



MODERN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Junior School Newsletter

The Book Fair

Our school has always been interested in organizing book fairs showcasing a wide variety of books.



*"A home without books is a body without soul."
Marcus Tullius Cicero*

Arabic Language

Our Arabic Language department focuses on encouraging students to undertake verbal and written activities some which are conducted in the classroom, to broaden the students' horizons and enhance their capabilities and creativity, in addition to fueling their pride in our language and helping them relate to their surrounding environment and society.

A message from the Junior School Principal

I would like to seize this opportunity to wish you all a happy Eid, Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2009. I would also like to draw your attention to the curricular as well as the extra curricular activities that were conducted by our students during the first semester of this scholastic year.

The purpose of these activities is to enhance the educational process and thus make it more flexible and interesting to students. In addition to that, the field trips, science projects and visits to orphanages all contributed to drawing a link between what the students had learned and their local surroundings.

To end with, I would like to thank all those who contributed to making these various activities successful and I would like to emphasize again that team work is the reason of our success.

Nawzat Dirani



School Broadcast

The school broadcast focuses mainly on nurturing our students' talents in many fields such as poetry, public-speaking and musical performance, in addition to enforcing the students' knowledge and general information. All of that is done under the supervision of Mrs. Salam Saleh and the homeroom teachers of grades 4-6, as students from those grades presented many poems, general information and a selection of their own writings.

Athletics Department

Sports has become one of the essentials to every individual who seeks a healthy and stable life-style. Therefore the P.E department at our school works hard on sustaining this lifestyle through carrying out many physical activities for students of our school, for example:

Activities held inside the school:

- * Third Graders participated in a bean bag and long jump competition held by teachers at the school.
- * Grades 4-6 had a football tournament and grades 6 (A), 5 (B) and 4 (D) won in this tournament.

Activities held outside the school:

- * Our students participated in a Swimming tournament held at the National Orthodox School and won the second place.
- * Students of the grades 1-4 participated in a swimming tournament held at the Dunes Club.
- * Students of our school also participated in a football tournament at the Dunes Club.

Every child is an artist.

The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." - Pablo Picasso

Music & Drama

A talent show was held for students from grades 4-6 where they showed off their many talents in singing, dancing and playing on different musical instruments.

In co-ordination with the National Music Institute a musical workshop was held for 4-6 graders where they attended a concert introducing different musical instruments.

Grade 6 performed a play in Ramadan for their classmates. The play was supervised by Miss Mona Safi.



Art Department

The school's Art Department, with its usual distinction and creativity, continuously competes in various competitions, nationwide, by entering the work of our talented students.

The competition organized by Al-Ra'ed Al-Arabi school for artistic creativity was won by our creative students Ali Hamdan, Raya Shinwani and Fawzi Khouri.



Another competition was organized by Zaha Cultural Centre under the title (Ta'araf Ala Watani) which was won by: Leen Abdullah, Rima Mahdi, Fawzi Khouri, Bana Farah, Faisal Touqan and Ghazal Darwazeh.

"Jerusalem Day " was the name of the competition that was held in the Modern School. It was won by Karmah Al Kilani.

Last but not least, our students participated in a competition entitled "Egypt in the eyes of the children of the world".





STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION

For the third consecutive year, elections were conducted in grades 4 to 6 to select members of the Student Life Organization (SLO). The purpose of this body is to relay the students' problems and recommendations to the Administration, thus ensuring a democratic environment within the school, which is based on dialogue and respecting opinion. Members of the SLO this year are:



Ghazi al-Saheb, Ziad Enab, Tala Hedayeh, Farah Afaneh, Bassil Qaisi, Ramez Qardan, Zein Rahmani, Kareem Bseiso.

