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# January Newsletter



Academic Department



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## School Value "Integrating with the Community"

Building a connected school community enhances learning outcomes and support collaboration and wellbeing for the entire school. Learning environments that are deeply united have an array of benefits for students, teachers, parents and the wider school.

## Upcoming Events

UAE Innovation Month

STEM Week Opening

100 days of school

Reading Campaign

KG Sport Day

KG Got Talent

KG Science Fair

KG Planting Day.

Visit the school Website



## This Month at School

Community-Based Learning provides an opportunity for a community to shape students' values and to prepare students for engaged citizenship, leadership and community participation after college, all essential things in democratic society.



## Links

Raz Kids  
<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

Kam kalima  
<https://kamkalima.com/>

I read Arabic  
<https://www.ireadarabic.com/>

TIMSS Practice  
<https://www.edinformatics.com/timss/>

Think central  
<https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do?orgID=88575742>

GLP: <https://my.hrw.com/>

HMH: <https://hmh.trunity.org/>



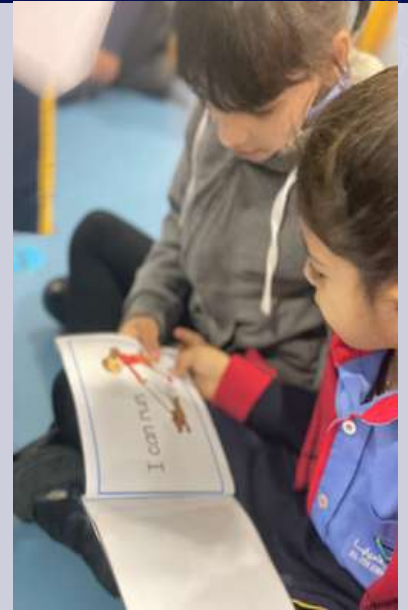
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# Kindergarten

## Reading Classes

Kindergarten students have been enjoying the recently started reading program in their classrooms. They are learning how to sound out words, how to recognize sight words, and how to read short stories. The students are excited to be able to read and they love the stories they are reading. The teachers have been very encouraging and the students are having a great time learning new words and stories. The reading program is helping the students develop their reading skills and they are becoming more confident in their abilities every day.







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## Army Day



Our kindergartners enjoyed The Army Day activities which were exciting and integrated with teaching and learning related to UAE culture. It involved marching, singing the national anthem, climbing and crawling under the net, and ended by clicking pictures using the photobooth. The marching was a good way to learn about discipline and respect for the national flag, while the singing of the national anthem was a great way to show patriotism. The activities of climbing and crawling under the net were fun and exciting, and the photobooth was a great way to capture the memories of the day. All in all, the Army Day activities were a great way to learn and have fun at the same time. They were both enjoyable and educational, providing students with a better understanding of the various aspects of the UAE's history and culture.



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## Plickers

Our kindergarten teachers and students have been having a lot of fun with Plickers, an innovative web-based tool that allows teachers to quickly and easily assess student understanding. Plickers enables teachers to engage their students in a fun and effective way. Students can answer questions and instantly receive feedback from the teacher. The real-time data from Plickers helps teachers quickly identify areas of learning that need more attention and focus, allowing for efficient and effective teaching and learning. It's been great to see our kindergarten teachers and students getting engaged with Plickers and making teaching and learning more fun and effective.







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## Football Tournament



The kindergarten students at AAS had a great time during their Annual Football Tournament. They enjoyed playing the game and discussing their favorite football players and teams. They were especially excited when they got to wear their favorite team's jerseys and play with their friends. The tournament gave the students a chance to bond and learn the basics of the game. They were all thrilled to be part of the tournament and were able to experience the joys of football. It was a great experience for all involved, and the students had a blast! The students were thrilled to meet the Emirati famous football player "Fares Jumaa" who visited us on the Final. They were so excited watching him playing. It was a wonderful opportunity for our kindergarteners to learn from an inspiring individual who is passionate about his sport.





