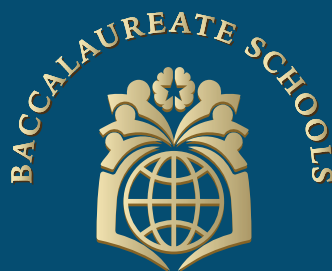


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MAKING DECISIONS



We make decisions every day of our lives. We decide what career to follow, which university to attend, what to give someone as a gift, what to do if we upset someone or damage someone's property.

Making the right decision will have a marked impact on what happens to us next. They are all about making rational judgments. Bad decisions lead to many of the situations we hear about every day—businesses failing, banks collapsing and accidents happening.

The process of decision making follows a number of logical steps; defining the situation, considering all possible actions, calculating the possible consequences of these actions and choosing a line of action. This involves being able to assess the pros and cons of each possible action. An inability to predict possible outcomes of action will lead to poor decision making and even criminal behavior such as riots, looting and hooliganism.

Decisions can be taken by individuals or by a group. A group decision will also entail making suggestions, explaining, negotiating and communication. (Puchta, Herbert & Williams, Marion)



CORE VALUES

GLOBAL: Progress is impossible without change.

MODERN: Modernity while preserving Palestinian cultural heritage.

DYNAMIC: Only in the dictionary does success come before work.

PROFESSIONAL: Global competencies.

LEADERSHIP: Aspiring lifelong learners.

VISION

The vision of the Baccalaureate Schools

Is to prepare independent, lifelong learners with an international mindset to become productive, creative and innovative citizens who have global values while creating a sense of pride in the Palestinian cultural heritage.

MISSION

The mission Statement of the Baccalaureate Schools

To provide students with a safe environment which is conducive to learning that will ensure that students are **equipped with 21st century skills** that are essential for success and leadership in the emerging creative economy and future technological innovations. Through curricular and extracurricular activities, we will enable our students to become well-rounded citizens.

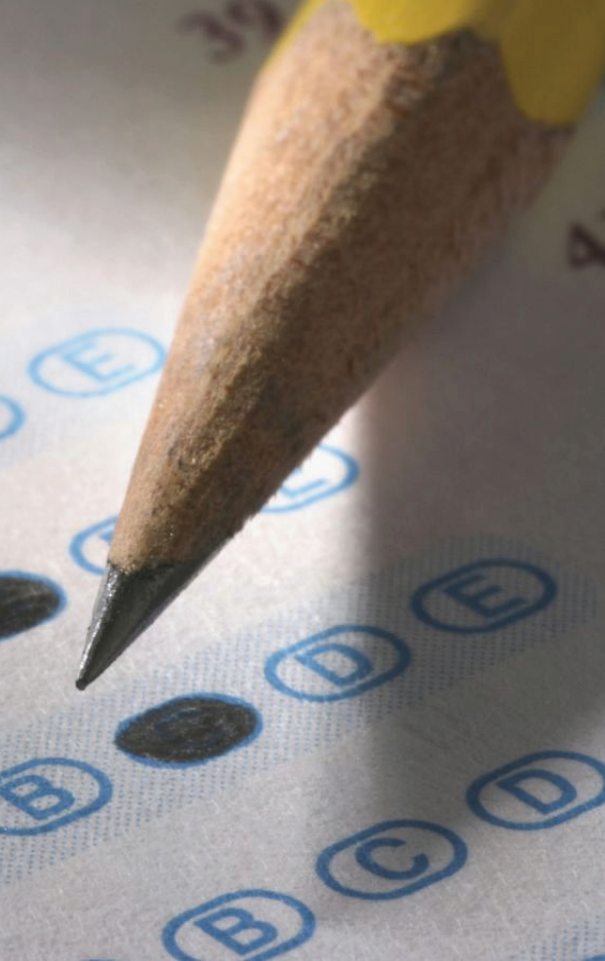
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SAT/CLEP/AP

SAT/CLEP/AP Program Overview

As part of our graduation requirements, students must complete the SAT/CLEP/AP program. This comprehensive program equips students with essential analytical skills and provides exposure to a diverse array of subjects, including physics, calculus, advanced English, and more. By aligning with Common Core standards, the program prepares students not only for college applications worldwide but also ensures they are ready to succeed in their academic pursuits.





