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We Inspire and Challenge students to Succeed.



إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

International Community Schools is deeply saddened and expresses its sincere condolences after the announcement that UAE President, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, has passed away.

The UAE President, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was a visionary leader who played a key role in modernising the Emirates. His contributions will be remembered forever.

بقلوب مؤمنة بقضاء الله و قدره نتقدم بخالص التعازي و المواساة للقيادة الرشيدة بدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة و شعبنا بوفاة فقيد الوطن المغفور له صاحب السمو الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان رئيس الدولة, سائلين المولى عز وجل أن يتغمده بواسع رحمته و يسكنه فسيح جناته .

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اللهم تقبله قبولا حسنا و اغفر له و ارحمه و أعف عنه و ارزقه جنتك بغير حساب
اللهم أبدله داراً خيراً من داره و أهلاً خيراً من أهله و أجعل قبره روضة من رياض الجنة



International Community Schools congratulate
His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on being elected as the
President of the United Arab Emirates. May he lead our nation to greater
heights, growth, and prosperity.

نهنيء دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة بمناسبة انتخاب أصحاب السمو أعضاء المجلس الأعلى
للاتحاد صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن زايد آل نهيان رئيساً للدولة, سائلين الله تعالى له
التوفيق و السداد في خدمة البلاد , فهو خير خلف لخير سلف, و نعاهد سموه على مواصلة
مسيرة البذل و العطاء في خدمة دولتنا الغالية

نسأل الله أن يتغمد فقيد الوطن الشيخ خليفة بواسع رحمته و أن يوفق قائدنا الشيخ محمد
لما فيه رفعة لدولتنا و تقدمها

Important Choices

In our last parents' survey during the Parents-Teachers' conference held last week, one comment caught our attention regarding the school's focus on grades when there should be more focus on other priorities which are as important to our children's lives, if not even more important than Grades.

Subject matter might be disputable for some, but as a school community we can not but agree more. Worthy to mention that our day to day priorities are driven with nothing less than the desire to make a difference in our students lives by encouraging them to make choices that will make you proud & them happy and fulfilled.

We are fully focused and engaged in guiding our students on how to be responsible for their own choices by acknowledging the responsibility for their own decisions. Self awareness and ability to make the right decisions has been at the core of our mission to create happy learners, capable of working independently and assuming full conscientious accountability for their decision making.

We thank all our parents who took part in the meeting last week and look forward to further contributions so we can continue to work collaboratively towards making the right choices for our children and school community.

اختيارات مهمة

في آخر استطلاع أجراه أولياء الأمور خلال مؤتمر الآباء والمعلمين الذي عقد الأسبوع الماضي ، لفت تعليق واحد انتباهنا فيما يتعلق بتركيز المدرسة على الدرجات عندما يجب أن يكون هناك المزيد من التركيز على الأولويات الأخرى التي لا تقل أهمية في حياة أطفالنا ، إن لم يكن أكثر أهمية من الدرجات.

قد يكون الموضوع محل نزاع بالنسبة للبعض ، ولكن كمجتمع مدرسي لا يسعنا إلا أن نتفق أكثر. من الجدير بالذكر أن أولوياتنا اليومية مدفوعة بما لا يقل عن الرغبة في إحداث تغيير في حياة طلابنا من خلال تشجيعهم على اتخاذ خيارات تجعلك فخوراً بهم وأن يكونوا سعداء ومُرضيين.

نحن نركز بشكل كامل ونشارك في توجيه طلابنا حول كيفية تحمل المسؤولية عن خياراتهم من خلال الاعتراف بالمسؤولية عن قراراتهم. كان الوعي الذاتي والقدرة على اتخاذ القرارات الصحيحة في صميم مهمتنا لخلق متعلمين سعداء ، وقادرين على العمل بشكل مستقل وتحمل المسؤولية الكاملة عن اتخاذ قراراتهم.