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# Kindergarten

## Phonics Lessons



Our kindergarten students are learning phonics lessons to improve their reading and writing. We use a variety of engaging activities to help them learn, including playdough, flashcards, and songs that rhyme words. The students are able to practice their phonics skills in a fun and interactive way that is both educational and entertaining. We also work on recognizing letter sounds, blending sounds to form words, and reading and writing simple words. This helps to develop the foundation they need to become successful readers and writers.







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# Primary Science Lessons

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit” Nelson Henderson.

Plants start their life from seed, grow into a plant, and then grow into a huge tree. Grade 1 students learned about the importance of planting and having plants in our life. This activity provides not only an exciting learning experience but also a hands-on way for students to connect with their local environment. The process of planting, monitoring, and caring for plants can help students gain a greater appreciation for the world around them. It can also help them to develop important skills related to problem-solving and critical thinking.







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# Primary Math Lessons & Using Technology

We are so proud of our Grade 1 students who have been learning how to find unknown numbers in math equations!

With the help of our teachers, our students have been able to understand how finding the unknowns in math equations is a powerful tool for problem-solving. They have been applying the skills they have learned to real-life and everyday problems.

We are excited to see our Grade 1 students continuing to grow in their math skills and look forward to more success in the future.



Grade 1 students are using technology like iPads in the classroom to help enhance their learning experience. This technology provides a fun and interactive way for students to create, explore and share their ideas. iPads can be used to access educational apps, multimedia content, and educational games that can help students learn and practice key skills. iPads also provide a platform for teachers to communicate with their students and track their progress. With the use of iPads, Grade 1 students can experience the world in a new way and become more engaged in the learning process.



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# Primary English Lessons

Grade 1 students working in groups to explore the elements of a story is a great way to engage students in creative and collaborative learning. Working in groups encourages students to communicate and share ideas as they read, discuss, and create stories. They can discuss and create characters, settings, and plot points together, while also developing their listening, speaking, and comprehension skills. Through this activity, Grade 1 students can build their understanding of how stories are structured and developed, encouraging them to think critically and express themselves creatively.







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# Primary

## Morning Assembly (Community Builders)

The morning assembly was a great way for the students to demonstrate the importance of working together to build a strong community. Grade 1A students recently presented an impressive performance in the morning assembly. The performance was part of a community-building exercise, which aimed to bring the school students together. The performance was well received by the audience, who applauded the young students for their enthusiasm and energy.



