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Tolerance



Value of the Month 'Tolerance'

At Al Ain American School, the October core value of Tolerance is celebrated daily through teaching students to embrace diversity and respect differences. In classes, students practice tolerance by listening to different perspectives, collaborating inclusively, and supporting one another. In daily life, they show kindness, celebrate cultural diversity, and resolve conflicts peacefully. Morning assemblies highlight tolerance through inspiring messages, role model recognition, and activities that promote unity. By focusing on tolerance, the school fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment, preparing students to thrive in a diverse world.



Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

At Al Ain American School, the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign emphasizes the importance of early detection and support for those affected. Through engaging activities such as educational workshops, pink-themed events, and fundraising initiatives, the school community comes together to raise awareness. Students and staff wear pink to show solidarity, while informative sessions empower individuals with knowledge about prevention and treatment. The campaign fosters a spirit of care, compassion, and action, uniting everyone in the fight against breast cancer.





Kindergarten



KG1 Rock Explorers: Discovering the Wonders of Rocks!

Our KG1 students had a hands-on science adventure learning how rocks are formed. They examined various rocks, explored their textures and colors, and recreated the rock-making process using mixed sand, small rocks, and liquid glue to create their own "rocks," discovering how materials bond together over time.

This fun activity taught them about sedimentary rocks while sparking curiosity about the natural world. It was a creative and exciting way to introduce science concepts to our young learners





Kindergarten



Healthy Life Style Closure

Our KG students celebrated the end of the Healthy Lifestyle Campaign with an exciting event! The day was filled with energetic performances, including exercise songs, Zumba dances, and a short drama, all emphasizing the importance of staying healthy.

A special highlight was the visit from a parent Mr. Abed who is a karate expert. They demonstrated exercises and shared valuable tips on staying active and fit. The children eagerly joined in, trying out karate moves and learning how exercise helps maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The event was both fun and educational, inspiring our young learners to adopt healthy habits and stay active every day!





Kindergarten



"KG2's Creative Aquariums: A Splashy Science Finale!"

To conclude their science unit, "Animals and Their Needs," KG2 students showcased their creativity by building their own aquariums. Using art supplies and recycled materials, they designed habitats that mimic underwater environments, complete with fish, plants, and colorful decorations.

Through this hands-on activity, the KG2 students deepened their understanding of how animals depend on their habitats to meet their needs for food, water, and shelter. It was a fun and educational way to wrap up the unit, inspiring curiosity and a love for learning about nature!





Kindergarten



"Little Ears, Big Discoveries: Engaging Listening Lessons in KG!"

Our KG students have been having a blast during their listening lessons in the newly designed Listening Corner! This cozy space is filled with soft cushions, colorful books, and a variety of audio materials, making it the perfect spot for young learners to develop their listening skills.

During these lessons, students listened to stories, songs, and sounds, engaging their imagination and improving their ability to follow instructions and comprehend audio cues. The Listening Corner has quickly become a favorite space, and our little learners love the interactive and fun way it enhances their learning experience!





Kindergarten



"Smiles All Around: KG Students Learn About Dental Health!"

The KG students had an exciting visit from Al Meena Dental Center! The dentists checked their teeth, teaching them the importance of good oral hygiene. Each child received a special gift, including a toothbrush and toothpaste, to help them take care of their smiles.

The visit was both fun and educational, helping our little learners understand how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. It was a wonderful way to promote dental care and encourage healthy habits from a young age!





Kindergarten



"Comfy and Cozy: KG's Fun-Filled Pajamas Day!"

KG students had a cozy and exciting day during Pajamas Day! Everyone came to school in their favorite pajamas, bringing along their beloved teddy bears and night stories. The day kicked off with a fun brushing teeth activity to remind the children of the importance of oral hygiene.

