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Head of Section's Message

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum and welcome to the academic year 2020-2021 at the American School of Creative Science, Maliha. As the Elementary Head of Section, I am honored to be entrusted with your child's education.

We have many ambitious goals for this year and thankfully, we have had a smooth start with lots of learning in the classroom. Our new and improved school environment continues to have a positive impact on student learning and behavior. This year, our school has provided a morning well-being session to ensure that our students will have a great start of the school day both at school and online.

Our children have the opportunity to take part in so many activities as we will be celebrating all our events online. The children loved these events, and they are such an important part of our school. It takes a community effort for these things to take place. with our collaboration, we "Make it Happen". **Many thanks to all our active parents who took part and helped with our activities. We could not do it without you!**

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work throughout the year, especially during these last few weeks of the semester.

A special THANK YOU to dedicated our teachers, academic supports, and teaching-assistants for the great efforts, for being so caring with our children and passionate in their desire to help all students achieve. A lot of appreciation goes to our admin staff, and the Reception Team, who greet all visitors, answer the phone and complete all the unseen admin tasks that keep the school functioning.

I am confident you will find that the Elementary Section is truly a place where learning is joyful and children are delighted to come to school.

Once again, I am excited for the opportunity to work with you and your child/children. Insha Allah, I wish you all a successful year ahead!

Elementary Head of Section

Nabila Salim

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Hot from the oven



PRE-EXPO SPACE WEEK

OCTOBER 5-6, 2020

The journey begins at Expo 2020!

Participants in the first day of Pre-Expo 2020 program Space Week found themselves transported to an intergalactic world as a space-themed show brought to life inside the world's largest 360° projection screen at the Al Wasl Dome!

"There are people who have determination to reach the very top. They are the ones who will reach the pinnacle of success and embrace the sky."

- Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum.

The two-day program tackled topics about space that carry significant implications for the future of everyone on Earth.

The show included rockets, astronauts with UAE flags on their suits, satellites and other spacecraft. Space Week was the first of the 10 thematic weeks organized by Expo.

The Minister for International Cooperation and Director General of Expo 2020, said the UAE's recent space missions, such as the launch of the Emirates mission to Mars (first Arab interplanetary mission) will attract interest for the theme week..

Furthermore, they underlined the importance of space exploration as the key to find solutions to climate change and water scarcity.

Several countries will showcase their space exploration achievements at their pavilions during next year's long-awaited event.

Some of the many other speakers was NASA chief scientist James Green, planetary scientist Ryan Zeigler, and NASA chief historian Brian Odom.

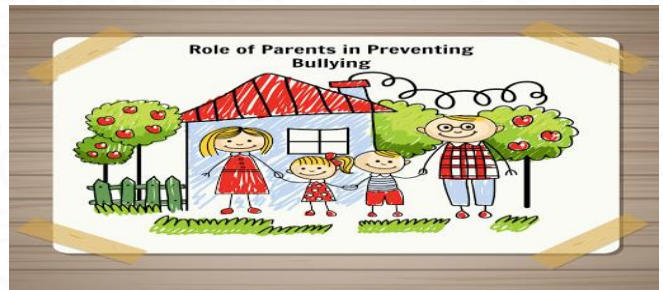


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Parents' Corner



PARENTS' ROLE IN PREVENTING BULLYING

Parents can play a pivotal role in assisting the school to prevent bullying. School staff and parents can and should work together to create a school that is **bullying-free**.

There are certain behaviors a child may exhibit at home that may be a warning sign or symptom that they have been bullied at school.

Possible signs and symptoms of a bullied child:

- If the child is afraid to walk to or from school.
- If the child does not want to ride the school bus.
- If the child appears sad or depressed about going to school.
- If the child comes home from school with any physical injuries such as bruises, or scratches.

Ways parents can respond to children who are bullied:

If a child tells parents that he or she has been bullied at school, there are several suggestions you could offer that parent on how to react to their child's situation.

1. Parents should not over-react or under-react when being told by their child they have been bullied at school
2. Parents should not place the blame for the incident on their child.
3. Parents should expect the child to have a difficult time dealing with being a target of bullying.
4. Parents should encourage their child to keep talking about the incident if the child feels the need to discuss. They should also ask them how their days are going at school.
5. If a child is reluctant to talk to his/her parent, the parent should encourage the child to talk to another adult, such as a family member, or a school social worker.

