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## FOREWORD

The Secondary phase of Al Ain Juniors School-British system is facing the challenges of the term with Strength and commitment . With the ongoing Alternate week model to attend school, I am proud of the way the students and staff have overcome so much adversity.



The combined skills and experience of teaching staff working tirelessly even during their quarantine period have avoided as many learning gaps for our children. The parents have been patient and helpful as many students too were forced to isolate at home due to potential covid infections. What is remarkable is that despite all of the odds so much efforts are being put during term 2.

This Newsletter offers an insight into some aspects of school life we want to celebrate. We thank you for your support and trusting in our abilities to provide the best standard of education for your children.

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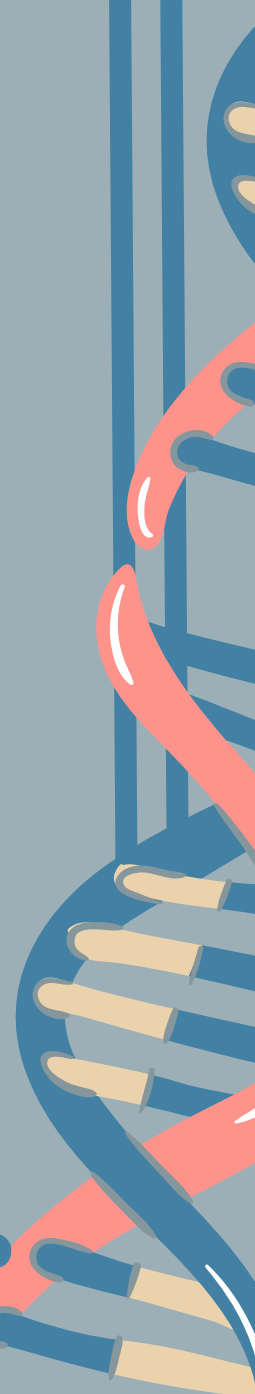
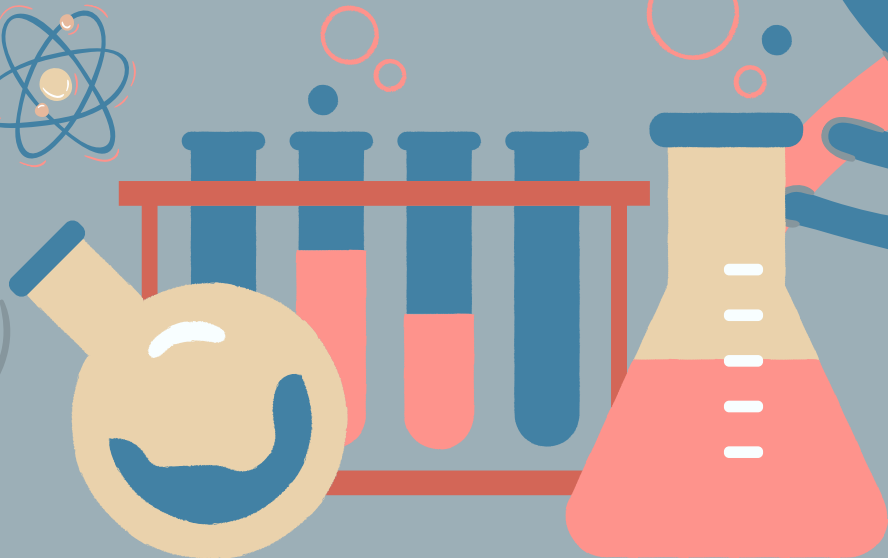
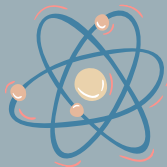
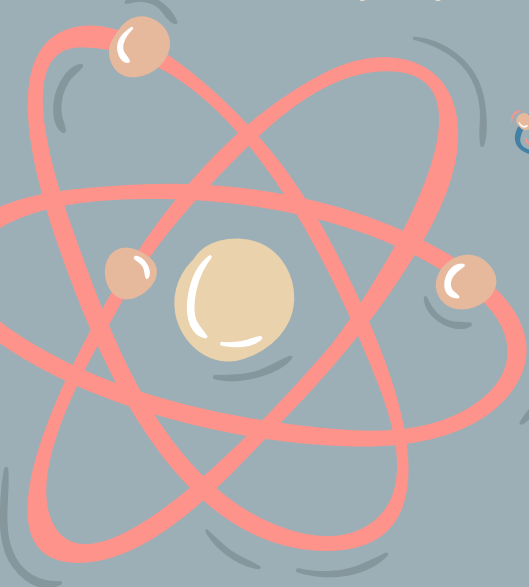
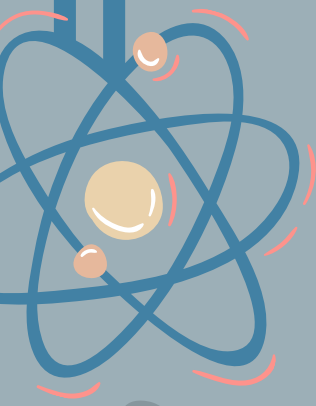
# SCIENCE MONTH