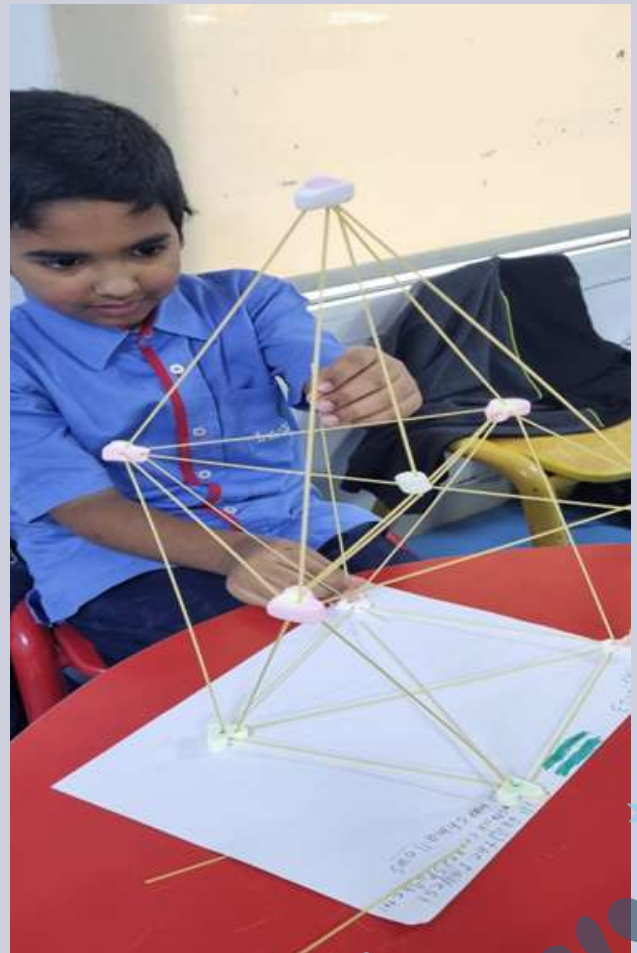


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# Primary STEM Lessons

Tapping into their creative side, Grade 2 students are having a blast during their STEM activity, making structures out of pasta and marshmallows. Working in teams, each student has the chance to express their ideas and build something unique. They use their problem-solving skills to figure out how to best connect the pieces of pasta and marshmallows to create strong and tall structures. They are learning about the importance of engineering and design in a fun, hands-on way. The students are having a great time as they work together to build amazing structures out of pasta and marshmallows.







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# Primary Science Lessons



Grade 3 students began their exploration of Earth science this month by learning about the 4 layers of Earth. To help them better understand the structure of the planet, they used play-dough to create a 3D model of the Earth. The students shaped the play-dough into a sphere, then divided it up into 4 sections to represent the core, mantle, crust, and lithosphere. They labeled each section and discussed the characteristics of each layer. This hands-on activity gave the students an opportunity to better visualize and understand the Earth's structure and the different layers that make up our planet. They had a great time learning about the Earth and exploring it through play-dough.





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# Primary Science Lessons

This science activity is designed to help Grade 4 students understand the water cycle. The activity begins by having the students brainstorm what they already know about the water cycle. Then, the students will draw a diagram of the water cycle to help them visualize the different stages. After that, the students will experiment to further explore the water cycle. They will fill a large bowl with water and place it in the sun. Then they will track the water evaporating, condensing, and raining back into the bowl throughout the day. Finally, the students will discuss their observations and draw conclusions about the water cycle.







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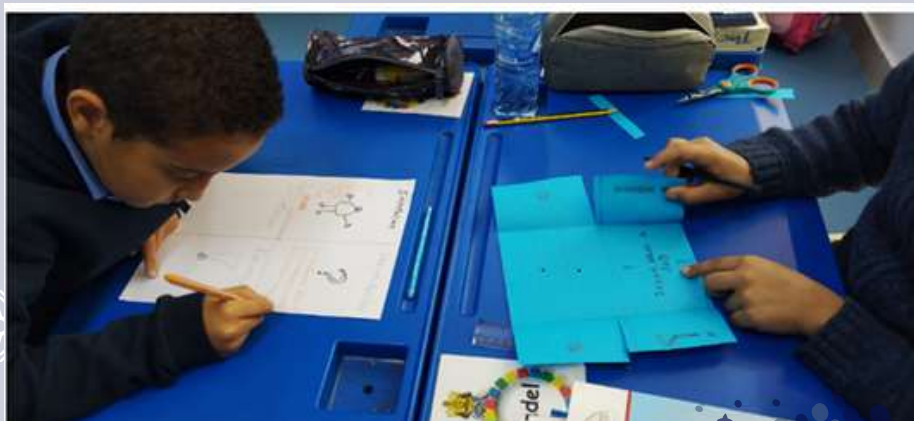


# Primary English Lessons

G4 students had done a differentiated activity on kinds of sentences by using a variety of activities to help them understand the different types of sentences. For example, they practiced writing sentences using the four types of sentences (declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory). They also created a poster to show the differences between the types of sentences and practiced writing examples of each type. They also used sentence starters to create sentences of each type and had a group discussion to compare and contrast the different types of sentences



Playing a Board Game on common and proper nouns - students were very excited about the game. Students built and used their prior knowledge to understand how to name a proper noun for each common one

