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Social Studies

Social Studies teaches children about the dynamics of the world around them.

Students learn about their communities, various professions, different cultures (past and present) and their Earth.

Our ultimate goal is to mentally equip our students with information to enable them to interact positively in society – as international citizens – and tackle important issues affecting our world through presenting their projects to their class mates.



Message from the Head of Junior School

In accordance with the school's policy to raise children with distinguished personalities, we are constantly striving to enhance their leadership abilities, helping them walk along the path of life with confidence and hope. We, as a school, are their doorway to self-expression; we offer them the opportunity to focus on various activities, such as scientific and cultural exhibitions, and theatrical plays, both written and produced by the students themselves.

We also support the educational curriculum with visits and field trips, by inviting specialists to lecture them on specific topics, collectively contributing to enrich the students' knowledge about various subjects like dental healthcare and the harmful effects of smoking.

The A.D. Department also plays an active role in the educational process by organizing sports tournaments, which are both entertaining and challenging to the students at all levels.

This year, new and strict disciplinary measures were taken, all of which had a positive impact on the awareness and behavior of the students. We cannot forget the role of the Student Life Organization (SLO) and their participation in activities within the school and outside; they displayed an exemplary spirit of cooperation and responsibility, which we hope will help them during their participation in the Amin Hasan Award in the future.

Our teachers were also the focus of our attention; they attended several varied workshops and training courses throughout the year.

At the end of this full scholastic year, we trust that our teamwork succeeded in realizing our goals and objectives. We hope that everyone will continue to strive for and to achieve more success.

Nawzat Dirani

Science

Science Department adopted "Curriculum Integration" in order to attain the best possible achievements in this field. It involves showing students how science affects all aspects of their life and entails using technology and interactive experiences in the classroom (computers, videos. etc.) Basically, Science at the MMS aims to build on the foundation set in KG - "the hand is the instrument of the mind." It involves providing an educational experience that is both rich and enriching and will serve as a starting point for all students beyond the Junior School.



The Student Life Organization

The SLO continued to undertake activities during the second semester, aimed at increasing the students' connection with their community and enhancing their role in extracurricular activities within the school and outside. These included:

Reciting verses from the Holy Quran over the graves of the late King Hussein, the late King Abdullah I, and the late King Talal, may God rest their souls. A number of students accompanied by their teachers, visited the Royal Cemetery at Raghadan Palace on the anniversary of the death of the late King Hussein, may he rest in peace.

Cooperating with the Amin Hasan Award (AHA) to organize a First Aid training course. This course, conducted by Mr. Mohammad Al Akhdar, was attended by a number of eager 6th grade students. Contributing to the "Senior School Prom Committee" by setting up a "Free Dress Day" during April. By paying 1JD, students were allowed to come to school wearing clothes of their choice and helped the Senior School fund their annual Prom.

Aiding in the organization of Parents Day for Grades 1-6, in April, by greeting parents and helping them find their way around the school. In order to ensure continued interaction with parents, a suggestion box was set up to receive any valuable comments and suggestions.



Planning a Mother's Day Bazaar. The PTA and the SLO joined forces to prepare a special treat in March to celebrate Mother's Day during school hours.

Various gifts were sold to the students during this Bazaar and the proceeds went to support the PTA and SLO activities.



Organizing a Bake Sale during school hours. This activity was very successful; students enjoyed delicious cakes, cookies and other yummy foods immensely.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the success of the activities of our SLO's first year and hope that the forthcoming years will include more activities that aim to strengthen the students' characters and create a democratic environment within the school.

Miss Salam Saleh, Mrs. Rjma Kabariti,
Mr. Thamer Arnaout



Celebrating "Arbor Day" in style. In compliance with the slogan "Towards a Greener Jordan", the SLO, in cooperation with the school's "Environment Club", planted olive trees in the Flourishing Forest in Madaba, and then enjoyed a well-deserved lunch at Haret Jdoudna Restaurant.

Guest Speakers and Lectures

"The Builders of the Future Forum" conducted a workshop on the dangers of smoking, aimed at enhancing the awareness of students about the damaging effects of smoking.

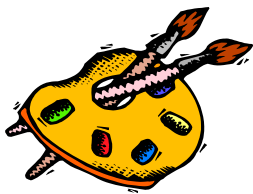
The workshop included displaying slides to show the harmful effects of smoking on health and the environment.