Beyond the SAT

The program begins with a strong focus on the SAT, serving as the foundation for advancing to CLEP and AP exams. These exams, which emphasize critical thinking and application, form the cornerstone of our curriculum. Our school is committed to maintaining high educational standards, leveraging the CLEP and AP components to ensure students excel academically and meet the rigorous demands of global college admissions.

Baccalaureate Curriculum Composition

The SAT, CLEP, and AP programs are integral to our curriculum, focusing on critical college-readiness skills for students from both scientific and literature streams:

CLEP Exams: Designed to assess students' knowledge across all subjects, these exams foster critical thinking and practical application of concepts.

AP Courses and Exams: Encourage in-depth learning, analysis, and advanced writing skills, preparing students to tackle academic challenges effectively.





SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

As students and the school prepare for the final exams, Baccalaureate schools have provided an exceptional and valuable service. By dedicating specific times for subject review and addressing any lingering questions or inquiries before exam day, these schools aimed to create a supportive learning environment. Students were given the opportunity to clarify any unclear points and reinforce fundamental concepts, helping them feel more confident and assured about the

upcoming exams. These reviews also incorporated effective learning strategies, as teachers focused on the most important topics and areas that could enhance student performance, enabling them to approach the exams with a calm mindset and excel.



December 8th

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

This month, the Baccalaureate Counselor facilitated an engaging and interactive learning program focused on personal space. Through discussion and role-playing activities, students explored the importance of boundaries, effective communication, and maintaining safety in their interactions with others. During the session, students learned to identify their personal space and practiced ways to express their feelings when that space was crossed. They explored why it is important not to touch others without permission and how to ensure the safety of what they see and



hear in various situations. Students demonstrated their understanding of personal space by expressing their needs clearly and using respectful communication to request space when needed.

The program helped foster self-awareness, empathy, and confidence in our students, equipping them with essential social skills that will benefit them in school and beyond.



Note from the Baccalaureate Nurse

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As winter sets in and the temperatures drop, we want to remind everyone about the importance of staying healthy during this season. The school nurse's office is here to support students, and we'd like to offer a few tips on how to stay warm, healthy, and avoid the flu and other viruses that are common during the colder months.

1. Dressing Warmly

Cold weather can lead to discomfort and even illness if students are not properly dressed. We recommend that all students wear layers of clothing, including hats, gloves, scarves, and warm coats. Proper winter clothing helps keep the body warm and prevents exposure to the cold, which can lower immune defenses and make children more vulnerable to illness.

2. Washing Hands

Frequent handwashing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and viruses. Please remind your children to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating, and after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer

with at least %60 alcohol can be used as an alternative.

3. Flu and Virus Prevention

Flu season is in full swing, and the best way to protect yourself and others is by getting the flu vaccine. We encourage families to schedule flu shots for their children if they haven't done so already. In addition, remind students to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or the inside of their elbows, and to avoid touching their faces. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home from school to rest and avoid spreading illness to others.

4. Staying Hydrated and Eating Well

Staying hydrated and eating nutritious meals also help strengthen the immune system. Encourage your child to drink plenty of water and eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

By working together, we can help ensure a healthy and safe winter for all of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school nurse.

Wishing everyone a warm and healthy winter season!

HUMAN RIGHTS ARE FOR EVERY ONE

No matter who you are
or where you live.