The students then enjoyed a healthy breakfast together, sharing nutritious snacks to start the day right. Afterward, they relaxed and watched the movie Finding Nemo, enjoying the underwater adventure. To capture the memories, the children had a photo session, posing with their teddy bears and smiling for the camera. Pajamas Day was a fun-filled, heartwarming experience that combined comfort, learning, and lots of laughter!



Academic Spotlight: Inside Our Classrooms

Primary Department-English Lessons

Cracking the Code with High-Frequency Words!

Our Grade 1 students became code-breakers as they practiced high-frequency words! Through our "Break the Code" activity, they deciphered words and strengthened their reading skills in a fun, engaging way. This hands-on approach made learning high-frequency words exciting and memorable!



Using the word wall helps Grade 1 students read high-frequency words effortlessly, enhancing their literacy skills. Regular interaction with these words builds confidence and fluency in young readers. The visual and repetitive nature of the word wall makes learning engaging and effective for early learners.



Academic Spotlight: Inside Our Classrooms

Primary Department-English Lessons

“Guided Reading”

G1 Students read engaging stories and answered questions about each one, earning rewards for their efforts and comprehension. It was wonderful to see them so motivated and focused, using technology to enhance their learning experience.



During guided reading this month, our second and third graders explored stories by answering comprehension questions with fun cards. They practiced summarizing plots, sequencing events, and identifying characters. It was a great way to enhance their reading skills while sharing their insights with friends!



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Primary Department-English Lessons



“Grade 4” students at Al Ain American School guide their peers through lessons, explaining concepts clearly and answering questions, engage the class with questions and examples. As they teach, they also assess their classmates’ understanding, giving feedback and checking for comprehension.

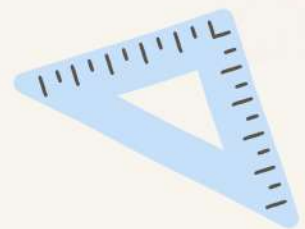
Grade 4 students at Al Ain American School actively participated in the lesson plenary, using their small whiteboards to reflect on their learning and engage in peer assessment, fostering collaboration and deeper understanding.



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Primary Department-Math Lessons

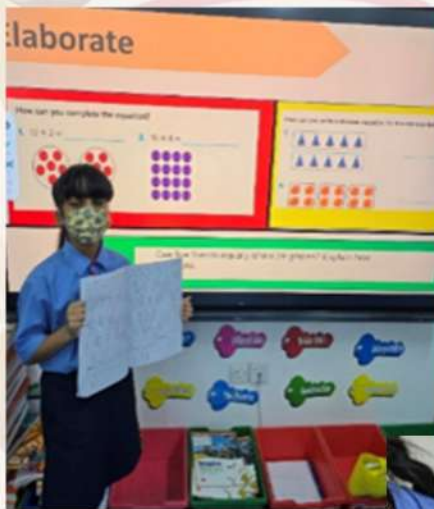
Grade 1 students collaborate enthusiastically in groups, using creative strategies such as drawing, using manipulatives, and storytelling to solve subtraction questions. They actively support each other's learning by sharing ideas and encouraging teamwork. Through adaptive learning tools, students engage with personalized subtraction challenges that match their individual skill levels, ensuring that every child progresses at their own pace. This combination of group collaboration and tailored learning experiences fosters a fun, inclusive, and effective environment for mastering subtraction.



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Primary Department-Math Lessons

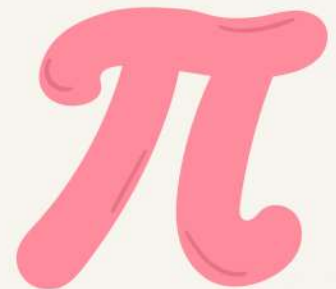
Grade 3 students explored various methods for solving multiplication and division problems, including numerical calculations, word problems, and hands-on activities like using arrays, number lines, and grouping objects. They applied strategies such as skip counting, repeated addition, and fact families to deepen their understanding. With the help of adaptive learning tools, students practiced personalized problem sets tailored to their skill levels, ensuring targeted growth while building confidence in these foundational operations.



