



# MAR QARDAKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

MQIS– *Where Students Get a World Class Education!*

## Parent Newsletter

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*His Excellency Archbishop*  
**DR. BASHAR WARDA**  
*Governor of the School*

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Community Service Class

### PYP5– EXHIBITION Sharing the Planet

On Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 10:00a.m. His Excellency



Dr. Warda accompanied by CUE Dean and several principals of schools in Ankawa, as they entered MQIS, the ribbon cutting ceremony took place to start the PYP5 Exhibition entitled Sharing the Planet. Students were anxiously waiting to do their presentation. The dignitaries went to each group and three to four students took turns speaking about their research in area of Climate



Change, Pollution, Natural Disaster, Waste Management, Endangered Species, Over Population, Pandemics and Deforestation. Students did a great job in sharing what they learned about their researched project. They appeared confident and each took turns presenting his/her part. Commendations go to Mr. Albron and Ms. Matilda for helping these students learn about what we can do to preserve and protect while we share the planet in a healthy way. Ms. Saveen and Ms. Rana, our design teachers assisted the students in preparing for the exhibition.

### Mr. Fahmi Sliwa Babaka *Erbil-Outskirts Directorate of Education*

*By Tallin, Maryam Solav, Sentya, Marina, Meryam and Carmen*



On Tuesday, five of MYP4 Community Service students undertook the challenge of going to interview Mr. Fahmi at his office. The students had a list of questions but kindly asked for permission if they could record the interview. Fahmi Sliwa Babaka is 54 years old. He speaks Kurdish, Assyrian, Arabic and English. He supervises churches and schools like our school but also, Bshara, Um Al maona, Maryamana and more. He also supervises some congregations for Chaldeans. Mr. Fahmi graduated from Salaheddin University in 1989 with a degree in Chemistry. His first job was a teacher at Baharka school where he taught chemistry to 12th graders. Then he became assistant manager of education in Ankawa in 1999. He opened and managed Bahradaran school from 2004 until 2012. In November of 2012 he became a manager of education in Ankawa. Mr. Fahmi is married and has two children-a son and a daughter named Onel and Katrin. Onel is attends an engineering college and Katrin manages a college. God is the one who guided him to teach. His passion was to teach and he successfully did it because of his belief in God. One of his great works is helping refugees and poor people. He welcomed refugees and he was able to offer them good homes like living in empty schools. Then he built schools for them. He also manages the UN organization. He prepared and managed 20 camps with food, clothes and everything needed for these refugees. He also had to manage everything related to nutrition so he prepared 12 thousand food baskets. He is responsible for 202 governmental schools and 13 private schools. He needed to open MQS school because it's different from all governmental schools.



**Principal's Corner-** Last two weeks of academic school year 2020-2021 has been busy. Students were busy in taking summative assessments while teachers worked on getting the grades calculated for all the students. In retrospect, this school year has been challenging to say the least— first in dealing with the pandemic, having online and then face to face school was rather challenging for students, parents and staff. But Thank God we managed to ensure students acquired the skills and concepts they need to move on to the next grade level. Our hard work laid a solid foundation for a better academic year 2021-2022. I want to thank all the parents, staff and especially students for being so co-operative adhering to the guidelines provided. Please be advised that we have hired well qualified teachers for the upcoming school year.

### School Community Participated at the MQIS PYP5 EXHIBITION

*By Mileen, Marina, Sentya and Maryam Solav*

On Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> students from other schools in Ankawa as well as parents came to MQIS to see the exhibition. In 8 groups made up of three to four students spoke about how



most of things we do every day can affect the environment and ruin the nature. Each group made experiments so they can explain their research to the visitors. For example, the Deforestation made an experiment showing that when a environment is not healthy

the animals living in it are going to dies but for the healthy environment where it is all green the animals would be healthy. According to PYP5 teacher Mr. Albron, the purpose of the exhibition was to educate and raise awareness in the society. Ms Matilda, PYP5B teachers stated that she was really satisfied with