نشكر جميع أولياء الأمور الذين شاركوا في الاجتماع الأسبوع الماضي ونتطلع إلى المزيد من المساهمات حتى نتمكن من مواصلة العمل بشكل تعاوني من أجل اتخاذ الخيارات الصحيحة لأطفالنا ومجتمع المدرسة.

Positive Behavior Reward

We believe that positive reinforcement is one of the best strategies that can be followed to obtain the best behavior by our dear students, and this is what we do through the behavior board that we have set before in each class, this week G3-A were rewarded for their excellent performance in lessons and behaving with the teachers, we had a football match at their request as an appreciation for their good behavior and their remarkable development in addition to giving them extra break time.



Following the Code of Conduct Awareness Session

Spreading a culture of respect and positive behavior in our school is our priority... As we follow up the awareness sessions with our dear students about the importance of adherence and commitment to the principles of the code of conduct that enable us to know the difference between negative behaviors and positive behaviors and guide us to know the consequences of conducting behavioral violations that may negatively affect the student's academic level, the thing that we always

"seek to protect from regression and motivate to raise it."



First Aid & CPR Training Session for Staff

First aid training for staff is vital to ensure proactive safety measures are in place at our school. A safe school breeds better productivity and avoids preventable accidents

Purpose of First Aid Training Session for Staff

It will cost more to deal with a serious injury that escalates due to a lack of first aid training. Getting your employees' equipped with first aid skills can prevent accidents from getting any worse.

Proper first aid training goes the distance to educate trainees on how to engage safety consciousness at work. Such training makes it easy for teachers to avoid accidents and injuries while on duty.

The right kind of training helps minimize risk and drastically reduce the school's occurrences of mishaps.

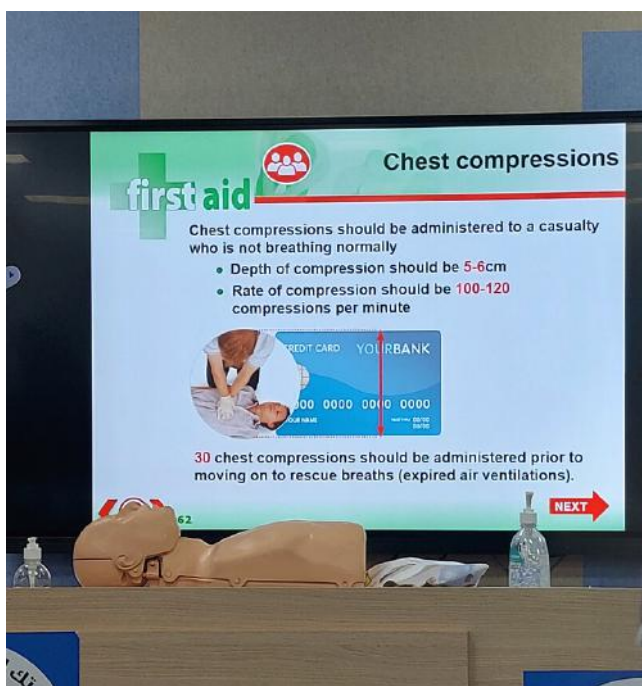
A safe school environment will help teachers and students to feel safer and get improved morale boosts to perform duties.

Teachers and staff with proper first aid skills and certification could prove useful if there's an emergency at our school.

Correct use of first aid kits after an accident is essential to keep victims stable before they get medical care.

Certification for First Aiders:

The staff members will be awarded certificates of HABC Level 3 International Award in Emergency First Aid at Work from the UK.



Getting closer to the end of this amazing school year, our Kg Students started to get ready for their graduation!

This week in KG 1 we have been learning a new letter. We have been learning the letter and phonics sound Xx.

Kg1 have been building the letter X from different materials in the room. We have been collaborating in small groups and working on our teamwork and communication skills.