World's
CHILDREN
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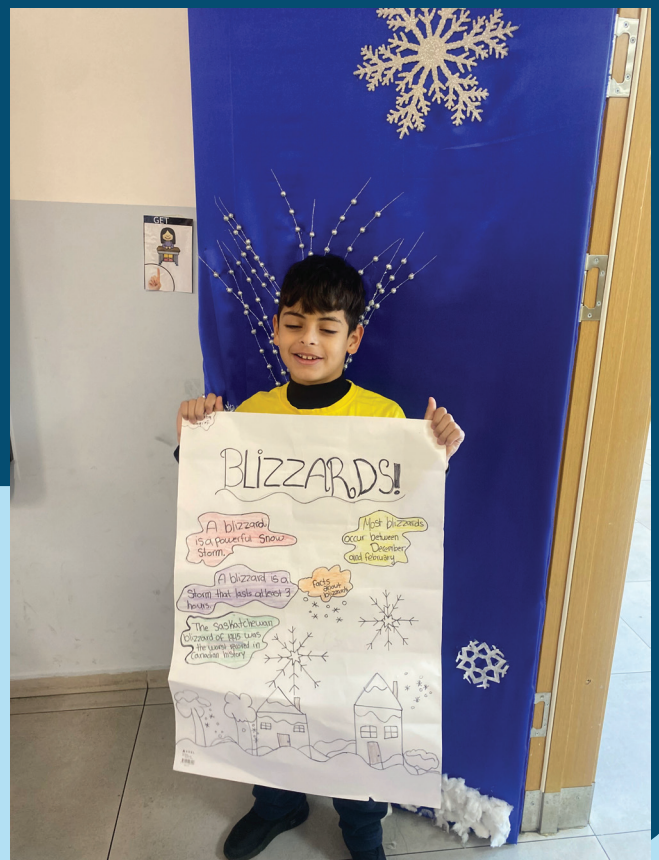
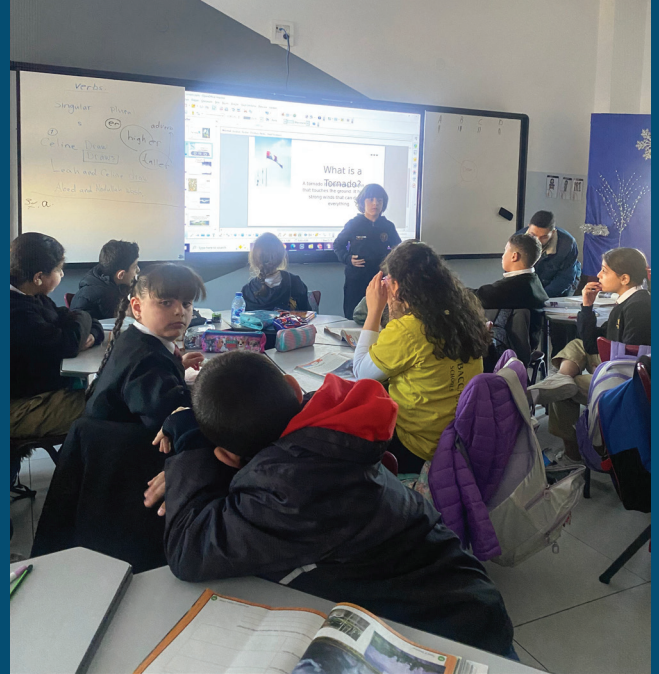
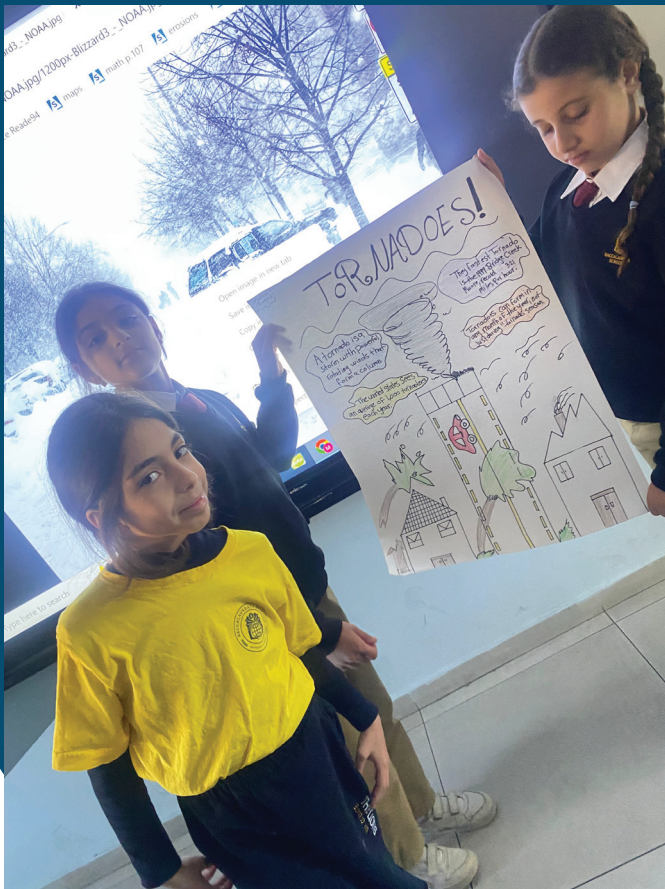
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Learning Environment



