



Mar Qardakh International School



PYP Coordinator's Corner - Ms. Tara Shaoul

Dear Parents,

As we move into the second month of school, it's wonderful to see how our community has come together with such energy and enthusiasm. Your children have embraced their classes and friendships with excitement and it's been a joy to watch them grow more comfortable and confident each day. This month, we're focusing on strengthening the bonds within our community. We recognize that learning extends beyond the classroom walls, and a strong community helps each child feel safe, supported, and inspired to reach their potential. Whether it's through class activities, special events, or parent gatherings, our goal is to make sure everyone feels like an integral part of our learning family.

Thank you for your partnership, your support, and for entrusting us with this precious journey of learning and growth. Together, let's make this year a truly rewarding experience for all!

Early Years Coordinator's Corner - Ms. Hadeel Husham

Dear families,

Welcome to a new year at Mar Qardakh International School! We are so grateful to have the opportunity to support your child's growth and learning. Each day, we see their curiosity, kindness, and enthusiasm, and it is a blessing to watch them grow not only academically but also in their Faith. This month, we have many exciting activities planned to engage their minds, nurture their hearts, and help them explore the world around them.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our school community; your involvement and encouragement make a big difference in your child's experience here!

Early Years Pajama Day!

Our Pajama Day at school was a wonderful experience filled with warmth and joy. The children arrived in their favorite pajamas, each carrying their beloved toy, excited for a day of fun and comfort. They played together, sharing stories and laughter, creating a cozy and cheerful atmosphere. Later, everyone gathered outside for a picnic, enjoying the yummy snacks they had brought from home. The fresh air, tasty treats, and playful moments made the day truly special. It was a memorable event where friendships blossomed, and the kids left with happy hearts and unforgettable memories.



Noah's Ark - Today

Ms. Lizzie had her MYP1 class recreate the biblical story of Noah's Ark using their own materials and boat ideas. While some ships survived the tumultuous waters of the bathtub, we are sad to report that none seem to be seaworthy--at least not for thousands of animals plus people for forty days and forty nights. Mid way through the semester, Noah is an excellent reminder to us that God is always with us even when the rain and winds come.



PYP Funtivities

PYP 5 FAMILY NIGHT

Our school recently organized a vibrant Family Fun Night for PYP 5 students and their parents, designed to foster connections and strengthen the bond between the learning community and families. Family Fun Night was a joyful, engaging event that truly embodied the sense of community our school strives to cultivate. PYP 5 students and their parents gathered for an evening that blended fun, fellowship, and learning. In addition to the lively competitions, families gathered around tables for board games, encouraging strategic thinking and cooperation. These games sparked laughter, fostered friendly competition, and provided a unique opportunity for parents to experience firsthand the kind of social and cognitive development their children are engaged in daily at school.



PYP 1 VISIT TO THE SYRIAC HERITAGE MUSEUM

Our PYP 1 visit to the Syriac Heritage Museum was an inspiring and enriching experience, filled with wonder and discovery. Students immersed themselves in exploring their culture and rich heritage.



During the tour, they observed traditional clothing worn by their ancestors, reflecting the authenticity and depth of Syriac history, along with old tools used in everyday life. The students showed great interest and engaged actively with the museum guides, who explained how these tools were used in the past, giving students a deeper understanding of their ancestors' lifestyles.

MYP in Action!

Field Trip!

Students in MYP1-3 visited the Syriac Heritage Museum and the Rabban Hormizd Monastery in Ankawa. At the museum, classes witnessed the changes of Ankawa during over 4,000 years of history. Some even recognized their traditional clothes from the manikins! After, students experienced the rich theological history of the Chaldean Church with Fr. Yousif from the monks of Rabban Hormizd. He shared about early church manuscripts, showed how they are preserved and digitized, and explained the symbolism found in their beautiful chapel.



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments" (Psalm 119:105-106).



Reading Buddies

Highschool 2 has been generously working with PYP students to assist in their reading skills. Almost every day, the highschool comes down into PYP and listens to them as they work through their leveled reading books. Their superior knowledge of English and kind mentorship means a lot to PYP who are excited to spend time with the "big kids."