Parents need to provide extra support and encouragement to the child during these times.



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As a parent you know that your child's success at school is linked to his or her wellbeing.

Wellbeing and learning go hand in hand. When your children feel connected to family, peers and teachers, they feel secure in the knowledge that they will be supported throughout the learning journey. Safe and trusting relationships create a positive learning environment where wellbeing can flourish.

Wellbeing: What's it all about?

What are some of the factors that make up wellbeing?

- Being involved in supportive relationships
- Feeling that your life has meaning and purpose
- Feeling connected to others in your community
- Feeling a sense of control of your emotions
- Engaging in activities that are important to you

Wellbeing and your Child

As a parent, you want your child to be safe and happy throughout their time at school, and beyond. Here are some ways you can lay the foundations for your child's wellbeing and, at the same time, support the school to build on and enhance these vital skills

- Showing warmth to your child via expressions of affection, love and support
 - Setting limits and boundaries to encourage your child's self-control
 - Encouraging your children to share and talk about their worries
- Sharing your own concerns and worries with your children in a sensitive way



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Educational Tips – Being Ambitious

Our Ambitious Philosophy

"We encourage every student to reach for their dreams, try something new, and above all, to be ambitious.

We are ambitious for our students. We believe that:

- there is no limit to what every student can achieve
- creativity and challenge help us get better every day
- learning should be personalized to each child
- unique global opportunities enhance every student's learning experience"

- **Ms. Abeer Albream**
English teacher



"That's why our outstanding teachers nurture these essential skills through personalized learning for each child. We build on each student's individual strengths and passions. We create challenge in every lesson and every activity so that they continuously grow and learn. We offer unique experiences to open new opportunities."

- **Ms. Huda Shazad**
English teacher



What does this mean for your child?

"We believe there is no limit to what our students can achieve. So we encourage them to be ambitious. To reach for their dreams. To step outside their comfort zones and try something new. We ignite their curiosity.

Being ambitious inspires our students. It urges them to stretch themselves that little bit further. To be relentlessly optimistic. To be the best that they can be. And beyond that to make a difference, to make things better, throughout our world.

Ambition can take them anywhere. It's transformational. It's what makes the extraordinary possible. But it's only the spark. It takes passion, determination and commitment to make it a reality. It takes creativity and innovation. It takes resilience and courage. It takes confidence."

- **Ms. Nour AlQarqor**
English teacher



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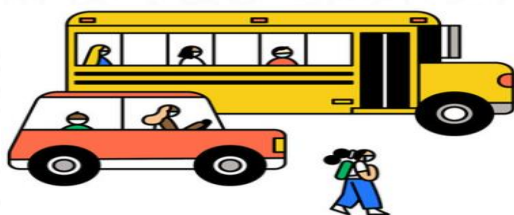
First day of School!

As students returned this school year, it was important that our school be physically safe for students' and educators'.

As part of welcoming our students, the health and safety guidelines and regulations shared by educational and governmental authorities were strictly followed and administered.

1) Getting to school: Riding the Bus/Ycar.

The best option for children getting to school would be for their parents to drop them off, but if that's not an option for many families, then school buses are an option. To make busing safer, the capacity of the bus was limited to 50% and everyone on the bus are expected to be physically distanced by at least 6 feet. Everyone should wear masks. Seating is assigned and face masks are required.



Entry-to-school as per Guidelines

Clear policies requiring students and teachers who feel unwell, to stay home. Temperature checks screened as people enter the building."

Masks are a vital part of a school's reopening plan.



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First Day of School

Inside/outside Class: Social distancing

Marks were placed 1.5/2M distance on floors and walls and 6 feet between desks on small class sizes. Teachers are wearing masks or face shields while teaching.

There is a daily routine check to ensure safety guidelines are accurately implemented



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First Day of School



4) Sanitizing Surfaces

A major route of COVID -19 transmission is through droplets that are expelled when we cough, sneeze or talk. But the virus can live on surfaces for hours and possibly days that is why the school also focus on frequent hand hygiene and wiping down frequently touched surfaces.



personal resources/devices

Lunch and Snacks

"This means eating in classrooms,"

Eating lunch and snacks requires removing face masks, so social distancing is the key here.

One safe way is having their lunch boxes prepared at home. No sharing!

Staggering lunchtimes in the cafeteria is not an option during this time but, ordering online service from the school canteen and delivered into every doorstep of each classroom is another way.