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Primary Department-Math Lessons

Enthusiastic 4th graders teamed up for a math challenge using a crossword game, collaboratively adding multi-digit numbers. This fun group activity not only strengthened their skills in addition with regrouping but also sparked excitement and a growing love for mathematics! 🚀🌟



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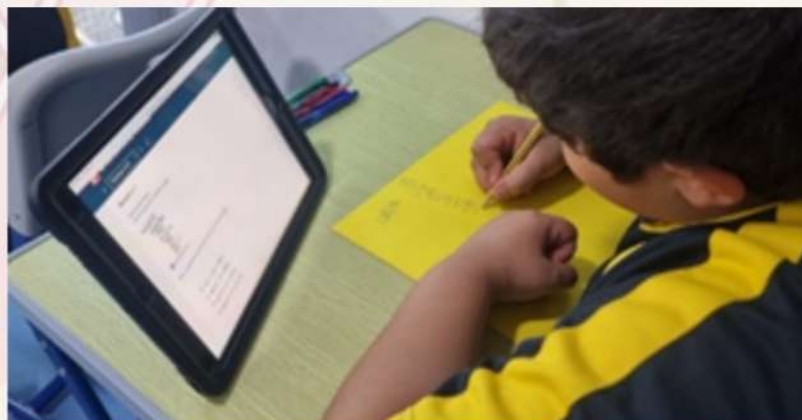
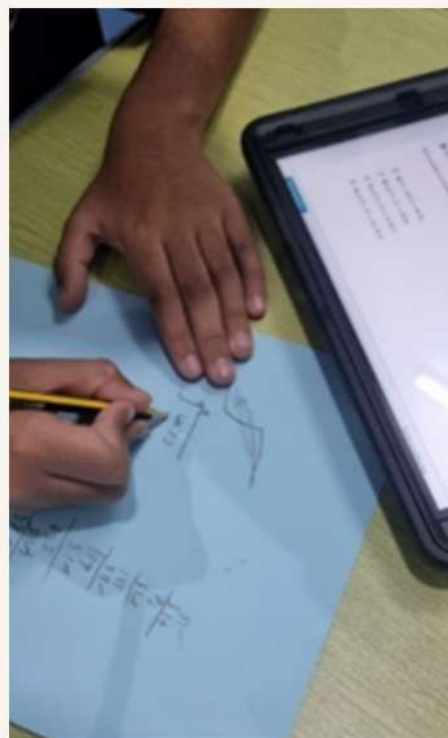
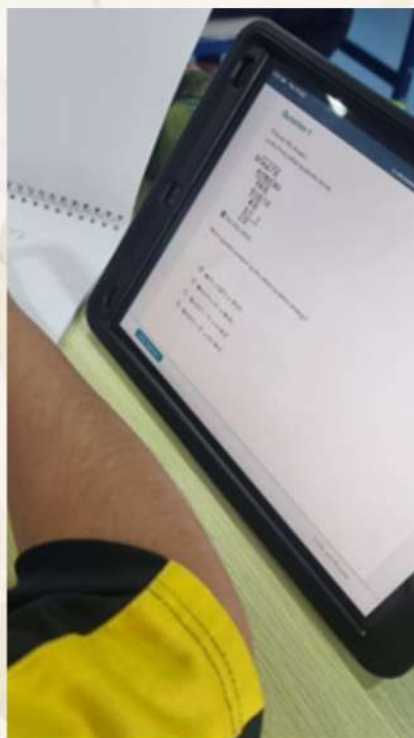
To sharpen their multiplication skills, Grade 5 students completed a mini project using colorful numbers 🌈. They created their own exercises and solved them in a fun and engaging way 📊. Working in groups, the students not only completed their tasks but also experienced a blend of joy and learning together. 🧠 1234



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Primary Department-Math Lessons

The Grade 5 boys then applied their long division skills individually using iPads through the McGraw Hill platform, competing to complete their tasks and achieve high grades. Math is a perfect mix of fun and learning, and they did an excellent job!