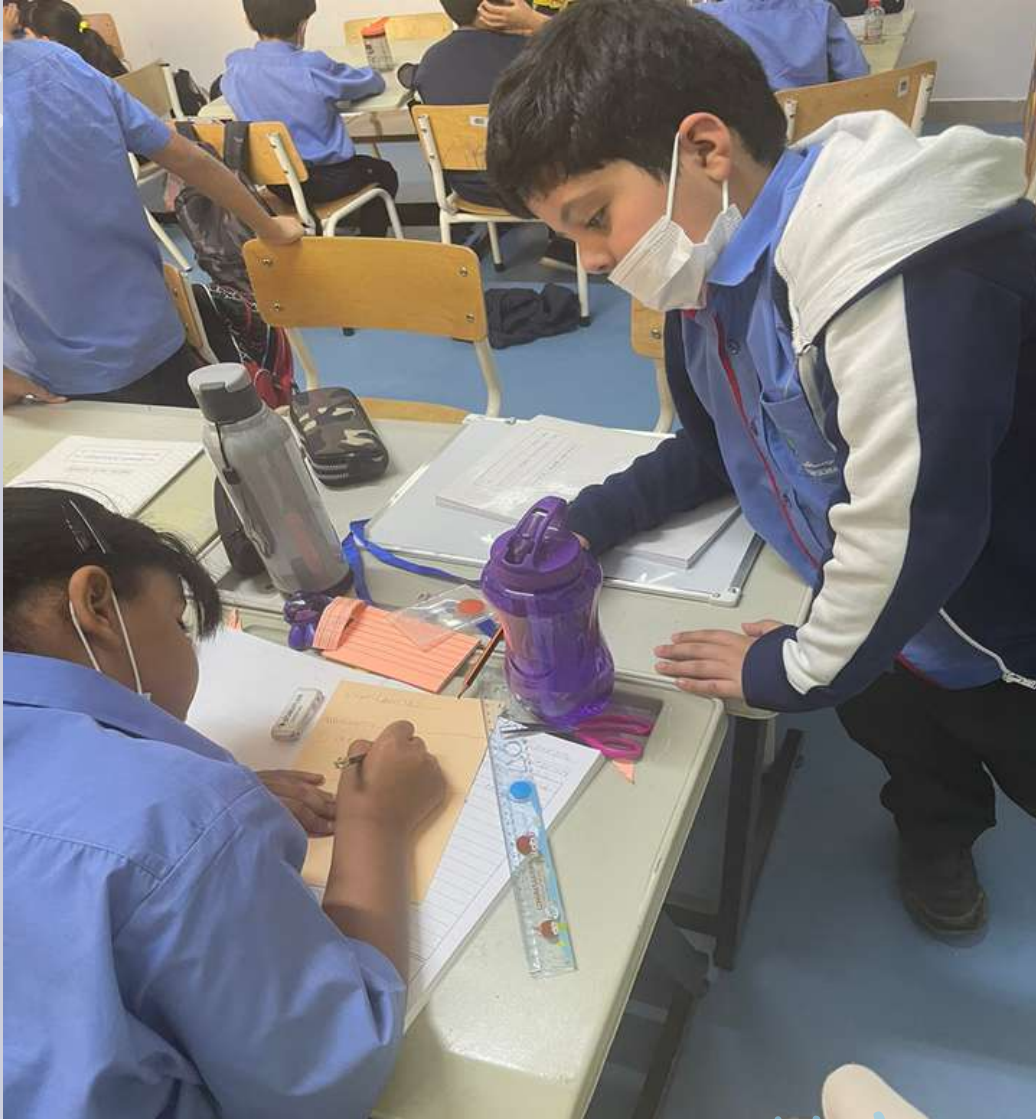




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# اللغة العربية

قام طلاب الصف الثالث بكتابة حروف العطف ودلالاتها على أوراق ملونة  
في أجواء ملؤها المتعة والشغف







