

PARENTS' NEWS

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Special Announcement!

We are now able to accept school payments via credit card. Registration, tuition payments and clubs can now be paid by credit card. To pay either come in or phone Deena Baruch, our Finance Manager on 02-5677212

Upcoming Event Dates

May

- 18th International Dinner
- 1st to 19th IB Exams
- 22nd, 23rd Music Theatre Workshop
- 24th, 25th Secondary Residential
- 29th-31st Half-term holiday

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



I am delighted to announce that we have been recognised as members of the Council of British International Schools. The journey to achieving the recognition has been a long process of communication with the Council of British International Schools. All our policies, staffing procedures, curriculum and standards of achievement have been scrutinised and we are proud we have met the stringent requirements. It is a special joy to me to be recognised by COBIS, as I was a Principal in Britain for 13 years before I came to AISJ. My thanks go to all the staff involved in providing the evidence needed to achieve the recognition. Our School continues to move forward from strength to strength and our excellent reputation is again confirmed in this prestigious membership. We praise God for His goodness and provision as we continue to serve Him here at the Anglican International School, here in Jerusalem. I continue to consider it to be an honour and a privilege to serve our whole school community.

MYP students develop a personal ethical stance on science-related issues

Mr Mitchell and Dr Zinn do it again! Their proposal for the International History and Philosophy of Science Teaching biennial conference has been accepted. They will be presenting on '*Developing a framework for high school students to express a personal ethical stance on science-related issues.*'

Science, the product of human activity, involves a variety of value-laden choices and judgments, many of which have ethical dimensions. At AISJ, as 9th and 10th graders explore the connections between science and everyday life, in investigating real examples of science applications, they discover the tensions between science and ethics, culture and the environment. In the Middle Years Program of the International Baccalaureate, one of the criteria for science relates to the impact of science on everyday life: our students reflect on examples of science applications such as cloning and fertility treatments, as well as the ethical decisions facing the individual scientist. AISJ provides a safe environment for students to express their opinions and develop a personal ethical stance on science-related issues.

AISJ Sports Days



Scan/click for more photos!

Elementary Residential



KS2 went on an "Ancient Mediterranean Pathway" residential from 25-26 April. There were many adventures, few hours of sleep, much laughter and amazing camaraderie within the Key Stage. The children learnt about the history and about Simon the Tanner in Yafo - also making their own sailing ships from recycled material. We then travelled on to Haifa



Lynnette Dreyer
Head of Elementary

and the Bahai Gardens to marvel at the beauty and learn interesting facts about the gardens. The night was spent in luxurious, newly built hostel accommodation in Haifa. The next morning (early!!) the children had the exciting experience of packing their own lunch and I think they now have more appreciation for all the parents' endless 'lunch packing'. We went on an enjoyable hike in Neshar Park and the hanging bridge before walking through the streets of old Akko and visiting the Templar tunnels and Knights Hall. It was a pleasure to take your children on the residential, and I especially want to thank Yael the tour guide and all the staff members for their energy and enthusiasm to make this a truly memorable experience for your children!



WE NEED YOU to help us fill the AISJ Drama Costume Closet.

If you have any old gowns, jackets, hats, shirts, blouses or accessories that you no longer need please **DONATE** them to Madam Frederique for the Drama department.

Are you leaving at the end of the year - this is your chance to donate outfits that you do not want to take with you.

Please bring your contributions to Pauline's office.

On April the 6th we had our third annual **Battle of the Bands**. This year there were 6 bands performing and I think that all who attended can safely agree that it was an amazing evening of pop and rock music. Each year we see the students doing better and better, achieving even higher levels of creative ingenuity and professionalism. This is an opportunity for our students to collaborate and work together creatively. The Battle of the Bands has become an established part of the AISJ school tradition, enabling students to come together in music and harmony! We are already looking forward to next year, and wondering just what our young, talented musicians will prepare for our delight next April... so keep watching this slot!



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Lead the way, every day to deliver the best world class education.

Teach within the best methodology available and within the highest standards of Christian ethics and values.

Value, care for and encourage every child to learn to the best of their ability and to prepare them to take their place as a world citizen.

Value and professionally enhance every staff member.

Assist every school family to partner in the learning experience of the child within this unique and special location.

Parents...if you have changed your contact details, please let us know!
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Mrs Liz Album
Head of Inclusion Needs

INCLUSION NEEDS...EVERY CHILD MATTERS AT AISJ

It struck me, whilst reading last month's newsletter, how many times various contributors, in various contexts had used the word "privilege" in relation to their involvement in the school, or with the specific event they were writing about. So now it is my turn to say thank you for the privilege of entrusting us with your precious children.

We are coming to the time of year where we are reviewing the progress and provisions for all our Individual Needs students for the next year. Please let us know of any documents, or paperwork, you may require for our students who are leaving us, so we can make an easy transition for them to their new learning environments.

If your child is staying with us, we will begin the process of reviewing this year's interventions and decide, together, on support for the coming year.

If you have any questions, you can contact one of the Inclusion Needs team, or myself, Liz Album albuml@aisj.co.il

The Last Word from the School Board...

The AISJ School Board met on 27th March. This was the last meeting for David Butterfield, who has served as chair of the Finance sub-committee, and who retired at Easter to pursue further studies. We were very happy to welcome Stefan Bergen in his place. Stefan hails from Canada, where he worked as a CPA with KPMG before moving to Israel in May 2016 with his wife Laetitia.

We are delighted too that Donald Blome, the U.S. consul General to Jerusalem and a school parent, has accepted our invitation to speak at the graduation ceremony on 21st June. Mr Blome is a specialist in Arab affairs, and has been in Jerusalem since the summer of 2015. Before that he served in a variety of cities, including Kabul, Cairo, Baghdad and Kuwait.

The School AGM was held on Friday 24th March. I took the opportunity to draw attention to the very high quality of the staff and leadership of the school, and I noted that the all-round excellence of the school had been affirmed by visiting candidates for the different leadership positions in November and December. These observations were substantiated when Rosemary Saunders listed some of the many achievements of the students, including the recent art display by Grade 12 students, musical recitals, presentations connected with extended essay projects, and more. Reports from Lynnette Dreyer and Devin Mitchell similarly highlighted the remarkable variety and richness of the activities that go to make up the life of the whole school. Learning has never been more challenging, or more enriching than it is in the 21st century. We can be glad that the Anglican School offers as much as any other international school, and our students have the opportunity to excel in every area of learning and activity.



Mr Garth Gilmour
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