

AJB INSIDER

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We start the new academic year 2022-23, with a lot of enthusiasm and zeal to carry out new responsibilities. The principal, vice principal, along with all the teachers of AJB secondary, are proud of a brand new start and together we will, hand in hand, strive to the best of our abilities to nurture and cater to all the needs of our beloved students.

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A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen.”

DENISE WITMER

VICE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS ✨



"Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life"-Les Brown

Dear Parents, students and well-wishers,
Warm Greetings to all of you from
AJB-Secondary!

The beginning of the academic year is the perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things the past year has given to us and all the good things yet to come. None of this would be possible without the support from each one of you. This academic year has brought us another chance to set things right and open up new chapter in our lives.

This is the perfect time to re-align our goals and work on our inner strength. I want EVERY child of my phase to aim high and stay focused on what they would want to achieve in the long run.

My goals for students are to be curious learners, be passionate about everything they do, be creative in their thinking, be able to work individually and in groups, be capable to look at problems from multiple perspectives and be lifelong learners.

The AJB-Secondary fraternity aims at helping our students reach these goals. The month of September has been very busy with parent orientations, CIE results WOW Week Activities, Class Teachers' address, New Teachers introduction, Assemblies, Friday Reads

Clubs, Pakistan Charity and the Student Council

May we continue to walk in the path of glory and encourage our children to build success stories with grit and passion. -Ayesha Mujeer.

WOW WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Week Of Welcome, August 29th to September 2nd, the first week kicked off with a great start. The week was packed with a range of creative events and activities for the Al Ain Juniors Students.

MR. SHAHANAS

Motivation leads to success, and that must be the key point which helps to bring the best among them. As part of welcome week, each student introduced themselves during their activity time and some of them were chosen to lead the class



MR. STANLEY

Pictures show a part of Turn a Coat activity held during Week of Welcome at grade 7C and 9B. An individual student was asked to choose the topic randomly, and asked to speak for 2 minutes in favor of the topic. After 2 two minutes, the same student will defend or speak against the topic. We had more fun while speaking for and against the same topic by same student.



MS. ASWATHI

The involvement from the students was positive, as there were opportunities to learn and explore new skills. The main skill was to effectively create team work and bonding among the students as they were grouped up among their team mates. Moreover, students spoke about their expectations from the teacher.



MS. ASMA

Students choose the TASK CARD from the box and answer what they got the task on the chit of paper. spell the word, say 3 qualities of your friend, name your grade 1 Teacher.

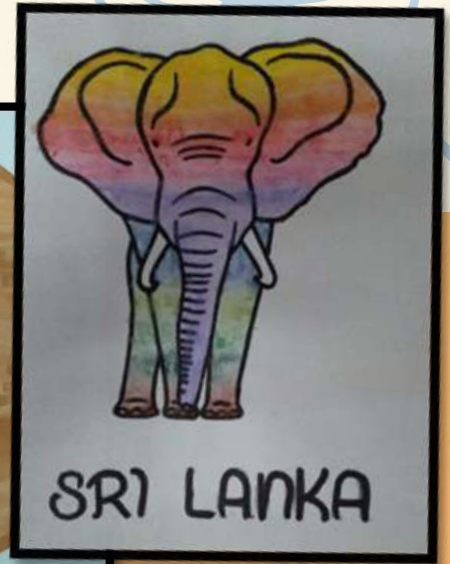
They made small booklet with colorful papers and wrote basic Grammar to recall their knowledge.



MR. ARUN

Students came up with their views about the relevance of studying History.

The students of different nationalities made a popular art form which is popular in their respective countries.