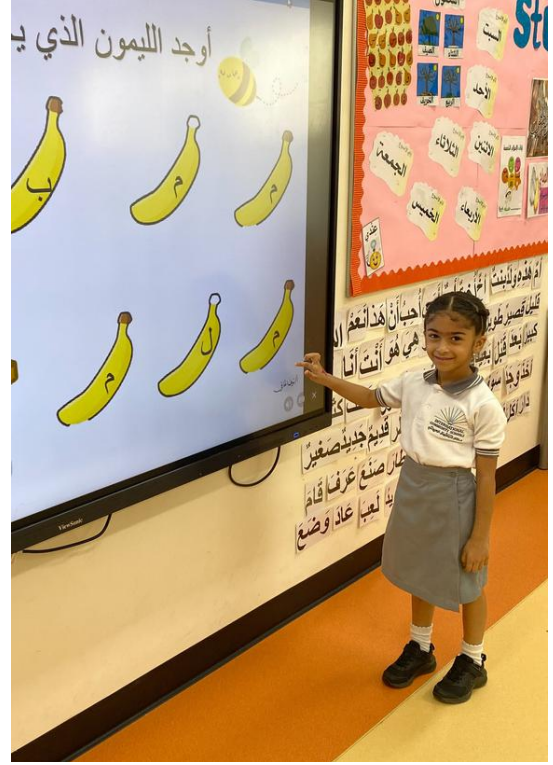
We also learned to write uppercase and lowercase X and to identify words and pictures beginning with the initial sound X.

In science, the students have learned about how the sun affects Earth and explored how people can protect themselves from the sun. Throughout the study, children experienced how to make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on the Earth's surface. They also have learned how to use tools and materials to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of the sunlight on an area. The students had a tremendous amount of fun building their structures out of construction paper to protect the Earth's surface from the sun.



الأنشطة الصفية

استقبل الأطفال في هذا الأسبوع حَرْفَ جَدِيدٍ وَهُوَ حَرْفُ المِيمِ و قاموا بالعديد من الأنشطة مِنْهَا البَحْثُ عَنِ الصُّورِ الَّتِي تَحْتَوِي عَلَى حَرْفِ المِيمِ و قَصَّها لِيَتِمَّ لَصِقْها عَلَى الوَرَقِ و قاموا أَيْضًا قِرَاءَةَ الكَلِمَاتِ البَصْرِيَّةِ مِنْ خِلَالِ النِّشَاطِ البَدَنِيِّ القَفْزِ عَلَى الحَلَقَاتِ و تَكْوِينِ جُمْلَةٍ صَغِيرَةٍ مَثَلِ أَنَا أَرَى وُلْدَ . . . ، لقد قمنا باستخدَامِ التَّكْنُولُوجِيَا فِي البَحْثِ عَنِ حَرْفِ المِيمِ و التَّعَرُّفِ عَلَى كَلِمَاتِهِ عِبْرَ العَابِ تفاعلية تم تكريم الطلاب لحفظهم سورة العصر بروكت جهودكم و رزقكم الله حفظ كتابه الكريم



CLASS ACTIVITIES

Grade 1 students made a fabulous job in making and presenting their projects which are related to a Social Studies lesson "A Traditional Plate in the UAE". They were excited to share their recipes. Thanks to their mothers, they succeeded in preparing the plate at home and had fun. Thank you, mommies! They also presented their Holy Month of Ramadan project, they shared their daily routines and expressed the way they feel during this month.

In addition, they enjoyed their time playing an educational game related to Grammar using Kahoot. Using technology motivates our students to achieve higher levels. Who will be the winner next time? Let's wait for the next round!



Competing in math competitions is one of many ways to demonstrate a student's intellectual capacity and commitment to the field. Through practice and preparation, students will further strengthen their Math skills, which will enhance their grades, their confidence in doing Maths, and their higher-order skills. A Math competition was held in Grades 1, 2, and 3, where students demonstrated and showed high competence levels. The first 3 Winners received their golden, silver, and bronze certificates. We are looking forward to running more competitions that meet high standards!!!