This workshop, attended by a number of 6th grade students, teachers and administrators, included discussions with specialized physicians about the effect of smoking.

To support the Dental Health Education Program, supervised by the Association of Jordanian Dentists, the School invited a dentist to visit the school and

lecture Junior School students on the importance of dental hygiene.

"Fun Science" was invited to conduct various activities for Grade 4 students to help them better understand the concepts and information they learned in class, develop their curiosity, enhance their interest and strengthen their knowledge of the vast scientific world.



... Art ...

Under the patronage of HRH, Prince Ghazi Ben Mohammad, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation organized a drawing competition entitled "Minimizing the Usage of Water". Our artistic Reema Mahdi won, receiving a radio/recorder.

Junior School students also participated in a drawing competition entitled "How Do You See Your Future?" organized by the Housing Bank. The winners, Aisha Khalaf, Mira Qarout, and Tala Farah

received their prizes – 50JD purchasing coupons from Toys & Toys – during a celebration at Zaha Cultural Center.

Family Flavors organized a competition entitled "Spring is in the Air" in which our talented Junior School students also participated. Mona Adwan, Natalie Abaza, Raya Shanawani and Leen Abdullah each won a 50JD purchasing coupon from Toys & Toys! Mona Adwan also came in fifth place

among Middle East competitors in the International Health Day competition. Her prize, \$75, along with participation certificates to the students, Raya Shanawani and Tala Farah, were presented during a ceremony under the patronage of HRH, Princess Mona Al-Hussein in April.

Jana Shaban won first place in an art competition organized by the Philadelphia Schools, under the Patronage of HRH, Princess Sumaya Bint Al-Hassan.

Our student, Sanad Al-Tal, won second place in a nationwide handicraft competition which was held by the Haya Cultural Center.



Field Trips and Visits

In coordination with the Challenger Team, Grade 6 students and teachers enjoyed an overnight hiking trip to explore the beautiful settings of Wadi Rum and Al-Disi at the end of March.

Not to be outdone, Grade 5 students and teachers embarked on an overnight trip to the Ajloun Reserve. Our young naturalists enjoyed the beauty and nature of Jordan.

Future chefs, also known as Grade 3 students,

went on a field trip to "Geneva Bakery" where they viewed the various steps involved in the baking process and the machinery used in the making of bread and pastries.

In April, Nuqol Car Dealers, the agents for Porsche in Jordan, invited students from grades 2 to 4 to attend an event held at the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan.

This experience was aimed at educating our

future drivers about traffic laws and, in doing so, minimizing road accidents.

At the end of April, Grade 6 students, accompanied by their teachers, attended the Amman International Dance Festival held at the Al-Hussein Cultural Center. Students watched scientific laws and theories explained through an entertaining dance.



Music and Drama

At the beginning of May, the Drama Club of Grades 4-6 performed their annual play, entitled "The Golden Fish", on the stage of the Royal Cultural Center. They also put on additional morning performances for students in Grades 4-6. As usual, this event, written and directed by Miss Manal Zakaria,

was very successful and enjoyable.

The School's Choir surprised all female teachers in the Multipurpose Hall on Mother's Day by giving a very touching performance of celebratory songs.

The Drama Club of Grades 1-3 held its annual play, "The Jungle Book",

directed by Miss Nour Mansour. The play was a huge success and the performance of the students was outstanding.



School Morning Assemblies

As part of the School morning activities, and on the occasion of the birth of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), the students of the Junior School celebrated this occasion by reciting poetry and prose written by them, with the guidance of the Islamic Education teachers, expressing their love for the Prophet (PBUH).

Sweets were also distributed to all the students of the primary school to celebrate this happy occasion!

In celebration of Mother's Day and the anniversary of the Karameh Battle, and as part of the activities, students recited poems and prose during the morning assembly, expressing their love for their mothers and their homeland.



Miss Salam Saleh.



Swimming

The Athletic Department organized a swimming tournament for grades 1-2 for some private schools.

