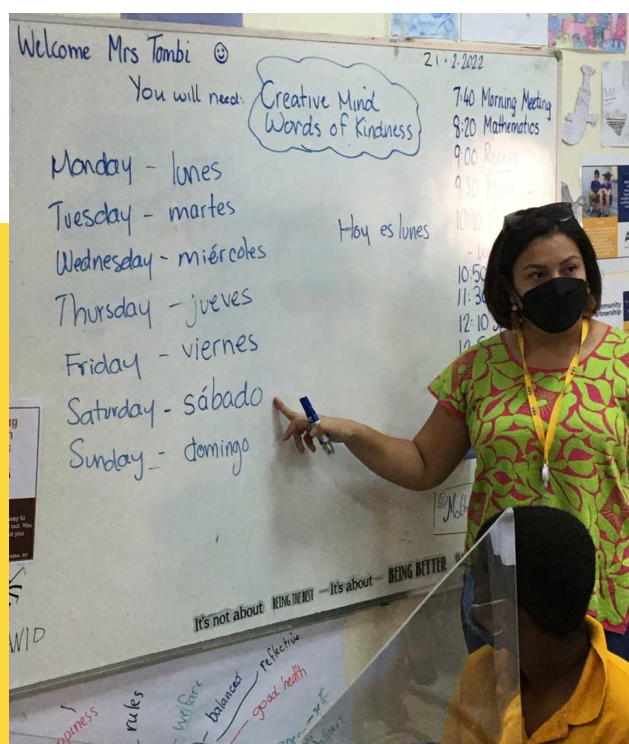
MLP NEWS

Our term 2 has also started this week but it's not too late to register! Just click on [MLP registration Term 2](#)

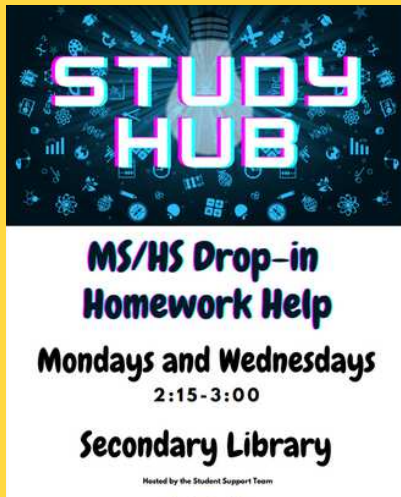
We currently offer Spanish, Arabic, French, Urdu, Persian, Turkish, Hindi and Russian. If you would like your Mother Language to be part of the MLP, please fill in this [form](#) and we will do our best to find a suitable teacher.



We are looking for Afrikaans, Italian and German teachers, please contact Anjalee Paratian (MLP Coordinator) mlp@abaoman.org if you know someone who would be interested in this position.



SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM



Have you heard of 'samen werken'? The Dutch originated this concept of co-working to escape the isolation of working at home. People come together in a comfortable shared space to work on their own tasks.

The Student Support Team will be in the library on Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 2:15-3:00 to help you get school work completed and submitted on time! We can clarify instructions, proofread, give tips for improvement, model how to solve math equations, organize Google and much much more! Our expectations at the Study Hub are simple; drop in on time, have something specific to work on and respect each other.



UNIVERSITY UPDATES

In keeping with our aim to promote college and career readiness, we regularly host engagement opportunities for students. These are offered within school hours as we deem such experiences to be a crucial part of the education we provide at ABA. Typically, we organise career talks/fairs; host university sessions and facilitate Grade 10 Work Experience week (scheduled for May 29 - June 2 this year)

Within our school community, there is a wealth of professional experience which we have always found it valuable to tap into. We are now updating our database with the names/contact details of parents who are able to participate in such events and share their wisdom with students. Thanks to those who have already offered to get involved! If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please complete this form as an indication of your permission to be contacted to support these initiatives, especially our Work Experience Week for which all Grade 10 students will need to secure a placement.

ABA ATHLETICS

Badminton and Track and Field MS sports will begin next week with MS basketball seasons beginning once students are oriented into the new Al Irfan campus in the first week of April.



Speech and Debate News

ABA is hosting the MESAC Speech and Debate Championship in April. This is totally a Virtual event, spread out over five days, which does lend itself well in this format much like Academic Games did back in November. Given the hosting responsibility that involves many departments of the school, we will also be asking for volunteer judges who watch, rank and score the student performances in the 6 rounds and 5 events they perform in. There will be more on this next week, but if you have a background with speech and debate competitions and/or want to find out how to be involved in this, please do be in touch.



The biggest and best news of the week was the arrival of the new Viper mascot which coincided well with the start of the new HS sports season. The new mascot, named Vinnie by the Class of 2022, was energetically meeting and greeting ES students as they came into school on Sunday, with the Viper Booster Club handing out the 'Show your Stripes' Viper tattoos. The students' reactions were amazing and Vinnie is loving being home too! MS will have their opportunity next Sunday morning to meet and greet Vinnie with HS and EC to follow!



VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB



What an exciting week for the ABA community - and the VBC - our Vipers Mascot arrived, and we welcomed "Vinnie" in true Vipers spirit!