Students safety is our highest priority.



Parents pick up point

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World Teachers' Day

Since March 2020, the world has struggled to adapt to and deal with COVID-19.

Educators must meet the needs of Face-to-Face(F2F) and distance online(DL) learners, sometimes simultaneously. They took different steps to help with a smooth transition to new blended class formats: using similar or the same curricular materials and sequencing for in-person and remote learners, facilitating student engagement with one another from safe social distances and online, and relying on one another for support and guidance.

In a world of "physical distancing," it is important for teachers to "socially distance" from one another physically. Educators should stay connected, and rely on one another for support and collaboration as they adapt to new modes of instruction.

There is no doubt about it: COVID-19 presents a significant challenge for private/public education. However, as we have seen time and time again throughout history, our teachers are resilient; they are qualified; and they are doing one of the most crucial jobs in the world: **"preparing future generations of citizens to engage in an ever-changing and evolving society."**

Happy Teachers day!



Thank you Elementary team



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Physical Education

Welcome to the Physical Education Department.

Our team is committed to ensure all students education the opportunity to lead healthy and physically active lifestyles.

We are not only interested in student achievement, but we also want to cultivate and instill to students the love for sports and fitness. That is why we always invite and follow them to practice fitness for the sake of their health, especially during this period of time.

We continue to deliver students physical education classes, whether the lessons are online (DL) or face-to-face since the beginning of the school year. All classes are effectively learning the knowledge of theoretical and practical parts and health-related physical fitness.

Recently, we gave physical education lessons according to the scheduled curriculum, and the participation and benefit of students was clear, through their interaction during the lessons, whether remotely or face to face. We conducted some pre-tests during the sessions and evaluate daily through quizzes during sessions or by observing their performance of what was given to them in the sessions.

It is our responsibility to convey a very important lesson to each and every students that sports and fitness will support, keep students' health at high level that will result on strengthening their immune system in order to face this pandemic. A course of action by sharing the knowledge on theoretical information and giving them various exercises to increase their physical skills not only during physical education sessions at school, but during their presence at home.

We are also inviting and encouraging students together with their parents to motivate and participate during PE sessions or any other activities of sports exercises that we gave them.

Previously, we started giving practical part sessions (face-to-face) outside classes and to ensure the health and safety of students, we asked them to adhere to keep distance and bring enough water with them on physical education day, and to bring with them a sports mat, and we will make sure to keep them safe by conducting a high standards procedures.

During the next months, we will continue to deliver sports sessions in a varied, interesting and beneficial way, and we will continue to evaluate students and do some sporting activities.

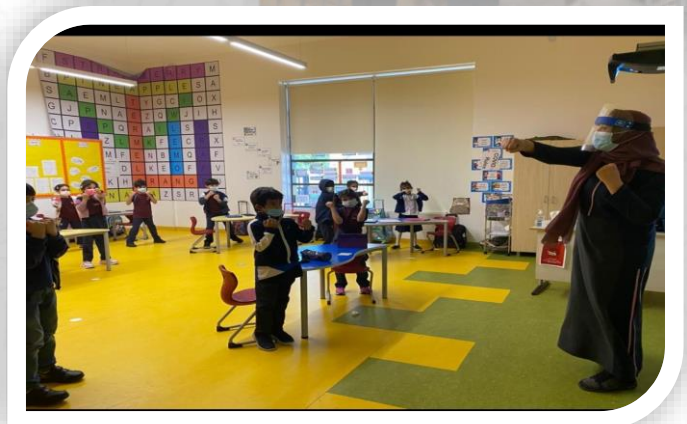
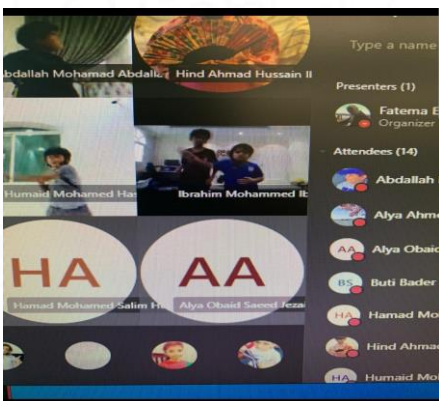
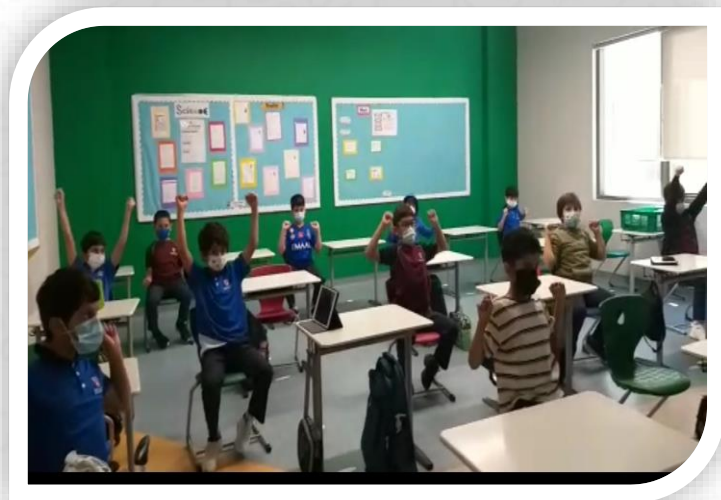
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Physical Education