The A.D. also organized a swimming competition for Grades 3-4 and 5-6. The results were as follows:

(3 - 4) Females	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Breast Stroke 16m	Jana Sha'ban	Jude Al-Tayyeb	Nadine Al-Mikhi
Back Stroke 16 m	Celine Dahleh	Jude Khreisha	Jude Al-Tayyeb
Free Style 32 m	Celine Dahleh	Jude Al-Tayyeb	Jana Sha'ban
(5 - 6) Females			
Back Stroke 32 m	Ban Sha'ban	Haneen Al-Mughrabi	Sarah As'ad
Free Style 32m	Natalie Abu Auf	Raya Al-Fannek	Ban Sha'ban
(3 - 4) Males			
Breast Stroke 16m	Naser Halaseh	Saif Al-Shak'a	Ra'ed Jweihan
Back Stroke 16 m	Eyad Al-Khuffash	Ahmad Batayneh	Mahomoud Lafy
Freestyle 32m	Omar Abbassi	Abdallah Thuhni	Kamal Bkeirat
Butterfly 16m	Abdallah Thuhni	Omar Abbassi	Kamal Bkeirat
(5 - 6) Males			
Breast Stroke 32m	Bassel Hatabeh	Faisal Al-Shak'a	Na'el Kamal
Back Stroke 32m	Na'el Kamal	Mohammad Kayyali	---
Free style 32m	Tarek Kana'n	Faisal Al-Shak'a	Assem Saadedine
Butterfly 32m	Bassel Hatabeh	Tarek Kan'an	---

Our very active A.D., under the guidance of Coach Mohammad Al-Akhdar, Sina Qardan, and Taghreed Smairat, organized the following:

Running Competition for Grade 1 students. Results were as follows:

- 1st Place: Mohammed Bedour
- 2nd Place: Omar Yasin
- 3rd place: Faris Bawab, Muhammad Abdul-Razzaq

Basketball Free Throw Competition for grade 2 students. Results were as follows:

- 1st Place: Faris Hattab
- 2nd Place: Qusai Mostafa
- 3rd place: Faisal Al-Shayeb

Beanbag-Throwing Contest for Grade 3 students, Results were as follows:

- 1st Place: Mouayad Azzam, Aya Nashashibi
- 2nd Place: Zakariya Stetieh, Perry Bibi
- 3rd place: Basel Al Qaisi, Hala Abdullah, Zein Rahmani, Tala Thalji

Football

Under the guidance of Coach Ayman Al Omari, teams from Grades 1-6 competed in a Football Tournament at Al-Bayan School, which involved 14 private schools. The results were as follows:

- Grade 1 – 3rd place
- Grade 2 – 2nd place
- Grade 3 – 1st place
- Grade 4 – 1st place
- Grade 5 – 3rd place
- Grade 6 – Unplaced

Basketball

A Basketball Tournament was held at Amman Academy, under the supervision of Coach Jalal Suliman, in which our school's teams participated and won 2nd place with both the 1st and 2nd grade teams.

Congratulations to our future hoopsters!

During recess, and under the guidance of Coach Jalal, the school's playground witnessed basketball games between students from grades 4-6. Congratulations to the winners: 4B, 5C, and 6D!

The A.D. organized a competition for the most original sports-oriented cake.

Nadeen Ghizawi won the cup for the tastiest cake, while Yazan Haddadin and Taleen Haddadin won the award for the best design.

Congratulations to the winners!!!



Counseling Committee

The Counseling Committee continues to extend its services to our school. This helps the students realize social and psychological potentials. They participated in two events:

On Valentine's Day, the Counseling Committee sold flowers to the students and teachers at school and donated the proceeds to the Promising Hands Team for Community Service.

On Labor Day, the Counseling Committee organized a lunch for all the cleaners and maintenance workers.



In-Service Training and Workshops

Junior School teachers attended a 9-hour workshop on "Incorporating the IB Program in the Junior School Curriculum". This insightful workshop was conducted by Mrs. Ghadeer Hatabeh in Arabic and by Ms. Dallal Hammoudeh in English.

A workshop for Science teachers, Grades 1-6, entitled "Scientific Inquiry" was conducted by

Mrs. Maya Abu Eiseh, which revolved on inquiry as a means of developing knowledge and understanding scientific concepts through various activities.

