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At ABS we pride ourselves on giving all students a range of activities that help them to develop and grow. Research shows that we learn in different ways and extra-curricular activities are a great way of providing students the opportunities to fulfill their potential. There are many benefits to be gained from these activities. We all know that sport activities help to keep us healthy while having fun. In addition, they also give students the opportunity to develop their language, coordination, and team skills while having fun. We offer activities such as MUN, Senior and Junior committee, and Student Council which are ideal selling points when applying for university.

At ABS, we offer a range of foreign

visits and all students are provided with educational field trips in Kuwait. These are great ways of making learning come to life. We offer a range of sport clubs that give all students regardless of their level the means of gaining exercise and having fun. Throughout the year we offer many spirit days and a range of community projects these assist students in increasing their self-esteem and gaining the chance to help others.

We all want our students to broaden their horizons and to develop as individuals, which is why staff give up their time to arrange and run these events. Often these things are a way of not only building solid relationships with their peers but also with their

teachers.

We ask that you support the school and make sure your child takes all the opportunities that we offer. We are dedicating this edition to show you some of the activities we have offered during semester one while giving a sneak preview of some of the ones to come. Remember we encourage parents to participate and play a full part of the school, so why not join in? Make sure you check out our website which is updated with all current information.

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Elementary Sports Day

With a new Athletic Director Mr James Dines we saw this year a total radical overhaul to our Sports Day. Gone was the field and track events and instead we saw all students competing against each other in a variety of games. Some of the old things remained like the competing against the staff at tug of war and the great atmosphere and fantastic facilities. The new day was a huge success check out these photos and quotes from students; they show the benefits of a sports day.



Khaled Al-Gharabally



Grade 3,4,5



Grade 5

Highlight of the day was the seniors playing against the teachers.
Abdul Rahmon
grade 12



Tala Al-Mohtaseb



Ibrahim Abdullah & Abdulaziz Al-Ghanim



Dalal Al Ajmi



Hamad Al Sebeih



A great way to remember my last year - a perfect day. Thanks to the staff for making an enjoyable day.

Fahad Al Dughaishem
grade 12

All the activities were fun this year in particular the football, kickball and the tug of war.
Rashid Al Ayoub
grade 6



MS/HS Girls

Laughed all day with friends and the teachers.

Mohammed Taqi
Grade 6



Farah Al Sh... & Fajer Al Sabah

Loved the new changes.
Khalid Al Awadhi
grade 9



Liked that we got to play against the teachers and win.

Bassel AL Muhtaseb
grade 9

A huge buzz when we won.

Dari Al Enezi
Grade 6

A great way to exercise and have fun with my friends.

Yousef Khorsheed
Grade 6

Had a great laugh
Mohammad Al Anezi
grade 9



MS/HS Boys Winners

Dar al Athar.

Middle and High school students were given the opportunity to visit the Dar Al Athar.

Middle School were given a tour of the very impressive exhibition and an insight into the wonderful jewels of Kuwait and the Middle East.

High school were also shown a history of medicine in Kuwait.

These field trips are designed to enhance students education and give them opportunity to learn in different environments while having fun.

So why attend these days...

By attending this field trip we got to learn about our past and our history. I was really impressed with the artefacts and enjoyed hearing about my past. The trip was fun and we got to interactive and learn at the same time.

