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Benefitting Kuwait Centre for Autism

### Letter From the Editor

It was amazing to have the National Day celebration back on campus this year! Seeing everyone enjoying themselves in traditional clothing was truly a sight to behold. We all enjoyed the performances by the students and were happy to share this experience with everyone who was here this year! Being able to experience and witness this celebration is a blessing that our staff will never forget.

With the preparations for the carnival, standardized testing, and the National Day celebration, campus has been full of activity and really caused this quarter to fly by. Our students have been busy studying and improving our community with all of their efforts in different ventures. We couldn't be prouder of everything they have done and will continue to ensure that they are contributing to the betterment of their education and society.

Everyone from the ABS Times would like to thank you for your continued support of the students, school, and, of course, this publication. Without your support, ABS would not be able to inspire and celebrate its students in the way that it does.

Message from the ABS Journalism team

### **Special Event & Advertisement**

### **Kuwait National Day Celebration at ABS**



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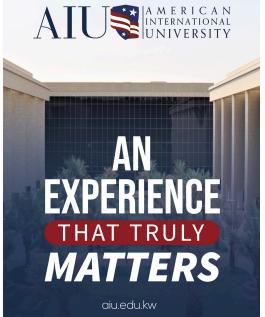


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### KG Super Stars

Every Thursday, the KG Department has a Superstar Assembly. One special student is chosen from each class for excellence in academics, behavior, or citizenship. The students wear a regal cape and crown, and are honored with a certificate, story and special surprise!

### January 20, 2022







Fahad Al-Azmi







Faisal Al-Wasmi PreK

Mohammad Hemdan Faisal Al-Ajmi KG1A KG1B

KG1C

Abdulaziz Al-Adwani KG2A

Sanad Al-Waalan KG2B

Abdullah Al-Enezi KG2D







Salma Al-Saraf

KG2C



### January 27, 2022





Sarah Al-Failah Prek

Mahmoud Hemdan KG1B



Jouri Fqaihi KG1C

Wasmyah Al-Kami . KG2A



KG2B



KG2C



Faisal Al-Mansour KG2D



KG1A







CONGRATULATIONS KG SUPERSTARS



### KG Super Stars

In order to teach our students positive behavior and to develop their social and emotional skills, the Kindergarten Department held two virtual assemblies in October to celebrate our KG Superstars. Children were encouraged to sing and dance with their teachers and peers in their classrooms while parents were invited to attend the assemblies. We were all so excited to share this happy moment.

### February 3, 2022











KG2B





Ahmad Hussain PreK

KG1B

KG1C

KG2A

Suad Al-Tashah KG2C

Yousef Khajah KG2D



KG1A



### February 10, 2022





Al-Daihani - KG1C







PreK





Mohammad

KG2A

KG2B

KG2D







**CONGRATULATIONS KG SUPERSTARS** 

### KG Super Stars & KG Events

### February 17, 2022















Abdulrahman Al-Enezi Prek Fahad Al-Banwan Shamlan Zaman KG1A KG1B

Jaber Al-Saba KG1C Saleh Al-Duaij KG2A

aij Rashed Al-KG2B Saud Al-Anjari KG2C

Shahad Al-Yaqout KG2D









### **Afternoon of the Arts & Parent Teacher Conference**

The KG Department held the Afternoon of Arts on February 3, 2022, along with Parent-Teacher conferences. This day was a great opportunity for parents to see their child's beautiful artwork on display in the KG Reception. At ABS, we believe that art education in kindergarten and beyond is essential for creativity and expression. In addition, on this day, we were delighted to have parents join us to learn about their children's academic progress and growth based on classroom observations and assessments, as well as discussing enrichment or intervention strategies to support their learning pathway. It was a pleasant and successful day for both partners, teachers and parents.



















### KG Events

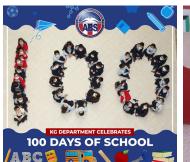
### **KG Young Authors Week**

The Kindergarten Department organized the KG Young Authors Week, which began on Sunday January 23rd 2022. This was a fun-filled week that focused on reading, writing, storybooks and various authors. On the first day, students learned all about famous books, authors, and story structure. They developed their creativity and had the opportunity to practice their own writing. On the second day, children were invited to bring their favorite storybook to share with their classmates. On day three, KG students had a special assembly while wearing costumes representing the first letter of their name. On day four, students wore crazy hats to school and had the opportunity to listen to special stories by volunteer guest readers from the ABS senior class and KG administrators! The last day, students had the chance to come to school dressed in their pajamas and bring along their favorite stuffed animal. It was an amazing week of reading and learning!



