



## Mar Qardakh International School



### Head of School Corner

As we anticipate the upcoming holy season of Lent, let us meditate on Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We believe this at MQIS and know you do as well. Trusting in God's plans, we encourage you to actively engage with your child's education. Create a nurturing environment at home that fosters a love for learning and diligent study habits. Together, let us inspire and empower our students to reach their full potential. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and trust in our school's mission. May God bless you and your families abundantly this Lent.

### Governor's Corner

The Gospels are filled with dramatic images. Sometimes, in our rush through life, we gloss over the many miracles and parables recounted by Christ as old news. On the contrary, "the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). With Lent quickly approaching, a passage from Matthew comes to mind. In Chapter 26, a woman visits Jesus while He is at Bethany preparing for His passion and pours a very expensive oil on His head. Far from an ordinary scene, this poignant image reminds us that as we enter Lent, we too must discern the gifts God has given us and prepare to offer them for Him. Let us keep each other in prayer that this Lenten season may be one of purification and strengthening.

# Early Years Back In Action

Happy New Year! The halls of MQIS are once again filled with the joyful laughter and boundless energy of our Early Years students. We hope everyone had a restful and joyous Christmas break.

The start of the new year has brought a wave of excitement as our little learners eagerly return to the classrooms, ready for new adventures in learning. Their enthusiasm is infectious, creating a vibrant atmosphere that sets a positive tone for the upcoming term.

We extend a warm welcome back to our Early Years families. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in creating a nurturing educational environment. Together, let's make this term a time of growth, exploration, and joyful discovery for our little ones.



Our youngest learners in the Early Years have been on an exciting journey of exploration as part of their unit, "How the World Works." The focus of their recent adventures? Animal habitats!

Our budding scientists dove into the fascinating world of animals and their habitats through a series of engaging hands-on activities. From creating miniature habitats to observing the unique characteristics of each animal's home, the Early Years students have been immersed in a world of discovery.

# PYP IB Learner Profile Exhibition



This month our PYP students organized an inspiring IB Learner Profile Exhibition. This event showcased the remarkable talents and growth of our students, emphasizing the core traits of the International Baccalaureate learner profile.

Our PYP1 and PYP3 students demonstrated their enthusiasm for learning and exploration by becoming true risk-takers. Engaging in hands-on science experiments, they fearlessly embraced challenges and showcased their ability to step into the unknown with confidence.

Our PYP2 students embraced the concept of balance by delving into the world of sports and healthy living. From learning about different sports and famous players to exploring the importance of a balanced diet, they realized the importance of health.

PYP4 students took the stage with a remarkable display of knowledge and open-mindedness. Dressed as historical characters, they presented their findings in Arabic, Kurdish, and English, illustrating their commitment to embracing diverse perspectives and acquiring a deep understanding of the world. PYP5 took on the role of communicators, exploring social media platforms and addressing the crucial issue of cyberbullying.



**"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."  
(Proverbs 2:6)**



# Project, Study, Debate...Repeat



## SCIENCE FAIR PREPARATIONS

MYP1-5 have been diligently studying for their upcoming science fair. Each project will showcase not only their knowledge in the field but its ready application for others to enjoy.



## SAT AND AP STUDY

Our high school students are deep in preparation for the SAT in March and AP exams in May. Please pray for them as their studying comes to a close and they decide on future colleges!



## MYP ECONOMICS DEBATE

As a part of the Economics & Business class, MYP5, High School 1, and High School 2 engaged in parliamentary debates arguing from the perspective of a government choosing between Free Market and Control economic systems for the benefit of its members.

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”  
(Philippians 4:6)**