

By popular request – the weekly curriculum sheet is back . . . We hope you enjoy it!

Curriculum News: We hope that the following gives a flavour of some of this week's studying:

Arabic Non Native: Year 7 learned about **my family** - أسرتي; Year 8 learned **Celebrations (الاحتفالات)**; Year 9 learned about **my room & in the hotel room** . وفي غرفة الفندق . في غرفتي – وفي غرفة الفندق

Arabic Native: الصف التاسع/ مؤسسة; الصف الثامن/ زايد رحمه الله والاتحاد، إملاء; الصف السابع/ التشبيه المفصل، الكشف في المعجم الوسيط، إملاء
خليفة للأعمال الإنسانية، إملاء

Art & DT: students explored Al Ain this week to take photos in preparation for an exhibition of their work.

English & Drama: Yr 7 studied the language of newspapers and are writing their own news story using sensationalised language and witty headlines. They also studied Roald Dahl's letter writing. Yr 8 studied '*Lamb to the Slaughter*' by Roald Dahl and are writing a monologue from Patrick's perspective. They are also studying a Shakespearean play. Yr 9 focused on '*Touching the Void*' and are learning to write P.E.E. paragraphs, looking at the narrative from two different perspectives. They are preparing a presentation on an endangered species for formal assessment next week.

French: Yr 9 are conversing about their daily routines and developing their listening skills. Two Yr 9 students sat a mock Higher GCSE reading paper and gained a grade A*. Excellent work! Yr 8 are conversing about what their parents do for a living and careers and will have a unit test in a few weeks' time. Yr 7 have completed their unit test and are moving on to taking in more depth about their brothers and sisters and describing their pets.

History: Year 7 continue with castles this week, examining techniques used to defend and attack during a siege. Year 8 will be examining changes in science during the Renaissance, with a particular focus on Vesalius and Galileo. Year 9 are studying some of the changes in warfare seen during World War One: e.g. the use of U-boats, planes, Zeppelins and gas. Computing: Yr 7 have been re-enacting scenes from 'Macbeth', taking digital images for use in a comic book strip; Yr 8 investigated house styles and designed 3 fold brochures; Yr 9 created business cards in conjunction with their project linked to tourism focussed on Lake Garda. Fantastic work again this week in Computing!

Islamic Studies: Non Native - Yr 7 learned about faith and courage and the story of Dawood and Jalut and tried memorizing 'At- tashahhud' and 'As salat ul ibrahimiyyah'; Yr 8 learned about Jibreel, The Holy Spirit, and al Issra wa Al mi'raj; Year 9 learned about faith and perseverance and the story of prophet Nuh; they memorized surat Al Alaa.

Native – Yr 7 learned about humility and its importance in human life as a moral value; Yr 8 learned about the manifestation of sin and its impact on individuals and society; Yr 9 learned about advice and its importance.

Maths: Yr 9s assessed their knowledge on Fractions and Estimation & have begun studying Trigonometry; Yr 7 Aloe studied Negative Numbers and Properties of Numbers e.g. Factors and Multiples; Yr 8 Jasmine worked on sequences and finding the 'nth' term. 7 Cinnamon studied Algebra, and Yr 8 orchid studied Ratio and Proportion.

PE: students are looking at cat balances, speed vaults and how to link moves together to create an effective and interesting Parkour routine. In swimming the focus is on improving their backstroke. Please note that there will be a Tennis Tournament at the Danat on Saturday following coach Grant Williams' visit last week.

Science: Yr 7 studied acids and alkalis, developing knowledge about indicators e.g. litmus paper, universal indicator and organic indicators; Year 8 studied the periodic table of the elements and Dimitri Mendeleev; Year 9 studied how metals and metal compounds react with acids, carrying out laboratory practicals to test for different gasses and metal salts.

Social Studies: Year 7 learned about weather regions in the Islamic world; Year 8: learnt about Omar bin Abdul Aziz and also used latitude and longitude; Year 9 learnt about the Ottoman conquests in Arab countries, as well as UAE weather.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to the secondary Raft Builders and Rowers. What a fantastic win at Bandar Marina this weekend, putting AAIS well and truly on the map. In the end our 'Raft 58' triumphed overall. Well done also to Years 5 & 6 for their triumphs. Thanks to all who supported this project.



Eric and Jimmy: our oarsmen

AAIS Years 7 & 8 Team



AAIS Year 9 Team



Date for the Diary: AAIS Arabic Secondary PIMs - Native 5 pm, Non Native 6 pm Tuesday 4th November.