### 100th Day of School

The 100th Day of School is always a highlight of our year! The school year is flying by and students have already passed their 100th day in school this year. On Thursday, February 10th to celebrate, the Kindergarten classes hosted a full day of activities, all 100 themed! KG students arrived at school dressed in style and started the day with a fantastic assembly where teachers released 100 rainbow-colored balloons while counting to 100. That day was a milestone for us because we have been learning and laughing for 100 days! In our classroom, we celebrated the entire day with nonstop 100th Day of School activities! KG students had a blast learning, counting, and demonstrating their newly acquired knowledge of numbers and quantities up to 100.

















### KG Events

### **Kuwait National Day Celebration**

ABS celebrated two occasions dear to everyone's heart, Kuwait National and Liberation Day, which took place on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022. All students and staff were happy and felt very fortunate to be part of the Kuwaiti community. Many parents attended the celebration, and we enjoyed the fabulous dance performances presented by the ABS students, especially the Kindergarten Department. National songs filled the school premises, and the courtyards were decorated with the colors of the Kuwaiti flag to add beauty and joy to this momentous day. Children and staff wore special outfits and national costumes to mark the occasion. Alongside the celebration, various fun activities took place, including dancing, henna, bouncy castles, crafts, games, and pony rides. Parents and their kids enjoyed the day filled with fun, food, festivities and memories that everyone will always cherish. Many thanks to our students for embracing this special day and of course to our parents for sharing these wonderful moments with us. A thank you also to all our staff, in particular our Arabic teachers, for their contribution to making this day a memorable day for all.





















### **Elementary Commendations & Events**

### **Exceptional Members of the ABS Family**

Here at the American Baccalaureate School, we believe in showing our appreciation for hard work and doing an exceptional job. Each month, both the students and the staff are recognized for going above and beyond as role models for others. These individuals are honored by being named the students, teachers, or staff members of the respective month. We appreciate these outstanding individuals and want to recognize them once again for everything they do for us and for ABS. The next time you see one of these wonderful Wildcats, tell them how much you appreciate them and congratulate them for being student of the month.

### **Elementary Students of the Month**



Saud Al-Ajmi Grade 1D Student of the Month January



Omar Al-Rashed Grade 1B Student of the Month February



Loulwah Al-Kharafi Grade 2D Student of the Month January



Saad Al-Rashed Grade 2E Student of the Month February



Loulwah Al-Noumas Grade 3D Student of the Month January



Rayan Al-Kandari Grade 3E Student of the Month February



Saleh Al-Juraiwi Grade 4D Student of the Month January



Shaikha Al-Omairi Grade 4E Student of the Month February



Lamar Al-Khamsan Grade 5B Student of the Month January



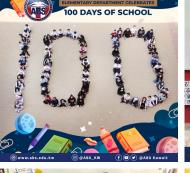
Rayan Al-Suwaidi Grade 5C Student of the Month February

## 100th Day

February 10th marked the 100th day of school and 100 days of on-campus learning! In the Elementary Department, students and teachers dressed up to represent 100! Teachers also offered STEM projects that incorporated the 100th day theme.

Here Grade 5 students gathered to create "100" on their last 100th day in the Elementary Department.











### Elementary Events

### The WHY Behind MAP Testing

#### **MAP High Achievers**

MAP testing is NOT a standardized test. MAP testing adapts and adjusts to each student's performance. Students get unique sets of questions based on their responses. The MAP results show us the strengths and areas of growth of ABS students. This informs teachers and admin of how and what should be taught. In round 2 of MAP, Elementary students showed GROWTH in every area, going beyond what was expected. We are so proud of our teachers and our students! We love watching you grow!