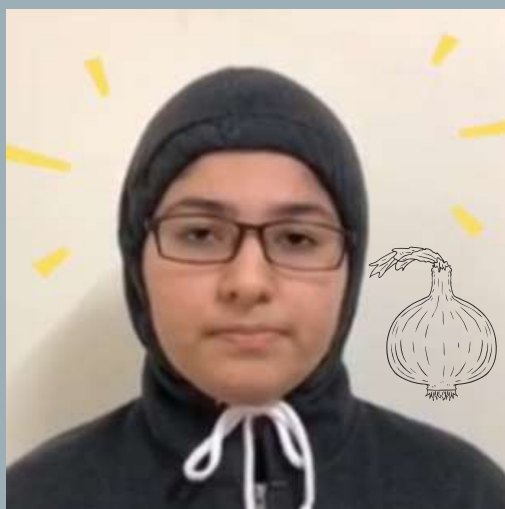
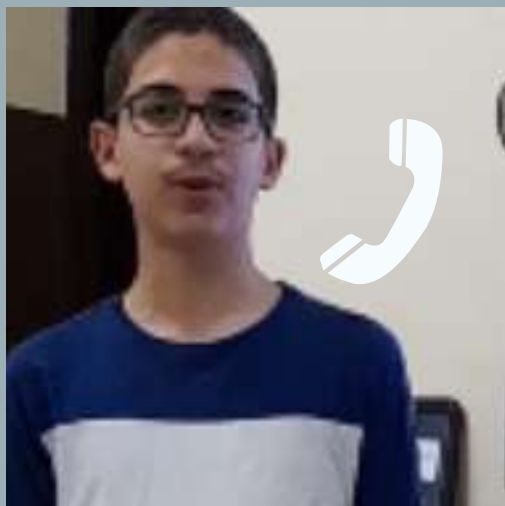
*"Science may set limits to knowledge, but should not set limits to imagination"*

*- Bertrand Russell*

Since the dawn of time, humans have had the urge to explore the world around them and learn about what makes it tick. We all like to research, record our discoveries, and share our results. Ancient peoples all around the world made their own discoveries and left behind data for us to carry on their legacy. Science continues to grow in importance, with the United States Department of Commerce noting that STEM careers are some of the best-paying careers and have the greatest potential for job growth.

There is no question then that schools must play a role in preparing students to take advantage of these opportunities. Al Ain Juniors School thus dedicated February as the month of science, with students given the opportunity to both test and share their knowledge on scientific topics with other people.





To kick off the Science Month, students participated in the Science Talk, held on the 2nd of February. The event was live streamed on Microsoft Teams where students were given the opportunity to speak about various topics across all fields of science, including nanotechnology, artificial intelligence and climate change. The science talk exposed students to new ideas about science and the perspectives of their peers. Moreover, it helped students discover new interests and further broaden their communication skills, public speaking skills, and scientific knowledge. The teachers of the science department contributed a great deal to this event by encouraging students to participate in the event and supporting students in their preparation for it. This event was a great way for students to become aware of the influence of science and rising technology in our modern world as they got to know more about what the world of science and technology has in store for us.

The second event was the Science Quiz held online on the 9th of February. The quiz featured a mix of questions from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. The competition was a great way to test students' knowledge about the many different fields of science. Despite it being a bit tricky and confusing, many students performed quite well and surprised us with their unbelievable talents and abilities. Additionally, the quiz gave students a chance to explore many different scientific concepts in-depth and learn more about emerging technologies such as industrial robots and artificial intelligence. Overall, the Science Quiz helped enhance our students' expertise and interest in science.

A greatly awaited event in the Science Month was the Poster/Model making competition. Students were given the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and their knowledge on certain topics that are concerning our world today, such as global warming and climate change. Topics that would greatly decrease human workload, like artificial intelligence, were also included. The students' awareness about our daily lives was shown through the posters and models that they created, which greatly pleased the Science Department. This competition was the last activity that the students participated in for the Science Month. Materials used in this competition ranged from pencil to paint, and even went as far to use beads for design. The members of the Science Department were impressed by the students' creations. The Science teachers of grades 9-10 had left positive remarks on the posters and models, which showed their appreciation. This sub-event was held on the 15th of February 2022.

A few teachers were asked about their opinions on science month:

Mr. Joel, a chemistry teacher, said that he felt happy to see the creativity in students bloom in this month. "Witnessing such innovation from students was incredible."