Maha Al-Khateeb and Lina Abu Ayyash attended the "15th Educational Conference for the Private Schools Cultural and Educational Council". They presented a workshop entitled "How to

be a Star in Your Students' Lives". The workshop introduced techniques to ensure transforming every teacher into a star that lights the way for generations to come. A number of Junior School teachers also participated in the 15th Educational Conference for Private Schools, attending workshops and lectures in their various fields of specialization.

PTA



The PTA and SLO organized its first Bingo Night at the end of May, at the Royal Automobile Club. This was well attended and enjoyed by students, teachers, and their families and friends.

On the occasion of Mother's Day, the PTA distributed delicious chocolates to all the teachers.

Science Fair

Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Khalid Irani, Minister of Environment, the Department proudly held its 3rd Science Fair. Our scientists, better known as our students, displayed different projects that not only reflected their knowledge and understanding of the material they studied, but also their individuality, creativity and character.



قسم الدين

أشرفت معلمات التربية الإسلامية على إعداد مجلة حائط شهرية تناولت موضوعات عدة من أبرزها: أخلاقيات المسلم، يوم المحبة، أدعية دينية، عيد الأضحى ومواضيع عن الأخوة ومحبة الله عز وجل. كما شجعت معلمات التربية الإسلامية الطلاب على التعبير عن حبهم لرسول الله في ذكرى المولد النبوي الشريف من خلال بطاقات المحبة والأغاني التي قدموها عبر الإذاعة المدرسية، وقد عمل القسم على تشجيع الزيارات اليومية إلى مصلى المدرسة لأداء فريضة الصلاة، ونظم قسم الدين دورة في التلاوة والتجويد خلال الفصل الدراسي الثاني وقد تم توزيع شهادات تقديرية على الطلبة المشاركين ودعوتهم إلى تناول طعام الغداء في المدرسة.

فاطمة البخاري، أماني سراي، لينا أبو عياش.



نادي البيئة

بمناسبة مرور عشرة أعوام على تأسيس نادي البيئة فقد تم تكريم المعلمة مايا أبو عيشة وتسليمها درعا تكريميا من المديرية العامة للسيدة رندة الحسن المحترمة خلال فعاليات المعرض العلمي في المدرسة كما تم توزيع الشهادات التقديرية على طلبة نادي البيئة.

ومن أنشطة النادي خلال الفصل الدراسي الثاني: شارك عدد من أعضاء نادي البيئة في معرض التجارب العلمية حيث وضوا للحضور أهمية نادي البيئة وأنشطة النادي وقدموا شرحا عن كيفية فحص المياه بطرق علمية.

قام أعضاء نادي البيئة في المدرسة بزيارة الى معصرة زيتون، وهناك تعرفوا الى الطرق التقليدية في عصر الزيتون وقارنوها مع الطرق الحديثة، كما تعرفوا الى انواع الزيتون واستمعوا الى شرح عن مخلفات الزيتون واستخداماتها، ثم تناولوا وجبة افطار تم اعدادها من الزيت والزعر كضيافة من القائمين على المزرعة.

شارك أعضاء نادي البيئة في المدرسة مع مجلس طلبة المرحلة الأساسية في زراعة أشجار في منطقة مآبنا ومن ثم تناولوا وجبة الغداء في مطعم حارة جدودنا.

مسؤولة النادي / مايا أبو عيشة.

قسم اللغة العربية

قدم طلابنا الأعزاء من الصف السادس مجموعة من المسرحيات التي كانت تدعم القراءة الخارجية وتظهر قدرة الطلاب على الإنتاج والتأليف والإعداد والإخراج لعمل مسرحي بأنامل الإبداع الذي يبشر بجيل صاعد متفتح العقل والروح، ننمي قدراته اللغوية والفكرية والوجدانية وننمي ذوقه وخياله وصولا إلى تكامل شخصيته الإنسانية وذلك من خلال إشراكه في العديد من الأنشطة الصفية التكاملية.

منسقة اللغة العربية / عبير الطاهر.



الانضباط المدرسي - قضايا من الميدان -

وددت أن يكون حديثي مستمدا من الواقع الذي أعيشه كمسؤول النظام وشؤون الطلبة للمرحلة الابتدائية في مدرستنا العزيزة، لا الغوص في النظريات الفلسفية التي تعالج قضايا التربية لأن مثل هذه النظريات يمكن الرجوع إليها في كثير من المراجع والكتب المتخصصة.