Grocery Store Adventure: Learning English in the Real Life

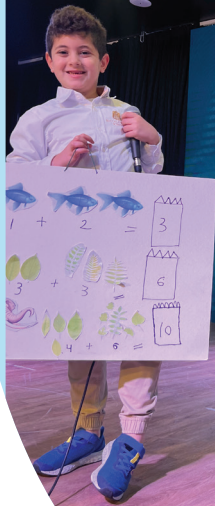
The second-grade students recently visited the supermarket as part of their English lesson. This activity aimed to teach them about engaging with the community while practicing real-world language skills. During the trip, the students had the opportunity to shop independently, which was a fantastic way to build their confidence and foster a sense of independence.



Weather Wonders: Third Graders Explore Extreme Phenomena

The third graders completed an outstanding project on extreme weather, delivering impressive presentations about various wild weather phenomena, including blizzards, floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes. The students were highly engaged throughout the project, showcasing their creativity and understanding. This activity not only deepened their knowledge of extreme weather but also enhanced their presentation and research skills.

Elementary School



Living in the Desert

What is a Desert? A desert is a place that has very little rain. Deserts are usually hot during the day and cool at night.

- **Types of Deserts:** There are different types of deserts, like hot deserts (like the Sahara) and cold deserts (like Antarctica).
- **Plants in the Desert:** Cacti are famous desert plants that store water. Other plants include sagebrush and desert wildflowers. Many desert plants have special features to survive with little water.
- **Animals in the Desert:** Animals like snakes, lizards, camels, and roadrunners live in the desert. Some animals are nocturnal, meaning they come out at night when it's cooler.



Thank you

I really enjoyed doing this math project it was fun for listening.

FUTURE CAREER

Y: ZEINA MUSTAFA HIJAZI

GRADE: 2B

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STEAM Showcase: Student Creativity on Display

Our elementary students showcased their incredible creativity and hard work through seminars about the projects they created in school, aligning with STEAM methods. These projects spanned various subjects, including math, science, and English, demonstrating the integration of knowledge and skills

across disciplines. It was truly inspiring to see how engaged and innovative our students were, reflecting their understanding and enthusiasm for learning.





Math Masters: A Thrilling Tournament of Addition

In the fourth grade, students participated in a math tournament focused on addition with numbers in the thousands and millions. The event was both fun and exciting, fostering a competitive atmosphere. The students displayed remarkable skills, and the genius winners stood out with their exceptional performance. It was an engaging activity that encouraged teamwork and mathematical thinking!





Social studies projects on geography and history were a great way for students to explore and understand the world around them. From creating detailed maps to building models of historical landmarks or researching significant events, these projects allowed students to dive deeper into the subjects. Geography projects helped them learn about physical landscapes, climates, and global connections, while history projects uncovered the stories of past civilizations, famous figures, and pivotal moments in time.

These projects not only enhanced students' knowledge but also sparked creativity, critical thinking, and a greater curiosity about both the past and the present.

Spelling Bee

Round 1

The spelling bee for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders was always an exciting and educational event that challenged young students to test their spelling skills. At that age, students had already built a solid foundation of vocabulary, and the spelling bee pushed them to master more complex words. It wasn't just about memorizing spellings—all while developing important study habits.



These competitions helped students build confidence, foster friendly competition, and inspired a love for language. Whether it was a classroom contest or a district-wide competition, the spelling bee encouraged growth and highlighted the power of words!





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Born to win

Facility

A Spectacular Elective Showcase:

Dabkeh, Drama, and Music

Recently, our students from the elective classes put on a fantastic performance on stage, showcasing the skills they had developed throughout the semester. Each group presented a short artistic piece, with some performing traditional dance (Dabke) and others presenting dramatic scenes and musical performances.