Mrs. Bency, a physics teacher, said that she was happy to see the students' cooperation in all the grades.

Awards were given out to the students who participated and the posters made in the poster making week was displayed in the school. The event ended on a positive note, with students leaving the month with greater knowledge and passion for science.



# INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Internet Safety Day Is a day celebrated mainly to raise awareness about how to use the internet and what the internet truly is. Internet Safety is quite a controversial topic as most people feel that this must be made aware in ways more than just naming a day after it.

Technology is ever growing and people are finding newer methods to trick innocent internet surfers and luring them into a trap. To add, not everyone has the resources to learn and educate themselves on how to stay safe on the internet. Though many online free courses are available today, not many are well known.

Along with the growth of technology has come the creation of A.I, which can help moderate and keep malicious content under control far more efficiently. School systems have also been educating students on cyber safety, so they would be able to take measures to protect their families from the tyranny of the internet trolls.

This February, for Internet Safety Day, the students of AJB had a panel discussion on the topic 'All Fun and Games? Exploring Respect and Relationships Online.' The session included an in-depth conversation about the problems and solutions of the problems faced by people online.



## Fun and Games

This part of the topic brought to light the different ways people enjoy using the internet, especially with its becoming the main source of entertainment and mode of communication over the past few years. The students discussed the several cons of gaming online and the toxic nature of the gaming community at the moment, and highlighted the fact that it is easy to dehumanize other people while gaming and online in general.

## Relationships Online

In both gaming spaces and on social media, users need to be selective of the people they get to know and be wary of the personal information they give out. Users also need to keep in mind that what they post on social media is there forever, and must therefore be aware of the consequences of oversharing online. Although many people play games to have fun, a few people online are not there to enjoy or interact, they are on these platforms to pressurize, intimidate or trick young people.

## Exploring Respect

Gaming communities have been known to bring people together and provide a safe space for people with shared gaming interest. However, many people have found themselves being targets of bullying and harassment over gaming platforms. To avoid this, people need to be aware of the tone they use, think before they speak and always consider the other person's feelings before making a comment or passing a remark.



# SMART

Stay **SAFE!**

Don't **MEET** up!

Don't randomly **ACCEPT** files!

Check if it's **RELIABLE!**

**TELL** someone!

# MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

In a world with billions of people across different ethnicities and backgrounds, thousands of languages are being spoken on the daily. A person's mother tongue comprises of their identity and place of origin; even their dialect, vernacular and the specific accent associated with their words sheds light onto who they are and where they belong.

Human communication has grown so diverse that it now constitutes of more than 7000 languages, with further variety in those too. Linguistically though, only around half have written scripts. These are derived from scripts such as Latin, Chinese, Cyrillic, Arabic, Brahmi and much more with several variations phonetically and alphabetically.

It's an object of human wonder that many languages spoken around the globe have dynamic dispositions, growing and evolving through each generation. Many languages borrow and give from others across centuries, and some were borne in a way to combat differences between several ethnicities. Although quite a few might think of languages as a source of disparity between certain populations, especially since it was wielded on grounds of political discrimination throughout history in the aftermaths of colonization, there's more truth to the fact it has natures of unity too.

Language is used as a tool of human expression, and this can be dated back to poetry and plays penned and carved in stone since the beginning of the human era. Many mature their imaginative creativities even in the modern-day by forging poignant novels and songs. Tribal folk songs have long been a crucial essence of native people's identities, and they've been carried down through generations in remembrance of their roots.



There is a separate world within each language, with years of tradition and community connection branching through families and individuals themselves. Someone's language can be so persistently intimate to their individuality, while simultaneously being a vehicle with which they communicate all their mundane thoughts and actions in.

In AJB, a school with staff and students coming from a myriad of places, many languages are a part of ordinary life, even if English is the common tongue. In a collaboration with AJI's student council, students and staff were given one-liners to say in their mother tongue which was then recorded. Several pupils enthusiastically drew up creative, colorful posters that donned the hallways.

Every two weeks, at least one of the languages in this world disappears. The goal of this initiative by Bangladesh, The Mother Language Day, is to protect these languages from ceasing to exist and celebrate the wonders of the beautiful languages across the globe, reminding us of the importance of language diversity.

Every year, this significant day is assigned a different theme. The UN declared the theme for Mother Language Day 2022 to be "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges & Opportunities" discussing the evolution of equal quality learning for all and the role technology plays in advanced multilingual education today. The UN body commented on why this was the chosen theme for 2020: "Technology has the potential to address some of the greatest challenges in education today. It can accelerate efforts towards ensuring equitable and inclusive lifelong learning opportunities for all if it is guided by the core principles of inclusion and equity."





