Mar Qardakh International School

Early Years Coordinator's Column - Ms. Hadeel

The Christmas season is finally here! On behalf of the Early Years family, we wish all our students, parents, staff, and community a season that is merry and bright with the light of God's love. This time of the year is very special in our school as we celebrate Christmas in many different ways, starting with decorating our hubs and classes and ending with a joyful Christmas party.

It is also the perfect opportunity for reflection. As the Early Years coordinator, I am very happy and proud of all our students and the amazing work and progress they have made so far. We opened our three-year-old enrollment for the first time and entered a new stage of growth as the KG building was filled with students. None of it was possible without the dedication and support of our administration, faculty, and of course community. I would like to express sincere gratitude to our parents for their unwavering support and partnership throughout the process. Your generosity makes an unparalleled impact.

May holiday cheer fill your house with warmth and happiness. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all!

Early Years First Christmas Shop

This month our Early Years students held their first-ever Christmas Shop! Over the past three months, our talented young learners have been working diligently, showcasing their creativity and craftsmanship by creating beautiful handmade jewelry. It was heartwarming to witness their enthusiasm and confidence as they displayed their handcrafted jewelry to the wider school community. Our supportive school community, including parents, teachers, and fellow students, eagerly visited the shop to admire and purchase the students' creations.

All the funds raised from this incredible event will be donated to children with special needs in our community. We extend our gratitude to our school community for their generous support and contributions to this meaningful cause. Together, we are fostering a sense of social responsibility and empathy in our young learners, empowering them to become compassionate and caring members of society.

Christmas Fun Day

This month the PYP team worked tirelessly to create a magical atmosphere throughout the school, transforming each classroom into a unique station filled with delightful games and challenges. From traditional holiday games to creative competitions, there was something for everyone to enjoy. As the day unfolded, our students eagerly moved from one station to another, enthusiastically participating in a wide range of activities.

The highlight of the day was the heartwarming moment when all the students and teachers came together to sing the beloved carol "Silent Night." The harmonious voices echoed through the hallways, creating a sense of togetherness and joy that truly captured the spirit of the season.

MYP Italian Day and Sports

With Christmas fast approaching, MQIS had the pleasure of receiving His Excellency Michele Camerota, Italian Consul General to Erbil. He enjoyed presentations, a play, and songs from MYP1-3 adding his own remarks on the strength of Iraqi-Italian relations in the region.

That's a wrap! MYP and Highschool football, volleyball, and basketball teams finished practice for the fall semester of its inaugural year. However, the hard work is not over. They will be back in the spring to prepare for the Kurdistan Championship hosted by Choueifat in April.

TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE

One highlight of the Italian Day festivities was a traditional Italian hymn memorized and sung by MYP1. Through dedication and a bit of help learning Italian, they made MQIS sound like an Italian village.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6).