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MIDDLE SCHOOL TALES

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Interview with Ms. Hend Mahmoud.... Our new Science teacher!



Sedrah: What was your first impression of the school and its students?

Ms. Hend: Even though I'm new in the UAE, I liked this school since the first day. I like my friends, my leaders, the students and the classes. That's why excited to come do my job every day. As for the students, I have had a great time teaching grade 7 and 8 so far and we had so much fun getting to know each other.

Sedrah: How many years have you been teaching for and why did you decide to become a teacher?

Ms. Hend: I started my career as a teacher at the end of 2008. I made a career shift and I decided to be a teacher because I was not feeling satisfied in my first job. I felt like I wanted to educate students, the young learners and share with them my experience.

Lana: Who is one student you encountered in your teaching career that left you with a good memory?

Ms. Hend: I have many, but the student that just comes up to my mind is called Amna, I taught her seven years ago. She is now in a college in Turkey studying medicine. She recently messaging me after all these years. I was so excited!

Lana: As a science teacher, what is your plan to inspire students with science?

Ms. Hend: Actually, I have many plans. First, I am planning to compensate all the fun they missed before due to online learning. This will be done by using my magic word: lab, lab, lab. Science can be tough, but I feel like it is so interesting. Personally, science is not a subject; it actually is a collection of subjects integrated together.

Sedrah: We would like to ask you about your opinion about biology and other science branches

Ms. Hend: Biology is amazing of course. When you go through chemistry, you will find it amazing as well, as if it is magic how things are formed from nothing.

Interviewers: Lana Dhaou and Sedra Jaber



DEBATE, DIALOGUE, DIPLOMACY

What is Model United Nations (MUN)?
-Provides a reliable platform for dialogue on international relations and a safe educational environment for learning MUN procedures and obtaining a skillset pertaining to diplomatic debate.

- Provides students with resources, online sessions and mentorship for tracked improvement in oratory, diplomacy, and global politics knowledge, hence ensuring an enhanced MUN performance.

- Organizes onsite and online conferences for assessing MUN learning progress and providing opportunities for competition and participation.

Junior Division (Age : 12-14) : The mentorship program for this division entails elaborate discussions on political, economic, and social issues that define the international community as it stands today, however it focuses primarily on the fundamentals of debate and Model UN procedures.



Month in Glance



Al Mawlid Al Nabwi / International Day for Older Persons

Students celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day on 10 October during science class. Students drew everyone's attention towards the importance of Mental Health by wearing green shirts, creating posters, and presenting during classes. Let's all commitment to keeping our minds healthy. Al Mawlid Al Nabwi / International Day for Older Persons

The Middle School Islamic Department has paved the way for our wonderful talented students to celebrate two crucial events: Al Mawlid an-Nabwi and the International Day of Older Persons. Al Mawlid Al-Nabwi is the holy day where Prophet Mohammed (May Peace Be Upon Him) was born on the 12th of Rabi al Awwal which is counted as the third month in the Islamic calendar. The celebration of this holy day included a range of activities : Watching influential videos of prophet Mohammad's (MPBUH) stories, reciting Hadith that was narrated by our prophet (MPBUH), intoning chants about our prophet (MPBUH), playing games such as the magical jigsaw, fill in the family tree of our prophet (MPBUH) and even competitive games like who wants to be a millionaire and last but definitely not least announcing a competition that goes by the name of " The Most Beautiful Painting" about Al Mawlid an-Nabwi. As for "The International Day of Older Persons," our blooming artists drew inspiring images that portrayed their support.



Teacher's Day

AZPS celebrated our Amazing Teachers on World Teacher Day on Tuesday, 5 October. Each staff members received a beautiful coffee cup with sweet treats as a small token on how much they are valued here at Al Zuhour.

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Breast Cancer Awareness

Students celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness to bring attention to this horrible disease that has impacted so many. It is the second most common cancer in the world, first most common in women. Students wore their pink, created a human ribbon, and made presentations in their classes. We are all praying that a cure will be found soon.



MATH DAY

Middle school students celebrated "International Math Day" on Wednesday the 20th of October by contributing to many diverse activities. Students and Staff created hats with math concepts, students took part in indoor and outdoor activities such as Snake and Ladder, number line, measuring hypotenuse, and solving puzzles using ear buds.