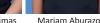




Ali Al-Mazeedi



Hamad Al-Barrak Loulwah Al-Noumas



Mohammad Al-Failakawi

Sarah Al-Mnafi



Sayed Hashim

Behbehani



Omari Westley

Tawfiq Said

Sager Suwaidan



### **Dibels High Achievers**

Our Grade 1 students were assessed using the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Program. It is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures that can be used to regularly detect risk and monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. The following skills were assessed: Letter naming fluency, Phonemic segmentation fluency and

nonsense word fluency.



### Afternoon of the Arts

On February 3, 2022, under the direction of Ms. Marian Takla and her team, the school was colored with art. We are so proud of the creativity displayed around campus including sketches, drawings, paintings, projects, digital creation, and even musical performances.



### **Congratulations Students**

### Elementary Events

### **STEM in the Classroom**

ABS continues to embed STEM in the classroom. Students are learning best practice for applying the 4 C's (communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking) to their learning. ABS students solve problems, analyze data, invent, and integrate multiple disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and math) in the learning today, to become the STEM leaders of tomorrow.



# **Geography Bee Winners**

February 15th marked this year's annual Geography Bee. We are so proud of our Geography winning Bees!











### Science Fair Grade 4 & 5

The 2021-2022 Elementary Science Fair was a success! Under the supervision of the Science Head of Department, Ms. Malika, our Dean, Ms. Sahar, and with guidance from the Science teachers Ms. Arwa and Mr. Lorenzo, Grade 4 and 5 students demonstrated their understanding of the Scientific Method as they explored, experimented, and expressed science projects of their choice.



### **Elementary Events**

### **Science Fair Winners**

#### Grade 4









Grade 5



First Place

Ali Al-Sulaili Third Place

## **Student Council Bake Sale**

The Elementary Student Council showed high responsibility and compassion while running the bake sale fundraiser for the annual ABS Charity Carnival. All proceeds will go towards the Kuwait Autism Center.













## **Nurse Appreciation Day**

Thank you to our incredible nursing staff for their daily support with students (and staff) on and off campus. Your hard work does not go unnoticed! We celebrate you!



### Kuwait Autism Society Assembly

By Jana Al-Awadhi

On February 20, 2022, a representative from the Autism Center came to our school for a presentation. The presentation talked about how being different is not something bad, and that we are all different in our own way. They displayed actions that an autistic person could do and how to understand them and help them instead of excluding them. Also, it talked about how even autistic people are all different, each person's case is different. I have learned many things with this presentation, and I am glad that the school wanted to educate us about this topic.



### Health Week By Alzain Al-Salem

Every year, ABS devotes a week to encouraging students and teachers to prioritize their health. They place a high value on the health of students and teachers because it is an important factor that they may overlook. Al-Seef Hospital came to visit this year and performed a number of tests. Heart rate, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels were all measured. They provided each person a bag with two notebooks, a pen, and a first aid kit once they completed the examinations. It was a planned event that lasted the entire week, allowing students and staff to focus on their health. The nurses also passed fruits around for students to eat and to ensure that they eat healthy. Great gratitude goes to the nurses and Al-Seef Hospital for prioritizing all our health.















### National Assembly Field Trip By Aseel Al-Furaih

A group of ABS Student Council members went on a field trip to the National Assembly of Kuwait (مجلس الأمة) as a way to educate themselves on the government and how the legislative authority of the state of Kuwait operates inside the building. The students had a wonderful, amazing, and astonishing time learning about the legislative branch of the Kuwaiti Government and how to better contribute to political life in Kuwait. This is a field trip that these students will remember for the rest of their lives.



### **NSLC (National Student Leadership Conference)**

The National Student Leadership Conference meeting was a success. Parents and students attended an informational session to learn about Summer Pre-College and Leadership Programs. Mrs. Patty Hester, Assistant Director of International and Overseas Admission, hosted a live webinar. The NSLC has welcomed students from around the world to participate in conferences, workshops, and other fascinating career-focused events. Students attend from 6-18 days in the United States at top-ranked universities with over 30 career-focused programs. If you would like to learn more about the programs, please contact NSLC for more information:



### **Staff Outing**

The MSHS staff went on a staff morale event to enjoy a Kashta in the desert. Although it was sad that we didn't have students there, the staff had an amazing time. We ate, danced, sang and had fun for the entire evening. We look forward to another staff morale outing in the near future.