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Primary Department-Math Lessons

Grade 5 students embarked on an exciting journey in learning multiplication skills. Using tablets and whiteboards, they were able to solve multi-digit multiplication problems interactively. Educational apps helped enhance students' understanding of multiplication, while the whiteboards allowed them to practice and work together to solve problems and share solutions. The classroom was filled with excitement as students collaborated to analyze answers and strengthen their math skills. We are proud of our students' progress and their growing confidence in tackling multiplication problems. Great job, Grade 5 team.



Academic Spotlight: Inside Our Classrooms

Primary Department-Science Lessons

In this investigation, G2 students explored how different materials absorb (soak up) water. They learned which materials are good at soaking up water and which are not, helping them understand why certain materials are used to make things like towels, sponges, and raincoats.



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Primary Department-Science Lessons

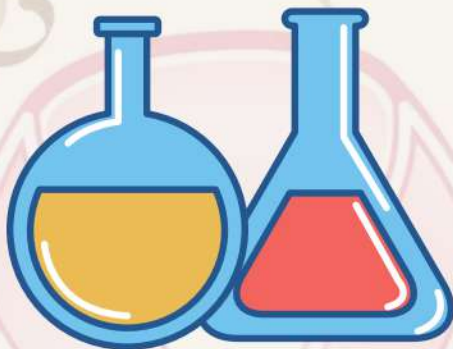
Grade 3 students explored the fascinating lives of animals, learning about their needs, lifestyles, and adaptations. Through engaging activities, they discovered how animals thrive in different environments and the importance of protecting their habitats for a sustainable future.



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Primary Department-Science Lessons

Grade 4 students are working collaboratively to create a musical instrument, applying their understanding of sound energy. The students are focused, wearing lab coats and safety goggles, which adds a scientific feel to the exploration. This type of practical activity fosters teamwork and critical thinking as they learn how vibrations produce sound, aligning with the principles of sound energy. It's a great example of active learning in the classroom, where students connect theory with real-world applications.



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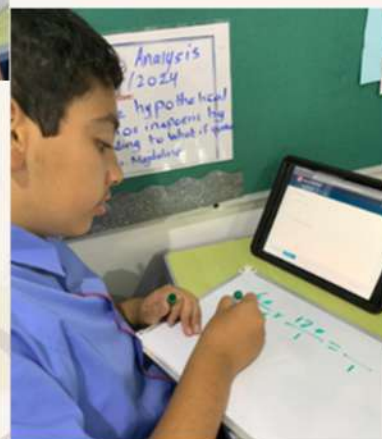
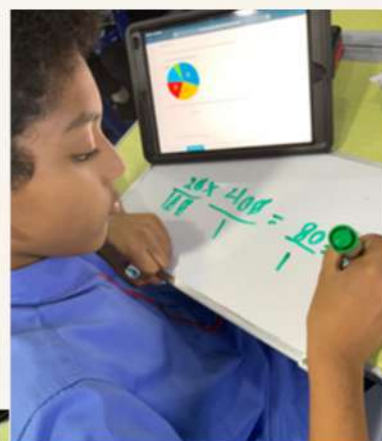
Grade 6 students analyzed *My Mother Pieced Quilts* by Teresa Palomo Acosta, delving into its themes of family and memory through differentiated tasks tailored to their abilities. While some students focused on identifying basic literary elements such as imagery and symbolism, others conducted research on the cultural significance of quilts in various societies to deepen their understanding of the poem. This activity not only enhanced their poetry analysis skills but also encouraged critical thinking. By integrating research, students gained deeper insights into the poem's themes and cultural context, fostering a more meaningful connection to the text.