Fay Al Ruwaished grade 7

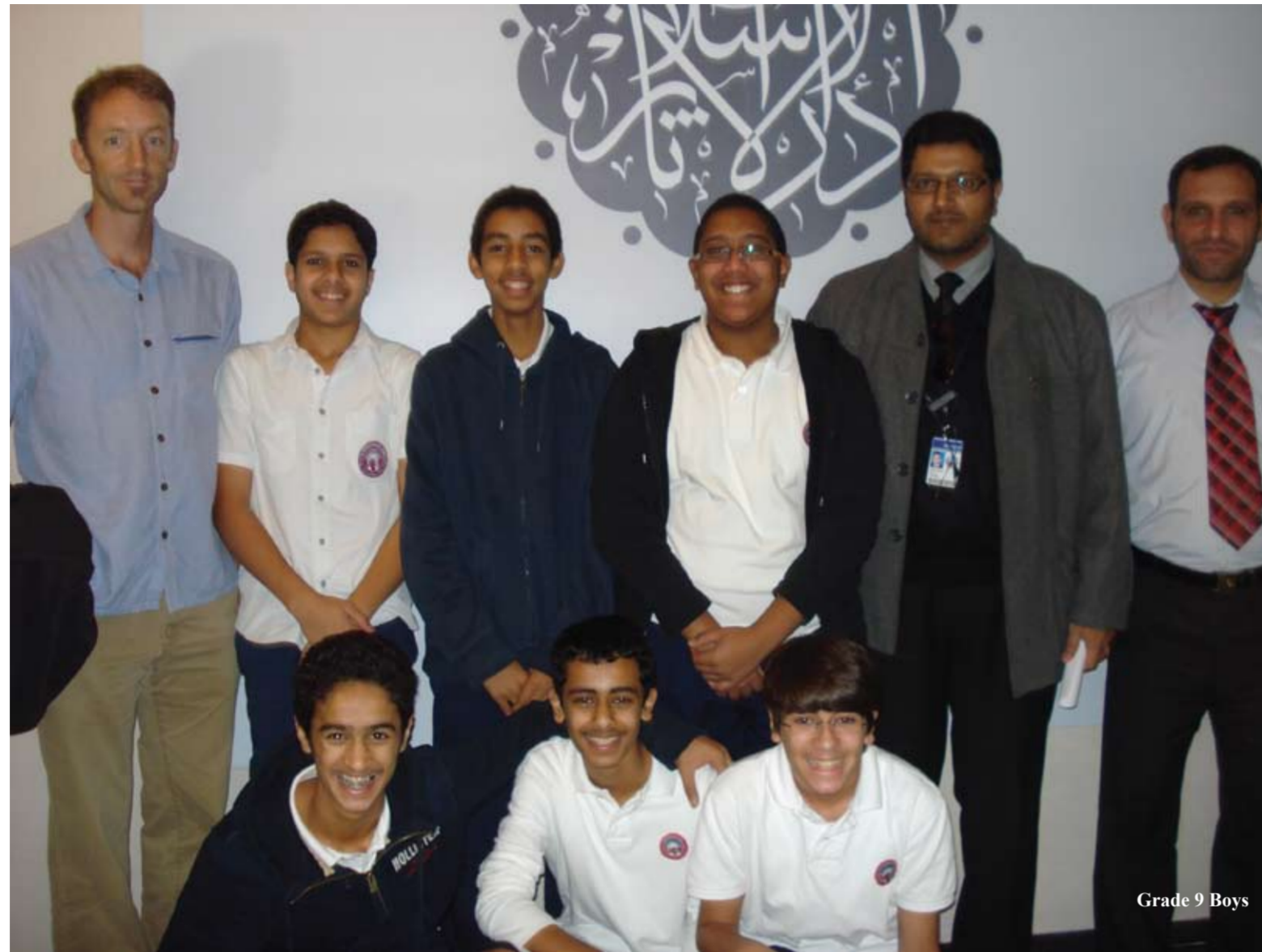
I think its important to attend field trips as we are given an opportunity to do something different while still learning.

We all enjoyed seeing the wealth of our countries culture and some of the artefacts we have. It was interesting to learn about how our past has progressed and see our country through the past. I would recommend field trips as they are a great way of bonding with my peers while having fun.

Abdul Razzaq Alkhamis Grade 6



Khalid Al Zinki



Grade 9 Boys



Mohammad Awadhi

THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

We all know the benefits from exercise and how much fun being part of a team can be, but read on to find out what the students at ABS gain from being part of the team.

Although we are an American school if you ask what is the best sport we all will answer football.