في مدرستنا يتم التعامل مع فئتين: الأولى وتشمل طلبة صفوف الأول، الثاني والثالث، أما الفئة الثانية فتشمل طلبة الصفوف الرابع، الخامس والسادس. وسأركز في حديثي على طلبة الفئة الثانية. وهذه المرحلة تسبق سن المراهقة وهي لا تقل عنها أهمية. فإذا أصغينا إلى الطفل وفهمناه وتعاملنا معه بأسلوب سليم مراعين اختلاف زمن الآباء عن زمن الأبناء استطعنا الوصول بالطفل إلى بر الأمان.

هناك تعاون كبير بين البيت والمدرسة مما له الأثر الأكبر في تخطي الصعوبات التي تعترض المسيرة التربوية والتعليمية، لذا أود لفت الانتباه إلى النقاط التالية كالتسارع منقطع النظير في التكنولوجيا والذي أوجد فجوة من نوع ما بين جيلي الآباء والأبناء من حيث إجادة التعامل مع هذا التسارع بين الجيلين، لذا أنصح بوجود المراقبة حتى لا يؤدي عدمها إلى وجود آثار ونتائج سلبية في حياة الأبناء فعلى سبيل المثال مشاهدة أفلام العنف التي تؤثر سلبا في تعامل الطفل مع زملائه. إهمال شخصية الطفل بشكل غير مقصود وذلك بأن ينوب الأهل عنه في كل شيء من خلال المطالبات والمراجعات وحل المشكلات مع رفاقه بحيث تطغى شخصية الأهل على شخصية الطالب فيتأخر في الاعتماد على نفسه وتضعف ثقته بنفسه. وأخيرا بعض الأمور الخاصة كعدم اتفاق الوالدين في الرأي على أسلوب تربية الأولاد الأمر الذي ينعكس سلبا على حياة الطالب. وإذا أضفنا قضية ضرب الطفل من قبل الأهل ومقارنته مع إخوانه وأخواته نكون قد أشرنا إلى كثير من النقاط السلبية التي نود أن نتعاون معا لتجنبها. قصدت من حديثي لفت الانتباه إلى عدم الاستخفاف بعمر الطفل، فطفل اليوم واع أكثر من ذي قبل وذلك لاتساع المعرفة وسهولة الوصول إليها دون عناء. فعلى الأهل الاستماع لأبنائهم وسؤالهم عن تفاصيل ما يحدث معهم وعن معرفة أية تصرفات خاطئة وإبلاغ المدرسة لوضع حد لها والقضاء عليها في مهدها.

مسؤول النظام وشؤون الطلبة / ثامر أرناؤوط

School Activities

Grades 1-3 Assemblies

Students from Grades 1 to 3 performed assemblies in both Arabic and English for their parents. The plays and songs performed were designed to boost the children's awareness of their communities and environment, instill loyalty to their country, and increase their confidence and self esteem. We thank the homeroom teachers, the art teachers and the music department for their relentless effort that made these events a success.



Our students participated in the "**Shine**" competition organized by Fastlink. Three of our students received prizes for academic excellence, in addition to prizes for artistic talents and athletic talents. **Way to go!**



To encourage extracurricular reading, the school hosted a Book Fair at the MMS Library during April.

Grade 3 students participated in a **cultural/educational competition**, prepared by Miss Salam Saleh, which included 20 questions covering various subjects. The competition, posted on the school's website, was won by: Fahed Al-Natsheh, Dina Kalaji, Sanad Zanbaka, Ramiz Qardan, and Jude Al-Shayeb, who were awarded educational books that aim to stimulate their intelligence and curiosity.



Celebrations



To celebrate **Easter**, the students of Grades 1 and 2 were given specially decorated biscuits and cookies.



The MMS **Open Day** was held on Friday, May 25th – **Independence Day**. This was, as it is every year, very successful and attended by a large number of students, teachers, families and friends. They enjoyed games, music, a raffle, and many more fun activities. All proceeds from the Open Day were donated to support the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.



To celebrate **Labor Day**, the students of the AHA organized a "Careers Day" in which officers from the Police Force and the Fire Department held a display on the school premises for students in Grades 1-3. This included exercises in putting out a fire, a rescue operation and a police arrest. The students were also allowed to inspect the fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars, which they enjoyed tremendously.