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Middle School: Math Lessons

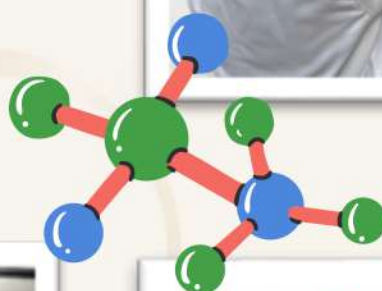
Our sixth-grade math students also practiced finding the percent of a number using the McGraw Hill platform. The students tackled a range of problems, reinforcing their understanding of percentages through interactive and engaging activities. The platform provided a great space for practice and helped the students build confidence in their skills while making learning fun!



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Middle School: Science Lessons

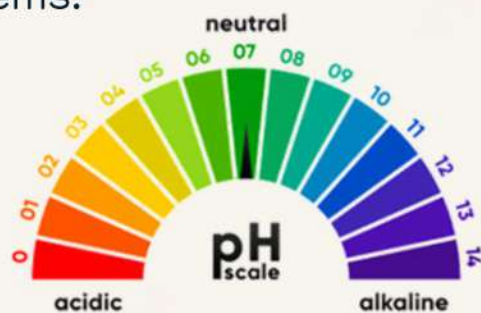
Grade 6 engaged in essential lab safety skills, exploring everything from emergency exits and fire extinguishers to the importance of first aid kits. Through hands-on learning, they're gaining the knowledge and confidence to keep their lab environment safe and prepared for any situation.



Academic Spotlight: Inside Our Classrooms

High School: Science Lessons

Grade 9 biologists are investigating the pH levels of common household liquids to better understand acids, bases, and neutral substances. Using pH strips and digital pH meters, they measure substances like vinegar, lemon juice, soap, and baking soda solutions, recording their observations and noting the role of pH in everyday products. This hands-on experiment helps them connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications, learning how pH influences chemical reactions and the functionality of household items.



Morning Assembly Moments

Values in Action



On 2nd October, during the morning assembly, Grade 9 and 10 girls, under the guidance of Ms. Mariam and Ms. Mahra, delivered an engaging presentation on the value of the month, tolerance. They performed a skit depicting scenarios from daily school life that highlighted the importance of understanding and respecting others. The skit was followed by thought-provoking questions posed to the students, encouraging reflection and discussion on how to practice tolerance in their own lives. This interactive approach effectively reinforced the message and inspired the students to embrace tolerance as a core value



Morning Assembly Moments

Values in Action



On 3rd October, the Activity Department organized an exciting Amazing Thursday event that combined physical activity with learning. Students participated in energetic exercises, including push-ups, jumping, and running, before racing to solve crossword puzzles centered on the school's core values. This activity was a creative integration of English, Physical Education, and the school's values, promoting both physical fitness and intellectual engagement. Students enjoyed the challenge while reinforcing their understanding of the core values in an interactive and dynamic way.



Morning Assembly Moments

Values in Action



The Grade 2 and 3 students, under the guidance of Ms. Ola, presented a heart-warming morning assembly on the value of the month, tolerance, with the theme "Tolerance is a Bridge to Others' Hearts." The assembly emphasized the importance of accepting and respecting differences among people, fostering kindness and understanding in our community. Through engaging performances, including a skit and heartfelt speeches, the students beautifully conveyed how tolerance helps build stronger relationships and bridges gaps between individuals. The event was a meaningful reminder for everyone to embrace diversity and practice compassion in their daily lives.



Morning Assembly Moments

Values in Action



Grade 3 (B) morning assembly, led by Ms. Rasha, was a heartfelt and inspiring presentation under the theme "Tolerance in Community." The assembly began with a thought-provoking drama, highlighting the importance of understanding and acceptance in building harmonious relationships. This was followed by a beautifully recited poem, emphasizing the values of kindness and unity. The assembly concluded on a joyful note with a uplifting song that celebrated diversity and togetherness. The students' performances reflected their deep understanding of the theme, making it a memorable and impactful event for the school community.



