



THE ABA WEEKLY



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IT'S ELECTION SEASON



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BOD
Nominations**



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

**PTA
Nominations**



VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

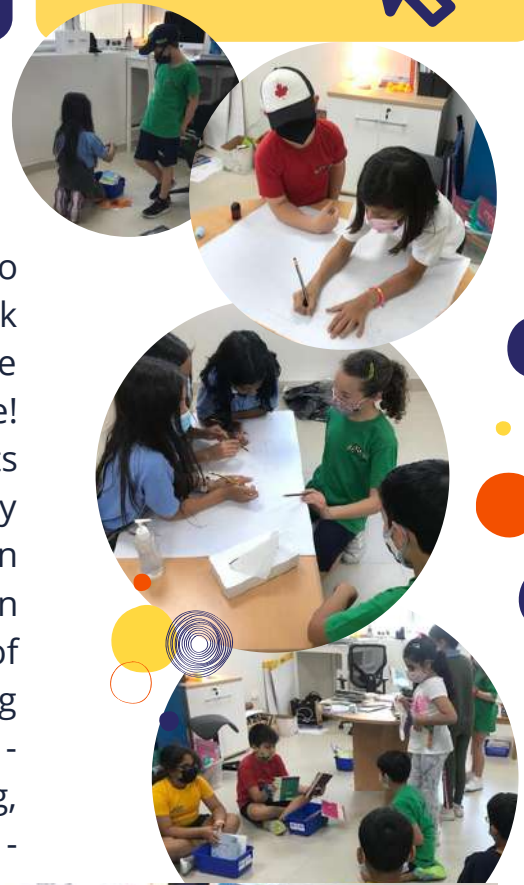
**VBC
Nominations**



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ORGANISATIONAL SYSTEMS

Grade 3 students spent time working on a plan on how to organise levelled single title readers in the reading book room. Strong connections to our whole school 'Who We Are and How We Organise Ourselves' unit of inquiry were made! Their plans were combined and then tested. Students decided that the plan and system they created wasn't very efficient. Back to the drawing board we go! This is an example of an authentic problem that required a solution focused mindset. Students demonstrated understanding of several Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills such as thinking skills - critical, creative and reflection; research skills - formulating and planning, synthesising and interpreting, evaluating and communicating; communication skills - listening, interpreting, speaking.



SWIMMING



Excitement levels have been high at the pool this week as Grade 1 and Grade 2 students went swimming for the first time! A huge shout out to our PE team, Mr. Neil, Ms. Nadia and Mr. Alby, and the swim support team, Mr. Tilak and Mr. Mohammed for helping to organise a smooth start to our elementary swimming programme. A gentle reminder that students need to remember to bring: swim hats, goggles, towel and swimsuit (flip flops are optional but recommended).



MIDDLE SCHOOL

MS CONNECTS

This week MS Connects was all about the Arts! The MS Solves script writing unit came to an end, with performances all around the campus. Students performed their role-play scenarios that they had scripted and practiced over the past two weeks



MS UNLEASHED

On Tuesday, our 'Amazing Arts Team' presented their BIG idea to the MS students. MS Arts Unleashed is all about combining drama, music and art to put on an ABA musical production of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream that will involve **ALL** our MS students. Students have been asked to choose from one of the three areas of focus; **visual arts** that focuses on set & props, costume design, and graphic design; **drama** that focuses on actors, stage crew, and documentary filmmaking, and **music** that focuses on the singing, music production and instrumental side of the musical.

Save the Date: Show days & night on June 8th & 9th.

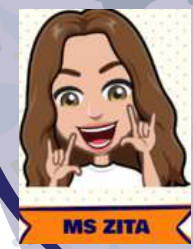
YOUR TEAM



MS ANDREA



MS CHARLIE



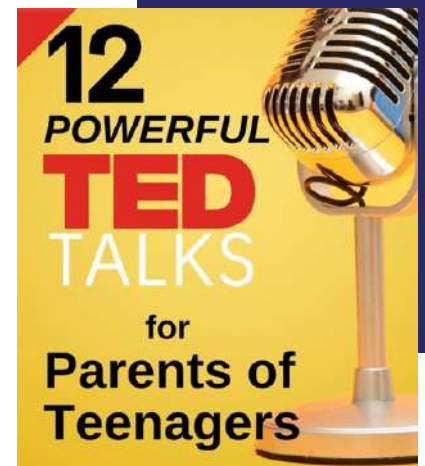
MS ZITA

PARENT TALKS

When you're parenting a teenager, you can use all the expert advice you can get. The teen years are such a confusing time, not only for teenagers but also for parents who are trying desperately to let go so their teens can gain independence and learn to adult, all while hanging on for dear life, trying to protect their kids and keep them safe.