The students worked hard in their elective classes to bring their talents to life, resulting in a truly impressive display of creativity and teamwork. The energy and passion on stage were contagious, leaving the audience in awe of the students' abilities. It was a wonderful celebration of the arts and a reminder of the incredible talent within our school.





A Day of Fun and Competition

Our school recently hosted an exciting “Table Tennis Tournament” for students in grades 5 to 10, and it was an event full of energy, skill, and friendly competition. The tournament brought students together in a spirit of teamwork and fun, and everyone gave their best performance.

After a series of intense matches, the tournament culminated with a final showdown. The atmosphere was electric as players showcase their talent and determination. In the end,

Adam from sixth grade emerged as the champion, claiming the title of the tournament winner!

It was a fantastic day, filled with sportsmanship and enthusiasm, and Adam’s victory was well-earned. Congratulations to him and to all the participants for making the event such a memorable and enjoyable experience. We look forward to more exciting tournaments like this in the future!





A Celebration of Art and History

On Seminar Day, students from grades 1 to 4 proudly preAsented their individual projects. Showcasing creativity and learning. Among the standout presentations was that of Khader, a fourth-grade student, who focused his seminar on the renowned painter, Van Gogh.

Collaborating closely with the art department, Khader and his classmates recreated some of Van Gogh's iconic works. These vibrant and expressive pieces were displayed in a small yet impressive exhibition, allowing everyone to admire the beauty and emotion

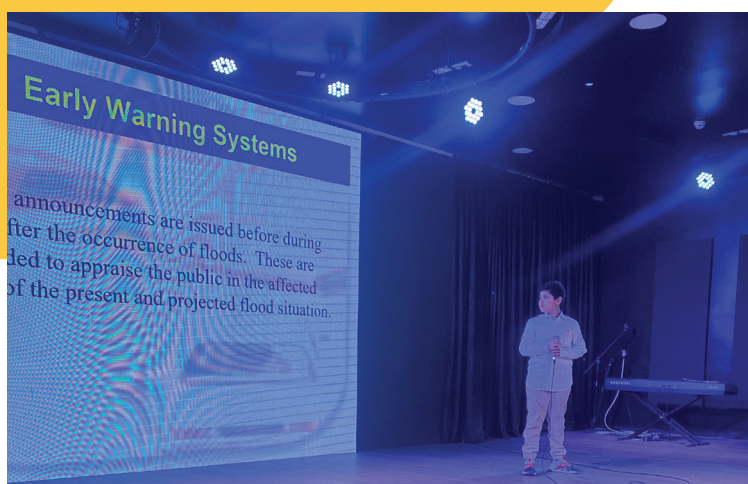
captured in each recreation. The project offered a unique opportunity to delve into Van Gogh's life, his struggles, and the extraordinary artistry of his brushstrokes.

Khader delivered an insightful and heartfelt presentation on Van Gogh's life, highlighting the challenges he faced, including his struggles with mental health, and his unwavering passion for art. His presentation captivated the audience, sparking a lively discussion about how art reflects the emotions and experiences of the artist.

The combination of the stunning art exhibition and Khader's passionate speech created a memorable and inspiring seminar. It was a perfect blend of history and creativity that resonated deeply with students and teachers alike. This successful event not only celebrated the power of learning through art but also showcased the incredible talent, dedication, and enthusiasm of our students.

Highlights from our STEAM Seminar Day!

Our students showcased
their projects, building
confidence and
sharpening public
speaking skills. Thank
you to everyone who
supported their journey!



BAS Kindergarten



Hands-on Learning Activities

In December, the BAS Kindergarten (PreK, KG1, KG2) classrooms were filled with holiday spirit and hands-on learning activities. The children engaged in winter crafts, creating snowflakes, holiday coloring sheets, and other creative decorations that allowed them to explore their artistic side while celebrating the season. A special highlight of the month was Pajama and Movie Day, where the students dressed in their cozy pajamas and watched a fun kids' movie, making for a relaxed and enjoyable day at the school.



The English Conversation Show was a great success, with each student presenting their individual slide in a class PowerPoint. This activity encouraged students to speak confidently in English as they shared their favorite topics, hobbies, and interests with the class, while also fostering their communication and presentation skills in an engaging and interactive way.

