

Headmaster's Newsletter



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As we enter into the very important time of Ramadan, although the school day is shorter, the busy schedule at AGS continues. Next week, children will be starting their GL assessments with Mr Rhys Jones. These assessments provide us with very useful information not only on the academic attainment of your children in Mathematics, English and Science but more importantly a progress measure on how they achieved over the year based on the last test that they completed. At the end of term, the results of these assessments will be shared with you along with your child's end of year academic report. The tests take up a large amount of time to complete and the timings for the assessments have to be relatively flexible. On Sunday I will email out a tentative timetable but please be aware that this will be subject to change.

Over the past few months, a number of meetings have taken place with senior colleagues and the new Headmaster to discuss the next academic year particularly with regards to improvements in school infrastructure, provision and staffing. As an example, September will see the introduction of –

- Three fully functioning science labs with an additional science teacher specialising in Chemistry.
- A second "Windows" ICT suite and additional specialist ICT teacher.
- Further investment in library and reading material.
- The addition of a full-time cover teacher to ensure quality provision if staff are absent.

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- An additional secondary Maths specialist and replacement Maths specialist for Ms Armstrong who will return to her role as art specialist.
- An additional member of the PE department.
- An additional member of staff for the EAL/SEN department to work alongside Mrs Kennedy.
- Further investment in ICT resources including laptops, iPads, software and additional capacity for further telephone lines in school.
- Additional admin staff, TA's, Primary Teachers and Arabic/Islamic/Social Studies teachers.

All new appointments have been carefully planned to that the educational experience we provide for your children is of the highest quality.

AGS Production of Peter Pan

Over a two-night period, parents, children, friends and families of AGS, were treated to a fantastic performance of Disney's Peter Pan. The show was a huge success and highlighted some of the fantastic talent we have at school. Given that only a month before, staff had been working on Jack and the Beanstalk with Grade's 3 and 4 it is quite staggering that a second performance of such high quality can be pulled together in such a short space of time! A huge thank you to Miss Nicholl, Mr Winn and Miss Shelley for all their tremendous work and of course to the children for their outstanding performances.





Oman Pro-Tennis at AGS

Last week saw the final sessions of our ECA's prior to the start of Ramadan. I received an email from Diana at Oman Pro Tennis saying how hard the students had worked during the year and what a pleasure it had been to teach them. She very kindly attached a couple of photographs which I wanted to share with you.



Could you be a School Registrar?

We are currently looking to appoint a School Registrar. If you think you have the qualifications, personal qualities and can do attitude required for this position, please email your CV to Mrs Farmer at m.farmer@agsmuscat.com. All applicants must hold a degree and experience of working in a school environment would be an advantage but isn't essential.

Grade 4 visit to the Shangri-La – Turtle Sanctuary

Grade 4 visited the Turtle Sanctuary at the Shangri-La recently to learn about how the CSR team there look after and protect these wonderful creatures. A fabulous day was had by all. Thank you to Miss Buchanan and Mr Lockwood for organizing this visit.

