



Mar Qardakh International School



Primary Years
Programme

Ms Hala Warda Head Of
School



Middle Years
Programme



Ms. Vina Yousif Administration Corner

The students are a grace in our mission at Mar Qardakh School. We plant in them faith and hope and teach them that they have a special role in this world. Our role as educators is to offer hope to people. Hope to the students that they will become something they want, hope to the parents that their children will be getting the best education, and for the community that there will be a caring generation graduating to serve them. With all our difficulties, loss, and doubts, we have hope through the grace given to us by God and we believe that this grace calls us to be messengers who serve to achieve the common good for all.

Ms. Bianca De Leon Coordinator's Corner

Already October has passed and November is upon us. By the grace of God, all our students and teachers are settled in their classrooms eagerly learning new subjects. As Ms. Hala Warda, Head of School, said at the beginning of the year, we are focusing in particular on academic level. Already students have begun to outgrow childish habits and sloppy academics to pursue knowledge well. Education is a long-distance race and this year each teacher is uniquely preparing students for that race. As parents, you have a particular role in that race. Thank you for entrusting your children to us but please engage with them on their subjects. Help them to understand the importance of an education and gently encourage them as they learn. Together we are one family seeking learning. Together we will achieve it

Our New MYP Teachers



Bridget Christensen, Franciscan University of Steubenville, I am looking forward to helping my students grow as readers and writers!



Marly Safaa Sabis University, looking forward to getting to know the students and see their progress throughout the year



Alex McKenna Franciscan University of Steubenville, I am very excited to teach Individuals and Societies through the lens of culture and writing skills.



Elizabeth Alva Franciscan University of Steubenville; something I am looking forward to this year in religion is watching my students grow in their faith and life of prayer!



George Essac Damascus University, I am very excited about teaching and guiding the students' wonderful acting abilities.



Suzan Sarkis Al-Mustansiriya University, I love working with children and teenagers and I enjoy teaching.

LEARNING ABOUT MYSTERY

The Trinity is a very important part of our faith, and students in Miss Myranda's PYP religion class have been wholeheartedly embracing it this month. Learning about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is especially fun when accompanied with a song!



Geography Bee preparations



Adventure is out there! Many of our students in PYP5-MYP3 are participating in a Geography Bee at the end of November. This month, Mr. Alex and Mr. John began preparing students for the competition. Questions will include identifying flags, capitals, natural landmarks, and borders. Through the Geography Bee, the competitors will realize how expansive the world really is.

عن شهر أكتوبر، كتبَتْ منسِّقة برنامج المرحلة المتوسطة، الانسة بيانكا، أن التعليم سباقٌ طويل الأمد، وأضافت منسقة المرحلة الثانوية (ما بعد الإعدادية)، الانسة فينا، أن زرع الأمل هو رسالتنا تجاه عائلات مدرسة مار قراوغ والمجتمع المحلي والمجتمع عموماً. كما شددت كلتا المنسقتين على دور الأهل التوعوي في المنزل ومساهمتهم في نجاح رسالة المدرسة. أما عن أحداث المدرسة، فبدأت في شهرها الثاني مفعمةً بالحياة. ففيما كان طلاب المرحلة الابتدائية في صف الانسة ميرندا يتعلَّمون عن الثالوث الأقدس، الأب والابن والروح القدس، بفرح وهم يغتفون، كان صف الانسة مروى يجيب على سؤال الوحدة "من نحن؟" وتوصل الطلاب إلى أنهم عائلةٌ واحدةٌ تجمعها ربطُ المحبة والوفاء.

قد تسأل ما هو مغزى مسابقة الجغرافيا لطلاب الصف الخامس إلى الثامن! والجواب أننا في برنامج البكالوريوس الدولي نعي أهمية كوننا جزءاً من كلٍّ، وقد عبّر الطلاب عن هذا بمساعدة الأستاذ أليكس والأستاذ جون الذين نظّموا وأشرفوا على هذه المسابقة. وانطلاقاً من أهمية الجانب التطبيقي للتعليم وإسقاطه على الواقع، كان طلاب الصف السادس مع الأستاذ أيهم مولعين بإيجاد الطرق التي تكون فيها النسبة المئوية قارئاً لأحداث الواقع.

ختاماً لأخبار هذا الشهر، فمن المعتاد عزيزي القارئ أن ترى الكتب في المدرسة وعينات الدم في المستشفيات والمخابر، لكن ليس في مدرستنا حيث يمتزج التعليم بالبحث والمرح وحب الاستكشاف. على ذلك قام طلاب الصف التاسع مع الانسة جود بإجراء عمليات فصل بلازما الدم، كما قاموا بتقديم عروضٍ مختلفةٍ عن العناصر الكيميائية وخواصها.

إنه الشهر الثاني في المدرسة، والقادم أجمل

PYP5 Visit To Erbil Civilization Museum



After learning about the differences and elements that form a culture, PYP5 got to put their lessons into practice by visiting the Erbil museum! While there, students took notes on the different statues and objects and which periods in history they came from.



Who are We? Family

Who are we? We are family! Ms. Marwa's PYP4 class learned about who they are in this unit and celebrated with an end of unit social. Students enjoyed food, singing, and dancing together as a school family. Learning is as much about marks as it is about growing together!

Math in the Real World

"The 'Math Shop' was related to the lesson 'Can percentage go over 100%?' and we applied/practiced Criterion D: Applying Math in real-life context. Also ATL skills: creative-thinking skill to solve/calculate the percentage and find the answer. In this case, the students are able to find the percentage in all situations "decrease or increase" and that helps them to deal with any percentage they will face in their lives."

Experiments with Elements

Ms. Joud's class became a biomedical laboratory for a day when MYP4 students presented on human blood and tested separating plasma and formed elements. Other members of the class offered detailed presentations on sulphur, gasoline, paracetamol, steel, and even soda. Through exploring different experiments, students discovered how elements make up things we see and use everyday.