Month in Glance



Students also led presentations on famous mathematicians in the high school section and where math is used in our daily lives in the elementary section. Our lovely staff members even took part in solving a Sudoku game. It was great to show students how much fun Math can truly



MEET OUR NEW TEAM

Mr. Ebran Nasir

Science
Grade 6



Mrs. Suzan Awad Farag

P.E.
5th-8th Grade Girls



Mr. M Moudar Mouhanna

English
Grade 6 & 7



Value of the month : Respect

Everybody knows what the 3 R's of teaching are – reading, writing, and 'rithmetic' but teaching also, includes respect and responsibility. Teachers help to facilitate skills with students on how to build positive relationships with their others. Strong teacher-student relationships naturally foster a positive and safe learning environment where much learning will take place and where all students will become capable, connected, and contributing members of their classrooms and community.



Reflection Points

- Respect is feeling good about myself
- Respect is knowing I am unique and valuable
- Respect is knowing I am lovable and capable
- Respect is listening to others.
- Respect is knowing others are valuable too
- Respect is treating others nicely

Famous Quotations on Respect

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners."

Laurence Sterne (Anglo-Irish novelist and Anglican cleric)

"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university." Albert Einstein (Physicist)

"To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater." Bono (Musician and Humanitarian)

School Action

- We started this first term with a whole school assembly to launch our value of Respect.
- We thought about what respect looks like in the classroom, on the playground, at home and in the community.
- We will always be launching our 'Values assembly', where our children will be able to show our values within and outside the school. They will celebrate and wear a different values Badge every month.

Ways to Help at Home

- Discuss what it means to be respectful and to be respected
- Discuss everyday events
- Use the language of respect at home

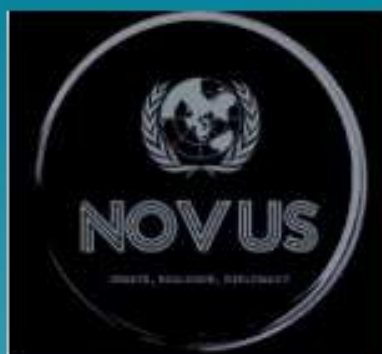


UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Council Investiture Program	Monday, 1 November 2021
Flag Day Celebration	Wednesday, 3 November 2021
World Kindness Day	Thursday, 11 November 2021
International Day of Tolerance	Tuesday, 16 November 2021
International Student's Day	Wednesday, 17 November 2021
International Day of Islamic Art	Thursday, 18 November 2021
Career Week	Sunday, 21- Thursday, 25 November 2021
Universal Children's Day	Sunday, 21 November 2021
National Bullying Prevention Day	Thursday, 25 November, 2021
Knowledge Monster Competition	Thursday, 26 November 2021
UAE Martyrs Day	Monday, 29 November, 2021
UAE National Day Celebration	Tuesday, 30 November 2021
Winter break holidays start for students	Sunday, 12 December 2021
First day after winter break for students	Sunday, 2 January 2022
Semester Break (Day off for students)	Thursday, 13 January 2022



Clubs Insights



Yara Ayman



Sama Alnimer



Mariam Damaj



Nadim Mahmoud

MUN Club members join Novus Society Junior's Program

Novus society MUN is an organization formed for training delegates and preparing for real MUNs by hosting sessions where they give delegates tips on how to gain self-confidence and knowing all about the process and procedures of MUN. Our students are taking part in Novus Program for Juniors (Age: 12-14). This program elaborates discussions on political, economic, and social issues that define the international community as it stands today, however it focuses primarily on the fundamentals of debate and Model UN procedures.

10 Top Tips on Practical Ways You can Positively Promote Your Child's Mental Health

1. Connect with your child every day.
2. Have quiet time together.
3. Praise your child when they do well.
4. Foster your child's self-esteem.
5. Actively listen to your child.
6. Wherever possible stick to commitments and routines.
7. Keep your promises.
8. Find opportunities to play together.
9. Be a positive role model.
10. Help your child to develop a language of feelings.

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