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# التربية الإسلامية

طلاب وطالبات الصف الرابع ينشطون في حلول  
الأنشطة المتنوعة التي تُعزز مهاراتهم المعرفية  
وقدراتهم الفكرية في كتبهم الدراسية بمادة التربية  
الإسلامية





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# التربية الإسلامية

طالبات الصف الرابع يَنشُطَن مَهَارِيًّا في تدوين  
إجاباتهن المعرفيَّة لدروس التربية الوطنية؛ مما  
يُرسِّخ المَعَارِف، وفهمها، وتطبيقها في واقع  
الحياة المجتمعيَّة







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# ICT Classes



Grade 1 and 2 learning  
scratch jr to built their  
games and stories



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# Middle School Using Plickers



Students in Grade 5 can use Plickers to practice comparing decimals during a math lesson. The teacher can assign each student a unique Plicker code and ask them to hold up their code to answer questions about comparing decimals. The teacher can either ask multiple-choice questions or create their questions with the Plickers app. Questions can involve comparing decimals by value, by place value, or by using a number line. Interactive games can also be created where students have to answer questions correctly to win points. The teacher can instantly track student responses and can view the results to gauge student understanding. This activity can help Grade 5 students understand the concept of comparing decimals in a fun and engaging way.







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# Middle School

## Using Technology in Math Lessons

Decimal Movement Competition is a fun math competition designed for Grade 5 students. The competition encourages students to practice their understanding of decimal numbers by using the online platform Kahoot during a math lesson. In the competition, students are asked to solve math problems that involve decimals and fractions. Students are scored based on accuracy and speed, with the fastest and most accurate students winning the competition. The competition helps students to develop their understanding of decimal numbers, as well as their ability to work quickly and accurately under pressure.



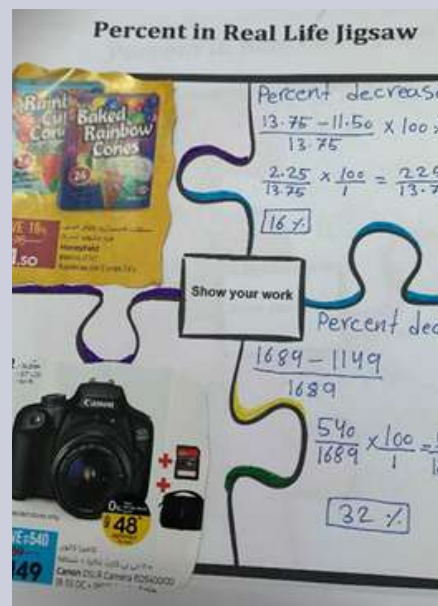


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## Middle School Math Lessons

Grade 7 students enjoyed a math activity where they calculated the percent decrease of discounted items sold at a local shopping centre. They were delighted to pick out the offers they liked and use the brochures to work out the percent decrease. This activity was a great way for students to gain experience with concepts in a fun and interactive way.







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## Middle School Reading Lessons

Guided reading. Girls (8A) are engaged in reading leveled books. Each girl was eager to finish her book and share a summary of her book with her shoulder friend.



Searching for word meaning in a dictionary. Students from grade 8 are checking the meaning of the new vocabulary words they met in the lesson to use the words in a different context. The students were curious to learn as many new words as possible.





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# اللغة العربية

انطلق الطلاب في حلّ أنشطة مُتميّزة عن  
درس (روح الطبيعة)







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# التربية الوطنية

أنجز طالبات الصف السابع أوراق عمل  
متميّزة في موضوع من أهم الموضوعات  
المعاصرة وهو التنمية البشرية





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# التربية الإسلامية

من أبرز الموضوعات التي تبرز أهميتها في كل المجالات، وفي كل الأوقات: القوة الناعمة  
وقد أنجز طالبات الصف الثامن أعمالاً فيها دقة وفائدة  
كبيرة في هذا الموضوع الهام







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# ICT Classes

We learn Coding in AAS 😊 We are the future programmers . Kids gain many skills like: Computational Thinking, Critical Thinking, and Digital Literacy is very critical. By learning programming.