Like the Brits we can eat, sleep and breathe the game. Most of us support Manchester United and would dream of one day playing for them. However until this day comes we have our own ABS team, run by the remarkable and in our eyes the best manager in the league Mr. Liam. To us he is a legend, the man is our own Jose Mourinho, and he has flair and technique.

He makes the game enjoyable and fun, we don't even know we have been doing exercise.

We know many other teams often comment on our manager and we have a sense of pride knowing he is our secret weapon and we are confident that with his support ABS will win a league in the near future.

If joining the team just to spend time with other students and getting the opportunity to make new friends was not enough.

Think about the skills we learn, the best teams need teamwork and can only succeed if their team works together. We have Mr Korey for an assistant coach and if there was ever an advertisement for energy, well look no further. Boy he is hyper and so much fun to be around. He is a dark horse, a quiet social studies teacher from America but put him on a football pitch he transforms.

Our side had a great start at the beginning of the season, but due to a few injuries we have struggled for a few weeks and this might cost us winning the league. More students should get involved in the school football teams, they are never dull.

Written by Badder Al Shaheen Grade 12.

I could not imagine not being part of the ABS football team now; it's the highlight of my week. The competitiveness and exhilaration I feel when I'm on the pitch is too difficult to put into words. It's an opportunity to get fit, make friends and have fun. The team is run by Mr Liam, Mr Korey and Mr Neil; they all work really hard to give us the skills we need and to organize the matches.

Like a lot of my friends I love football and believe playing for my school is a great privilege, wearing the school strip might not be the same as wearing as playing for Man United but it's still a great feeling of being part of something.

We would like our football teams to grow and develop and be given the opportunity to hold tournaments in school between classes. For this we need students to support the teams. Instead of thinking that I want to go home remember that the staff are giving up their time to give us an opportunity.

Ahmed Banwan Grade 7



Abdullah Al Rashed

But don't be fooled into thinking its only boys that love the beautiful game. At ABS we have four impressive girl teams. Our under 15s team are on a winning streak and are a little bunch of hidden gems.

Again the team meet after school and are given the opportunity to play matches against lots of different schools in Kuwait.

The girls could be the first to bring trophy wear to ABS and have a lot of talent on the pitch.

Not only do you get to have lots of fun on the pitch this is a great way of making new friends and keeping healthy.

The girls did agree that like the boys they could not do this without the support of the staff and liked to show off their coach Mr Liam.

Mariam Al Ajeel, Haya Al Wugayan and Haya Tunaib grade 7



Boys Team

If football is not your game go and check out what else our PE department offer.

We have a basketball team for the girls grade 6-12 that is coached by Mr Dejan and Mr James.

When asked why they would encourage other students to participate in these activities after school, all girls agreed that its their highlight of the week.

We support each other, even if we lose we congratulate our team and feel proud of our effort.

Playing competitive sports gives us key skills we can use in life. We get to work and interact with other students.

We all feel that the team are now our best freinds for life.

Marayam AL Swayed & Fay AL Ruwaished grade 7.

KG in the SpotLight

Winter Wonderland

KG celebrated Winter Wonderland on December 15th, 2012. We had an amazing, fun day where we did lots chilly activities and learned about winter. Mr. Martin from MSHS even came over and made snow with us!



KG CELEBRATES SPECIAL COLOR THEMED DAYS

Each month the Kindergarten Department takes time to celebrate a color. September was bright like sunshine, November was pumpkin orange, December was bright red and January was frosty white. Our students love these special dress days, especially the arts and crafts projects they complete on these special days!

LIONS, TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY!!!

On November 29th the entire KG student body and staff loaded up to spend a special day at the Kuwait Zoo. We had a fabulous time looking at all of the animals and riding the train! The weather was nice and cold so many of the animals were out playing. The Pre-K classes were heard howling at the wolves and KG2B had a close up look at the large male tiger when he jumped up on the edge of his enclosure and looked them right in the eyes. A special thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped make this day so special.

Thank you Ms. Sarah!