Sessions In-class(F2F)/Online(DL)



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Social Studies and Moral Education

International Day of the Blind

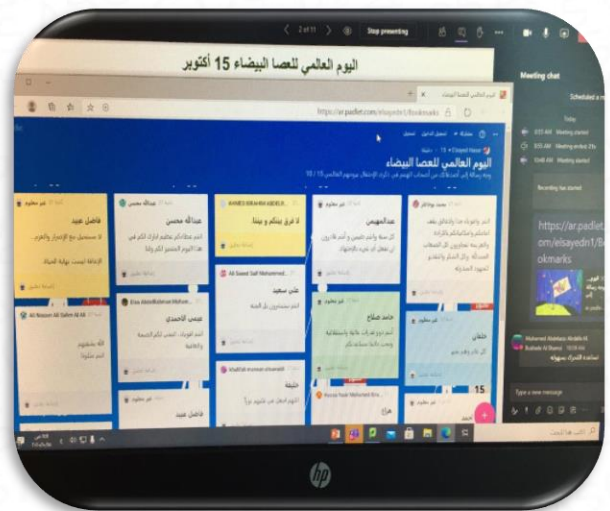
Thursday August 15th, 2020, the Moral Education Department in the school participated in the White Cane Day to experience and support those who are destined to lose one of the most important senses in humans, which is the sense of sight.



The aim of this event is to enlighten our students with the right manners and etiquette to interact with such group of people.



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Social Studies and Moral Education



Congratulations to Ms. Rasha Hassan, Head of Social Studies and Moral Education for obtaining a certificate of appreciation as INSPIRING TEACHERS from the Ministry of Education.



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Happening at ASCS October!

The Science Lab

We are back at it this October with incredible in-class activities and amazing enrichment programs.

Our students are performing well in virtual labs, where they are improving their scientific method skills, and being fully immersed in scientific investigation and inquiry.



ESTEAM encompasses Entrepreneurship, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. It is the best way to allow us to make connections between these subjects. Students will have the opportunity to participate in this dynamic cross-curriculum activity in November, however preparations have started this month already. Watch this space next month, it's going to be awesome!



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The Science Lab

Student feedback and self-assessment of their work is of paramount importance to both teachers and students. It allows us to assess if students have attained the lesson and mastered its objectives. Students should answer the question “Did we understand what we did?” Students’ answers also allows teachers to further understand the learning needs of the student to make improved and more exciting lessons. We use specific interactive feedback and self-assessment tools to gain this knowledge of student progress and attainment. Here are some of our positive feedback received from our amazing students:

Self-Assessment and Feedback

Success Criteria Feedback	Self-assessment			Teacher assessment		
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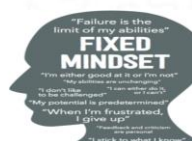
What can I do to understand the learning intentions better and make me a good learner?

Collaborate with students for help	Collaborate with teacher for help	More practice worksheets	Class or lab demonstration	Study note pack at home	Project based learning
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1 = I can do it
 2 = I am working on it
 3 = I need help

I am not AFRAID of a CHALLENGE!
 I CAN TRAIN my BRAIN to do it!
 I can't do it YET... with EFFORT I can!
 MY MISTAKES help me GROW!

