



Hay Al-Sharooq International School

Keeping in touch...

Whole School Headlines: 31/01/19

HASIS CURRICULUM

HASIS is unusual in that we have not one but three curricula running alongside each other. In addition to the Omani Ministry of Education programmes and those from Cambridge International, we are developing our own thematic curriculum to draw the strands together.

These new curriculum elements are being devised and trialled right across the Primary School, and the Entry Points took place in Week Three. These are active lessons which engage the children in their new topic, through which they will explore Maths, English, Science, Humanities and many more subjects.

For example, the students in KG2 have been exploring the theme of



Jungle Animals. The different animals have inspired role play in their small world areas, and they have used their senses to consider the lives of certain animals in marshland, all inspired by their inventively decorated learning environments. The theme has also included the KG Arabic curriculum, which has developed understanding

by looking at the names and locations of animals across the world.

In Grade Four, students have been exploring the theme 'Feel the Force'. This topic has presented a range of practical learning opportunities. They enjoyed exploring 'pull' during our class 'tug-of-war' competition, and will now plan a range of scientific enquiries, including parachutes for eggs!

In this way, the curriculum remains varied and interesting, but each subject supports the overarching theme, supporting high-quality learning.



“dedicated to educating confident, innovative and brave children to their highest academic and creative potential”

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

As the exam season has come to and end for the Senior Students after weeks of hard work, it is time to reflect and discuss their performance at this mid-point in the academic year.

Over the last two weeks, HASIS has held three separate events for parents to meet with the teaching staff and discuss their current standards and targets for future improvement. This has now covered all age groups in the School, and will be repeated in a few months time shortly before the next and

final sets of examinations this year.

The School was very pleased with the overall turnout, with over one-third of our families joining us for the discussions. This is a notable improvement in turnout from previous years. We emphasize the importance of these formal meetings and look forward to seeing this number increase in the next set of meetings to come. Together with the formal academic reports, these events form the central points of contact between School and home and are pivotal to their success.



This week, HASIS has received our new set of rubbish bins. Each bin is shaped as a colourful, cartoon-like character to encourage our children to improve the environment by placing litter in the bins.

Health, Safety and Environment Update

PRIMARY PERFORMANCE

Every morning at 7.20 am, without fail, the entire community of HASIS meets to salute the flag and sing the national anthem. However, we also start the day with a moral lesson in Arabic.

Over the last two weeks, it has been the turn of the Primary students to take centre stage and present their short plays and presentations to the whole School.

It has been extremely heartening to watch some of the youngest children in our School stand and deliver their lines and roles with great clarity and confidence. Working with their teachers, groups have presented

short role plays, songs celebrating the school or encouraging us to look after our environment, and lessons from the Holy Quran.

Performances of this type take courage, and build the confidence and self-belief which HASIS strives to instill in all out students. We are proud of every one of our young performers, and all have been received to resounding applause.





The next two weeks at HASIS...

	Fri 1		
	Sat 2		
WEEK 5 Feb	Sun 3	07:20-07:30 07:30-08:30 15:00-15:30	Lesson Observation Cycle: Focus on Secondary Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Form Period, <i>Classrooms</i> Staff Briefing and notices, <i>Multi-Purpose Hall</i>
	Mon 4	07:20-07:30 12:45 onward 15:00-15:30 15:00-15:30 15:00-15:30	Primary Sports Day Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Parents invited to watch races, AstroTurf Key Stage One Team Meeting, <i>Room 50</i> Key Stage Two Team Meeting, <i>Small Meeting Room</i> Housemasters and Housemistress meeting, <i>Inclusion Team Room</i>
	Tues 5	07:20-07:30 07:40-13:00 07:30-08:30 15:00-15:30 15:00-17:00	Skolaro Student Accounts active for Grades Four to Twelve Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Secondary Sports Day, HAS Sports Facilities Form Period, <i>Classrooms</i> Arabic Team Meeting, <i>Small Meeting Room</i> Senior Leadership Team, <i>Conference Room</i>
	Wed 6	07:20-07:30 08:00-09:00 14:00-19:00	Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Coffee Morning: Introducing Norma Morrison, Reception Staff CPD: Learning Environments Part One, <i>Multi-Purpose Hall</i>
	Thurs 7	07:20-07:30 14:30	Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Student Academic reports available for Grades Six to Eleven
		Fri 8	
	Sat 9		
WEEK 6 Feb	Sun 10	07:20-07:30 07:30-08:30 15:00-15:30	Lesson Observation Cycle: Focus on Primary and Arabic Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Form Period, <i>Classrooms</i> Staff Briefing and notices, <i>Multi-Purpose Hall</i>
	Mon 11	All day 07:20-07:30 15:00-15:30 15:00-15:30 15:00-15:30	Individual Student Photographs taken Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Key Stage One Team Meeting, <i>Classroom 50</i> Key Stage Two Team Meeting, <i>Small Meeting Room</i> Heads of Department meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
	Tues 12	07:20-07:30 07:30-08:30 15:00-15:30 15:00-17:00	Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Form Period, <i>Classrooms</i> Arabic Team Meeting, <i>Small Meeting Room</i> Senior Leadership Team, <i>Conference Room</i>
	Wed 13	07:20-07:30 15:00-19:00	Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i> Staff CPD: Learning Environments Part One, <i>Multi-Purpose Hall</i>
	Thurs 14	07:20-07:30	Flag Raising Assembly, <i>AstroTurf</i>
	Fri 15		
	Sat 16		

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