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Foundation Years Newsletter

January 2021



Hello, January!

Assalamu Alaikom, dear Foundation Years Parents!

The year 2020 was a whirlwind of unexpected changes, a year where we all had to learn to be resilient and try new things. Teachers, parents, and students worked hard to ensure learning was still happening from the safety of our homes. We tried to make the best out of our situation.

Before the start of Winter Break in December 2020, ASCS staff participated in **Professional Development Week**. Teachers and administrators met over MS Teams to learn about new teaching and learning strategies, steps to enhance learning environment, and effective ways to teach different types of learners in a classroom.

Our Teachers Committee marked the end of the PD week with a fun virtual celebration for the staff to also appreciate their efforts during Semester 1.

Students returned to school after the Winter Break all refreshed and eager to learn. Grade 1 boys and girls are learning about leadership in the **Grade 1 Leadership Program**. Our young leaders will represent their class in bi-weekly meetings with the school leadership team.

As we approach the end of our first semester, students have been assessed and graded for their report cards which will be shared with parents on **4th February** via the **Parent Portal**. The second semester will commence on **31st January**. This academic year will have only two semesters.

February is our **Innovation Month**. We invite all students and parents to participate in the Innovation Month activities. Students will also celebrate **100+ Days of School** within the first week of February.

From the **7th – 17th Feb.** we will hold **Online Parent Teacher Meetings**, to discuss the progress of students with their parents

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January Spotlight: PCR Tests and Vaccinations

Bi-Weekly PCR Tests:

Researchers and scientists all over the world have been working tirelessly to find an effective solution against the Covid-19 virus. Meanwhile, schools and offices urged their employees to get tested regularly to prevent an internal outbreak, all Kindergarten staff take the PCR test every two weeks to ensure a safe working and learning environment for everyone involved.

Starting from the end of January, all ASCS staff are regularly (Fully vaccinated staff with 2 doses are exempted).

Vaccines:

There have been a successful development of Covid-19 vaccines by European and Asian labs. We are very fortunate that UAE has been one of the pioneers among other countries in the world in ensuring that the UAE residents have the opportunity to take the vaccine in order to stop the world pandemic.

All ASCS staff are highly encouraged to take the vaccine. Teachers, who due to health issues can not take the vaccine, continue to be tested on a bi-weekly regular basis.

Mark your Calendar!

| When | Who | What |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| January 28 | School wide | End of Semester 1 (Please note that this year we have 2 semesters.) |
| January 31 | School wide | Semester 2 starts |
| February 4 | School wide | Semester 1 Report Card published on Parent Portal |
| February 18 | School wide | School is closed |
| 7-17 February | Online (MS Teams) | Parents-Teacher Meeting |
| February 7th | KG1, KG2, Grade 1 | 100+ Days of school celebration |
| February 2021 | KG1, KG2, Grade1 | Innovation month Please refer to the Innovation Month note shared by your classroom teacher for all activities |

- As we begin our new semester, we have some exciting class celebrations and activities lined up.
- Parents will be able to access student report cards by 4th February on the school portal..
- Students will be working on innovation projects and activities as we enter our Innovation Month- February.
- We will be having in class celebrations and making predictions about how the world will change in the next 50 years.
- KG1, KG2 and Grade 1 students will be completing 4th their 100+ Days at School.

Meet the KG2 Literacy Team!

“There is no such thing as a child who dislikes to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.” – Frank Serafini



Dear parents,

At ASCS, we believe that literacy skills: reading, writing, phonics, speaking and listening are fundamental skills to becoming lifelong learners and being able to communicate successfully in written and spoken language. In our integrated program, we thrive to provide students with the fundamental tools to achieve well in our school and in the real world.

Students will be challenged, with support from teachers, to learn to develop persistence in order to expand their literacy skills. Our goal is to help students reach their full potential in literacy at this fundamental stage.

