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AMPS NEWSLETTER

"Bringing school stories at your fingertips"

AMPS celebrates Literacy Month with reading challenges, book reviews, and storytelling sessions, all aimed at enhancing students reading skills.



DAILY GUIDED READING PROGRAM

The English Department at AMPS has implemented a daily guided reading program to improve elementary and middle school students' literacy and language fluency skills. Ultimately, this successful reading program not only equips students with essential skills but also instills a lifelong love of reading.

In elementary and middle schools, we utilize the Raz-Kids guided reading program daily. It is an acclaimed educational tool providing extensive leveled reading resources for students. It offers numerous eBooks across 29 difficulty levels, ensuring suitability for every learner.

Accessible through an interactive platform, students engage with leveled texts online or via devices, promoting motivation and participation. Each eBook allows students to listen to, read, and record their readings. Subsequently, students complete corresponding eQuizzes to assess comprehension and guide further instruction. Advancement to higher reading levels occurs after reading ten or more eBooks and passing associated eQuizzes.

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Achieve3000 Literacy Accelerates Lexile Growth Across All Grade Levels. Students in the upper grades demonstrate as much growth as younger students despite having lower levels of expected growth.

WHY ACHIEVE 3000?

It accelerates learning growth for all students with Achieve3000 Literacy's differentiated content and instruction. It is proven to double and even triple expected reading gains in a single school year.





MONTH IN GLANCE

KG Character Day

Reflecting on the colourful festivities of our recently celebrated Kindergarten Global Day and Favourite Book Character Day! Our little explorers embarked on a cultural journey around the world, showcasing diversity and embracing new perspectives. Additionally, they brought their favorite book characters to life, igniting imaginations and fostering a love for reading. Let's cherish the memories of these enriching experiences as we continue to inspire curiosity and creativity in our Kindergarten community.



School Clinic

Nurturing Healthy Habits Across Our School

During the first week of March, our dedicated clinic team orchestrated a series of enlightening wellness lectures tailored to meet the diverse needs of our cherished student body. With a keen focus on fostering healthy habits from a young age, our KG students attended an interactive session on hand hygiene, facilitated in collaboration with experts from Dettol. Meanwhile, our Emirati students in grades 10, 11, and 12, along with their parents, attended a lecture organized by the Dubai Health Authority (DHA). The session emphasized the significance of adopting a healthy lifestyle and caring for one's body, particularly in preparation for military service to minimize any potential health complications. By instilling these vital lessons and empowering our students with knowledge, we aim to cultivate a resilient and health-conscious community that thrives in every aspect of life, both within and beyond the school gates.

MONTH IN GLANCE

Global Day

The global day event at Al Maaref Private School was envisioned as a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity, bringing together students, teachers, and families to showcase and appreciate various traditions from around the world. The school was adorned with colorful decorations representing different cultures, and students arrived dressed in traditional attire, eager to share their heritage. The event featured a lineup of performances, including music, and dances, each highlighting different aspects of cultural identity. Tents were set up throughout the school, offering culinary delights from various countries and interactive exhibits showcasing art, history, and customs. The spirit of unity and cultural appreciation prevailed as students and staff came together to make the most of the day, forging lasting memories and celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures that make up the Al Maaref community.



Seniors Breakfast

AMPS seniors had an enjoyable outing to the Dubai Design District, where they savored a delightful and satisfying breakfast together. It was a highly anticipated event, and all the students were thrilled when the day finally arrived. Fueled by delicious food and great company, they embarked on their day with renewed energy and camaraderie.



Middle School Spelling Bee Competition

The Final Round of the Spelling Bee competition occurred on the 14th and 15th of March. Participants showed great confidence and demonstrated their amazing spelling skills during the competition. The winners were announced on the 15th of March, so let's congratulate the winners of the Boys' Section Spelling Bee:

- 1st place: Adam Feras
 - 2nd Place: Musaab Hamodh
 - 3rd Place: Haider Wisam
- and the winners of the Girls' Section Spelling Bee:
- 1st place: Haneen Motwee!
 - 2nd place : Sarah Khaled



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HAPPY

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day!

On March 21, we celebrated the remarkable women who hold a special place in our hearts, our beloved mothers.

This Mother's Day, we took a moment to express gratitude and honor the selfless love, guidance, and unwavering support that these beloved women provide.