[Click Here for the 12 Must-Watch TED Talks for Parents of Teenagers](#)

Expert parenting advice is just a click away.



Click here for this weeks MS Podcasts



THE MS VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING



This week's coffee morning focused on MS reporting and the upcoming Student-Led Conferences that are taking place on **Tuesday April 26th.**

During the course of next week, your child's advisor will email you to set up an appointment for the Student-Led Conference. We hope that this opportunity to hear your child as they present their successes and challenges will be meaningful to you.

If you missed the MS Coffee Morning, here's [the link](#) to the recording.

Middle School Coffee

MS Reporting



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

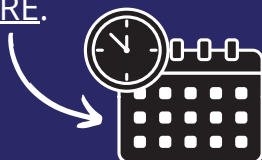
A learning community in which everyone finds success...



HIGH SCHOOL

MOVE TO AL IRFAN

We are on track for Grades 9- 11 to commence lessons at Al Irfan from **Monday, April 25th.** From this date students will have a revised schedule up until the summer break which can be accessed from [HERE](#).



Please note:

- 19th April, Tuesday - Final day of teaching for Grade 12
- 20th & 21st April - Grade 9 to 11 Parent Teacher Consultations | Thursday, April 21st (online learning for students)
- 21st April, Thursday - Grade 12 Graduation photographs (separate information will be shared next week)
- 24th April, Sunday - online learning for High School Students
- 25th April, Monday - Grades 9 to 11 at Al Irfan (separate information will be shared next week)



Thanks to the HS Student Council for 2021-22 efficiently led by Aditya Bhardwaj, Sidak Dhanju, Zaina Al Dabbous, Noor Al Akhzami, Daniel Helou, Harris Siddiqui and Gobhanu Korisepati - supported by the reps for each learning mentor group.



As we prepare for the transition to a new Council, this week we marked the conclusion of the keenly contested elections for Executive Team members. Students gathered in the PAC last Wednesday to hear from all the candidates, an exercise coordinated by members of the outgoing student leadership team.



Based on the votes of the HS student community, meet the new High School Student Council Executive Team 2022-23:



<u>President</u>	<u>1st Vice President</u>	<u>2nd Vice President</u>	<u>Public Relations Officer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>
						
Gobhanu Korisepati	Harris Siddiqui	Hunaida Elhassan	Al Faisal AlAbdullatif	Ayaan Nadamal	Daniel Helou	Rehana Khan

Thank you to all candidates who participated in this year's election! Those who will not serve as part of the Exec team are still welcome to stay involved by being a Class Representative for the upcoming academic year.

Class representatives will be elected in August to form the complete Student Council for the new academic year.

IB DP ARTS EXHIBITION



The IB DP Exhibition showcased the amazing creativity of our talented High School students. The exhibition was well received by the community, who were in awe of the pieces on display. Congratulations to our DP students, and huge appreciation to Ms Malena Belston, Mr Anthony Langrish, JP, and the HS team for putting together such a fabulous exhibition.

MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Our MLP learners have been really busy the last 2 weeks and are now well settled in our new campus.

We are opening an extra German Mother Language class for **Middle/High School** students. Please fill in **this form** if you are interested in joining in.



If you would like more information on our MLP program, please visit our **new page** on the ABA website.



ABA ATHLETICS

An outstanding MESAC week has been going on with our track teams running, jumping and throwing all week at the Sultan Qaboos Stadium. Our coaches have done a stirring job in challenging conditions. We will send in our times and distances to MESAC HQ who will then compare those with the other schools for the medal placings and team results.



MESAC speech and debate teams have completed Rounds 1 and 2 this week. ABA has the second highest number of participants in this virtual event which sees students placed in zoom breakout rooms to perform or debate the resolution against fellow participants. 113 students from the six schools are competing with nearly a 100 volunteers involved in judging, timekeeping or data collection. This tournament continues with Rounds 3, 4 and finals until April 23rd.

