

Happy National Day



What's Happening in Our Community?

Dec 1 Commemoration Day - Holiday

Dec 2 & 3 UAE National Day - Holiday

Dec 12 - Last teaching day before Winter Break

Dec 15 - Winter Break begins

Jan 5 - Students Return

AGS celebrates UAE National Day

It's the time of year to celebrate that the AGS community celebrates this special occasion, the UAE NATIONAL DAY. On Thursday, November 28th, students were encouraged to wear the UAE National Day clothing. Assemblies were held at different times for all grades. Performances were made during these assemblies and traditional UAE food was shared across classrooms. The celebration was filled with joy and happiness. Happy 48th UAE!



Three Billy Goats Musical Show

Grades K - 2 enjoyed the musical show, Three Billy Goats. There was a lot of humour and laughter during the performance. The students received the moral of the story very well in a very entertaining way. The moral of the story carried two messages: That they should not allow to be bullied and sharing is caring.



Dr. Dolittle Musical Show

Grades 3 - 5 were entertained with the musical Dr. Dolittle. The show promoted to be kind to all animals. This message was clearly expressed through out the performance.

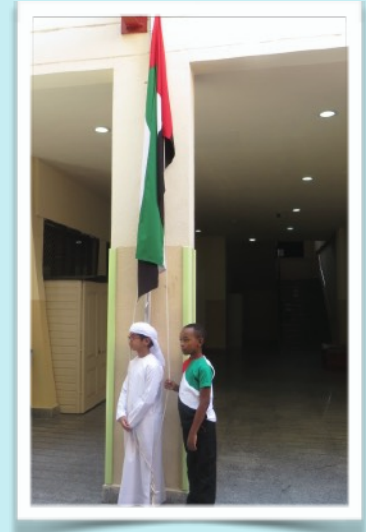
Prophet Mohamed's Birthday Celebration

Assemblies from grades 6 until 8 were held in celebration of the Prophet's Mohamed Birthday. The celebration included a combination of plays and traditional dance. Both performances were prepared by the Islamic staff and Mr Tariq. During the celebration, students and staff were enlightened by the Prophet's (PBUH) biography.



AGS Celebrates Flag Day

On Sunday, November 3rd students across all grade levels celebrated Flag Day, the anniversary of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan's presidency of the UAE. The UAE National Anthem was played at 11 am as the flag of the UAE was raised by students who wore the UAE National costume. The rest of the school waved UAE flags up in the sky along with the National Anthem. The assembly ended with a speech related to this special occasion prepared by senior high students.



AGS Student scores one of the top 20 DELF examinees in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

We would like to congratulate our grade 10 student, Mariam Shadi who was awarded for scoring one of the top 20 who sat for the DELF exam in Abu Dhabi. She took 4th place in B2 - DELF exam. The celebration was held at the residence of the Ambassador of France, His Excellency Ludovic Pouille.



Grade 5 & 6 Science Innovation Fair (Mr Scott - Gr.6 Science)

On November 12th, AGS hosted its annual Grade 5 and 6 Science Fair. Students from both grades, worked on amazing projects in the weeks leading up to the competition, which featured sixteen finalists from each grade. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work on their innovative projects! AGS would also like to congratulate the winners from each grade. Thank you to everyone who was a part of this event, and to the Grade 12 students and Mr.Gordon for judging this event!



Bully Awareness Week - (Mr Manny - Gr. 7 Science and Social Studies)

Bully Awareness Week was celebrated during the week of November 17-21. Students were involved with various games, stories, and activities during this week. They were also impressed with the colourful display on the bulletin board in front of the reception desk. In our continuing efforts to decrease bullying in our school, Bully Awareness assemblies were held, highlighting the 4 types of bullying: physical, social, verbal and cyber. We also encouraged students to remember that these behaviours must occur more than once to be called bullying!

On Nov. 21st, three KG-Grade 4 Assemblies were held and they included videos, songs, slide shows, and speeches by staff that highlighted many ways to prevent bullying, encouraging them to be upstanders (to stand up to bullies), not a bystander! The Grade 5/6 and 7/8 assemblies were held on Nov. 25th. During the week the following activities took place-Bully Awareness Week Posters made by students, Positive Post It Note Messages, Pink Shirt Day (Thurs. Nov 21) and Think Before You Speak activities, as well as a sticker campaign (Stand Up.SpeakOut.End Bullying) by Hala Alsaffarini. Special thanks to the following teachers for organizing- Mr. Manny, Ms. Cathy, Mrs. Joan, Ms. Kailey, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Shelly, Ms. Vanessa, Ms.Katie, Ms. April, Ms. Brenda, Mrs. Dale, the Junior High Student Council and Hala Alsaffarini. Remember, Be Kind, Every time!



Sports Days - Mussafah Park

Sports days were held on different days at Mussafah park for grades 2 - 4 and 5 - 7. The activities were conducted by Senior High PE students and under the supervision of the PE Department. There was lots of fun and joy among the students as they were engaged in challenging and competing games. This was an opportunity for students to practice team work and various skills outside normal school setting.



AGS - Acer/Google's Innovative School Program (Mr David - Economics/Co - head of IT)

Recently, Mr. David (Teacher / Co-head of IT) was invited to speak in Barcelona as part of Acer / Google's Innovative School Program. We are proud to be serving the international community by helping lead the way forward regarding technology in schools. Below is a write-up of the school from ACER for Education:

Abu Dhabi Grammar School, UAE

Governed by both Canada and the United Arab Emirates, this school is a slice of Canada in downtown Abu Dhabi, providing dual diplomas at the end of the students' school career and ensuring they are ready to take on the world—with their trusty Acer devices to help them. With the introduction of coding lessons, G Suite apps for managing schoolwork, and hundreds of devices for a gradual elimination of the need for students to bring their own, Abu Dhabi Grammar School is a shining example of the true impact of technology on educational philosophy: using technology in class is not just about replacing pen and paper with screens, it is about learning to do things the previous generation would have thought impossible.



ADEK Inspection

The week of 11-14 November we had our bi-annual ADEK inspection. We were very pleased with the outcome and with their comments, particularly with regards to the behaviour and attitude of our students. The inspection team was very impressed with how well spoken, polite and confident our students are. They commented that our students have "immaculate behaviour".

Although we do not have the final evaluation the following key areas were identified:

Key Areas of Strength

Improved achievement in English, mathematics and science

Students who are very strongly self motivated and responsible learners

Very skilled teaching, particularly in English medium subjects, at middle and high phases

The very effective implementation of the Nova Scotia curriculum to develop students' learning skills

Key Areas Identified for Improvement

Raise achievement in Arabic medium subjects

Improve children's transition into the approaches of the Canadian Curriculum through the KG phase

Ensure that professional development and improvement activities have clear impact on improving the school

Also repeatedly throughout the feedback it was stressed that children come to school late and that we must seriously address punctuality. We have been working on this since the inspection and need your help and support in making sure that all students are ready to begin their day at school at 07:55.

They also commented that our school has improved "meteorically" in the past few years.

On the Sunday following the inspection all students and staff were rewarded and thanked by Ms Fatima with an ice cream! It was very much appreciated by all.