This special day is dedicated to recognizing the irreplaceable role that mothers play and the efforts that they put into shaping our lives in the best way possible. It was a time to show them all of our appreciation that we have for them, and to also acknowledge the countless sacrifices that make them the incredible individuals they are. A simple hug, a thoughtful note, or just a genuine "thank you" can mean the world. Show your appreciation and make their day extra special!

We love you!

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY: STUDENTS' VISION IN ACTION!

In a special interview series, we asked some of our students what they would do if they were the principal for a day. Their intelligent and creative replies revealed their opinions, ideas, and goals for our school community. Join us as we explore their unique concepts for a day of student-led leadership.

"If I were the principal in this school I would build a trampoline in the school's playground"



"I would tell the PE teachers to add more PE classes and allow more students to take part in competitions to learn more about teamwork & collaboration."

-Laureen 5B



"I want to enhance the high school library environment to be more conducive to learning and encourage a greater number of students to develop a habit of reading regularly."

-Mansoor Rashid 12B



"I would let the elementary students choose their classes to make learning more fun. When classes are enjoyable, students are happy to join in and learn more.."



"I would have more AP courses for the grade eleven and twelve students, and more interactive activities between classes."

-Safa Hadad 11C



CREATIVE CHRONICLES



"IN THIS ISSUE, WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING OUR STUDENTS' REMARKABLE TALENTS IN POETRY. EXPERIENCE THEIR HEARTFELT EXPRESSIONS AND UNIQUE CREATIVITY AS THEY SHARE THEIR PERSONAL REFLECTIONS THROUGH VIBRANT VERSES. JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THEIR INSPIRING WORK AND PASSION FOR THE ARTS!"

LIFE'S JEOPARDY

IS LIFE A TORMENT OR A GRATUITY?
THE QUESTION THAT HAS LEFT ME IN VAGUENESS AND UNCERTAINTY
PUSHING ME OFF THE COURSE OF POSSIBILITY
FAR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE AMBIGUOUS INFINITY
CROSSING THE HORIZON OF THE INCONCEIVABLE ETERNITY

WILL ALL THE AGONY JUST GO IN VAIN?
IS THE JOY ENOUGH TO DEMOLISH THE PAIN?
DOES THIS DRAW THE STYMIE FOR WHAT LIFE COULD SUSTAIN?
OR IS IT JUST A MERE VOID OF GRAVITY'S REFRAIN?
JUST YET ANOTHER CONCEPT LEFT TO ABSTAIN

A DILEMMA THAT HAS BEEN HELD BY MY CURIOSITY
AN ENDLESS PORTAL TO PREDICAMENT AND AND AMBIGUITY
INTERROGATING ALL I KNEW ABOUT INELUCTABILITY
SHATTERING THE WALLS OF MY PERCEPTION AND TENACITY
LIFTING THE VEIL TO REVEAL A WHOLE NEW REALITY

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لطالما داعبتني الحياة ببراءة
فخلتها حلوة دوماً تبتسم
هل تغيرت إليها نظرتي؟
أم هذه لحظة في انتظار التغير؟
كثرت التساؤلات و تعقدت
و كم من رجل أهلكته التساؤلات
لربما كانت محض تحفيز و تهيئ
أو محتومة لقدر الدوام لم تبد
إن العواصف لا تهب إلا و بعدها
نسيم لطيف يربّت مع ضحكات
و كم من ليلة مرت مريرة
و في جوفها أمل قد فُقد
لتشرق بعدها شمس التفاؤل و الحنين
فئنسي المرء بما حلّ و ما لم يحلّ
و في النهاية ما هذه إلا الحياة
نبحر بين أمواجها المتلاطمة
للوصول إلى أفقٍ نتأمله من بعيد
و ما تمرّ تلك المعضلات مرور الكرام
بل تذكرة تكمن في كل لحظة
فما الحياة سوى تقلبات
فالضفة الآمنة سلك طريقها العاقل
و غدر الزمان اللاذع منه لم يتمكّن
بصيص من إيمان و أمل كفى و أوفى
في أن فُقدت فيه الإنسانية

الطالبة تانيا سوبره
بإشراف المعلمة جهاد

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SENIORS GUIDE

UAE Universities

American University Of Sharjah (AUS)

AUS is ranked 348th in the global rankings. Licensed both in the UAE and in the US, AUS offers courses based on the US model of higher education, & a diverse student body.