Grade 2 students demonstrated the way they celebrate The Holy Month of Ramadan by presenting their projects with pictures of their daily lives. They were excited to share their experiences and traditions with their friends. They also applied an activity related to a Social Studies lesson "Culture and Heritage" by presenting their projects about the airports and seaports in the UAE. They supported their work through pictures and important information.

In grade 3 Science class, students learned about the peacock spider, they learned about its different traits and how it survives. In ICT, they created new designs for real Homes or Buildings by using Sweet Home software

At ICS Khalifa Branch, we have a dream that our learners will be proud, happy, and confident; knowing that they are being nurtured, challenged, and encouraged to ignite their unique spark of genius so that it catches fire and shines.

What a year full of incredible moments we have had! Our school's staff, learners, and parents have created so many special moments over the past two terms that were graced by the police department visit, sporting competitions, Mothers' Day celebration, Careers' Day, and National Day commemoration. Our learners have been blessed with an amazing year from exciting projects and beautiful art to experiments in Science subjects and unbelievable adventures at the expo. There have been many highlights both in the classrooms and on the sporting front and our congratulations go to all our learners who participated in all the events.

Over and above the regular day-to-day teaching and sport and activities, our committed teachers have been very busy with various staff training workshops in their Professional Development and our curriculum continues to improve and develop as we adapt to the ever-changing needs of our children. Once again, as we draw closer to the end of yet another wonderful term in the history of our new school, I am reminded of how truly privileged we are to be part of the ICS family. At ICS, we believe that there will always be things we look to improve upon, however, there is a tangible uniqueness to our school that separates us from the rest. Our learners are wholesome and, in today's world, that is something to be cherished.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our parents on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, for the Parent-Teacher Conference! We sincerely hope you will find the meeting useful in discussing your child's progress and targets for the coming weeks.

By Ms. Rosina- Head of Section



MAP Exam Training

To ensure that our students excel and obtain the highest evaluation scores on international tests such as Math MAP Exam, PISA, and others, we are always keen at our school to train our students to use several advanced programs and systems aimed at integrating them and upgrading their levels, including ALEKS, NWEA MAP Growth, and others. Our students in the seventh grade completed a training workshop in the computer lab on upgrading and training on the Math MAP Exam.

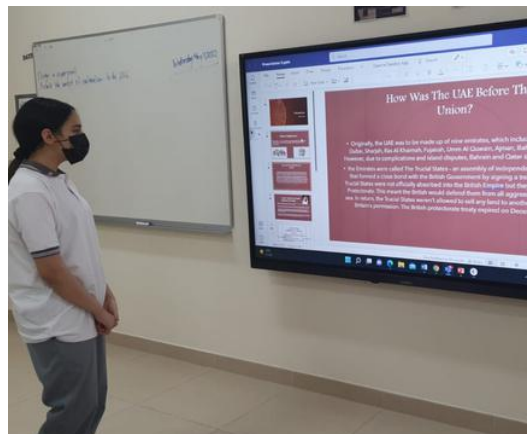
Grade 7 tackled a comprehension passage on Games and Sports and how the sport is a way of living and not merely a game.

They also made presentations on their writing topic in preparation for next week's writing test

Grade 8 students presented their SSE projects about Nationalism and the role played by the UAE leaders to be one of the safest and most secure countries in the world. The students highlighted the role played by Sheikh Zayed in particular