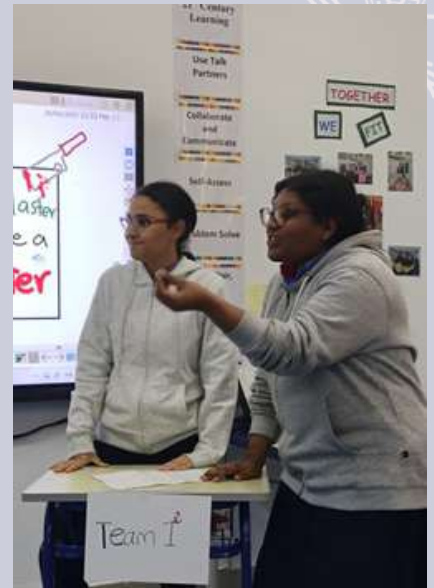
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# High School English Lessons

Grade 9 students enjoyed preparing for interesting and engaging debates on various topics.

Both girls' and boys' classes were eager to exchange their points of view and provide feedback afterward on what was done well and what can be improved for future debates.

Students were active, enthusiastic, and excited to be part of such an activity.







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# High School Science Lessons

Grade 9 girls are learning about the periodic table and the wide variety of uses for the elements it contains. They are exploring the elements' roles in our everyday lives, from powering technologies and enabling medical treatments to provide the essential building blocks of life. Students are gaining an understanding of how the elements interact and combine to form compounds that make up the world around us. They are also discovering the properties of each element, such as boiling and melting points, electrical conductivity, and reactivity rates. Through this knowledge, students are developing a deeper appreciation for how the elements shape our world





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# اللغة العربية

انطلق الطلاب في حلّ أنشطة مُتميّزة  
عن درس (روح الطبيعة)







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# التربية الإسلامية

الطلاب ينشطون في حلول الأنشطة المتنوعة  
التي تعزز مهاراتهم المعرفية وقدراتهم الفكرية  
في كتبهم الدراسية بمادة التربية الإسلامية

