

# SCHOOL NEWS



**Mrs Matthews**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. Romans 15v13*

It seems like only a few weeks since we last sent you a Newsletter, and yet here we are with Spring suddenly upon us.

The school, as always, continues to offer students vibrant learning experiences due to the dedication of our great staff team, and we value all they do for the students of AISJ.

The past term sadly saw the passing of Mrs Van den Bosse whose loss we still feel, but plans will soon be under way for lasting memorials to our dear Paula.

As the great season of Easter approaches, with its message of hope, life and reconciliation, I wish you all a peaceful and refreshing holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for our summer term, when the weather will get hotter and the school life will get even busier.

*"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the Earth." Job 19:25*



**Book Week** is a celebration of literature and reading that takes place in our school each year. During Book Week, children are encouraged to explore the world of books through a range of activities and events. Each year I pick a theme and the students spend several weeks researching and exploring the theme.



This year our Book Week theme was Fiesta. Fiesta is a Spanish word meaning celebration. For book week we celebrated our library and all the types of cultures and languages that make up our school community. We primarily focused our Fiesta activities on Mexican culture. We created several types of Mexican art such as: Metal Tooling, Masks, Papel Picados and learned about tacos, piñatas and sombreros. By the time Book Week started the children had read and explored many aspects of Mexican culture.

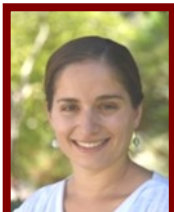
We kicked off Book Week with a local Mariachi band. They sang traditional Spanish songs using authentic Mexican instruments. The rest of the week we played Loteria (Mexican bingo), created walking tacos which we enjoyed eating in the garden, dressed up as our favorite book character and watched a movie based on a book.

The greatest part of book week happened after school when our parents volunteered to read stories to our families who visit the library at the end of the day.

This year's Book Week was a memorable experience for all! Please come to the library to see our beautiful Fiesta display or visit us at our Instagram page dedicated to all the wonderful activities that happen weekly in the library: [aisj.library](https://www.instagram.com/aisj.library). Happy reading!!



# MYP NEWS



Mrs Meira Yan  
MYP Co-ordinator

## MY5 Personal Project Exhibition – March 16, 2023

After almost a year of planning, the AISJ MY5 students celebrated their personal project accomplishments at an exhibition on Thursday, March 16th, 2023.

The personal project is a culmination of the Middle Years Programme (MYP). More specifically, the project asks students to identify a learning and product goal that they are passionate about, develop and apply their skills to achieve these goals and then reflect on what they have learned from the experience.

This year's MY5 class impressed us all and created a wide variety of products including but not limited to Kashmiri embroidery, original songs, a water purification machine, a 3D robotic car, and an entrepreneurial business selling artistic phone cases.

We are very proud of our MY5 students and their achievements and want to congratulate them all on their hard work!



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**International Women's Day** is celebrated every year on March 8. It is a day to celebrate all that a woman is and can be in our world.

A mother, sister, wife, partner, teacher, and entrepreneur.

A few weeks ago, during our Arabic lessons, the Arabic-language students learned how to wish the women in their lives a happy International Women's Day in Arabic. Many of them conveyed this to their mothers, guardians and respective teachers.

Rania Husseini, IBDP/MYP Arabic language teacher

## Model United Nations



"We are thrilled to announce the success of our Model United Nations club in their recent trip to Porto, Portugal in February. AISJ sent a group of 15 secondary students to compete in an international event (OBSMUN) consisting of participants from international schools from around Europe. Our students worked hard and performed exceptionally well throughout the event,



showcasing their skills in public speaking, critical thinking and diplomacy. Their weeks of research, writing and practice paid off, as ultimately we were able to bring home nearly half of all awards available at the conference! The trip to Porto was not only a learning experience for our students in terms of academics, but also in terms of cultural immersion. None of us (chaperones included) had visited beautiful Portugal before. So, along with exploring the city of Porto, we were able to learn much about its rich history, eat delicious local food, and interact with people from around the region. While the trip provided our students with an opportunity to further broaden their perspectives and learn, it was also just fun to explore and experience new things together.

