



THE ABA WEEKLY

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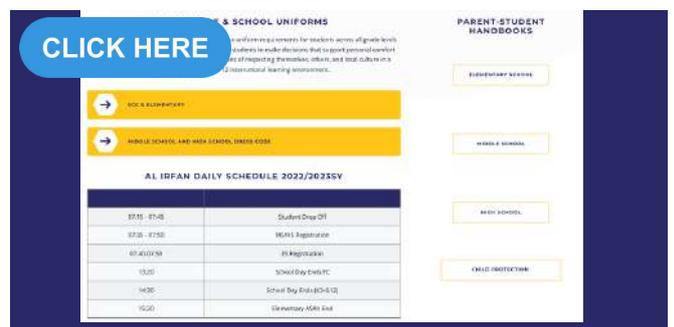


ABA THIS WEEK

Hello ABA Community,

It has been such an exciting week on campus with back-to-back events right from Elementary through G12 graduation - glimpses of which we have put together for you in this edition of the newsletter.

Visit our parent information webpage for details regarding uniforms and school schedule for the next academic year.



A slight adjustment has been made to the school calendar for SY 2022 - 23. The updated calendar can be found [here](#).



Next Thursday, June 16th: Early dismissal at 11:00 am

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRADE 3 GUEST SPEAKER

Grade 3 were lucky to have **Ms. Ghinwa Itani Malas** share her knowledge and passion for the work she undertakes for **UNICEF Lebanon**. Ms. Ghinwa connected to the Grade 3 **Sharing the Planet unit of inquiry** with a focus on the differences between rights and privileges (key concept perspective); the challenges in achieving equity in education (key concept causation); and our responsibility for personal growth and raising awareness of the importance of education (key concept responsibility). Ms. Ghinwa shared information about how UNICEF works to ensure children have their rights identified, the challenges UNICEF face in placing every child in school (equity in education), and how UNICEF operate in times of crisis. Grade 3 students were highly engaged with the information Ms. Ghinwa shared, and asked questions to strengthen their knowledge and understandings.



GRADE 4 PASSION PROJECTS

Today marked a big event for our Grade Four students - the end of unit celebration. Over the past 5 weeks, students have been following their passions, taking agency for their own learning, as part of an inquiry into the transdisciplinary theme - **How We Express Ourselves**. Looking through the key concepts of perspective, causation and connection, students have developed enduring understandings such as how people express themselves in different ways; how we are influenced in different ways connected to our background, cultures, feelings, and expression; we recognise that we are inspired by different things and that we can appreciate how others express themselves. Students have spent a number of weeks exploring their personal passions and developing their personal inquiries.

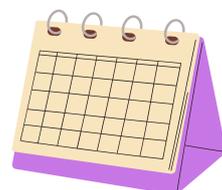
They maintained process journals, noting successes and challenges along the way, and today presented their amazing projects to parents, students and teachers. From animations to abstract art, animal research to sculpture making, there were so many incredible presentations. Parents also enjoyed a Poetry Cafe and a musical performance. Congratulations Grade Four on such a wonderful celebration.



Sunday: Teachers v Students games - dress for sports!

Tuesday: Splash Morning - please wear swimwear (rash vest and swim shorts or one piece swimsuit) and bring a change of clothes - summer themed mufti
Grade 1-5 Ice Frenzy - see Booster Club announcement for more information.

Thursday: ABA Spirit day - wear ABA colours. School ends at 11.00am



Things to bring:

A pebble or small rock for our whole school art activity

A water toy - eg water gun, squeeze bottle (labelled clearly with child's name)

On Tuesday - a change of clothes (summer themed) and a towel



Seesaw Digital Portfolios

- At the end of each school year we suggest downloading your child's Seesaw digital portfolio in order to save a copy of their work for your own records.
- The download folder could be quite large depending on how many videos, audio files and images your child has put onto Seesaw, so please make sure you give yourself some time to complete the downloading process.

For children leaving ABA, please use see these steps to to transfer any work and data from their school Google account to a new account or device

Removing the school-provided Apple ID

- If your child is leaving ABA or,
- If your child is in Grade 5 and moving to the Middle School

Here are the steps to complete it: How families and students can download an archive of work

Please contact iwhite@abaoman.org to arrange the iPad to be erased of all data, apps and settings in order to create a new Apple ID, or to use an existing one.

Backing up work and other data on iPads

- For all children with iPads, please ensure any important data - photos, videos, work saved on the device - is saved to either another device, the child's school Google Drive, or iCloud

If you are already using a family Apple ID then there is no need to contact the school for this process.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOODBYE GRADE 8 AND HELLO GRADE 9!

The Grade 8 to 9 Transition Meeting with Ms Kym Brotherton, MYP Coordinator took place on Tuesday morning. Students were given information about what to expect in High School.

MS GOES FOOTBALL CRAZY

MS students had an exciting week of football frenzy during the MS World Cup matches in the Gym. Teams were organised by Mr. Wood and each played a series of short games, which are ongoing until Monday's finals.