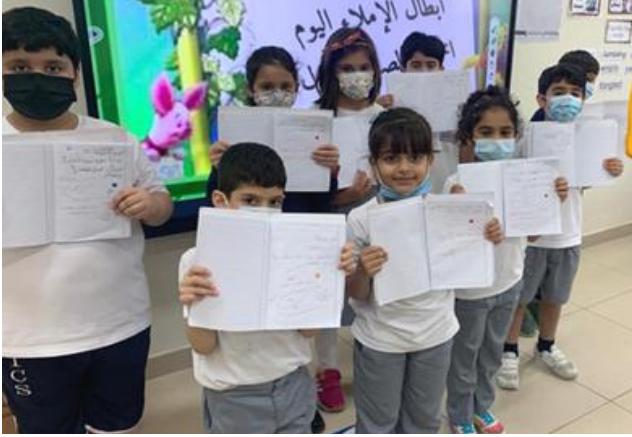
Python program language

We explained how we can use the input function in python code to create a program and fix any problem, the students answered how they can find the average of three marks by using python code to be practically involved in the lesson



الأنشطة الصفية

قام طلاب الصف الأول بتقديم و شرح مشروع الدراسات الإجتماعية عبر صناعة لوحات تعليمية عن التلوث البيئي قامت معلمة اللغة العربية للصف الثاني بتكريم الطلاب المتميزين ممن حصلو على علامة كاملة في الإملاء الإِسبوع لمادة اللغة العربية



قام طلاب غير العرب في حصة اللغة العربية بأنشطة متعددة لتدريب الطلاب على الإملاء وكتابة الكلمات التي تم التعرف عليها في القاموس المصور حيث تم تطبيق نشاط قطار تحليل الكلمات وعمل مسابقة في كتابة الكلمات وتحليلها أيضا قام الطلاب بنشاط عمل مكعبات من الكرتون وكتابة كلمات يوجد فيها حرف الضاد وذلك لمساعدتهم في التعرف والبحث عن الكلمات الجديدة ومعرفة معناها.



قامت طالبات الصف الخامس باستخراج معاني الكلمات وأضادها في درس مريم تخاف من الظلام قام طلبة الصف السابع بتقسيم الطلبة إلى مجموعات حسب الفروق الفردية وقامت كل مجموعة بقراءة الفصل السابع من الرواية واستخراج الأسئلة والمعلومات المهمة، ثم تقوم كل مجموعة بطرح الأسئلة على المجموعات الأخرى ويصبح التنافس أكثر حدة عند إحراز النقاط وسلب النقاط.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

May is a special month. With final exams and summer holidays around the corner, and end-of-year projects and special events in the works, the excitement in the hallways is palpable. The positive energy was especially evident in the Grades 5-8 Sections as students prepared for the Student Council Elections.

It was wonderful to see Student Council candidates decorate the hallways with their posters and flyers, actively encourage their peers to vote for them, and share their visions for the betterment of the school community through individual presentations.

On Monday, the 9th of May, Student Council Elections were held, and students waited anxiously as votes were counted at the Gym in a Live Count.

The first official Student Council Representatives are

Alya Al Falasi - 8B

Alia Al Zarouni - 7B

Shahd Al Hammadi - 7B

Maha Al Jefri - 5B

Zayed Al Hosani - 7A

Sultan Al Ketbi - 7A

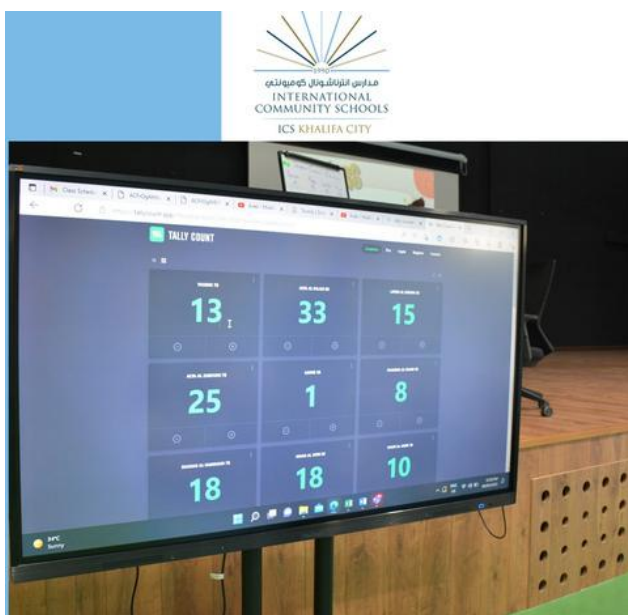
Hamdan Al Hosani - 6A

Khaled Al Jaberi - 5A

Congrats!