Our Main Focus:

- Encouraging students to be independent readers, thinkers, and learners.
- Providing our students with enormous opportunities to write and teaching them the skills to write accurately.
- Enhancing confidence and developing strategies to attempt reading unfamiliar words and texts.
- Planning for students to practice and apply speaking and listening skills, knowledge and understanding throughout every literacy lesson.

- Ms Oozma, Ms Ola, Ms Fatima, The Literacy Team

KG2 Literacy Time

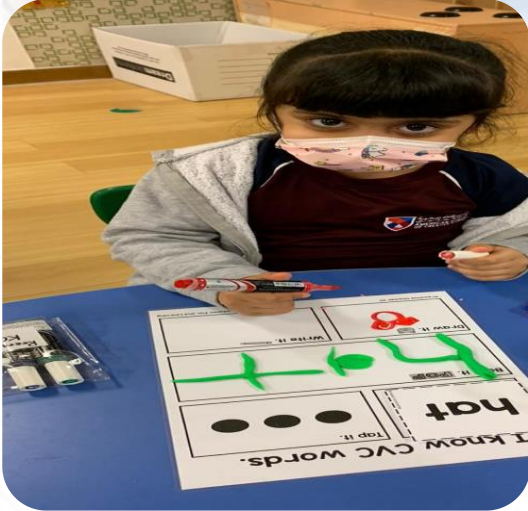
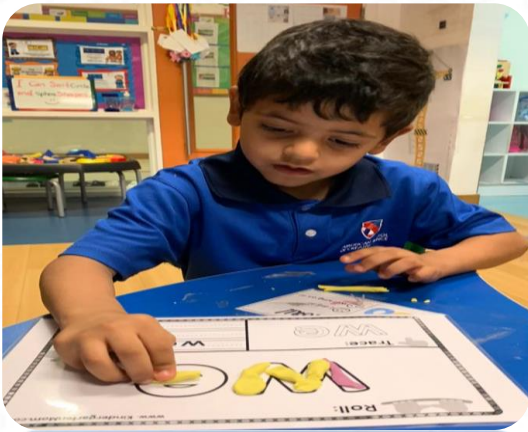


Photo Gallery: Grade 1- Science



In Science students learn all about sound. All resources used by students are sanitized and used by individual students only to ensure safety.

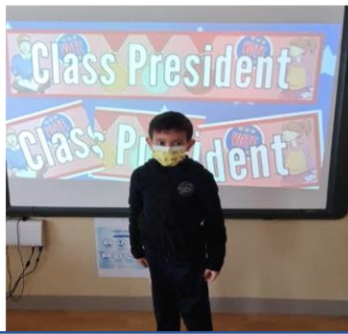


Math Activity- Grade 1



Grade 1

Class Presidents and Vice-Presidents



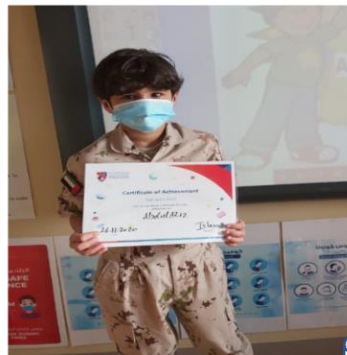
Majid Amjad
1B1



Aisha Tareq 1B1



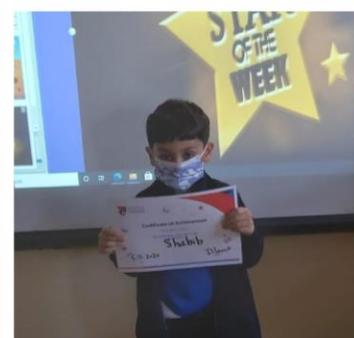
Maitha Badr 1C1



**Abdulaziz
Alyasi 1C1**



Ahmad Sultan
1C2



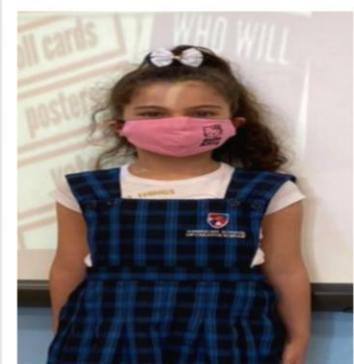
Shabib Khaled
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Saud Hamad
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Tulai Ehap 1B2