### **Student Council**

The Student Council have worked extremely hard this year to do lots of events for the other students. Recently, they have been focusing on Character Education in which they have been encouraging students to be respectful and kind to each other. They produced a wonderful display board to further promote this message.



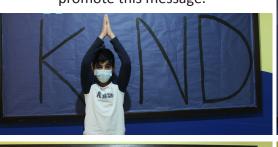
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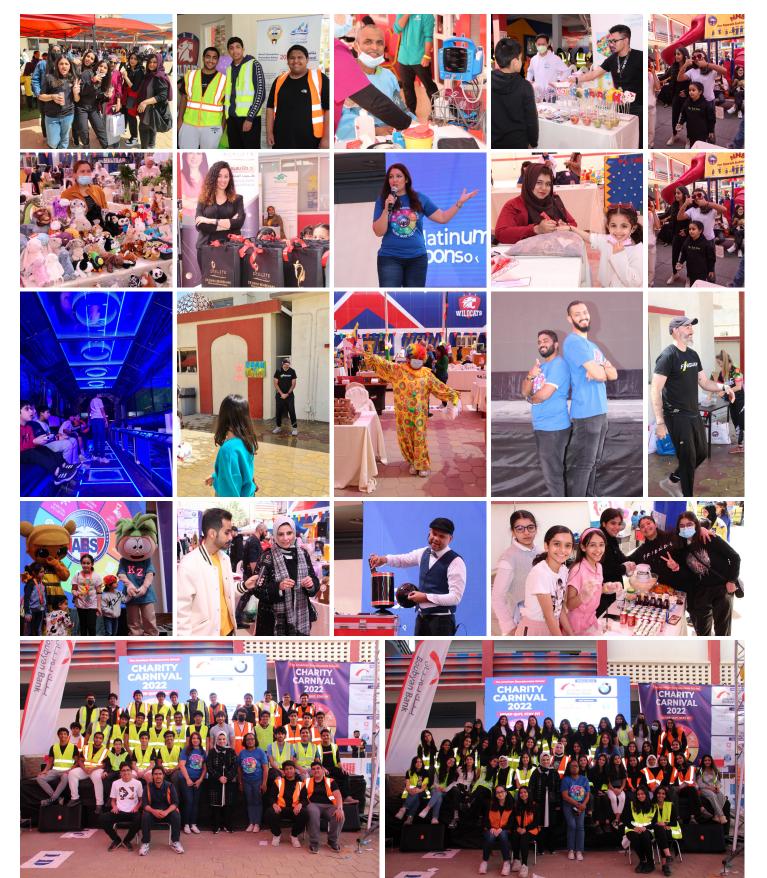
### National Day Celebration Student Review By Jana Al-Awadhi

This event is a joyful experience to celebrate my country with friends. From the perspective of someone who attended the event, it was exhilarating. I attend every year, yet the celebration astonishes me every time. The way the school looked was amazing; it was decorated with balloons and had a vintage theme display of Kuwait. My favorite part was the choreographed dances the elementary students did alongside National Day music. Everyone was enjoying their time with their friends dancing, playing games, and even eating from the multiple food stands.



# Special Event - Charity Carnival

The ABS Charity Carnival was recently held during the month of March. The theme was 'Never Quit Stay Fit' which is something we want to encourage our students and wider ABS family to do. We had numerous vendors, students and visitors attend and enjoy the fun-filled day. It was a phenomenal event whereby everyone celebrated and had an amazing time raising money for the Autism Center.