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

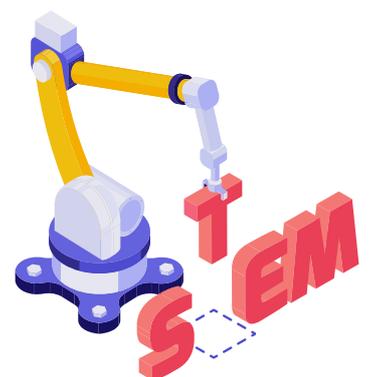
The holidays are approaching and everyone is looking forward to slowing down the pace, and having some relaxing chill time. If you are looking to keep your learners active, below are some fun activities for Middle Schoolers to do on long, hot summer days or wet weather (depending on where you are travelling to).

School Holiday Activities

[This link is a unique way of visiting museums around the world:](#) 

[This site promises a summer beach bag of activities to promote reading and fun research projects](#) 

Finally, [this site promotes learning experiences to reduce the 'summer slide'](#)  that can develop over the holidays. STEM learning, coding and virtual college tours as well as ideas for family activities.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS UNLEASHED

The MS Arts Unleashed Team and the MS Students put on four shows over two days with two casts. A true example of collaboration and creativity.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Stay tuned for the video,
coming soon on our
ABA Youtube Channel.



HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022

Huge congratulations to the Class of 2022! The graduation ceremony at the ABA Al Khuwair campus last Friday saw a whole lot of jubilation as our community celebrated together in person. Special thanks to the parents who organised the evening celebrations at the Kempinski and generously invited the High School team to this event. We wish students the very best for their results on July 6th.



[Click here to view the graduation ceremony video on our website!](#)



ABA ALUMNI CONNECT | GRADE 9 TALK



Santrupth Vedanthi, Class of 2019, shared his university experiences with our Grade 9 students! "The multiculturalism and the IB curriculum at ABA helped me make a seamless transition into university."



UNIVERSITY UPDATES

GRADE 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to Grade 10 students who have spent time attending work experience placements this week. Experiences have been of a wide range including: schools, sporting facilities, dental surgeries, hospitals, hotels and veterinary clinics as well as law firms, banks and other financial institutions.



[CLICK HERE](#)

This valuable exposure will go a long way in equipping students with an understanding of different career pathways. Thank you to the various employers (many of whom are members of the ABA parent community) who have welcomed ABA students.

Catch a glimpse of the G10 Work Experience video shot by Atiq Hussein

MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME



The MLP programme was on this week, and some of the languages will also have lessons next week. These are makeup lessons due to the longer Eid break. Please make sure to check with your MLP teacher to see if your child still has a lesson next week.

This week, Ms Natali and Ms Ada would like to share what they have been doing in Spanish and Turkish.

Señora Natali (G2-G8 MLP Spanish teacher)

Durante el curso a los alumnos de grados primero a tercero se les ha enseñado por medio de la lectoescritura la fónica de las letras, se han hecho ejercicios de conciencia silábica, introducción de vocabulario, práctica de escritura de números, comprensión lectora, comprensión y práctica auditiva por medio de canciones, introducción a los artículos, reglas ortográficas.

Las clases en la medida de lo posible se realizan por medio de las PPP; presentación, práctica y producción.

A los alumnos de grado cuarto a séptimo se les ha dado comprensión lectora, estructura de la oración, preposiciones, reglas de ortografía, números cardinales y ordinales, práctica de escritura de números, artículos, sustantivos, adjetivos, práctica auditiva por medio de canciones, pronombres personales, verbos regulares y su conjugación en pretérito, presente y futuro, conjugación de los verbos ser y estar.



Ms Ada Öğretmen (MLP Turkish teacher)

ABA Oman ailesinin Değerli velileri, MLP programının bir parçası olan Türkçe derslerine 2021-2022 eğitim ve öğretim yılında göstermiş olduğunuz ilgi ve desteğe teşekkür ederiz. Derslerimizin geçen dönem programında, çocuklarımızın çoğunluğunun bilingual ve KG grubu olması durumu göz önünde bulundurularak, "oyun temelli öğrenme" " akran destekli dil öğretim yöntemi" ile haftalık olarak her bir çocuğa daha önce bilmediği on yeni kelime öğretmek hedeflenmiş ve başarılı sonuç alınmıştır.

Programımızda bazı geleneksel hikaye kahramanlarına (Keloğlan, Nasrettin Hoca, Hacivat & Karagöz vb.) ve bazı geleneksel oyunlara (deve-cüce, yağ satarım- bal satarım, çatlak-patlak, kutu kutu pense vb.) yer verilmiştir. Çocuklar anadillerinde hem eğlenip, hem de anadil gelişimine katkı sağlamışlardır. Önümüzdeki yıl daha kalabalık bir grup olmak ümidiyle...