the results. She said the exhibition was like a ceremony where PYP5 students got promoted to MYP1. Principal Ms. Hala stated she was proud of what PYP5 students made. This is an achievement for everyone. Mina -MYP1a and Sebastian MYP2A said they learned new things on how to share the planet. Two visiting parents Ayman Saaed and Helen found the exhibition to be beautiful and educational. Ms. Rebecca, a teacher from Chesterton stated that she was impressed and enjoyed the detailed information. The project that impressed her was pollution because as she put it students gave the information 'in a cool way!'



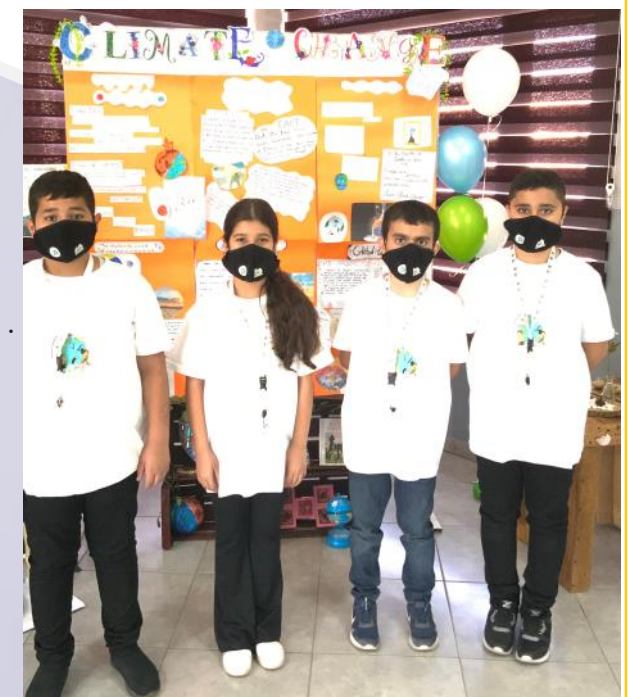
## PYP5A & PYP5B EXHIBITION

Mr. Albron's and Ms. Matilda's PYP5A and PYP5B classes have been working very hard the past three months in preparation for the exhibition that began on Sunday, June 6 and continued until June 8th. As a culminating experience, exhibition is an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of IB learner profile that have been developing throughout their engagement in the PYP. The exhibition is based on the 5 essential elements; attitudes, skills, action, concepts and knowledge. This enables students to engage in an in-depth collaborative inquiry, and helps students demonstrate independence and responsibility. During the exhibition, students apply their learning and reflection upon their PYP journey. Students learn to take action and the exhibition engages not just the students but teachers, parents and the entire school community. This opportunity helps student to celebrate their learning. Meet our scholars!