# Special Event - Charity Carnival



# **MSHS & Staff Commendations**

### **Middle School**



Sara Abdulhadi 6GA - January



Amal Al-Ryahi 8GA - January



Hamad Al-Oudah

8BC - January







Fawaz Al-Noumas 6BB - February



AlJowhara Al-Sarraf 8GB - February



Abdulaziz Al-Roudhan 8BB - February





# **High School**



David Haddad

6BA - January

Saba Al-Fulaij 9GB - January



Hussain Ghuloum

7BA - January

10GA - January



11GA - January

Mehrunisa Bilal

11GA - February



Ali Al-Mazeedi 9BA - January

Sulaiman Al-Hassem

7BA - February



Abdulrahman Al-Terkait 10BA - January



Abdullah Al-Refaei 12BB - January



Saba Al-Fulaij 9GB - February



Sharifah Al-Fayyadh 10GB - February



Hoor AlOouba 12GB - February



Talal Al-Dalali 9BB - February



Yousef Al-Mazeedi 10BB - February



Abdulrazzaq Al-Enezi

11BC - February

11BA - January

Feras Al-Awadh

12BB - February

### **Elementary Staff**



Jacqueline Murray January Staff of the Month



Azzah Aljandali January Arabic Staff of the Month



January TA of the Month



Hana Mustafa February Staff of the February Arabic Staff Month



of the Month

Huma Qazi February TA of the Month







## Commendations / Deans' & Counselors' Section

#### **MSHS Staff**





Abdullah El-Toukhy January Arabic Staff of the Month



Eli Allen January Staff of the Month



Islam Mohammed Mohamed Al-Omari February Arabic Staff February Staff of the of the Month Month

### **KG Staff**







Adela Stankova January Staff of the Month

Month Celebrating Kuwait's National and Liberation Day post Covid-19 is a momentous experience. To see a nation, celebrate their independence and honor their rich cultural heritage with pride in such an energetic way is a life changing experience. I

would not want to miss this for the world. What a

great time to be in Kuwait! Happy National Day!

Sanaa Noor - MSHS Dean of Students

Kuwait National and Liberation Day is a

February TA of the



Sahar Nabtiti - Elementary Dean of Students ABS national day is celebrated in a unique and special way. Students and staff are dressed in their national dress. Flags and country colors fill the campus. Dances, songs, and poems are presented by students. Each member at ABS shows pride in celebrating this special occasion. Kuwait feels like my second home and always in my heart. Happy National Day.

Kuwait National day is celebrated on 25th

February every Year with vigor and enthusiasm, it

is considered the most remarkable day. Kuwaitis

celebrated their first Independence Day on June

19, 1962. This time Kuwaitis will celebrate 61st

famous places like parks, beaches, and restaurants

with their fellows or move around the streets or malls in town. Happy Kuwait National day, Happy

Liberation day, may you always prosper and grow

better towards development.

Kuwait National Day in 2022. People gather at

**Dima Khaddage - Elementary Counselor** 



Happy National and Liberation Day Kuwait! It is exciting to be in Kuwait during this time as Kuwaiti's share the pride for their nation. It is so great to see ABS students participating in activities on campus to share their love of Kuwait!

Ashley Jackson - High School Counselor





Diana Garcia - High School Counselor

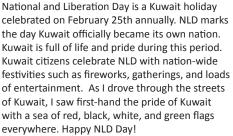
momentous occasion for all Kuwaitis. It's inspiring

to see people take such pleasure in the land they

call home and share their joy with others! Seeing

people embrace their culture and invite others to

participate exemplifies what Kuwait is all about.



#### Jamala Spencer - High School Counselor

"It is the 61st Kuwait National Day celebration! Let's rejoice in happiness! Saluting them who made it possible, who made Kuwait stand high and mightv!

I wish they are alive today to see how the country is progressing to greatness. Let's make them our inspiration to build the future. Kuwait, may you be safe and glorious always!"

Marian Sami - Elementary Curriculum Coordinator



Kuwait National and Liberation Day is an exciting time for all of us who live in Kuwait. It is refreshing to see everyone take such pride in the country we call home and celebrate with those around us! Seeing everyone embrace their culture and inviting everyone to join in demonstrates what Kuwait is really about.

Arika Beverly - Middle School Counselor







### Administrators' Corner



"Every year, Kuwait celebrates its Independence Day along with Liberation Day on February 25th and February 26th. On these days, the whole world celebrates Kuwait, especially Kuwait's role on a humanitarian level. I have grown to love Kuwait as they do not hesitate to aid when it is needed. It is with great pride that I would like to share this message of congratulations to my students and their families. Kuwait is my second home and I pray that Allah continues to protect this country and that they would be blessed prosperously and gloriously. ABS National Day was such an amazing event this year and every year, I would like to thank each committee member for a great job. God bless Kuwait."