I believe the success of our MUN club is a testament to the dedication and uniqueness of our students, as well as the support and guidance provided by our faculty members at



AISJ. We should all be proud of their exceptional performance and achievements, and hopefully we will continue to participate in similar events in the future. Congratulations to our MUN Portugal team on a job well done!!"

Mr Seth Boger

## ELEMENTARY NEWS...

**Explore Trips** An important part of learning in the Primary Years is to enable the children to explore parts of this fascinating country. There are so many diverse environments, wildlife and nature to discover, along with rich historical and cultural experiences. Our 'Explore trips start with a one extended day trip for PY3 and PY4 children, building up to a 2 day residential for PY5 and a 3 day residential for PY6. This year, all the trips were based around the same area



in the Arava Desert region. We visited an antelope ranch; learning fascinating facts about the different species of antelope and how they live. We visited 'Corocoloco', a sanctuary for the Nile crocodile. The children were able to see how they were cared for at the different stages of their life, and even stroke a baby crocodile. A visit to Beit Hashita, an organic farm, gave the children the opportunity to prepare their own lunch using the fresh produce that they picked themselves.



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AISJ is an internationally accredited pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 (ages 3-18) school, dedicated to preparing students to succeed throughout the world, in schools, universities, future responsibilities and careers, and is founded upon Christian beliefs and values.

Our mission is to:

Lead the way, every day to deliver the best world class education.

Teach within the best methodology available and within the highest standards of Christian ethics and values.

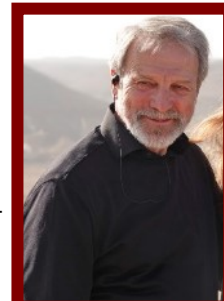
Value, care for and encourage every child to learn to the best of their ability and to prepare them to take their place as a world citizen.

Value and professionally enhance every staff member.

Assist every school family to partner in the learning experience of the child within this unique and special location.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Dorothy Sayers, a once popular author of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, wrote an essay about the philosophy of education entitled "The Lost Tools of Learning." Seventy years on it seems a bit obscure, but its content and purpose remain essential and important. Born in 1893, Dorothy was the daughter of an English vicar. She grew up in Oxford, England, was schooled classically, and eventually graduated with first-class honours in medieval and modern literature from Somerville College, Oxford University. An early feminist, her scholarly and writing career spanned the decades from 1920 until her death in 1957. Her work included essays, poetry, plays, and a translation of Dante from the Italian. In addition, a series of popular novels (The Lord Peter Wimsey mysteries) and her radio dramas were best known. And, curiously, she was also a commercial copywriter producing advertising for Coleman's Mustard and Guinness Stout. That classical education, and early childhood lessons in Latin, led her to this analysis of developments in 'modern' education. She explains in this long essay about early learning that the West inherited from the Greek and Roman periods. Known as the *Trivium*, the curriculum focused on logic, grammar, and rhetoric. The goal of these subjects, according to Sayers, was to teach children how to learn and, to a degree and acquire the ability to continue learning beyond schooling. In this classical model, the study of particular other subjects (science, history etc.) called the *Quadrivium* was taken up after the tools of learning had become habitual for the student children. I am not qualified to assess the various methods by which children are educated. I am able to observe how my children and grandchildren experienced and emerged from their widely varied experiences in the UK and USA, and through conversations with graduates of AISJ I have met. However it is achieved, Dorothy Sayers assertion that the tools of learning are the foundation of any proper education seems correct. And, I am confident that students of AISJ have available to them the opportunity to acquire those tools from the education we provide. (Sayers essay is available without charge on Kindle.)



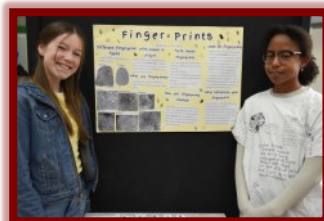
Daryl Fenton,  
Chair of the Board



In February, MY2 and MY3 took part in the **AISJ Science Fair** and it was a great success.

Students chose and worked on experimental and research based projects in the week leading up to the fair before presenting their

results to their peers, younger classes, DYP students and teachers. The overall winners were Marisa and Julia for their fascinating project on fingerprints.



**Attention Parents!**

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