The Science Department has also piloted the Growth Mindset Initiative. This helps our students develop a positive mindset in all areas of life, and also develop them as visible learners at school. This month, we are now conducting presentations and activities of Growth Mindset – Flexible Thinking 1 & 2. We have received some incredible feedback from our students stating how positive their thinking has become!



BEING A FLEXIBLE THINKER	
Flexible Thinking Thinking of Others person People feel good We get things done Expected behavior	Stuck Thinking Just Me person People feel tense, frustrated, mad, or sad Situation is difficult, we don't get things done Unexpected behavior

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Anti-bullying Month



October is “National Anti-Bullying Month”, a time to focus and raise awareness on bullying. In ASCS, we believe every student has the right to learn in safe and respectful environment, as bullying is against ASCS policy.

The Bullying Prevention theme is “TAKE A STAND, LEND A HAND, AGAINST BULLYING”.

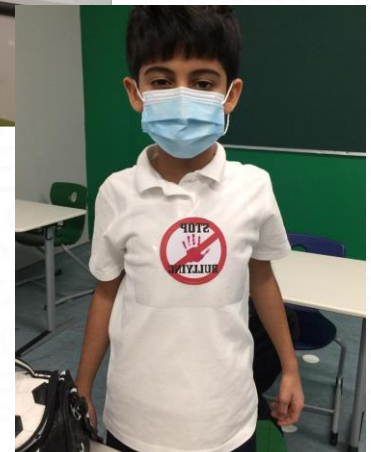
At ASCS, we will be holding different activities to raise awareness on this important topic. Every morning, during wellbeing sessions, students know and learn new information related to the topic in the form of PowerPoint presentation, videos. Quiz, discussions, etc.

Every days, teachers conduct interesting activities during the wellbeing to help prevent bullying and raise awareness among students.

Our middle and high school students have participated in the wellbeing sessions of the elementary students to discuss the negative impacts of bullying and how to speak up and take a stand.

Elementary students designed their white T-shirt with an anti-bullying logo and wore badges with the logo of “Stop Bullying” or “Bullying-Free Zone”

As our partners in education, we ask that you teach and reinforce positive and respectful behaviors at home.



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Math - Math Lab

Message from Elementary Math coordinator

"Math is the hidden secret to understand the world".

Mathematical strategies and techniques help students to view and understand problems from different perspectives. Changing your perspective makes your mind more flexible, it makes you open to new things, and it makes you able to understand things. Therefore, it helps you to solve one problem using five ways than solving five problems one way.

Ms. Simin Abdollah
Elementary Math Coordinator



Tips to help your child's success in math

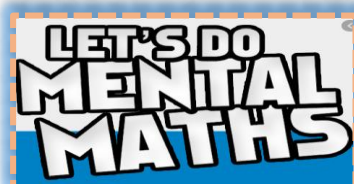
❖ Encourage Math talk

Communicating about math helps students process new learning and build on their thinking. Engage your child during conversations and have them describe why they solved a problem in a certain way.



❖ Play math games.

Games are an excellent way to make the learning more fun while simultaneously promoting strategic mathematical thinking, enhancing mental math strategies, computational fluency, and understanding of operations. Games also foster a home-school connection when done for extra practice.



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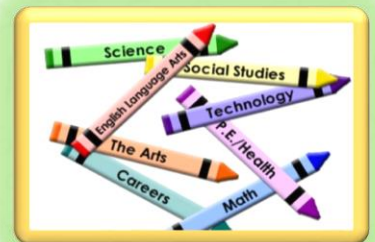
❖ Be Positive about Math

Express confidence in your child's ability to succeed in math. Help your child see errors as opportunities for learning. Share positive math memories from your past.



❖ Connect Math to other Learning Areas.

The more we show students how math is connected to the world around us, the more invested they become. Read books with Math connections. Talk about the ways math integrates with real life. These conversations will help reinforce how mathematical thinking can help kids in all subject areas.



❖ Connect Mathematics to Daily Life

Utilize every opportunity to use mathematical calculations in your daily life. Ask your child to estimate grocery bills, tips, measurements, travelling distances and times, and the quantity of paint or carpet needed for a room. Talk about the ways in which you use mathematics in your job and daily life, and about mathematics in the newspaper (stock prices, math puzzles, graphs).



❖ Take Breaks

Math can be a very heavy subject. For some students, it's the most challenging aspect of their academics. Avoid and curb math-induced stress and fatigue by taking breaks. Regular breaks throughout math practice will help your child remain sharper for longer overall.