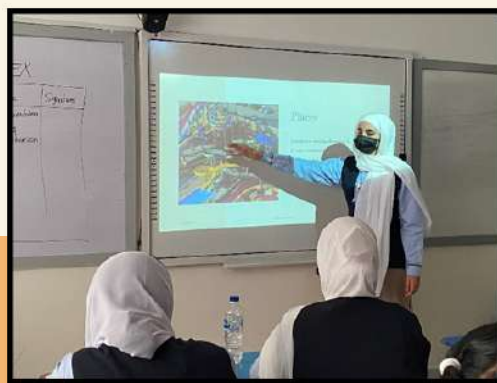
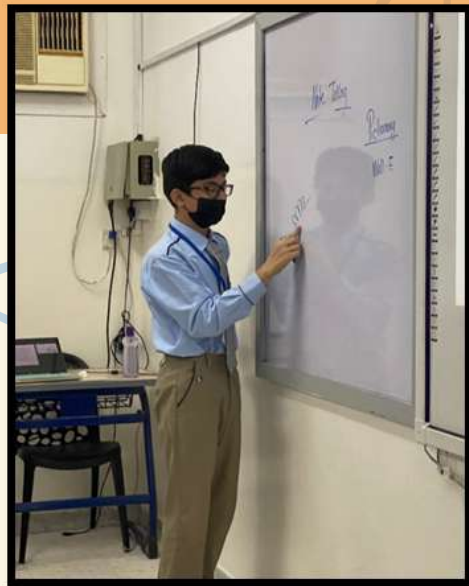
MS. NITHYA

Students were given colorful paper and asked to write about themselves like their hobby, interest, likes and dislikes, passion, favorite subject etc..



MS. ERIKA ABAD

The English class started off in grade 9 with a series of fun activities such as Pictionary and presentations about holidays. Each student prepared a Power Point presentation about their holidays: places they visited, activities they did and people they met. The purpose of this activity was for them to get to know one another as well as to share their experiences while practising their speaking skills. Also, they had fun with 'Pictionary', an activity in which a student draws something for the rest of the class to guess, in this case, they had to guess the names of movies related to technology and environment. It was fun for them to showcase their drawing skills.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Why it matters



Learning does not live in a vacuum .Like all qualities in life ,learning thrives in personal relationships and social context .I believe that Experiential Learning takes place in the class room ,the laboratory ,the market place and in regional and global communities.

The realities presented by Covid-19 require us to adapt to our 'new normal'. This disruption presents us with the provocative challenge to reimagine our programs and think about ways we can enhance educational opportunities for our students. The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start ! This year brings some exciting changes ,the school introduced house systems to motivate the students .The students of Eco club is taking part in Global SDGs projects. As part of the EAD 'Pile Up 'Campaign, the school organized a drive where students would bring used plastic bottles from home and organized a collection center within the school where the bottles were temporarily kept awaiting transport to EEG .

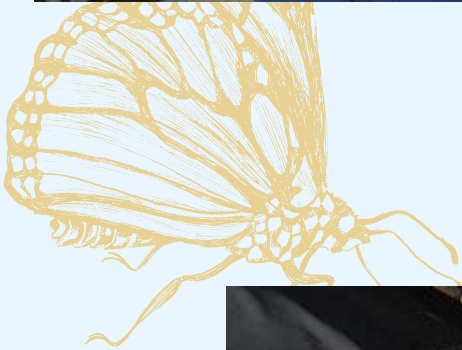


EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
GRADE 7,8





SSI ACTIVITIES, GRADE 7



**PLANT A PLANT
ACTIVITY**



**-Ms.Vijaya Lekshmi (HOD
BIOLOGY /SSI Coordinator)**



Class Teachers and New Teachers



Mr. Shahanas Rawther

"I am Shahanas Rawther and I'm a secondary grade chemistry teacher of AJB. I deal with creative and talented kids of grade 7.

As a class teacher I believe I'm the voice of my students. I am here to move forward and create innovative learning practices in the school for my children."

Mr. Stanly Gnanamani

"I am Mr Stanly, an Indian national, working in AJB secondary as Biology teacher. I hold a Masters Degree in Biotechnology and Bachelors of Education in Biological Science. I would like to make biology fun and essential to everyone's life. I want to see my students positive role models to outside world."



Mr. Cristy Lawrence

Mr. CRISTY LAWRENCE is the class teacher of grade 8C. I am from INDIA having more than 20 years of experience in teaching physics and mathematics for CBSE grade 9 & 10. Since last 5 years I am working in this institution (British curriculum) as a physics teacher. It is said that teaching is the profession that makes all the other professions a possibility. I strongly believe teachers are the ones who guide children, help them in setting an aim, supports them in every condition and paves way for them to come forward.

Ms. Nithya Chandramouli

Nithya Chandramouli is associated with Al Ain Juniors since JAN 2022 and has a total teaching experience of more than 6 years. With a master's degree in Biochemistry, she is a dedicated, resourceful and goal-driven professional educator with a solid commitment to the social and academic growth and development of every child. She believes, 'A good teacher teaches how to think instead of what to think.'



