

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

School Re-opens 8th January 2012

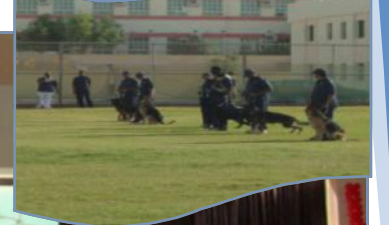
WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS



AAESS celebrated the 40th Anniversary of UAE National Day. The whole school participated in events organised by the students at school. The UAE K9 patrol unit, Ambulance and Fire services gave demonstrations. Horses, Camels, Falcons Fresh food and Henna Tents were all on display.

The day culminated in a special Assembly to mark UAE's 40 years of unity.

We were privileged to host an exhibition provided to us from the Abu Dhabi Culture & Heritage & the Al Ain National Museum.



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AAESS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY...

Sara Donovan



The AAESS Duke of Edinburgh award Silver and Gold team of 18 pupils will be traveling to Nepal in February 2012. This team will complete a trek and adventurous journey through the Himalayas over 6 days and spend a further 2 days working with the Orphanage and Mission Himalaya as part of their residential and community service.

About the Orphanage...

It has been a dream plan for Mission Himalaya finally coming to a positive mark. This plan of starting a "Homeless Children's Eco Farm" with a nice house will comprise of separate girls and boys bedrooms, a large study room, spacious dining, spacious kitchen and store, a nice balcony / terrace, clean bathrooms with solar heated hot water showers, a dispensary, staff quarters, a playground, a small organic vegetable garden at a corner, etc., supported by Gulf 4 Good and other donors. This new orphanage building will be coordinated by Mission Himalaya as "Homeless Children's Eco Farm" and be operated with NYCDS as the resident orphanage consisting initially of 40 children and later up to 60 children in a 4-5 year period .

Things we need:

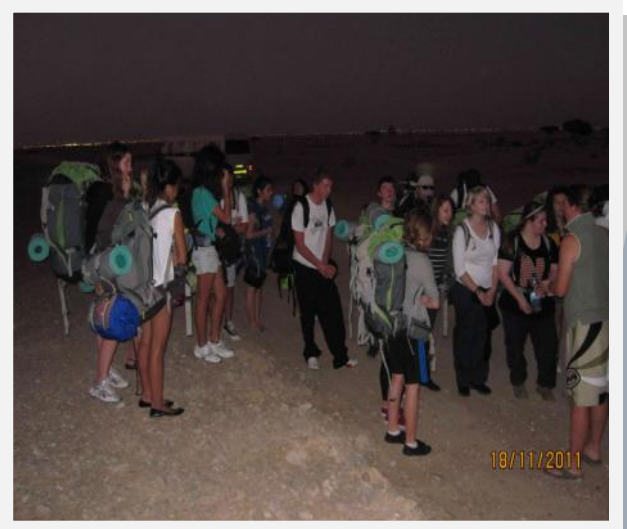
School Uniforms, School Books, Clothes, sports equipment, shoes etc.

The students will be fundraising in the new year and collecting equipment to take to the orphanage.



36 Bronze award pupils completed their practice expedition and adventurous journey this term at the base of Jebel Hafeet Mountain. Each completed a short night walk, made camp and prepared a hot meal, toasted marshmallows and had a good night

sleep! The teams walked 10km the next morning through a course of GPS check points carrying their packs and navigation equipment. It was an extremely successful first outing for the group and they are all looking forward to the final assessed expedition next term. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Camp and Nicola Hamer part of the Duke of Edinburgh Staff team, for giving up two weekends for the group.





SIXTH FORM SPORTS COMMUNITY SERVICE

The A level PE and Sixth form have completed a 14 week block of sports related community service within the school. The group of students have planned, prepared and organized a series of sports sessions for the primary school pupils. The primary ECA program using the sixth form has grown in strength since last year and now sees rugby, football, netball and cricket being offered by the sixth form. Each student is working towards a sport leadership award this year to add to their CV for university applications.

Well done to all those who helped make this possible and to the primary staff who support our students.



SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



Our year 10 and 11 girls hosted Choueifat school this term for the first time in almost 10 years. Our new sports facilities made a debut appearance in a competitive setting too. This new team of girls played a very competitive match against the visitors and held them 8-2 until half time. The Choueifat attack then launched into action after the break and we were sadly beaten in the second half by 5 baskets. The atmosphere in the hall was amazing with supporters from both schools cheering their teams on.

The primary school also played Choueifat this term in netball and the PE staff from both schools are working hard to rebuild this local tradition. So watch this space for more fixtures.





Examinations

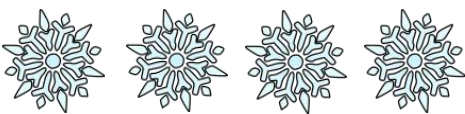
January Modular exams for A Level Exams begin on the 10th January with Psychology and ends on the 1st of February with Business Studies. Please visit for more information: <http://www.aess.com/SECONDARY/Examinations.htm>

(Exam Certificate Fees charged are a one off payment)

Internal Mock Examinations

Year 11 students will sit Examinations in a formal setting to prepare them for the rigours of external examinations from the last week in January (final dates will be posted in 2012). Yr. 12 & 13 shall be having trial exams during lesson times. Reports and meetings will be held shortly afterwards to ensure students and parents are informed regarding correct entry levels for external examinations in May/June.

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