Internal voting is currently taking place to determine the students' official roles and responsibilities.

It was endearing to see the supportive attitudes of students who did not win seats at the Council this term, reflecting the wonderful ICS Khalifa Community spirit. Better luck next year to aspiring candidates! Opportunities are still available to volunteer for school events and take an active role in building a school community to be proud of.





Hi !My name is Mr Joel Chiku

I am not only honored but also humbled to be a part of the ICS family, in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. I was born and raised in Zimbabwe. I hold an MA in Applied English Linguistics, a BA Honors in English and Communication, a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education, and a Diploma in Journalism and Communication.

It is a great pleasure to be part of the learning journey at the ICS Khalifa Branch. I teach Moral Education, Social Studies English, and English language from Grade 5-7.

Ralph Emerson highlights that “The secret to education lies in respecting the student”

this is a valid assertion that I have personally adopted. Gone are the days when the teacher was the sole source of information as today’s learner is also a ‘teacher’ in many respects. With this in mind, our learners need to be self-driven, heard, and given the free will to fully explore their potential and shine a light on their dreams and aspirations. As teachers, our part is to guide and nurture these brilliant minds to the best level of personal achievement, as they all are unique in their dreams and capabilities. There is no greater joy or fulfillment than making a difference in a learner’s life.



PE HIGHLIGHTS

KG students were playing challenging team games like the “catch the bib” game which teaches them how to run away from the opponent and decide the best timing to catch the opponent’s bib. This game teaches them how to use their speed and decision-making.