Ms. Maryjane Yacapin

I am Mrs. Maryjane C. Yacapin. I am a graduate of St. Paul University Philippines. I graduated with the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in teaching major in English. I taught in the Philippines for 19 years and 2 years in UAE. I have served as a class adviser, school paper adviser and 3 years as a disbursing officer in my former schools. I am always committed to my work. I am a person who always give my best, however am humble enough to accept innovations and improvements. I always believe in the quotation, " Trust in Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. In everything put God first and he will crown your efforts with success"

Ms. Erika Abad

My name is Erika Abad and I'm an English teacher from Colombia. I'm the class teacher of 9E and the English teacher of grade 9, all sections. This is my 6th year in Al Ain Juniors School, and my 9th year working as a teacher. I think one of the reasons why I became a teacher is because I'm always ready to learn, I'm passionate about languages, linguistics, history, and everything related to foreign cultures.



Ms. Aswathi

A newly appointed Physics teacher at Alain Juniors (British system). With my 12 + years of experience, I would be able to help students meet their curriculum goals, and provide them with a new teaching-learning experience. I am well aware of the needs of all the students, and my regular lessons shall reflect the belief of inclusive classroom. I believe competency-based questions would help students to develop into a critically thinking generation that would contribute positively in the future global work force. I look forward to creating a classroom ecosystem where each student contributes his/her best. I am glad to be part of such an amazing education system.



Ms. Jolnar Abo Khair

Jolnar Abo Khair was born in 1992 in Al-Suwayda, Syria. Jolnar studied Fine Arts at Damascus University in 2010 and graduated from the department of Drawing and Painting in 2014. She participated in many joint exhibitions in both Damascus and As-Suwayda. After graduation, she founded her own studio Atelier for drawing and painting in 2016 and taught people of all ages about drawing and painting, and worked on sculpture and printmaking. During that time, she also worked with National Archeological Expedition as an Archeological Illustrator and worked on creating murals in her hometown, one of which is the biggest mural in the city with a size of 80 square meters.

Jolnar also volunteered with the Children of Tomorrow Association which works on psychological rehabilitation of children and with Utopia Association by doing courses in drawing, sculpture, handicrafts, and recycling. She's also a genuine member of the Syrian Artists Union Since 2018 and to the present day, Jolnar has been working as an instructor, teaching Drawing and Painting courses in the Second Faculty of Fine Arts at Damascus University. She also performed many workshops on paper recycling and presented several projects by ADEK through MAWHIBATY program in UAE. Recently participated in Expo 2020.



Assembly

Ms Nasimbanoo Shaikh

School assembly is part of the school curriculum which reflects school's culture and is also a platform to nurture positive school ethos that emphasis care for oneself and other, and make our learners confident. It is also important to ensure that it can provide opportunities to pursue all forms of excellence and can powerfully nurture the development of intrapersonal intelligence.

Special assemblies are held twice a week making sure each class gets at least once to present their performances in a term. These assemblies are based on a theme; that are related to values, awareness programmes, or events and days of national and global importance.

Class teachers are asked to prepare reports and keep evidences of their class assemblies.

As AJ School believes in sustainability, thereby making the most available resources and encouraging recycling, students were reminded not to buy any props or new costumes for these assemblies but are encouraged to use/reuse items that were available at home or borrow items.

In 21st century classroom, teachers are facilitators of student learning and creators of productive classroom environments, in which students can develop the skills they might need at present or in future. Students were given complete charge to go ahead with student led assemblies and class teachers as facilitators encouraged students to share their ideas, talents and skills.

AJB students once again proved their potential by not only participating in planning and executing their class special assemblies wonderfully but also exhibited their IT skills by recording, editing the videos all by themselves.

Glimpses of Special Assemblies



FRIDAY READS

The Friday reads is a reading program where the grade 9 students go to their junior classes and read a motivational story and interact with them having quizzes and activities.

This is done to enhance their reading skills and to create a positive start at the beginning of the day. An amazing experience indeed



FRIDAY READS

STUDENTS' REVIEW

Onith Jaron Munasinghe

It was a new experience as personally I've never gone to a class I don't know anybody in. It was kind of awkward also as nobody knew who we were and they barely spoke when asked with question.