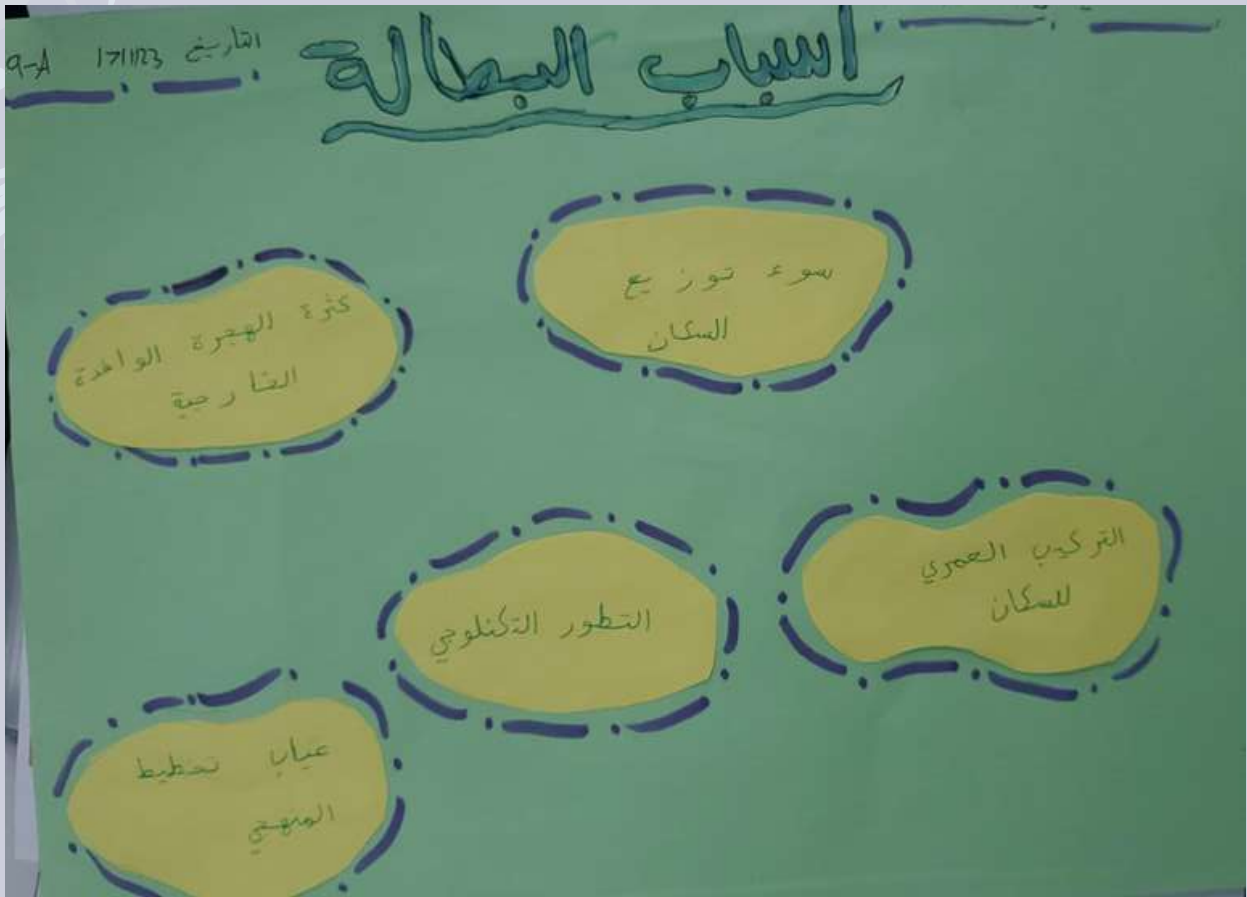




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# التربية الوطنية

أنجز طالبات الصف التاسع أوراق عمل  
متميزة في موضوع : أسباب البطالة في  
الوطن العربي



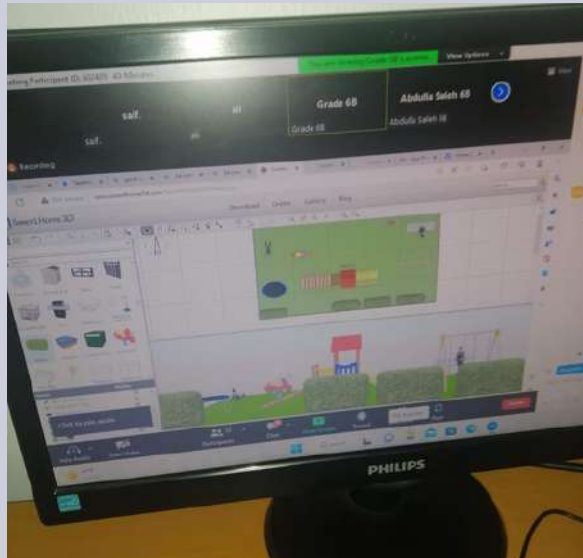




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# Shooting Stars

Shooting stars is a reward program for students who demonstrate exemplary behavior and follow school rules. Every week, teachers can nominate students that have gone above and beyond in their conduct and academic performance. These students will be recognized as "shooting stars" and will receive a certificate. The program is designed to motivate and recognize students who are making an effort to be their best, and to promote a positive school climate. Through this program, students can take pride in their accomplishments and be inspired to continue their efforts.







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## Integrating with Community K9 Unit of Abu Dhabi Police Visit

Al Ain American School welcomed a visit from the Abu Dhabi Police K9 Unit as part of their celebration of the school's core value of integration with the community. The students were delighted to meet the police officers and their canine companions. The officers and their dogs demonstrated their expertise in obedience training, detection, race, and crowd control. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the important role these dogs play in keeping their community safe. After the demonstration, the officers and their dogs had a meet-and-greet session with the students, giving them a chance to connect with the police and their furry friends. It was a great experience for the students and a wonderful way to celebrate the school's core value of community integration.