We wanted to thank our secretary Ms. Sarah as she has been working hard all year long. She has done an especially great job on the KG department section of the school website! Please go to www.abs.edu.kw and from the Departments drop down menu - select "KG".



Muneera Al-Kazemi



Jefferson Langfeld



Sarah Barclay

Fun KG Fact

Who has two official titles, handles all KG student and parent affairs, manages 35 Teachers, 25 TA's, and does it all with a brilliant smile on her face day in and day out??? If you guessed Ms. Amal...you are right!!! Ms. Amal Al Minawi is not only the KG Head Principal but also ABS's Arabic Principal. She manages over 60 staff members at ABS and is the heart and sole of the KG Department.

H O M E W O R K

On the 29th of November our school counselor Ms Talita gave a parent conference dedicated to Homework. All students at ABS do get weekly homework and as a parent it can be difficult to know how to help support and encourage all homework. Homework can be a great way to enhance your child's education and enable them to make the most of the opportunities given.

Ways to Help Your Child with Homework

- Have them use an assignment notebook so they know what homework is required each day.
- Introduce a planning calendar and show them how to use it.
- Get them an organizer, and show them how to use it so that they develop a system for organizing all their school papers.
- Ways to Help Your Child with Homework
- Teach them to preview their assignments daily and get the tough tasks out of the way first.
- Help them to write down the order in which they will do assignments.
- Teach them to review their work frequently.
- Encourage them to establish a regular time for doing homework.
- They need to keep old quizzes and tests to prepare for future tests.
- Eliminate distractions such as phone calls and television during homework time.
- Establish a regular place for doing homework.

Some rules that will help

- Assignment notebook/Powerschool will be checked before beginning homework.
- All homework and school materials are to be placed in a backpack at the end of the homework session in readiness for the next day of school.
- Homework will not be done in front of the TV or with loud music playing.
- No phone calls or breaks will be taken during allotted homework time.
- Homework time will be used for studying even if the student has no current assignments.
- Expect first-graders to study 10 minutes each day.
- Then add 10 minutes to the homework time for each additional year of schooling as a rough guide.
- Some of this work may be done at school.
- Students may elect to do their homework in one or more daily sessions.
- Instead of specifying definite times for homework each day, parent and student may agree that all homework is to be completed by a specified time.
- Provide a quiet, well-lit space, away from distractions and with all the right study materials -- paper, pens and pencils, books, a dictionary, a desk, etc.
- Try to find a separate space for each of your children, or schedule quiet times for homework in designated spaces.
- Create a regular schedule, allowing for adequate study and free time.

- Limit TV time, and do not allow it during homework.
- When possible, be available to answer questions.
- Try doing a problem or two together, then watch as the child tries the next one.
- Avoid simply giving an answer. Instead, ask questions that let your child see the problem in smaller, sequential steps.
- Provide your kids with a notebook for writing down assignments. When they're finished, compare the homework and the notebook to make sure everything is done.
- Check Powerschool for Homework reference.
- Review completed and graded assignments.
- Discuss errors to be sure your child understands the material.
- Share any concerns with your children's teachers about the amount or type of homework assigned. Be sure to let them know if your children are having difficulty or are unable to do most of it by themselves.



High School Girls at work



High School Girls

Upcoming events... whats next..

Macedonia

Fulfill your 40 hours community service by visiting the Republic of Macedonia and complete a project there.

Talent show

Come and share your talents at the biggest event of the year.

France and Belgium History Trip

The high school history department are going to explore the historical aspects of Belgium and France and im sure after all that sighseeing a few Belgium chocolates or Paris boutiques will be sampled.



After school swimming classes

After school volleyball

School carnival
17th March 2012

Whats Next?

As we head into semester two we have a lot of activities planned and in the pipeline.

We need the students to take full advantage of these opportunities.

So make sure you keep an eye out for events and sign up.

Switzerland Ski

Once again Mr Liam hits the slopes and practices his yodeling, and skiing.

Grade 11 enjoy a field trip to GUST



Elementary enjoying the pool

