



Mar Qardakh International School



Ms. Vina Yousif - Vice Principal

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands” (Psalm 19:1). Throughout history, science and faith have sometimes been seen as opposing forces. Yet, when we look deeper, we realize that science is simply the study of God’s magnificent creation. It was God who created the humans, animals, and plants which we study about in biology class, it was God who formed the substances and their reactions, and we call it now chemistry class, and it was God who put all these physics laws so we can live in order. For me, every year, the science fair is a celebration of all these magnificent creations. It reminds us that God has given us the gift of curiosity and intelligence, allowing us to explore and understand the world he created, and I believe that there is much more to be discovered.

Ms. Hadeel Husham - EY Coordinator

Walking through our early years classrooms each day, I see the joy of learning in our children’s eyes, the excitement of discovering something new, the pride in mastering a new skill, and the warmth of friendships forming. School is more than just a place for academics, it is a space where children grow, explore, and develop essential life skills. In the early years, every experience shapes their understanding of the world, from building friendships to discovering new ideas. As educators and parents, our role is to guide them, encourage their curiosity, and celebrate their progress, no matter how big or small. Together, we create a foundation that prepares them not just for school, but for life.

U.S. EMBASSY VISIT

The “American experiment” is often referenced in academic discussions or political theorizing but rarely understood and explained. Mar Qardakh International School had the distinct pleasure to welcome Mr. Adam Sigelman, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Baghdad and Ms. Kim Strollo, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General Erbil, to discuss this very topic. Mr. Sigelman explained the many intricacies of the structure of the U.S. government beginning with a conversation about federalism. He later addressed how checks and balances maintain a balance of power between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches and the unique areas of concern and advantages of the U.S. government framework. Students offered a series of questions ranging from the finer points of electing vice presidents to the nature of American tax law. Next step is running for Congress with these brilliant minds.



The German delegation visit

"A German delegation, led by His Excellency Dr. Udo Markus Bentz, Archbishop of Paderborn, and Dr. Matthias Kopp, Head of the Press Department of the German Bishops' Conference, visited our school for a tour. Their visit aimed to gain insight into the quality of education we provide and the values we instill in our students, enabling them to be creative and innovative." His Excellency Dr. Bentz and Dr. Kopp were highly impressed by the students' enthusiasm and love of learning, taking time to engage with each student and advice them throughout their journey.



EY through HS SCIENCE FAIR

On Thursday 6th of February, MYP1-HS2 held a science fair that included experiments, modules, and presentations. It was an experience of exploring, learning, and sharing ideas where the students demonstrated their creativity, innovation, and scientific knowledge. We are incredibly proud of them and their commitment to excel in their lives.



As part of our How the World Works unit, our EY2 students hosted an exciting Science Fair, where they demonstrated their curiosity and creativity through a variety of hands-on projects. Embracing the IB learner profile trait of Risk-Takers, they confidently presented their experiments and discoveries, explaining scientific concepts in their own words. They stepped up to the challenge of speaking in front of an audience, thinking independently, and tackling new ideas with enthusiasm. Parents attended the event, offering support and encouragement, making it a truly special and interactive learning experience. The Science Fair not only deepened the children's understanding of the world around them but also helped them develop confidence, communication skills, and a love for exploration. It was a proud and memorable moment for everyone involved!



Catholic Schools Day

On Thursday, the 20th, MYP students took part in the catholic schools day. The event included inspiring speeches, group discussions, Bible study, and fun activities that kept everyone engaged. Throughout the day, students experienced the importance of forgiveness and showing kindness to both family and friends at school as part of learning the IB learner profile attributes. The event also provided a moment of self-reflection, helping students prepare spiritually as they approach the season of Lent.



MYP5 Personal Project

On Thursday, February 13th, MYP 5 students exhibited their Personal Projects to MYP 4 and High School students. The IB Personal Project is completed by MYP 5 students in their final year of the Middle Years Programme. The Personal Project provides students an opportunity to explore their personal interests, take ownership of their learning, create a product, and reflect on the impact the project had on their personal growth.



Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”