Morning Assembly Moments

Celebrating International Days

Teacher's Day



The recent Teachers' Day celebration in kindergarten was filled with vibrant performances and creativity. The event began with engaging drama performances by the students, delivering meaningful messages about respecting teachers. Joyful dance routines followed, showcasing the children's appreciation for their educators. A highlight of the day was an art gallery featuring handmade crafts, each piece a unique token of the students' gratitude. Additionally, an active member of the Parent Representative Council delivered a heartfelt speech, making the event even more special.



Morning Assembly Moments

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Teacher's Day



On the special occasion of Teacher's Day, Ms. Ruba, the school principal, surprised AAS teachers and staff with a heartfelt celebration. She hosted a delightful tea party and delivered a touching speech expressing her gratitude for the invaluable role of teachers in shaping young minds. To make the day even more memorable, she arranged a photo booth for capturing joyful moments and presented each teacher with a bamboo plant as a token of appreciation. The thoughtful gesture filled everyone with happiness and pride, making it a truly memorable celebration.



World Mental Health Day



On the 9th of October, the morning assembly, led by Grade 2A students under the guidance of Ms. Amal, celebrated World Mental Health Day with the inspiring theme "Take care of your mind; you only have one." The students delivered meaningful presentations, emphasizing the importance of mental well-being through skits, speeches, and creative expressions. This assembly encouraged everyone to prioritize mental health and adopt positive habits to nurture their minds, fostering a supportive and mindful school community.



Global Handwashing Day



On Global Handwashing Day, the Grade 3 students of AAS led by Ms Isra organized an engaging morning assembly to promote proper handwashing techniques. The event featured a lively demonstration of the six steps of effective handwashing, followed by an inspiring speech highlighting its importance in preventing the spread of germs. The students then participated in a fun quiz competition to test their knowledge, reinforcing the day's lessons. The assembly concluded with a pledge to maintain good hygiene practices, leaving everyone motivated and informed about the significance of clean hands for a healthier life.



Science Home Investigation

The Science Home Investigation is a bi-weekly event organized by the Science Department, where students are tasked with preparing experiments at home and then presenting them at school. This hands-on initiative encourages students to develop and showcase their inquiry skills. After practicing their experiments at home, students perform them in front of their peers, demonstrating their understanding of scientific concepts. The event not only highlights the students' ability to conduct experiments but also tests their knowledge as they answer questions posed by the host. The student who executes the experiment perfectly and provides insightful responses is crowned the winner, promoting a spirit of scientific curiosity and friendly competition among the students.



AAS Breast Cancer Awareness campaign 2024

At Al Ain American School, the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign was a heartfelt and empowering event filled with engaging activities and community participation. Female parents joined the female staff and Grade 5–10 girls in interactive games that fostered connection and awareness. Students showcased their learning and entrepreneurial skills by organizing a bake sale, successfully collecting donations to support those affected by breast cancer. The event was generously supported by sponsors such as Barjeel Hospital, Ladies Club, and Royal Gym, Barada Centre and Orthoplus Clinic whose contributions enriched the experience. The day concluded with an energetic Zumba session led by the Ladies Sports Club, bringing joy to students, and an informative workshop for parents conducted by doctors from Midclinic Hospital. The campaign highlighted the importance of awareness, compassion, and action, leaving a lasting impact on the school community.



PISA Assessment Orientation



On October 9th, Ms. Malika, the Vice Principal, conducted a workshop for Grades 9 and 10 to orient them about the upcoming PISA International Assessment. She explained what PISA is—a global test assessing 15-year-olds in reading, math, and science to measure their readiness for real-world challenges. The session highlighted the UAE's current ranking and emphasized the importance of preparing effectively. Ms. Malika also shared resources and strategies for practice, ensuring students are well-equipped for the assessment scheduled for next May.