Laura Osama
1F1

Grade 1

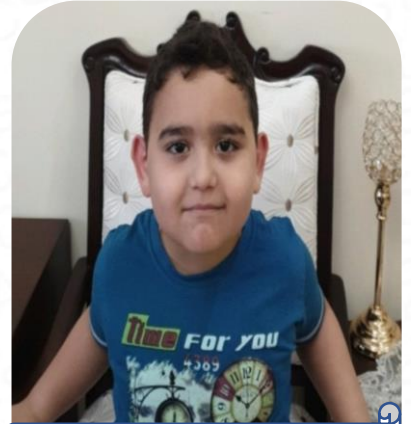
Class Presidents and Vice-Presidents



Zayed Ahmed
1D2



**Abdullah
Dawood 1D2**



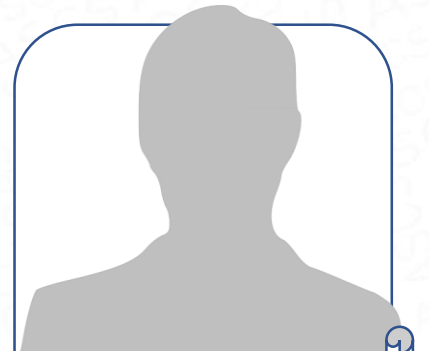
**Ghaith
Mohamed 1D1**



Faraha Mohamed
1D1



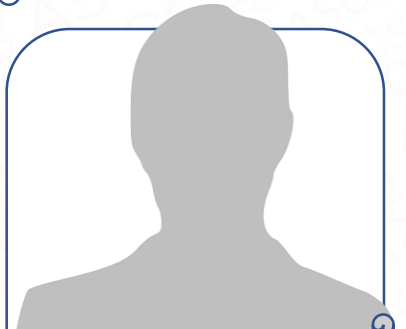
**Omar
Abdelbaset 1E1**



Salama Adel
1E1



**Qasayed
Hussain 1E2**



Amna Ahmed
1E2

Grade 1 Class Presidents and Vice- Presidents



**Fatima Abdulla
- 1I**



**Ghaya
Mahmoud- 1I**



Ghaya Khalid-1H



**Shahad Jasem-
1H**



**Hala Ashraf
1A1**

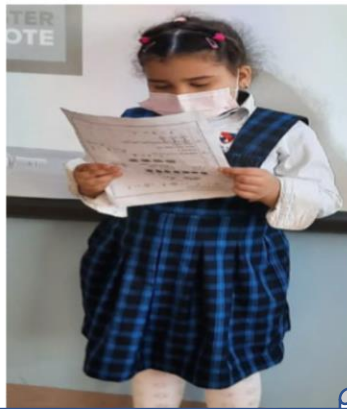


**Yousif
AbdulAziz- 1A2**

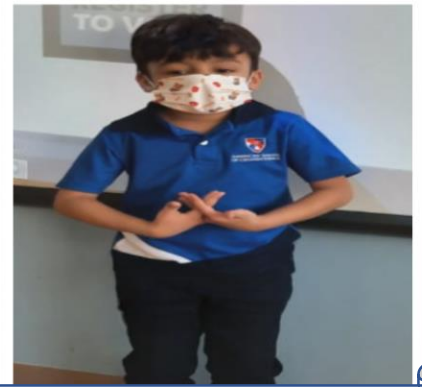
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**Muhammad
Faraan 1F1**



**Razane Bounil
1F2**



**Mikaal
Muhammad 1F2**



**Muhammad
Ismail 1G**



Noor Salah 1G



**Hooralain
Mohamed 1A1**



Khair Amir 1A2



**Mahmoud
Anas 1J**



**Sultan
Abdullah 1J**