### OVER POPULATION

Alvaro Ayan, Millad Ihab, Jivan Rafi and Lidya Aness



### CLIMATE CHANGE

Stavro Nihad, Bianca Nassem, Yanne Methaq and Joseph Rony



### NATURAL DISASTERS

Andres Aussam Nirari Robert Rauma Mazin and Lord Essam



### PANDEMICS

Bronail Diar, Baz Wisam, and Natalies Nabeel



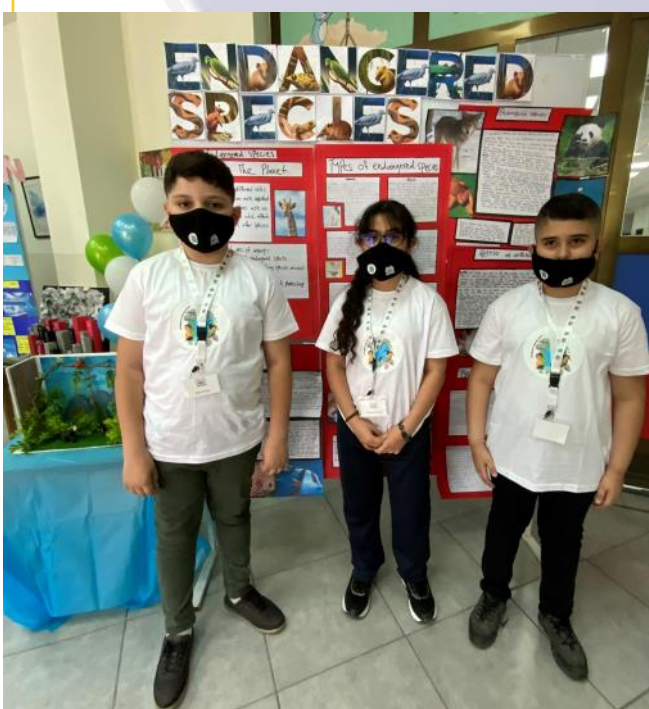
### POLLUTION

Orsheena Hanna, Yard Alan, Dawood Rimon, Sandra Yaqaub



### DEFORESTATION

Verona Shwan, Jozyan Marevan Salam Karam and Lava Ruseen



### ENDANGERED SPECIES

Elile Firas, Fadi Luay and Mariam Farah



### WASTE MANAGEMENT

Rozalia Ramsin, Sauto Evan, Yerevan Kevork, and Satavros Nihad





### PYP1A & PYP1B

On Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, PYP1A and PYP1B held their graduation in the gymnasium. Ms. Hala distributed the certificates of grade completion and students took group photos as well as individual photos with their home-room teachers; Ms. Setta and Ms. Rawaa. Students had brought flowers and gifts for the teacher as each hugged their teacher and wished them a good summer vacation.

### PYP2A & PYP2B

On Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 11:00am. Ms. Nagham's PYP2A students received their report cards showing all students passed the grade. At 12:00noon the PYPB students received their report cards from Ms. Mozghan. Each group took photos as a class and then individually with their teacher. This was a happy occasion for all the students and their families.



### PYP3A and PYP3B Report Card Distribution

On Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Manar's PYP3A and Mr. John's PYP3B classes received their report cards. All students were excited to learn that next school year they will be in PYP4. After a memorable class group photo, students also took photos individually with their teacher. Students were so excited to receive their report with mostly markings of Very Good and Excellent.

### PYP4A and PYP4B

On Wednesday, June 9th, Mr. Fadi's PYP4 class and Ms. Sahar's PYP4B took the final summative assessment. Students will be getting their grade completion certificates on the last day of 2020-2021 school year. Students were relieved that they did well on the final exam.





### Principal's Speech to Students and Staff

We gathered today to celebrate the last day of the school. It is a day of happiness and celebration. The year has been full of change. Thank you to our team you are all incredibly dedicated and hardworking team. I appreciate your expertise and encouragement of all the students. My final words to MQS are thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. 2020-2021 has been an unusual year with many challenges. We've experienced the threat of Covid 19 the pandemic in particular has a huge impact on our lives generally and the operations of the school in particular. I would like to thank every member of our school for their patience and cooperation and understanding as we have managed our way through the crisis. And we hope things continue to look positive into next academic year 2021-2021.

I would like to formally acknowledge the work and achievements of all our talented students we are blessed to have seen the impressive progress in learning of all our students through the year.

We also acknowledge and express our thanks to the staff of MQS the teachers create the learning environment and deliver the content in the classroom and we thank each teacher for all the effort and energy they have expended in delivering their classes in 2021 the year of pandemic.



MQI Students of the Year 2020-2021



Teachers and Staff for 2020-2021



Gifts for the departing teachers



Students thanking the teachers for their hard work, passion and commitment ensuring all students get a quality education. Students provided teachers cards and asked them to sign their MQIS hats they were wearing. Students made teachers feel like movie stars. Following the speeches, and singing, students and staff danced traditional Chaldean and Arabic dances. You could see locals teaching the expats.

