# AISJ SPRING NEWSLETTER



*'Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.'*

*~ Ephesians 3:20*



## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTORS

As we near another holiday, we are both immensely grateful for another very successful term. We hope that you enjoy reading of the amazing events that have taken place over the past few months and the successes of our students.

One of the delights of our school is that we can see and celebrate all of our students' achievements, from the youngest 2-year-olds who performed so beautifully at our recent 'Stay and Play' event, right up through to our confident seniors.

The DY2 students are in their final few weeks of their time at AISJ. They have completed all of their assignments, taken their mock exams, and will have study leave from school straight through until their IB exams in May. We could not be prouder of them: they have been so diligent in their studies this year. They have also been an incredible example for the younger students on how to be a responsible, caring member of their community.

Of course, none of this would happen without an incredibly dedicated staff who have remained steadfast and committed to doing the best for their students through yet another challenging year. It is all the staff who make AISJ the special community that it is. Thank you all for your support.

~Mr. Devin Michell and Mrs. Sarah Coleman

# MUSIC RECITALS

We recently celebrated a wonderfully festive Spring Music Recital, which offered a fantastic opportunity for our young AISJ musicians and music teachers to showcase their talents to parents, students, and staff.

Our pianists, singers, and guitarists—ranging in age from 7 to 17—were truly impressive, performing a wide variety of music and further developing their performance skills.

As a special touch, each young musician went home with a spring plant, marking both Valentine's Day and Tu B'Shvat (the New Year of the Trees).

We're already looking forward to the summer recitals in June!

~ Ms. Judith Litoff






# ELEMENTARY BAKE SALE

The Elementary Student Council hosted a Valentine's Day-themed bake sale, with PY5 and PY6 families donating treats. Students from PY1 to PY6 visited with their classes to choose something to buy.

Not only did the students impress us with their friendly service and delicious selection of homemade treats, but they also gained valuable experience in money management, counting, and teamwork.

Funds raised will go toward an end-of-year party or another Student Council–led initiative.



# STAY AND PLAY

In March, the Early Years children had the pleasure of welcoming their parents to the Spring-themed 'Stay and Play' event.

The three classes sang 'Here is the Beehive,' after which families enjoyed a variety of seasonal activities, including crafting with clay and dried beans, creating colourful butterflies, and exploring loose parts with pastel playdough.

With beautiful spring weather and a warm, joyful atmosphere, it was truly a delightful occasion.

~ Mrs Hannah Lavi

# BOOK WEEK






Book Week was a fantastic celebration of inventors and inventions, filled with creativity, curiosity, and a love for reading!

We kicked off the week with, 'The Wonder Lab', where a visiting scientist amazed us with hands-on experiments.

On Tuesday, students became inventors themselves, crafting their own edible cookie creations.

The excitement continued with, 'Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day', a school-wide favorite, along with a special movie screening of a book-based film.

To end the week on a cozy note, our younger students enjoyed a magical flashlight reading session in tents, led by our MY students. It was a truly inspiring week, and we're already looking forward to next year's adventures!

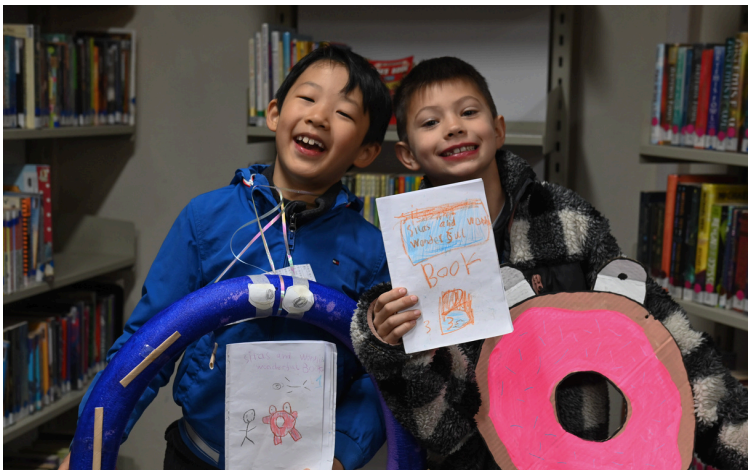
~Ms. Andrea Anaki











# SCIENCE FAIR

The MY3 class recently hosted a science fair, showcasing student projects across various scientific fields, including genetics, environmental science, microbiology, electricity, chemical reactions, mechanical physics, and engineering.

Students conducted experiments and presented their findings with enthusiasm and creativity. In addition to the first-place winner, awards were given for Best Presentation, Best Explanation, and Most Original. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and innovative thinking!







# MYP SERVICE DAY

On Wednesday, February 26, 2025, our MY4 and MY5 students spent the day serving at the Helen Keller School for the Visually and Hearing Impaired and at the Green Fund Organization in Jerusalem.