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

In one of the most competitive admission years on record, owing in part to the number of students who took a gap year last year, our current seniors continue to receive offers from some of the best universities in the most popular study destinations across the world. Here is a small sample of the institutions to which our students have been accepted so far.



Most importantly, each student has worked hard at finding the programme and institution that represent their best fit, and all are now beginning the process of choosing where to enrol. Look out for more updates once this year's application cycle is complete. Good luck to all our seniors as they begin their study leave on April 20th and prepare to write final exams!

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE

Did you notice Ramadan decorations at the entrance of the Athletics Center (at the Lower Ground parking) at the Al Irfan Campus? This is where you can drop off **non-perishable food items / Ramadan boxes** for PTA Ramadan Food Drive between **8am and 1pm** until May 2nd.

If it is more convenient you are able to drop off donations at the Admin building of the Al Khuwair campus during school hours too. A big **Thank You** to the families who already donated!

PARENT ACTIVITIES & LEISURE

After the big success of Ann-Katrin's workshop with the Points of You® tools and methodology we are happy to announce that as a PAL she is happy to facilitate two more workshops!

[Click here to sign up](#) 

for Ann-Katrin's workshop on April 18th from 9 to 11am and/or May 26th from 11 to 1pm. In both sessions different photo-word tools will be used and you will be guided to pause, take time for yourself, self reflect, gain a new perspective and above all have fun!

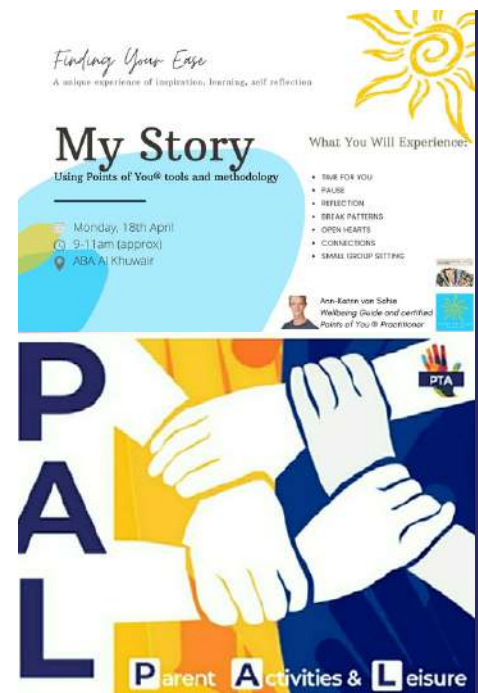
The workshop on Monday April 18th will be held in the teacher's lounge at the Al Khuwair campus.

PTA ELECTIONS

On April 3rd the nomination process to join next year's PTA team opened. There are small and big jobs and they will all be fun!

Interested in joining the PTA team or just curious what we do? Come and join us on Tuesday April 19th at 10.30am in the teacher's lounge (upstairs in the admin building) at the Al Khuwair campus for a live info meeting.

Alternatively you can find the job descriptions and information about the **[nomination process](#)** **HERE** or email PTAchair@abaoman



PTA ARTEFFECT

The PTA ArtEffect will be on May 24th!

Our beautiful Art space is filling up fast. If you would like to be part of this event, please get in touch with us to reserve your spot or for more information - PTAevent@abaoman.org

TO OUR TALENTED ABA COMMUNITY ARTISTS

BE PART OF OUR ANNUAL EXHIBITION

EMAIL US & TELL US ABOUT YOUR ART TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

PTA MAY 24, 2022
ARTEFFECT

PTAevent@abaoman.org

Please be mindful of our security protocols while you are on the campus. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.



- All adults must wear an **ABA ID badge** at all times, while on campus

- ABA parents must wear a visitors ID badge if they lose/forget their own.

- Visitors ID badges are obtained from ABA Security only.

- Visitors must submit a valid photo ID to security to obtain an ABA ID badge.

- Photo ID can be collected before departure when the visitor ID badge is returned.



- All visitors are restricted to the area(s) associated with their visit.



- Visitors are not permitted to wander around the campus.

- Adults are NOT permitted to use Student toilets/washrooms at any time.



Security has full authority to enforce any regulations that serve the ABA community.

Happy
Easter

