

First Semester 2009-2010



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# Newsletter

## A Word from the Head of Junior School

“Technology does not lead to change, but enables change”.

As we have become accustomed to do, we bring you our newsletter to shed light on our accomplishments for the first semester. As we believe in the role of technology in learning and education, we have introduced the interactive board to grades 2 and 3 this year. This has helped to create a more interesting and effective classroom environment. We hope to create a generation that has the potential and capability to learn fast, independently and through the use of technology. We are working towards introducing the interactive boards in the higher grades also in the coming years.

As for extracurricular activities, the MBS continues with its activities which aim to develop the mind and body, polish their skills and increase ties between students and their environment through various activities. Students receive points for their participation which qualify them to win an award at the end of the year.

Our continued cooperation is the secret of our success and distinction, and so I say to all, thank you for your efforts. We are a family joined together by team spirit and constructive cooperation.

## Mind Body Soul

### “Madrasati”

Madrasati, initiated by her Majesty Queen Rania, aims to improve the educational environment for five hundred public schools in Jordan. The initiative focuses on improving the infra-structure and executing educational programmes defined by the school's needs. The programmes vary in context and provide students who are less fortunate with the knowledge, skills and tools that help develop their personalities. Our students participated in a bazaar for selling food, in “Um Mani” School.

The proceeds were used to buy clothes for the students on the occasion of Eid Al Adha.

### Student Competitions

#### “The World around Me” Competition

Students of Grade 4 participated in this competition prepared by Miss Salam Saleh. They answered numerous questions about world geography and history. The competition was on our e-school to encourage the students to use it more. Zeiad Tuaimh and Kareem Al Fakhouri won the competition.

#### Ministry of Education Arabic Writing Competition

Sara Al Atiyat won third place in the competition. The topic was “A Conversation with a Drop of Water”.

#### Mathnasium “Tomorrow’s Whiz Competition”.

A group of students participated in a math competition. Iyad El-Khufash (Grade 6) won second place nationwide.

### Friends of Charity

In Ramadan, the month of charity and good will, students from the Gaza Refugee Camp were invited to Iftar with students of grade four at our school.



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## The Environment Club

Some of their activities for this semester were:

- A trip to Dibeen: Students learned about plants, soil and animals special to that area.
- A trip to an olive oil factory: Students learned about the various steps it takes to produce olive oil.
- A trip to Um Qais: Students learned about the ruins of Um Qais. In cooperation with the “Jordan Archaeology Society”.
- Students learned how to recycle and use the recycled paper to make greeting cards.



## School Broadcasting

The students used the school’s broadcasting system as a platform for expressing themselves and getting their voices heard. It played a role in various religious, social and national occasions as students presented topics related to their daily lives under the supervision of Miss Salam Saleh.

## Animals in Need Club

Some of their activities for this semester were:

- **Visiting** a veterinarian who explained to them how one cares for pets.
- **Visiting** Haya Cultural Centre.
- **Watching** a film about animals’ needs.
- **Building** a shelter for cats with the help of the DT Department.
- **Organizing** a lecture entitled “Noise Pollution” and its effects on people and animals in cooperation with “Asala Centre for Advertising” and The Environment Police. The Environment Club also attended the lecture.



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## Students Service Parliament - SSP

Under a new name, “SSP”, members of the former SLO continued their extra curricular activities for the third year in a row. Representatives were elected from the classes to speak for their classmates and build bridges between them and the staff. Some of their activities for the first semester were:

- Students of the SSP, together with students from the counselling committee, attended a workshop about democracy. The workshop was presented by Mrs. Lina Arafat and Dr. Muhammad Al Hamad. Students learned about the election process and what to look for in a candidate. They did some practical exercises.
- The members of the SSP collected and distributed money and other needed items amongst those families in need living in Jabal Al Nasser and Al Manara. The campaign was called “A Gift for Every Child in Need”.
- A “Bake Sale” was eagerly anticipated by all and included many types of food which students enjoyed. The proceeds from this day were donated to a centre for orphans.
- To celebrate Eid Al Adha, coats were distributed amongst needy children who received them with joy.
- As order and discipline are an important part of the educational process, a number of students walked around the school with signs encouraging positive attitudes and good behaviour.