PISA Assessment Practice



At AAS, the academic department is committed to ensuring that every Grade 9 and 10 student is well-prepared for the PISA International Assessments. To facilitate this, on the 10th of October students are given the opportunity to practice PISA-style questions during their IT classes. These sessions allow students to familiarize themselves with the test format and develop the critical thinking skills needed for success. By integrating PISA practice into the curriculum, we aim to build their confidence and competence, equipping them to perform at their best in the assessment.



Arab Reading Challenge: Season 9, 2025



Al Ain American School proudly embraces the Arab Reading Challenge in its ninth season for the academic year 2024–2025, showcasing our unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of reading and literacy among students.

Preparation for this prestigious competition began in the first week of October, even before its official launch. To ensure active student participation:

- 125 red passports (first level) were printed and distributed to students eager to take part in this year's challenge.
- A number of enthusiastic students successfully completed their passports and submitted them, reflecting their dedication to the competition's objectives.
- The school has also implemented all necessary procedures to facilitate and follow up on our participation in the challenge this year.

The Arab Reading Challenge is an opportunity for students to deepen their love for reading, improve their Arabic language skills, and connect with their cultural heritage. Al Ain American School is proud to be part of this transformative initiative that empowers students to become lifelong learners and critical thinkers.





International Spelling Bee



On October 25th, around 100 enthusiastic students from Grades 1 to 8 participated in the International Spelling Bee at AAS. The event showcased the students' dedication and hard work as they competed with excitement and determination. Each participant aimed to secure a winning spot, displaying impressive spelling skills and confidence. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation and encouragement as students took turns spelling challenging words. The Spelling Bee not only celebrated academic excellence but also fostered a love for learning and language among the students.



Participation in the International Speaking Competition Fasih Al-Dhad



Al Ain American School proudly participated in the International Speaking Competition – Fasih Al-Dhad, a prestigious global event organized by IBT International Testing Company. The competition, designed for Arabic-speaking and non-Arabic-speaking students from grades 1 to 12, promotes the use of classical Arabic while enhancing students' speaking and expression skills.

The school was represented by four talented students who demonstrated exceptional linguistic abilities:

Ahed Abdullah Kamel Mustafa – Grade 3

Shams Yousef Mohammed Nasser Al Shamsi – Grade 6

Hessa Juma Mohammed Obaid Al Dhaheri – Grade 8

Afra Mubarak Ghadir Mohammed Al Dhaheri – Grade 10

Each participant showcased their passion and dedication to mastering classical Arabic, earning certificates of participation and recognition for their efforts. The school celebrated their achievement during a special ceremony, highlighting their commitment to preserving and promoting the richness of the Arabic language.

This participation reflects Al Ain American School's dedication to nurturing students' cultural and linguistic skills while fostering pride in their heritage.

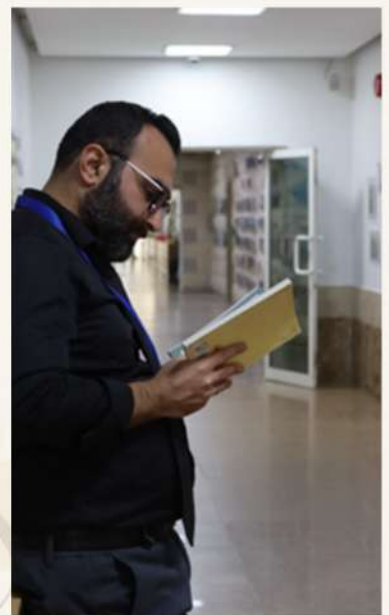




DEAR Time



Ding-dong! The bell chimes through the halls—it's DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time at AAS, a cherished habit embraced by students, staff, and even visitors. For a few precious moments, the entire school community immerses itself in the world of books. Rustling pages and whispered excitement fill the air as everyone, from young learners to teachers, pauses their tasks to dive into their chosen stories. This daily tradition reflects AAS's dedication to fostering a love for reading and nurturing a lifelong passion for learning.