Amina Mansur Mansur Ahmed Khan

It was an a-okay type of experience because some students cooperated while the others were shy to answer. what I realised is that they are really good listeners, they were quiet most of the time but were active in class I would say it wasn't that awkward and I would love to reach out to the students once again.

Rahaf Anjad Safid Alabasi

It was new and good experience, I really had fun teaching them new stuff but I felt like the students didn't care about what we were trying to say and they didn't help in answering the questions (2 or 3 girls were giving it a try), I really wished more people would answer the questions because we put our time in making the ppt and trying to make the point clear for them and making it interesting, but I would love going to their class again.

Tabarak Mohamed Shaban

The Friday Reads activity was a great experience as I got the opportunity to interact with other students and classes, some students were cooperating with us and had fun while answering

Mariam Ibrahim Talal Mohamed

It was a new experience going to classes and talking to the students, it was fun. However , no one was responding except a few. I would enjoy going to their class once more.

Mahad Awan

I was waiting for today so I could tell about both my experiences . The first one was new for both the other students and us, it was difficult for us to make them pay attention and participate. But the class we went to today was amazing. They were carefully listening and answering our questions. I think it was because the first class we went to was 7 and they recently joined us . Today we went to grade 8A and the participation was awesome . I am glad to be a part of this as this will help me improve my communication skills and will also help me to get to know more people.



CLUBS

Mr Riyaz Nagori

• Grades 7 to 9 Club Activities •

The beginning of the new academic year is always full of excitement. The new academic year promises a lot of interesting events and activities for the students to learn through experiential learning in their own unique way. Al Ain Juniors School strives to develop holistic development of its students through their participation in club activities. These clubs support social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development among students; promote their physical health and provide a safe and supportive environment for them to learn, practice and excel in the field of their liking. The students are encouraged to join in these clubs to pursue areas of personal interests. During the academic year, the school is offering various club activities appropriate to their age and interest.



• Clubs Portfolio Options •

Theater Club

The club will put up theatrical performance based on social environmental, health & wellness issues. The club will also encourage writing of creative scripts.

Literary Club

The clubs will focus on extempore speech, creative writing, debating, dramatization, story/poetry/essay writing, elocution, literary quiz.

Visual Arts Club


The club will encourage students to draw and create their imagination, experiences and knowledge of materials and processes as starting points for creative exploration.

Sustainability Club

The clubs will focus on the principle of 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle). Make Al Ain Juniors School a 'green' school by promoting awareness and behavior modification.

Binary Bites Club

The club will encourage among students' fun, creativity, and learning through exploring. An engaging learning avenue for students to use software tools, sequence instructions using drag and drop programming and basic JavaScript. They create interactive games, stories, and animations, and solve fun puzzles.



Pakistan Charity

"We Stand Together"

initiative to supply aid for Pakistan flood victims.

Mr Riyaz Nagori

Alain Juniors School believes that Value of Empathy, Kindness & compassion & giving enriches the students' minds. We are convinced that the acts of giving & helping people in need makes them humble, & thankful to the Almighty for the bounties bestowed upon them.

More than 6.4 million people were in dire need of humanitarian aid in Pakistan after the catastrophic floods affected more than 33 million and killed at least 1,314 people including 458 children since mid-June.

The School community of Al Ain Juniors has initiated an emergency appeal for donations to support the flood victims. The initiative was led by Al Ain Juniors School in coordination with Emirates Red Crescent Authority.

Besides raising funds to build a house for the flood victims, the school community has collected blankets, mosquito nets; dry rations such as lentils, pulses, rice; new clothing, shoes, socks; and hygiene essentials such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, and towels.

The contribution was shipped to Pakistan through Emirates Red Crescent Authority and the donated essentials were carefully supplied to the flood-affected areas in Pakistan.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Ever since the beginning of the new academic year, students have been looking forward to the student council elections, where they have the liberty of democratically electing their preferred candidates for various posts through a voting system. A student's vote is a testament of trust and hope; a unique power which—through rigorous scrutiny and careful choosing—narrows down lists of potential candidates to one

For the student council elections 2022, the voting was done electronically through a Forms platform. Miraculously, and thanks to the unceasing efforts of multiple teachers and student volunteers, the entire voting process was done on Friday, the 23rd of September, and results were released on the following Monday.

The students elected an incredibly competent, driven group of people, who will bring about remarkable changes and prosperity to the school.