You can now register for the next academic term by clicking on this **link**. Registration for the MLP programme will close on 1st September.



Please give us your feedback by filling in the following **form**.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

The after school Foreign Language Programme is being launched in September. Click here to register your child for the next academic term. The registration will close on September 1st.

If you need further details regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact us



ABA ATHLETICS

It has been really good to see our student athletes in action again and well done to all squads and coaches on this success. We saw great improvement in the second round of MS Basketball matches vs BSM both home and away.

Muscat Secondary Sports League(MSSL) AD's met this week also to start planning the new year ahead and it looks very promising and normal. We were reminded that it was 823 days ago when the last MSSL tournament took place. Wow.

We currently have two parents involved in coaching MESAC sports teams and as we start the planning for next year's sports events in MESAC we are again looking for experienced and knowledgeable Volleyball coaches who can commit to coaching our JV or Varsity volleyball teams in Season 1, August to November.

As we also successfully come out of the pandemic and plan the whole school sporting year ahead, we would also like to create a database of community members who may be available to officiate Volleyball, Soccer and Basketball games at HS and MS level here on our campus too. If any of these options appeal to you please be in touch with AD, [Mick Cooper](#).

Booster club enjoyed the first face to face meeting on the new campus to celebrate new initiatives, to say goodbye and thank you to departing BC volunteers and to begin the planning for the very different looking year ahead. It was so good to be back



ABA AQUATICS

SUMMER SPLASH

Intensive lessons - June - July 2022

We will run 3 weeks of intensive lessons. This essentially means it is one class per day, at 9am or 10am over 5 days. The plan is to be able to give kids the opportunity to progress quickly with having more contact with the water. Swimmers can book 1-3 weeks depending on preference.

We will be running **all 6 levels** on our learn to swim programme but classes will be limited to 6 students and on a first come first served basis. Booking for this programme takes place at the ABA Aquatics pool from your next lesson or if you have not been involved in classes with us before, then send us an enquiry and we will schedule an assessment. Cost is **40 OMR** per week.



The banner features a young girl with orange sunglasses and a slice of orange in her hair, floating on a yellow and white inflatable ring in a pool. The text 'Summer Splash' is written in a colorful, bubbly font at the top. A red button with a white hand cursor says 'CLICK HERE'. The ABA Aquatics logo is in the top right corner, with the tagline 'Learn To Swim'. Below the logo, it says 'Join us for 1 week, 2 or all 3 weeks!' followed by the dates: 'June 19 to 23', 'June 26 to 30', and 'July 3 to 7'. At the bottom, it states 'Safe swimming for children (3.5 to 12 years) at the best Aquatics Centre in Muscat, ABA Al Irfan'. The footer contains contact information: a globe icon for 'abaoman.org/aba-aquatics', a phone icon for '+968 24955838', and an envelope icon for 'aquatics@abaoman.org'.

NEW TERM 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR (AUG - OCT 2022)

LAST WEEK FOR CURRENT CUSTOMERS TO RENEW THEIR SLOT FOR AUG 2022. The new term will run from the week commencing August 28th - week commencing October 23rd. It's an 8 week term and excludes 9th - 13th October (Spring Break)

Classes will run again at 1:45pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm
The cost will be 62 OMR per child if attending ABA



IMPORTANT

Booking for these classes can be done from Sunday 29th May at 3pm by cash or card at the pool. Current students have priority booking for a 2-week period from Sunday 29th May to Thursday 9th June. From here any remaining places will be released to the public to book.

ABA VIPERS SWIMMING

Vipers Swim team continue to practice to the end of the season. The last session will be on Wednesday, 15th June 2022.

We are calling on Varsity male and female swimmers to get involved for the Season 1 MESAC swimming term. As you may be aware MESAC Swimming next season will be held in Dubai. We are seeking Varsity girls and boys to complete our team. If you have swimming experience and wish to be part of one of the most successful teams at school let us know!
swimmingteam@abaoman.org



ABA AROUND THE WORLD



ABA is a melting pot of various cultures and ethnicities, uniting individuals all over the globe. We are an international community representing over 60 student and staff nationalities. Students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni - no matter where you are in the world, you carry ABA's name with pride and collectively we make ABA the truly international experience that it is.

Are you traveling back home this summer?

We encourage you to click on the image below and upload a picture marking your location on the map. Let's connect to our global ABA community!

*Remember to include your name and the hashtag **#WeAreABA**

The image is a screenshot of a social media post from 'ABA Marketing' with 13 million views. The post is titled 'ABA Around the World!' and includes the text: 'Dear ABA community, click on the 'plus' icon and leave a picture, message or video showing us where you are in the world! Remember to use '#WeAreABA''. The main visual is a map of Muscat, Oman, with a red location pin icon in the top right corner. An inset image shows a group of people standing in front of the 'ABA OMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL' sign. A blue button with the text 'CLICK HERE' is positioned at the bottom right of the map area.