



Mar Qardakh International School

Parent Newsletter

February

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Head of School's Corner

Mar Qardakh is beginning to adventure more into the city of Erbil. We are excited to offer our students opportunities to inquire into the world around us. Students had the opportunity to visit several places around the city to experience a more inquiry-based approach to learning. This allows students to become broader and more open-minded thinkers while having fun. We thank you parents for trusting us with the education of your children. We aim to continue building the relationship of mutual trust and respect between parents and the MQS leadership, teachers, and staff.

On February 22nd, the PYP visited the Erbil Zoo to learn more about wild animals, their offspring, and their habitats.

في الثاني والعشرين من شهر شباط، زار طلاب برنامج السنين الابتدائية (PYP) حديقة الحيوانات في أربيل حيث أُتيحت لهم فرصة التعلم عن الحيوانات البرية، نسلها وعاداتها.



Art Exhibition

Primary Years Programme



On February 9, students in the PYP had an Art Exhibition. They showcased different types of artwork such as optical illusions, pop art, nature art, abstract art, and celebration art.

Park Sami Abd-Alrahman



On February 14, PYP 4 students visited Park Sami Abd-Alrahman to have an adventurous Math summative assessment. Students drew the shapes of things they found around the playground, and took measurements. Later when they arrived back at MQS, students found the area and parameter of their shapes.

How We Express Ourselves



On February 18, PYP students had a celebration as the culmination of their unit How We Express Ourselves, in which they dressed up in traditional clothes, and shared traditional food.

Erbil Zoo



On February 22nd, the PYP visited the Erbil Zoo to learn more about their current Science unit about living and growing, and the life cycles of different beings. Students had a great time discovering more about different wild animals, their offspring, and their habitats.



Parent Meetings

Parents were invited to MQS to attend a series of meetings. After meeting with Ms. Hala, parents were invited to pick up their child's report cards, and had the opportunity to meet with teachers.



Assembly

MQS has started having Assembly meetings on Thursday mornings. Students gather together in the gym hall to raise the flag, sing songs, and play games with one another. The PYP and the MYP alternate weeks to organize and lead the meetings.



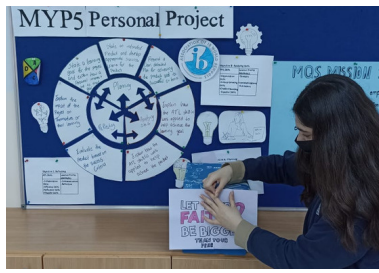
PYP organized and led an obstacle course race.



MYP organized and led a spoon ball race.

MYP 5 Personal Projects

Students in MYP 5 have been working hard on their personal projects. Tallin is working on raising funds to donate for a cancer hospital. Consider donating to her cause. Embrace faith, embrace love, save a life, make a difference!



Self-Study Submission



MQS parents, students, faculty, and staff, met on multiple occasions to complete the next part of the IB Evaluation process, and on February 21st, the IB team gathered to submit the Self-Study and the Action Plan. Thank you all for your prayers, support, and cooperation.

Courses & Exams

MQS is proud to announce that it has been authorized as a Level II school by the College Board. This means that MQS may offer AP classes and exams, as well as administer SAT exams on its premises.



IB Learner Profile Students



IB Learner profile certificates are awarded to students who have excelled in the IB Learner Profile Attributes during the weekly Assembly meetings.

This month we congratulate the following students from PYP for excelling in their IB Learner Profile Attributes: Parthinia Rawsan 1A, and Aron Van 4B for being Reflective, Nicholas Faiz 2B and Yara Rony 5B for being Knowledgeable, Yohan Firas 3B, Shaneel Sheer 4A, and David Dldar 5A, for being caring. We also congratulate Mumtaz Qasmati from MYP 3B for being caring.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Blessed Birthday Wishes
to our students born
in the month of
February:*



PYP 1a: Annabelle Savan Saeed 10-2
PYP 1a: Parthenia Rawsan Jalal 22-2

PYP 2a: Sam Saif Muntasser 13-2
PYP 2b: Ayana Ramy Noori 20-2

PYP 3b: Meleen Faiq Sulaqa 10-2

PYP 4a: Randy Rani Raid 24-2
PYP 4b: Aaron Van Fareed 5-2
PYP 4b: Sharbel Sherzad Samaan 8-2

PYP 5b: Natalya Fikrat Jalal 27-2

MYP 2a: Malak Evan Luis 23-2
MYP 2b: Nadan Sarmad Polus 20-2
MYP 2b: Naenawa Rimon Jirjees 27-2

MYP 3a: Mattias Faiz Matti 28-2

MYP 3a: Yousif Alaa Edyard 19-2

MYP 5: Sentya Basman Hanna 10-2