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## Integrating with Community Mr. Mohamed Al Shamsi( Sports commentator)

The visit to the match between 7b and 8b during the morning assembly was a thrilling experience. The atmosphere was electric, with the crowd cheering and chanting for their respective teams. Mohamed Alshamsi (Parent of a G2D Student) was a great sports commentator, providing engaging commentary and commentary about the match. He also praised the winning team and congratulated them for their victory. As part of the visit, Mohamed Alshamsi also encouraged the players to strive for better performances and to keep up the competitive spirit. This visit was a great way to integrate the school with the community and to promote healthy competition.







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## AAS Sport Day



This year, Abu Dhabi University hosted the Annual AAS School Sport Day. It is an opportunity for students of all ages and abilities to participate in a range of different sporting activities. The day was filled with games, races, and other activities that are designed to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The day started off with a parade of students to kick off the event. Then, students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of track and field events such as sprints, relays, and long distance running. Students were able also to participate in field games such as football. There were also organized activities such as tug of war, sack races, and obstacle courses. The day ended with awards being given out for the best performances in each event. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as students cheer for their friends and teammates. The AAS School Sport Day is a fun and exciting way for students to come together and enjoy the sport of their choice. It also encourages physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment.





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## Morning Assembly Integrating with Community

Building community performance was truly remarkable. The students displayed an incredible level of energy and enthusiasm as they worked together to create a vibrant, living community. The students rolled play how they can work together to build a sense of community among their peers, their families, and the older generations of their town. They come up with ideas such as organizing a clean-up day in the town. As the performance progresses, the students take on the roles of their ancestors, parents, and grandparents to show the importance of working together as a team to build a strong community. They also learn to appreciate the wisdom and experience of their elders as they work together to come up with solutions to common problems in the town. The performance culminates with the students putting their ideas into action and helping to build a better community for everyone.







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## Monday Madness



Monday Madness is a reward program designed to recognize the hard work of AAS School Staff. It was created to show appreciation and reward staff members for going the extra mile. Every Monday, the staff members who are chosen for Monday Madness will receive a certificate and early leave ticket as a token of appreciation. By recognizing the hard work and dedication of staff members, we hope to create a positive and productive environment for everyone.



On Monday Madness, We also had the opportunity to honor our beloved Ms. Soraya, our Arabic teacher, who is leaving us after giving us her knowledge and support for many years. Ms. Soraya has been an incredible asset to our school - she has inspired us all with her passion for the Arabic language and culture.



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## البرنامج الصباحي عن العمل التطوعي

قدم طلاب الصف الثاني برنامجاً إذاعياً صباحياً رائعاً عن العمل التطوعي والأشخاص الذين يقدمون خدماتهم بشكل مجاني لمساعدة الآخرين وفوائد العمل التطوعي على الفرد والمجتمع واحترام وتقدير الأشخاص الذين يتركون أثر في حياتنا.







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# ICT Classes

We learn how to maintain the computer in AAS 😊  
We are the computer engineers . Grade 8  
students in the information and communication  
technology class maintained and updated the old  
devices to develop and reuse them.





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## Parents Orientation Session The Journey toward Improvement

The first step in the improvement journey of Al Ain American School is to ensure that all stakeholders have a shared understanding of the school's purpose and objectives. Therefore, we always engage our community and keep up them updated with the school's improvement plans. At Al Ain American School, we strive to establish a culture of continuous improvement by encouraging our staff and students to strive for excellence and recognize their achievements.







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## Parents Orientation Session The Journey toward Improvement

In this parents' orientation, we shared with our stakeholders, the school development plans in terms of faculty and building. We also shared some of our accomplishments and targets for the future as well as our road to Cognia Accreditation.

