

Preparations for National Day: these are well underway. **Thank you to the Friends of Al Ain International School and those parents who are helping us with all of our preparations; it is your work and efforts that helps make all of this possible.** Well done to Mr Short and Ms Allen for organising the secondary visit to Horrible Histories also – our students were a credit to us all.

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

Arabic Non Native: Year 9 learned the story of Huthaifah and the hoopoe, huthifah wal hudhud: حذيفة والهدد

Year 7 and 8 learned The Story of the Grasshopper and the Ant but at different levels, with differentiated questions: قصّة النملة و الجرادة

Anamlah wa al-jaradah. **Arabic Native:** "النتع" Y7 الصف السابع: درس الطلبة الأنشطة والتدريبات المتعلقة بالمادة النحوية "النتع"

Y9 الصف التاسع: درس الطلبة الأنشطة والتدريبات المتعلقة بقصيدة "تحية لقائد المسيرة" وقاموا بعمل عرض تقديمي يتعلق بالفهم المتحصل من قراءتهم للقصيدة.

Y8 الصف الثامن: درس الطلبة الأنشطة والتدريبات المتعلقة بقصيدة "الأم".

Art & DT: Students have been painting their Islamic tiles and completing their Arabic coffee pots for the Al Ain project. Year 7 Cinnamon created stencil prints of coffee pots using UAE colours for National Day; Year 7 Aloe experimented with radial symmetry to produce prints of their Islamic designs. Year 8 have used technology to explore repeat patterns and different colour ways.

English: Year 7 focused on writing using Point, Evidence, Explain (PEE) paragraphs in response to texts and have been word processing their 'Sense of Place' pieces. Year 8 have learnt about different perspectives by re-writing a newspaper article from another person's point of view, while also preparing for their literary criticism essay on 'Romeo and Juliet'. Year 8 Drama have been re-writing Act 1, Sc5 from Romeo and Juliet in hip-hop style. Year 9 English have been preparing persuasive speeches on a variety of subjects, and have been rehearsing their six scenes for an advert about a mythical creature in Lake Garde in Drama, linking with English and ICT.

Computing: Yr 7 have completed their Macbeth themed comic books. Students have been printing off their final products and taking part in evaluation exercises with their peers. Some fantastic work has been produced! Yr 8 have been adding the final touches to the portfolios concerning their project: Do Aliens Exist? Students have really applied themselves with a wide selection of creative 3 fold brochures having been completed and printed. Yr 9 have been constructing a multiple page tourism brochure in association with their current project on Lake Garda. Next lesson all brochures will be printed out and students will take part in evaluation exercises.

Geography: Yr 7 learnt about Weather; Yr 8 learnt about Coasts and defending against the sea; Yr 9 learnt about Development – specifically issues of development in both rich and poor countries.

History: Yr 7 have studied 'Bad King John' of England and examined whether he really deserves his 'bad' reputation. Yr 8 began a new module on the 18th and 19th centuries by looking at some of the changes that took place during this period. Yr 9 have analysed the impact of World War One on the Middle East - in particular the Arab Revolt and the division of the Ottoman Empire after the war.

Maths: 7 Cinnamon finished their work on mappings and explored plotting horizontal and vertical line graphs. 8 Orchid explored various ways to perform written division and then moved on to look at reciprocal numbers and the conversion of terminating and recurring decimals into fractions. 7 Aloe finished their work on fractions. 8 Jasmine continue their algebra studies by learning some complex linear equations. Year 9 have been trying a level 8 topic: finding the nth term of a quadratic sequence. All groups ended the week by revising for their first test on Sunday – which is a non-calculator paper

Music: Most of Year 7 recorded their Musical Journey this week. These have been downloaded on to the computer ready to evaluate next lesson! Year 8 continued with their Advert projects; they have two lessons left before these will be recorded. Year 9 have continued composing variations for their Minimalist pieces. Some of these will be performed in a secondary Assembly very soon!

Science: Year 7 finished their presentations on Acids and Alkalis. Students were assessed on their presentation skills and started a physics based topic. They also revised for assessments. Year 8 completed their chemistry topic. They looked at the periodic table, elements and compounds and demonstrated five different separation techniques used to separate mixtures and compounds. Year 9 completed looking at metals and metal compounds and are now studying energy and electricity.

Dates for the Diary: We look forward to celebrating the 43rd National Day as a whole community together here at Al Ain International School on Thursday 27th November, when all children and adults are invited to attend in the traditional dress of the UAE or clothed in the colours of the flag. We invite you to join the Aldar celebration the evening before on Wednesday 26th November at 6pm at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, beginning at 6 pm and ending at approximately 7 pm.

Secondary Bake Off: Year 7 Aloe raised an impressive 772 AED with their Bake Off. Monies raised will go to charity. Thank you everyone for your support.



Year 9 Movie Nights: final preparations have been made to launch the AAIS Movie Night initiative that has been formulated by the students. Due to the jam packed schedule of events at the school at the moment, we will hopefully be launching this event on Thurs 7th December.

Secondary Assessments:

Arabic: 1 hour 30 mins test on Sunday 30th Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 & 9

English: 1 hour 30 mins assessment on Sunday 23rd Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 & 9

French: Yr 7- 1 hour on Tues. 25th Nov; Yr 8 – 1 hour on Tues, 18th Nov; Yr 9 French or Spanish – 1 hour on Sun. 23rd Nov.

Islamic: Weds. 19th Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 and 9
Maths: 1 x 1 hour test on Sunday 23rd Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 & 9 plus 1 x 1 hour tests on Sunday 30th Nov. Yrs 7, 8 & 9

Science: 1 hour test for Yrs 7, 8 & 9 on Monday 1st December

Social Studies: 1 hour test on Monday 1st Dec. for Yrs 7, 8 and 9

All other subjects will be assessed via classwork & Home Learning.