<https://www.aus.edu/admissions/financial-grants-and-scholarships>

Khalifa University (KU)

A non-profit science-focused university which was founded in Abu Dhabi as part of a government initiative. KU is modeled around the American structure of higher education and is developing a worldwide network of partners, faculty members, and research programs to advance research and innovation in the UAE.



<https://www.ku.ac.ae/scholarships>

University of Sharjah (UOS)

Established in 1997 by the Emir of Sharjah, Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi, the University of Sharjah ranks 601-650 in the QS World University Rankings. UOS aims to become a leading academic institution around the world, through creating a supportive, well-equipped learning environment.



<https://www.sharjah.ac.ae/en/Admissions/fees-scholar/Pages/default.aspx>

Zayed University (ZU)

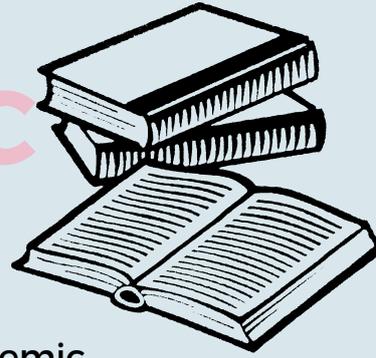
Established in 1998, Zayed University has nearly 6,500 students enrolled in it. It is currently the top University in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. ZU offers globally recognized Bachelors and Masters Degree programs for men and women and is renowned for educating the leaders of the future.



<https://www.zu.ac.ae/main/en/undergraduate-programs/tuition-scholarship>

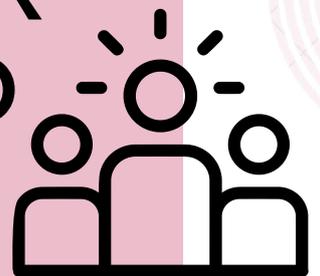
TAKE IT FROM US

HANDLING ACADEMIC PRESSURE



Every once in a while we all feel that we have a state of academic pressure and this can lead to bad moods and an exhausting time when it comes to studying. And we need to prevent this as much as possible, here are some tips to reduce these academic pressures and stress. It's always important to break tasks into smaller and more manageable parts. Remember that it's not a shame to ask for support from friends, family, or teachers when necessary. Another thing to keep in mind is to focus on progress over perfection, this can show an improvement over time when you are keeping tasks up to date. And for the final thing is to maintain a steady focus on your goals, try writing them down for example. Once you've tried out one of these tips we guarantee you that you will be able to overcome any challenges.

BEING A GOOD LEADER MEANS BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR



Being a good leader also means being a good communicator. A true leader should be able to communicate with their team so that they can all understand the goal and how to achieve that goal. Another quality of a great leader is confidence. By being confident, A leader is able to make tough decisions and lead with authority, and they are also able to reassure and inspire others. A leader should also be responsible and accountable for any mistakes. They should support and encourage individuality while abiding rules. These skills can be honed over time and practice, so always inspire to learn these skills and be a leader for your team.

Cozy Corner Creation:

Family Reading Tips:

BUILDING LIFELONG READERS



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In our busy modern world, nurturing a love for reading in our children is vital. Family reading habits play a crucial role in igniting curiosity and imagination in young minds. This can be achieved through various practices:

COZY CORNER CREATION

Transform a designated area in your home into a comfortable reading nook with plush floor pillows and a diverse selection of books.

TRAVELING TALES

Encourage your child to bring a book on journeys, whether long road trips or family vacations, to keep their minds engaged and curious.

FAMILY READING TIME

Set aside moments during the day for the entire family to gather and indulge in favorite books together, fostering a shared love for reading.

INQUISTIVE INTERACTIONS

Spark engagement with reading material by asking thought-provoking questions, prompting predictions, and encouraging imaginative storytelling.

BEDTIME BOOK RITUAL

Incorporate reading into your child's nightly routine, turning bedtime into a cozy "book time" where you take turns reading aloud and sharing literary adventures.

you can cultivate a lifelong passion for reading in your child, empowering them with the skills and joys of literature.

Upcoming Events

April 15 - April 30, 2024

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APRIL

BOOK FAIR
All grades

English Language
Day

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