*Thamer Arnaout, Rima Kabariti, Salam Saleh*

## Discipline and Students’ Affairs Department

—This department focused on readjusting behaviour through play and extracurricular activities that develop a sense of belonging in the student to his school community. Grades 4-6 were provided with PE equipment that encourage group playing and which helped keep order during breaks.

*Thamer Arnaout*



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## Visual Arts Department

- Students took part in the competition “Egypt in the Eyes of Our Children” which Rami Hamati won.
- Thuraya Al Mahadeen from grade 4 won second place in AlRa'id AlArabi's twelfth “Artistic Creativity” competition.
- Jad Dahshan won second place in the competition “Tourism Enriches Our Lives”. This competition was for private and government/public schools around the kingdom.



## The Book Fair

Various publishers were included in the book fair featuring their latest releases. The fair was met favourably by students, teachers and parents.



## The Science Club

For the first time; under the supervision of Miss Hala Khalil a Science Club has been established. Students learned how to use laboratory equipment and perform scientific experiments in chemistry, physics and biology. These experiments explain some phenomena that students see in their surrounding environment.



Students were also trained on how to write scientific reports about the experiments explaining the steps and results of the experiments.

## Performing Arts Department

- Students of grades 4-6 enjoyed watching “The Phantom of the Opera” in the school's new theatre. It was an excellent performance by the students under the supervision of Ms. Lara Attalla and Mr. Hassan Rami.
- Students sang along with the Musaharati on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr and received presents.
- For Eid Al Adha, the students of the choir went from class to class singing and spreading joy for the students of grades 1-3.
- To celebrate Christmas, grades 1-3 attended a performance, listened to songs from the choir and received gifts.



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## Lectures and Workshops

- A lecture on taking care of teeth and cavity prevention was given by Dr. Nora Tleel to the students of grade 4.
- A lecture entitled “Keys to the World of Education” given by Dr. Yazan Abdo to the students of grade 6. The students expressed their concerns and issues and listened to suggestions and solutions to their problems.
- A lecture by a representative of “Friends of Archaeology” on Petra was given to the students of grade 6. The students were shown pictures of the Rose City and participated in some games related to the topic of the lecture.

## Projects & Activities

- To integrate Arabic language with drama, students of grades 5, 6 took part in short assemblies in front of their classmates.



## Tellaweh Club

Students met to learn the correct way of reading the Koran. Students were encouraged to visit the mosque and pray in groups.



## Design Technology Club

You'll be amazed at what the DT Club students worked on; 3D animated movies, sketches and drawings of objects which they implemented in the labs.



## The Cooking Club

Under the supervision of Ms Nancy Nassrawi, students prepared and cooked various dishes which they also enjoyed eating.



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## Athletics Department

Physical Education is good for the mind and body. It helps the overall growth of the students, improves his/her emotional balance and self-confidence. It also teaches social skills and brings the student out of his/her isolation and loneliness. It is also said that regular exercise, approximately one hour per day, improves students' results.

Some of the PE Department's activities were:

- **PE clinics**: football, basketball, and gymnastics .
- **School Teams**: teams were formed for gymnastics and swimming.
- **Internal Tournaments (during breaks)**: football tournaments for grades 4-6 under the supervision of Mr. Jalal Suleiman and Mr. Yacoub Ayyad. Results were as follows:

### Boys Tournaments

Grades 4D, 5D and 6C won

### Girls Tournaments

Grades 4A, 5D and 6A won



- A Penalty Tournament was also held. Results were as follows: First place went to the students of grades 4A, 5B and 6C.
- Under the supervision of Mr. Muhammad Al Akhdar, a bean bag throwing tournament for grade 3 was organized in which Ameen Annab and Zeina Haddadeen came in first place, while Kareem Al Lozi and Eman Naghaway came in second place.
- Participating in the “King Abdullah the Second Award for Physical Fitness”, A team of students are being trained during breaks under the supervision of Mr. Yacoub Ayyad to take part in the upcoming athletic events.