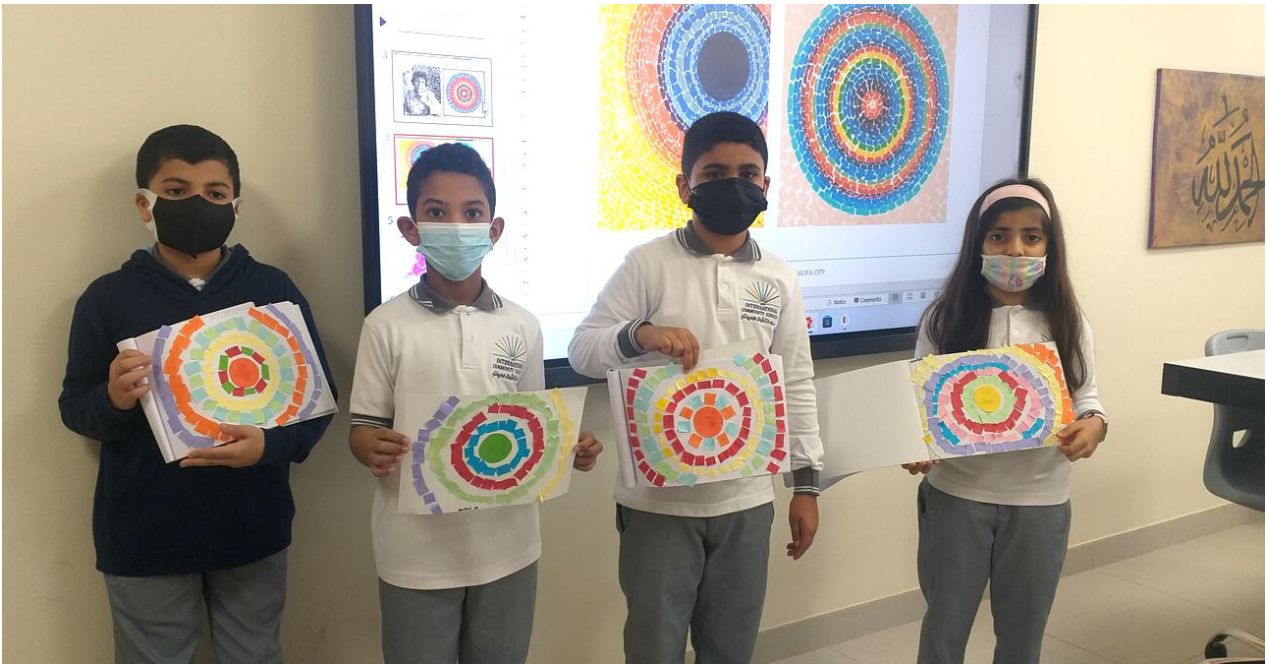


Grade 1-4 students are learning the Front and backhand in badminton, how to hold the Raquette with a better grip and how to use the upper and lower hand strike.



Grade 5-8 girls learning volleyball serves and passes. They are getting better with every training session.





Alma Thomas's paintings

Grades 1, 2, and 3 were studying patterns where the elements of a pattern repeat in a predictable manner. They made color pattern collages inspired by Alma Thomas's paintings. Alma Thomas was an African-American artist that is best known for her cheerful, colorful abstract paintings and is now recognized as a major American painter of the 20th century.