Some of the outstanding activities of the SLO were:

- * Forming a Disciplinary Committee. Helped in organizing parents meeting.
- * During the Holy Month of Ramadan the SLO launched a campaign to help provide food and clothing to poor families. SLO members helped distribute clothes, food and money to the needy in Jabal-AL Naser and Al-Manara areas.
- * Members of the SLO organized a Bake Sale at school, which was very successful and popular with the students. Proceeds from the Bake Sale went to support the charitable activities that the SLO plans to conduct during the year, like distributing coats to a number of orphans in orphanages. The SLO extends its sincerest thanks and gratitude to all those that helped make this event a successful one.



The Montessori during the Holy month of Ramadan



To celebrate the holy month of Ramadan, students from grades 4-6 enjoyed a break-fast (Iftar) feast at the school cafeteria.



Our school also held a party for its students to celebrate Eid Al-Fiter where the students participated in singing joyful songs and received gifts from Al-Musaharati.



Classroom Activities

Science projects:

Sixth grade students presented a project entitled "Body Cells" through models they prepared in class.

Students of the fifth grade presented a project about fossils and their importance.

There were also the third grade students who worked on a project which was basically preparing pickles to apply their science lesson which was related to chemical changes.

Furthermore, the second graders designed booklets about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Social Activities:

With the beginning of the olive picking season, students of the second grade celebrated by participating in a breakfast feast at school that consisted mainly of olive tree products.

Whereas third grade students could hardly wait till the pickles they prepared earlier this year were ready and ripe to prepare a breakfast of their own.

Lectures and Workshops

Everyone smiles when they're happy. If you have nice clean, healthy teeth you have something to be happy about! Our fourth grade students attended a lecture held by Dr. Noura Tleil where they learned the correct techniques to look after their teeth. Dr. Valentina Hamshawi talked to grade 2 students about teeth also. She presented a movie about dangers of cavities.

Whereas our sixth graders attended a lecture about conserving water as they watched a movie during the lecture regarding water problems and how to save water in Jordan. This lecture was also attended by a delegate from The Ministry of Education.

Training Courses

The Islamic Education Department launched a training course to teach our students to recite the Holy Quran. Some students also attended a French course.

The author Wafa a Al Qussos, read her new story " Bondoq " for grades 1-3. They enjoyed the pictures and the songs and games which followed after the reading.



Counseling Club

Our counseling club works on the developing of our students' social skills through introducing many academic activities carried out by members of the club every Tuesday. One of the club's activities was held by students of the third grade where they presented a project related to the following subjects:

Children's rights, Aggressive behavior and hostility, The effects of television programs on children's behavior and Friendship.

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure- Bill Cosby



Environment Club

The Environment Club is considered one of the most important clubs in the school. It works hard to enhance the awareness and knowledge of the students regarding the history of the locations they visit, in addition to conducting various activities inside the school and outside, like:



Students from the Environment Club visited the olive mill where they toured the mill and observed how the mill grinds or hammers the olives and how the pomace is separated and made use of.

In co-ordination with the Parent Teacher Association, the students have learned the Cold Process Method of making soap and its recycling using scented herbs.



Under the supervision of Ms. Reem Talhamy and Mrs. Lina Abu Ayash, students from the Environment Club attended a lecture about Animal Protection and Welfare. Consequently, the students had the chance to apply what they learned by working closely with certain kinds of animals.

Field Trips & Celebrations

Fifth Graders visited Ajloun, Jerash and Debbin where they enjoyed the magnificent sceneries of our mountains and spent the night at the Adventure Camp.



Third Graders got the chance to visit the Martyr's Memorial (Sarh Al Shaheed)

where they viewed exhibits portraying the history of the Jordanian Armed Forces.



Fourth Graders visited the Tile Factory as an integration activity between the science curriculum and the environment and society surrounding us.



First Graders visited Al-Hussein Youth City where they toured and explored all of its facilities.

- * Students of grades 1-3 attended a play where they sang songs and candy was handed out to them in their classrooms afterwards.
- * Celebrating Christmas, the school's choir performed Christmas carols. Santa gave presents and sweets to the students.

Season's Greetings Adha Mubarak & Merry Christmas



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