

# **Biweekly Newsletter**

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#### "Our Mission"

Inspired by the principles of Islam, the mission of Dhahran Ahliyya Schools is to empower each student to be a compassionate, thinking, lifelong bi-lingual learner, who makes a positive difference locally and globally.

#### "Our Vision"

Our vision is to provide a world class education with an Arab and Islamic identity through a pioneering learning community that is sustainable and socially responsible.

Our school is supervised by the Ministry of Education and accredited by The Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)



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#### DAS Achieve the Top Places in Ibda'a 2019 Kingdom-Wide Olympiad

Organized by King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness & Creativity (Mawhiba), in partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Kingdom-wide National Olympiad for Scientific Creativity for 2019, - Innovation and Scientific Research Fields, took place from February 15-16, at Al Faisal University in Riyadh. 3 DAS female students won the top places and Special Awards.

The students are:

Student Name	Grade	Place	Special Award	Project
Zeena Abdullah Al Abandi	12	Second	King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre in the Biomedical and Health Science Field	Spaciotemporal characterization of ligand - receptor interactions in blood stem cells during rolling
Nora Naji Al Dossary		Fifth	ASM MATERIALS EDUCATION FOUNDATION	surfaced passivated CsPbC13 " perovskites N anocrystals for UV - photodetectors
Leena Shawqi Al Shaikh		Fifth	THE SOCIETY FOR IN VITRO BIOLOGY	The metabolic symbiosis of Aiptasia pallida and symbiodinium Marine Biologe

Congratulations to DAS, the students and their parents for this achievement wishing them the best of luck in representing the Kingdom World-wide.

#### Early Dismissal for Students

There will be an early dismissal for all students on Thursday 7/3/2019 according to the following times:

- Kindergarten and primary school (1-5) at 11:30 pm
- Intermediate and Secondary (6-12) at 12:00 pm

Thank you for understanding

### Parent-Teacher Individual Meetings

We would like to inform you that Individual Parent-Teacher Conferences for Elementary, Intermediate and Secondary, will take place as follows:

- Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5-6, 2019
- Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Students in all grade levels will be dismissed at 1:00 PM. KG students will be dismissed according to their daily dismissal plan.

Please arrange transportation for your children. thank you

#### **Community Projects (2)**

At the start of the year, the eighth grade student embarked on a wonderful journey of learning and exploration through completing the mandatory Community Projects course. A Community Project is an indepth inquiry that focuses on community and service, and aims to help students raise awareness, participate actively, research, inform others, create/innovate, change behavior, or advocate. It encourages students to explore their right and responsibility to participate in service as action in the community. This newsletter will present some of our students' projects over the next coming weeks.

Mrs. Nahid Al Buhairy and Ms. Kalthoum Karkazan supervise the community project for the Robotics Club students in cooperation with the Activities Department. Lulu Al Jar, Reem Al Hakim and Sadeem Al Nahdi participated in the First Lego League. They offered solutions for the astronauts while they are in space. They also organized an awareness campaign about the importance of Robotics. Moreover, Mrs. Randa Sultan supervised 4 projects:

Students	Project		
Layan Al Saqer, Sulaf Al Qahtani	Awareness Campaign about First Aid		
Layan Al Ahmed, Sara Al Bassam,	Helping the Teacher: Making games and activities that aim to improve the		
Shahad Al Mutairy	skills and abilities of grade 2 students		
Bateel Sheera, Meshael Al Suhaimy,	Helping the Teacher: Making games and activities that aim to improve the		
Heba Nawab	skills and abilities of grade 3 students		
Genan Taiba, Mariam Al Khater,	Spreading awareness about carbon footprint in order to decrease pollution in		
Leen Al Zamil	the community		









#### 2019 Civil Defense Exhibition

The Directorate of Education in the Eastern Province is celebrating the 2019 World Civil Defense Day on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, 2019, at Dhahran Expo in Rakah, at 4:00 PM. Please take your children to visit the exhibition.

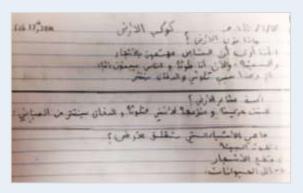
Wishing you a fruitful visit.