Amal Al-Minawi - Senior Principal



"I came to Kuwait seven years ago. It has been an incredible experience getting to know more about the people, the culture, and the traditions of Kuwait. My life has been enriched by this chapter, which I hope continues for years to come. Kuwait is a wonderful place to live and I am proud to be celebrating my 7th National Day together with all of you. Happy National Day, ABS!"

**Rachelle Parsons - KG Coordinator** 



"Now I utterly understand, the excitement that everyone living in Kuwait has missed over the past two years, the exciting Kuwait National Day celebrations. I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Kuwait National and Liberation Day. Living in Kuwait for the past 3 years has allowed me the privilege of learning about the Kuwaiti culture, religion, the people, and their traditions. I have found this experience to be both welcoming, exciting, and interesting. Moreover, living in Kuwait and working at ABS (American Baccalaureate School) has given me opportunity to work with a group of wonderful Kuwaiti student-families and colleagues."

#### Shereen Kroutz - Elementary Vice Principal



"I have been witnessing \*Kuwait National Day\* celebrations spanning over a period of 25 years and this year Kuwait celebrated with the same enthusiasm and vigor amid COVID-19 pandemic. Citizens and expats together spread good spirits of harmony, peace and integrity. We celebrated this day with unity and pride. All our

student and ABS community that includes teaching staff, accounts office, IT, school nurses and support staff were fully indulge in celebrations as well. This reflected our passion and love for Kuwait. Long live Kuwait."

#### Mian Sadiq - Middle School Principal



"This is my first year at ABS and my first year in Kuwait. On February 23rd, ABS celebrated Kuwait National day and Kuwait Liberation Day with a wonderful celebration. It was incredible to see all our parents, students and ABS staff show their love and their pride for Kuwait. I am thankful to be in such a wonderful place, celebrating with wonderful people who have a genuine love for their country. I look forward to many more years of celebration with our ABS family."

Todd Thompson - High School Principal











"The ABS National Day celebration is always something very special and it was a great pleasure to be able to host our parents once again on campus as we honored the glorious country of Kuwait together. I was so proud of our precious KG students who dazzled us with their performances on the big stage. Thank you to the Arabic Department and to all who helped for a truly magical day filled with dance, music, yummy food, fun and festivities!"

#### Jennifer Naser - KG Vice Principal

"Although not the place of birth, I am grateful to call Kuwait home. Kuwait has enjoyed the reputation of being stable, safe and peaceful. As a country, Kuwait is generous and aids other communities in times of hardship. It is my prayer and hope that all people who live and work here in Kuwait will enjoy the quality of life as our ABS community: a high standard of health, clean neighborhoods, stable employment, higher education and continued opportunities. Congratulations to the families and youth of Kuwait: Learners today, Leaders tomorrow."

#### Alicia Szydlowski - Elementary Principal

"It has been such a privilege celebrating Kuwait National Day and Liberation Day each year with Kuwaiti nationals. This year is no different. The celebration that took place, in parallel with hope of nearing the end of a pandemic, was full of excitement and joy. The ABS community came together to show appreciation and honor for the Kuwaiti people, culture, and country. Thank you, Kuwait and ABS community for your hospitality and for allowing us to join in on the celebrations!"

#### Jaclyn Guzman - Elementary Vice Principal

"Kuwait has made great progress and achieved prosperity since gaining their Independence. National Day in Kuwait is celebrated with vigor and enthusiasm. All come together to honor the day where Kuwait attained independence from the British and crowned Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah as the Emir. Here at ABS, we observe Kuwait's National Day with pride as a community!"

Kayla Johnson - Middle School Vice Principal

"Kuwait National and Liberation Day brings about such joy for its citizens and visitors from around the world. I have been in Kuwait for almost three years now and it is a pleasure to be part of such a harmonious celebration. It is truly amazing to witness the pride Kuwait has in its extraordinary culture; I am forever grateful to feel as welcome here as a citizen as I do in my own country. It was wonderful that we were able to celebrate together this year. Everyone was in high spirits, and after a couple of years of uncertainty, it was extra special to be able to celebrate as one, with all the ABS family together on campus. It was a remarkable day and I look forward to many more National and Liberation Day celebrations in Kuwait."

Calicia Daniel - High School Vice Principal