English Conversation Show



Social, Emotional, and Academic Development?

As the first semester of the 2025-2024 school year draws to a close, we reflect on the remarkable progress made by the BAS Kindergarten students. **From enhancing their language skills to fostering creativity and confidence**, the children have accomplished so much over the past few months. Through engaging lessons, arts and crafts, and language development activities, the students have grown both academically and socially.

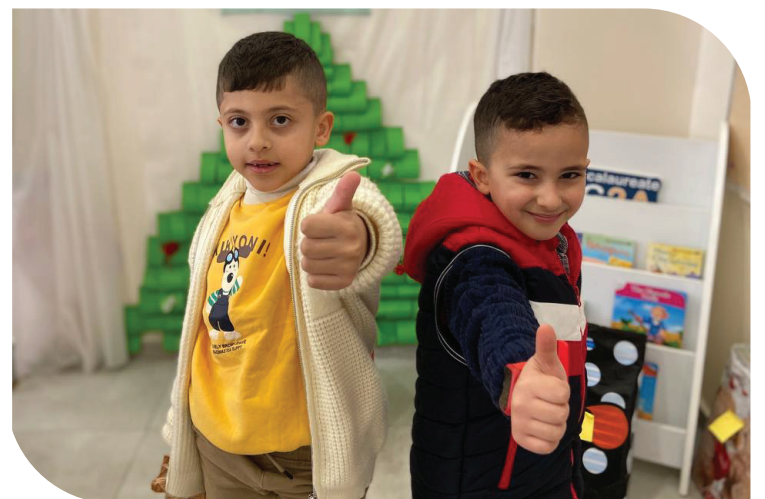


On the last day of the semester, the BAS Kindergarten children enjoyed a joyful Secret Santa gift exchange, where they gave and received delightful surprises. The day was filled with laughter, excitement, and holiday magic, ending the term with big smiles all around!





As we approach winter break, we are filled with excitement for what lies ahead in the second semester. The children are eager to return, ready to build on the skills they've already acquired and embrace new learning experiences. We look forward to continuing this wonderful journey of growth, confidence, and fun in the upcoming semester!

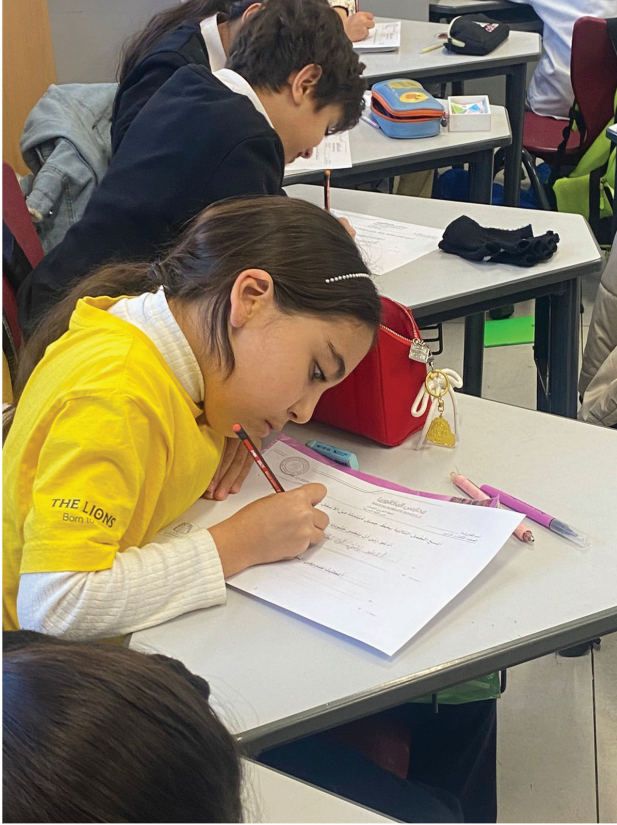




الشاعر والكاتب الدكتور المتوكل طه

استضافت مدارس البكالوريا الشاعر والكاتب الدكتور المتوكل طه في ندوة أدبية مميزة خصصت لطلاب الصف السابع. كانت هذه الفعالية فرصة ثمينة للطلاب للتفاعل مع أحد أبرز الأسماء الأدبية في العالم العربي، حيث قدم الدكتور المتوكل طه رؤية عميقة عن الشعر والأدب، وأثره في تشكيل الفكر والوعي. كما تميز اللقاء بتبادل الأفكار والنقاشات المثمرة التي ألهمت الطلاب وجعلتهم يتعرفون عن كثب على أسرار الكتابة والشعر وأبعاده الثقافية والفكرية.