### Grade 3/B Explores the Fifth PYP Theme

Attended by Mrs. Muntaha Al Bluwi, KG and Elementary School Principal, grade 3/b students explored the 5<sup>th</sup> theme of the PYP Themes "Sharing the Planet". The motive was displayed and discussed in an interesting way. The globe was hidden in a box to make the students use the thinking routine: "put yourself in". The students displayed positive interaction with the activity and were introduced to the theme. They also wrote simple central ideas in both Arabic and English. The students decorated the classroom door with drawings that express the theme.

Homeroom Teachers: Tagreed Zawgar and Rasha Abu Al Ahuia.





### End of Theme Celebration KG 3

Inspired by the concept of "Protecting the Environment", KG 3 students brought used items and recycled them in an innovative and useful way so they can reuse these items. This activity aims to reinforce the students' learning for the theme (Sharing the Planet) and the central idea of it (The living things use and interact with the environment resources in different ways).

The mothers participated in their children's presentations where each child used his/her communication and social skills to display his/her project with confidence and independence.





#### Mothers Participate in Making Healthy Meals for the Children

In an effort to encourage our children for healthy food and reinforce home-school communication, the KG students' mothers came to school to make the healthy meals their children prefer to share them with their friends. This experience allows children to try different kinds of food as it is part of the culture and identity in any community. It helps them demonstrate their learning to the scientific and social skills they learned and use the language to explain the recipes.

#### Thank you to the mothers for their participation and cooperation.









"Mommy, I Enjoy and Learn"

The Kindergarten Department will organize an activity "Mommy, I Enjoy and Learn" for the children and their mothers on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The children will tell their mothers about the achievements they made in the classes. They will talk and describe their school day to their mothers.

• Mothers are kindly requested to look at the invitation card and times sent with their children.



## Admission Results for Kindergarten

Admission results for Kindergarten Applicants will be sent to the parents via emails on Thursday, March 7,2019.

Please check your email addresses.

Entrance Tests Grades 2 and above (Boys and Girls)

The Entrance Tests for grades 2 and above will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 8:00 AM.

- Boys (grades 2 & 3) enter from gate #1
- Girls (grades 2 & above) enter from gate #1
- Boys (grades 4 & above) enter from gate #4

Wishing all applicants the best of luck.



#### DAS Students Attend MISK Workshop



On Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, MISK fellows from grade 10 attended a workshop in Riyadh to gain more information about the MISK fellowship program and the wide opportunities that this program offers to the students. The MISK College Prep Fellowship is a program that runs for two years, and which exposes students to dynamic life experiences in order to facilitate their admission to top ranked universities in the UK and the US. We are proud to announce that 8 from the girls' section of our students out of 3500 applicants got accepted to this program. The session that the students attended was held for two consecutive days and it covered the below content:

- An introduction to MISK fellowship program, summer programs opportunities abroad and preparation for standardized tests.
- An introduction to university admission and college requirements.
- MISK values and group activities to get students to know each other.
- Students individual sessions with the college counselors to explore their career options.

#### "Helping Others" Club

In order to fulfill our Islamic principles and DAS vision, the secondary club of "Helping Others" created a sustainable partnership with "TARMIM Community". This partnership aims at renovating the houses of people with special needs.

The students with their teachers: Ms. Ebtisam Al Shammary and Ms. Sumaya Al Jeathen, visited Sigma Paints Company on Monday, February 25, 2019, in order to know the types of paints and how to produce them. We will continue working to make a difference and to serve our Kingdom and the whole world.



#### "Interior Design" Club

Inspired by DAS mission and vision of students' full and balanced growth throughout "Clubs Classes" such as the "Interior Design" Club. This club aims at introducing the basics of the major to our students and enabling them to design by using the correct methods and layouts.

in order to enhance the Unit of Colors", a group of grades 10 and 11 students visited the main branch of "Al Jazeera Paints". The students were introduced to the latest paint designs, the development of paints and their impact on interior designing.

We would like to thank the volunteer mother Engineer Alanoud Abu Hamid for organizing this visit and support the students' learning.