The MY5 students planned and implemented educational activities at the Helen Keller School, interacting and communicating with students through sports, technology, and hands-on activities. Meanwhile, our MY4 students were engaged in planting and outdoor work.

Service is an integral part and cornerstone of the IBMYP. It challenges students to contribute where needed without expecting anything in return, aiming to develop global citizens through collaboration, perseverance, and intercultural understanding.

The positive feedback I have received is a testament to our students' dedication and kindness. I am proud of them for taking on new challenges and growing in the process.

~ Mrs. Rania Husseini



# FASHION SHOWS



At this year's Fashion Show, our MY1-MY4 Art Students embraced sustainable fashion with creativity and innovation.

After 12 weeks of hard work, they unveiled a unique collection of clothing and accessories, crafted entirely from uncycled and recycled fabrics—nothing was purchased for the event!

The theme explored contrasts and extremes, including black and white, night and day, and old versus new.

We couldn't be prouder of their dedication and vision!

To see more pictures from this event on Facebook, please click here.

# MY5 PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION

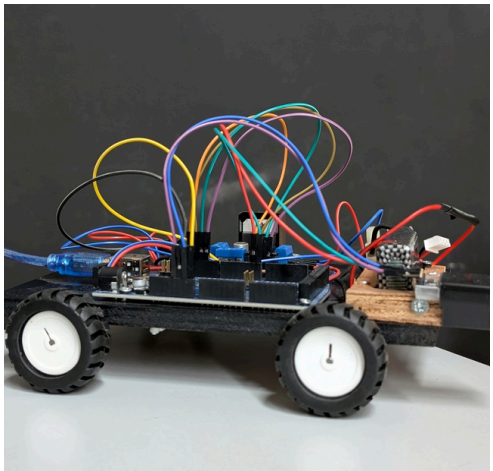
After nearly a year of planning, the AISJ MY5 students showcased their personal project accomplishments at an exhibition on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

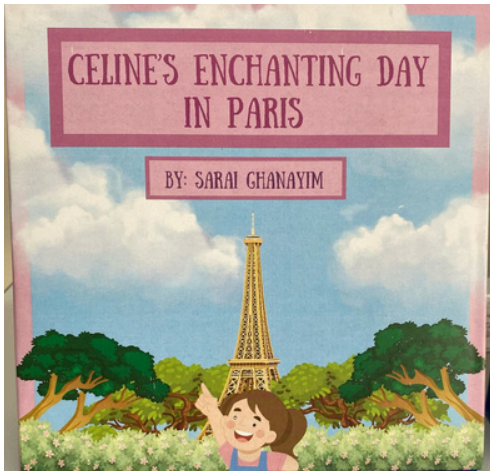
The personal project is the culmination of the Middle Years Programme (MYP), challenging students to identify a learning and product goal they are passionate about, develop and apply their skills to achieve it, and reflect on their growth.

This year, MY5 students impressed us all with their creativity and dedication, producing a wide range of projects, including but not limited to a remote-controlled car, botanical illustrations, crocheted stuffed animals, a student-written book on the representation of Palestinian doctors in Israeli hospitals, and a ramen cookbook.

We are incredibly proud of our MY5 students and their achievements and congratulate them on their hard work.

To view more photos from the event, please click here.








# TRIP TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

During our visit to the newly built Israel National Library on Monday, March 10, 2025, students from both the MYP and DYP language classes learned about the library's striking architecture and its vast collection of over 5 million books!

The students visited displays on alphabets, exploring connections between Hebrew, Arabic, and other languages, as well as a fascinating exhibition on Jewish Austrian-Czech novelist Franz Kafka. A highlight of the visit was watching the library's robots retrieve books for readers.

The visit ended with a sculpture exhibition inspired by the Hebrew alphabet and a neighborhood walk to see other cultural sites. It was a wonderful day of learning beyond the classroom.



# LOOKING AHEAD: UPCOMING EVENTS

We have several exciting events coming up this term that bring our school community together and give students a chance to shine in different areas.

**Elementary Sports Day – Friday, May 2nd**
This is always a highlight of the school year. Students will compete in a variety of events as part of their house teams—Clarke, Bradnack, and Thomas. It's a fun day of friendly competition, school spirit, and teamwork.

**International Dinner – Wednesday, May 14th**
Our annual celebration of the diverse cultures in our school community. Families are invited to share traditional dishes and enjoy an evening of food, music, and connection.

**Music Recitals – Tuesday, June 3rd**
A second opportunity for students to perform new musical pieces they've been working on throughout the year for family and friends.

**Musical Theatre Production – Thursday, June 5th**
Our Musical Theater students will take the stage in this year's production of 'Hey! Turnaround.' They can't wait to showcase their talent and teamwork for you!

We look forward to seeing many of you at these events and will share more information as each date approaches.