At the first live welcome at the Elementary drop off this week, some excited first-graders had many questions for Vinnie. Now, as you know, Vinnie is a Viper and can't talk. But thankfully, the VBC knows quite a lot about Vinnie and have answered to the best of their knowledge.



How did you get to be a Viper? (Darcey) Who is the person in the costume?

As far as we know he was born this way. What person? Is there a person in the costume?

Where do you go all day? (Ben)

He's a bit shy at times and likes to stay in darker areas, where nobody can find him... but he loves to come out to play, cheer and show his stripes at events.

What type of Viper are you? (Sally)

The friendly type that loves the ABA community. You see, Vinnie got excited seeing the Vipers mascot on merchandise and hoodies and wanted to become part of this amazing community so that he can join in, cheer and share the spirit.

Why did you decide to join the Vipers? (Kenza)



How did you get to Oman? (Ben)

What country are you from? (Sam)

Oh, he finds his way around the ABA school. And just like you, he will soon be moving to the new campus.

How did you get into the school? (Tattiyana)

Who let you in the school? (Kalyan)

Pssst...it's a secret. But, we will let you in on that. Vinnie was hiding in a box on an airplane out of South Africa to get here

What street do you live on? (Ibrahim)

Can you believe it, even Vinnie had to make sure he was Covid-free to enter the school grounds! The friendly guards stopped and checked his temperature before he could enter, to keep the ABA community safe!

What is your favourite tattoo? (Tattiyana) How did you make the tattoos?

We believe that his favourite tattoo is the yellow stripes. Vinnie was so kind as to invite the VBC to distribute them but they were no' made by him.

What is your favourite food? (Yaro)

As you can see his tongue is rather pink. That's because he loves pink and red food, like strawberries, raspberries and pink grapefruit. But, hey he is a Viper and doesn't say no to a juicy tasty VBC burger or Ice Lollie either.

What is your favourite sport? (Sam)

As you know snakes like to slither and Vinnie enjoys slithering and playing catch over, across and in between Oman's beautiful mountains and rocks, and of course at the ABA school to stay fit. So we'd say Cross Country is on top of his list but Vinnie loves all sports, and also enjoys art and playing music too.

What year were you born? (Niloufar)

Oh you cheeky ones, you made Vinnie blush when we read him that question. We might better keep this a secret to not embarrass him. But his birthday is February 17th.

What is your favourite colour? (Sara)

Well, hard to tell but we assume he loves his skin, and chose to come to ABA showing his stripes. So we'd say blue and yellow.

Why are you in a costume? (Oscar) Why do you wear this costume?

In a costume?! That isn't a costume, that is how he looks!



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FEST (ICF) -KAHOOT

Just one week to go until the ICF Kahoot Quiz Night on March 3rd at 6pm. We hope you are as excited as we are! Below is the info on how to play.



**Send in your entries
and stand a chance to
win wo vouchers
for steak dinners at
Dolphin Village.
And of course many
more awesome prizes
to be won!**



Click here for more information

You are still able to send in your question with a video or photo to PTAevent@abaoman.org until noon on Sunday, February 27th. If you submit a question, you will be entered in a draw and might win a prize!

How to play

1. Join our ICF Google Meet from your main device. (The link will be shared shortly)
2. Now, open www.kahoot.it on another device e.g. a phone or tablet. You can play as individuals (one device per person) or as a family.
3. Enter the game pin. The game pin will be screen shared on Google Meet
4. Enter your name in the 'nickname' field. Please make sure we can find you through your name in case you win, by choosing your real name and not just 'Ali' or 'Mickeymouse'. This will ensure you can receive your prize.
5. That's it, you're in now! The game will start soon after. The questions and choices of answers will be shown on the Google Meet screen. Select the right answer on your other device.

PARENT ACTIVITIES & LEISURE

On Tuesday a little group of ladies roamed Mutrah. We started at the fish market and some shopping was done! Slowly we made our way to the Souq, enjoying the beautiful sights of the houses with the beautiful balconies.





We were early and shop owners were still busy opening up, so we decided to check out the Mutrah Castle. The views from up there are amazing! We then made it to the Souq, which never disappoints.

To make this trip complete we had juice and did some more chatting before going home. It was a very nice and relaxed morning.



PAL - REFLECTING ON CHANGE

Come and join our next PAL on Sunday, 6th of March to reflect on change; after all "change is the only constant". Ann-Katrin is inviting us to pause, reflect and look at change in a very different and unique way.

She will be using the powerful combination of photos and words and guiding us with Points of You® cards. This will be a workshop that inspires and provokes the mind. The workshop is limited to max 8 participants, so make sure you reserve your spot! **[Click here to register.](#)**



Reflecting on Change

Change is the only constant

- Heraclitus



Sunday, 6th March
along Shatti Beach
10:30am (around 90min)



For using Points of You® cards in my workshop

with Ann-Katrin van Schie
Wellbeing Guide and certified
Points of You® Practitioner



What You Will Experience:

- Time for You
- Pause
- Reflection on "change"
- Break patterns
- Open hearts
- Connections
- Small group setting

This is a PAL event.
To register please use
[this link provided by PTA](#)