اللغة العربية

إنّ الذي ملأ اللغات محاسناً
جعلَ الجمالَ وسرّه في الضاد

اليوم العالمي للغة العربية
Arabic Language day

اليوم العالمي للغة العربية

بمناسبة الاحتفال بيوم اللغة العربية العالمي، نظم قسم اللغة العربية مجموعة من الأنشطة المميزة التي تعكس جمال وقوة هذه اللغة العريقة. شملت الفعاليات مسابقات خطية مبتكرة شهدت مشاركة واسعة من الطلاب، إلى جانب زيارة تعليمية للمكتبة التي تم خلالها استكشاف أمهات الكتب والمراجع الأدبية. كما تم عرض مجموعة من المشاريع المبدعة التي نفذها الطلاب، والتي أظهرت مهاراتهم وإبداعهم في استخدام اللغة العربية بشكل فني ومعرفي. ولم تقتصر الاحتفالات على ذلك، بل شملت أيضاً إذاعة صباحية خاصة تم بثها لتسليط الضوء على تاريخ اللغة العربية وأثرها الثقافي والحضاري في العالم، مما أتاح للطلاب الفرصة للتفاعل مع هذه المناسبة العظيمة وتعزيز حبهم واعتزازهم بلغة الضاد.



الأنشطة التفاعلية

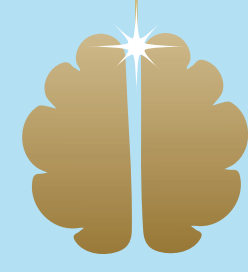
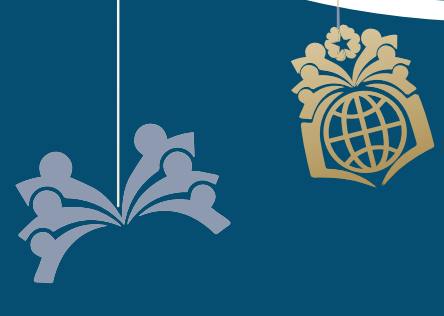
نفذ طلاب الصف الأول نشاطًا ممتعًا وشيقًا لاستكشاف حرف "الفاء" من خلال مجموعة من الأنشطة التفاعلية التي تهدف إلى تعزيز فهمهم للحرف والتعرف على أشكاله المختلفة في بداية الكلمة وفي وسطها وآخرها. تم استخدام وسائل تعليمية مبتكرة مثل البطاقات الملونة والصور التوضيحية لربط الحرف بأمثلة واقعية من حياتهم اليومية. كما شارك

الطلاب في ألعاب تعليمية تحفزهم على التفاعل والتعلم من خلال الحواس المختلفة، مما جعلهم يعيشون تجربة تعليمية مفعمة بالحيوية والمرح، مما يساهم في ترسيخ الحرف في أذهانهم وتطوير مهاراتهم اللغوية بشكل تدريجي وفعال.

متحف محمود درويش

نظمت مدارس البكالوريا رحلة تعليمية مميزة لطلاب الصفين الخامس والسادس، حيث توجهوا في زيارة إلى متحف محمود درويش، الذي يُعدّ من أبرز المعالم الثقافية في فلسطين. تهدف الرحلة إلى تعزيز فهم الطلاب للإرث الأدبي والشعري الذي خلّده الشاعر محمود درويش، وتوفير فرصة لهم لاستكشاف الأعمال التي جسّدت تاريخ فلسطين وهويتها. كما تخلل الزيارة ورش عمل تفاعلية ونقاشات ثرية حول معنى الشعر وأثره في تشكيل الوعي الوطني والثقافي.





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You

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