'Plant the Emirates' Initiative



Al Ain American School proudly aligned with the UAE's 'Plant the Emirates' National Programme, engaging students from various grades in an environmental initiative under the guidance of social workers Mahra Al Niyadi and Fatima Al Kaabi. Joined by the school principal, Ms. Ruba, and vice principal, Ms. Malika, students actively participated in planting activities, fostering teamwork, environmental awareness, and a sense of responsibility. This initiative reflected the school's commitment to sustainability and its dedication to supporting the UAE's vision for a greener future.





Monday Madness



This month, as part of Monday Madness at AAS, the school is delighted to extend special recognition and rewards to the outstanding staff members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment, punctuality, and loyalty. The reward program is a tangible expression of appreciation for their continuous efforts in going above and beyond in their roles.





Staff of the Month



This month, Al Ain American School proudly recognizes Ms. Christine as the Staff of the Month. She exemplifies excellence by consistently meeting and exceeding the school's expectations.

Ms. Christine was nominated for her passion for teaching and her positive impact on students, creating an engaging and supportive learning environment. Her punctuality, commitment, and unwavering dedication to her responsibilities set a high standard for professionalism. Known for her positive attitude and caring nature, she is always ready to go the extra mile for her students and colleagues. Congratulations to Ms. Christine for her well-deserved recognition and for being an inspiring role model at AAAS!



Shooting Stars

Throughout the academic year, teachers and staff keep a keen eye out for students who shine brightly, not only in their academic pursuits but also in their interactions with others and their commitment to displaying good manners. These "Shooting Stars" are individuals who have shown significant improvement academically, displayed exemplary behavior, or consistently exhibited kindness and respect towards their peers and teachers.



Student of the Month

AAS gathered to honour and celebrate its outstanding October Students of the Month, recognizing their exceptional achievements and contributions to the school community. With heartfelt appreciation, certificates of recognition and tokens of gratitude were presented to each student, symbolizing the school's pride in their dedication and excellence.



AAS Students' Council 24/25

On October 29th, Al Ain American School concluded its Student Council elections, a process that exemplified student leadership and democratic values. The journey began with nominations, where students showcased their aspirations and qualifications. This was followed by speeches in which candidates shared their visions and plans for enhancing the school community.

The process culminated in a voting session, allowing peers to select representatives who embody the school's values and priorities. Finally, the much-anticipated announcement revealed the newly elected Student Council members, including the Deputy Girl, Deputy Boy, and the Head Boy and Head Girl. This event not only fostered leadership skills but also encouraged active participation and responsibility among students.



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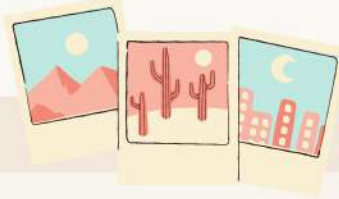
Term 1 Trips "Recreational Trips"



This term, Al Ain American School organized recreational trips to foster student engagement and holistic development. Grade 10 Boys enjoyed teamwork and fun at Yas Waterworld, while Grade 10 Girls bonded during a thrilling visit to IMG Worlds of Adventure. Grade 6 Boys had an adventurous day at Al Hili Fun Park, and Grade 5 and 6 Girls explored creativity and culture at Al Qattara Art Centre. These trips provided opportunities for relaxation, social bonding, and skill development, reflecting the school's commitment to enhancing students' overall experience.



Educational Trips 18th annual Najah Abu Dhabi Event



On October 28th, Grade 10 boys and girls from Al Ain American School attended Najah Abu Dhabi 2024, the UAE's premier higher education event, held at the ADNEC Centre. Organized in partnership with the UAE Ministry of Education, this 18th annual event showcased a wide range of local and international higher education opportunities.

The trip provided students with invaluable exposure to universities, career pathways, and scholarship options, helping them make informed decisions about their future education. Through engaging with representatives from leading institutions, they gained insights into academic programs, campus life, and global study opportunities. This visit was a crucial step in preparing students for their transition to higher education, empowering them to explore diverse academic possibilities aligned with their aspirations.