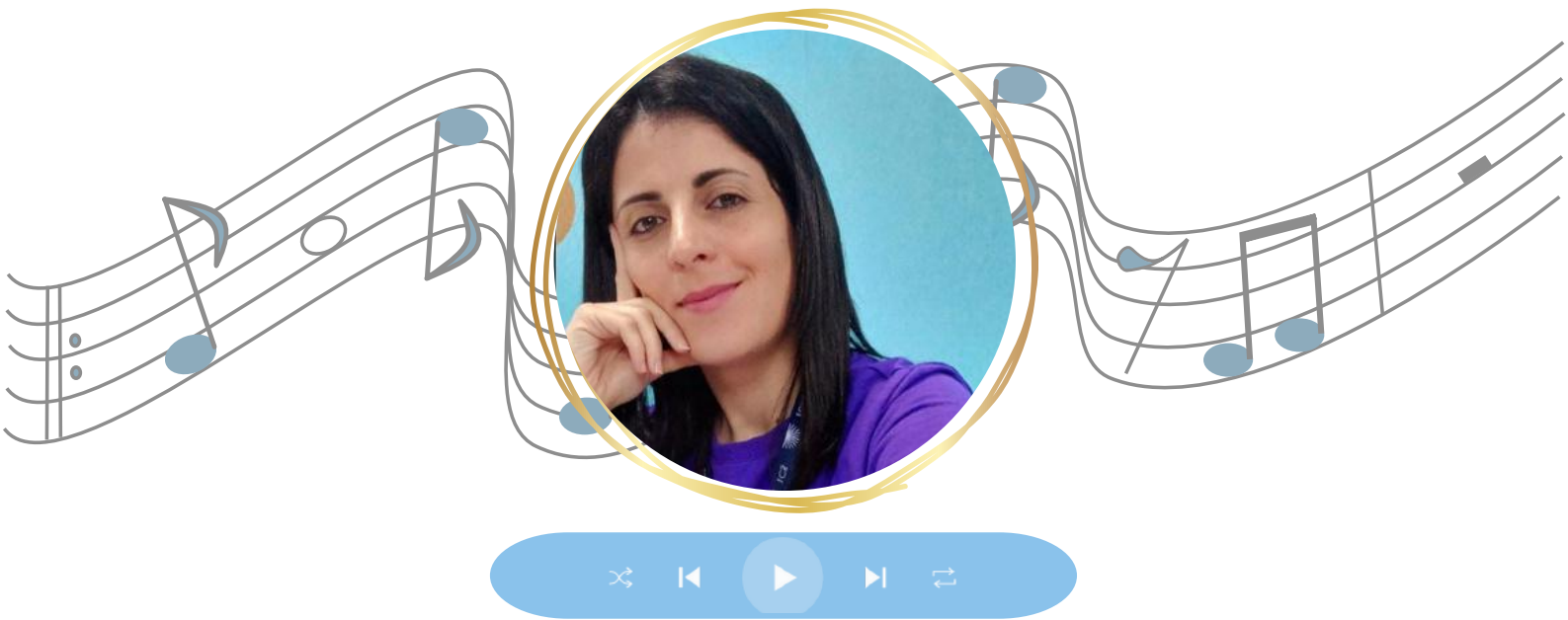
Cubism artworks

Grade 5 and 6 studied the cubism art movement, a 20-century art movement founded by Pablo Picasso and George Braque in 1907. Cubism is seen as a revolutionary movement that rejected considering art as a pure imitation of nature and refused to adopt the traditional techniques of perspective.

In Cubism artworks, objects are analyzed, broken up into a multitude of small facets, and then reassembled into geometric forms to evoke the same figures and to show the subjects from multiple views.

Grade 6 painted cubism faces inspired by Picasso's faces while grade 5 made a 2D cardboard sculpture of the faces.





Hello ! My Name is Mervat Moukhayber

I have a teaching diploma in music education from the Lebanese university

I'm passionate about helping students to discover their skills and providing an outlet for creativity that is crucial to a child's development.

Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation. It allows a human being to create different kinds of emotions, it helps to relax and have fun at the same time.

Not because we expect the students to major in music, or to play and sing all their life, but so they will be humans who recognize beauty, so they will be sensitive and closer to an infinite beyond this world. Music helps develop children's language skills when young children listen to familiar words in songs, their brains are building connections to the sounds they are hearing and the words they are singing which help them develop early literacy skills.


I believe the more music the children have in their lives, the better they will speak, read, act, and behave.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES



UPCOMING DATES

- GRADE 7 & 8 BOOKFAIR TRIP 24/05/2022
- GRADE 1-4 SPELLING-BEE COMPETITION 
GRADE 1, 3, 4 25/05/2022
GRADE 2 26/05/2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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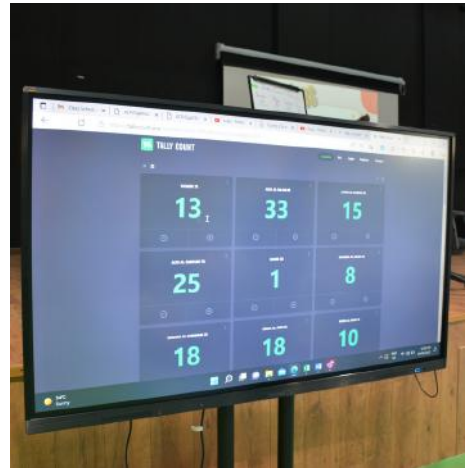
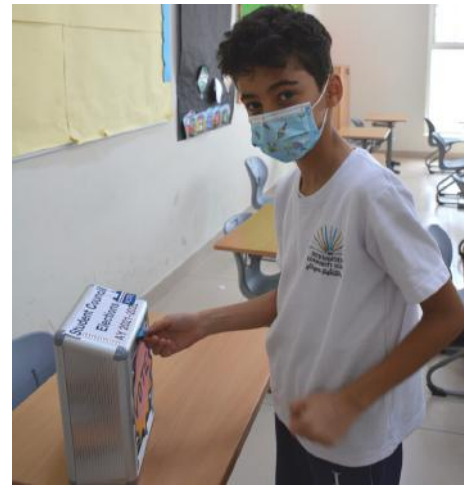
 Khaled AlJaberi Grade 5 A		 Zayed Al-Hosani Grade 7 A	 Maha AlJefri Grade 5 B		 Alya Al-Zarouni Grade 7 B
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