

# THE JOURNEY

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

*Blossom  
Edition*

**YOUNG  
TALENTS**

**YOUNG WRITERS  
AND ARTISTS**

**WHAT'S NEW  
IN SCHOOL?**

**EMPLOYEES  
BEHIND THE  
SCENES**



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**LET CHILDREN BLOSSOM  
LIKE FLOWERS. ”**

**MAYOR JICHKAR**



We never judge or differentiate flowers with each other when we go to a garden.

Children are like flowers, let them blossom.

When in full blossom, they become more attractive and successful.

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# ARPS CORE VALUES

**Respect**



**Tolerance**



**Integrity  
&  
Trust**



**Global  
Citizenship**



**Empathy**



**Environmental  
Awareness**



**Responsibility  
&  
Accountability**



**Life-Long  
Learning**





# WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL ?

Ali Jalal Ahmed and Israphil Akbar  
Grade 8D

## UMBRELLAS IN THE YARD AND NEW TABLES IN THE ART ROOMS

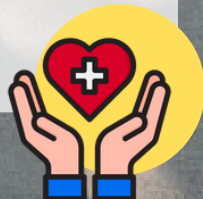
The school decided to install umbrellas in the yard to protect students from the sun during the hot summer.

As for the art class, the tables have been replaced with bigger and wider ones that suit the art activities and provide the students with more comfort while working individually or in groups on their artworks. It somehow increases the productivity of the students.



## VACCINATION DAY FOR THE STUDENTS

On the other hand, for the health unit, the school decided to hold a vaccination day for the students above 13 years old to strengthen their immunity. Along with that, on December 2022, the health unit have scheduled medical workshop, consultation, and physiotherapy activities for the staff and the students which were led by a health care team in order to educate them and raise their awareness about many health issues.



## STUDENTS' WORKLOADS

As for the curriculum, the admin of the school canceled the projects and final exams for the support subjects to decrease the pressure of studying and workloads of students.



## PRINTING CARDS BY THE IT DEPARTMENT

The IT department decided to make ID cards for students, in order to use them for printing by filling them with certain amount of money. This initiative would be very beneficial to serve student's printing needs. However, the project is still under process, but it would be launched soon enough.



# SPORTS NEWS



The School has decided to hold football tournaments for intermediate students. Grade 8 classes had to compete against each other and the winners move to the next stage where they need to continue winning to obtain a trophy. The class which wins the trophy has to play against Grade 12 students. After completing the class tournaments, the qualified school teams get to compete with other private schools' teams.

The team that completes 16 rounds gets to reach the semi-final, and if they get lucky enough to win, they can make it to the finals. So far, the Al Rawabi football team won third place and is doing its best to bag first place.



# SPORTS NEWS



Al Rawabi basketball team obtained **first place** as they were the best team among Bahrain's International schools under the age of 18. The basketball team is so proud of their achievement since they trained so hard to win first place and to make the school proud of them as well.

At present, the school's football and basketball teams are training hard to maintain their progress and reach higher levels of success in the sports field.

**Sayed Mahmood and Eilyas Yousif**  
**Grade 8D**

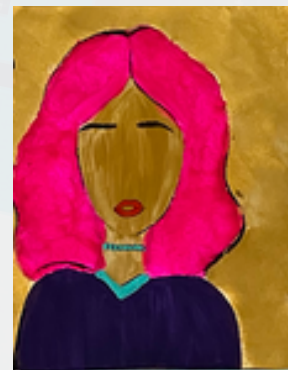
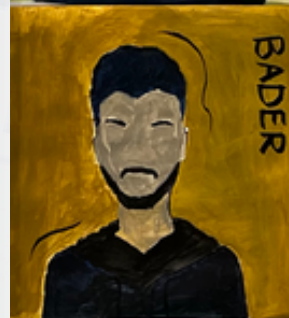


# GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Artworks were done by Grade 11 and 12  
students



WE ALL HAVE  
DIFFERENT  
INSPIRATIONS  
BUT ONE GOAL  
A BETTER  
WORLD.





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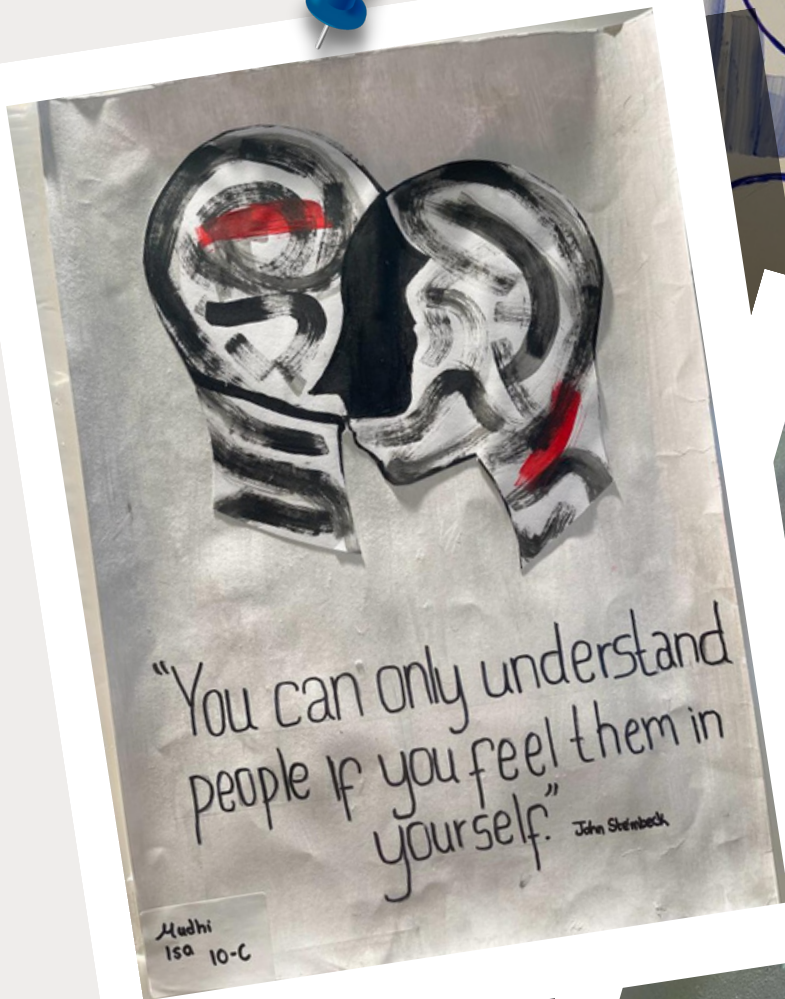
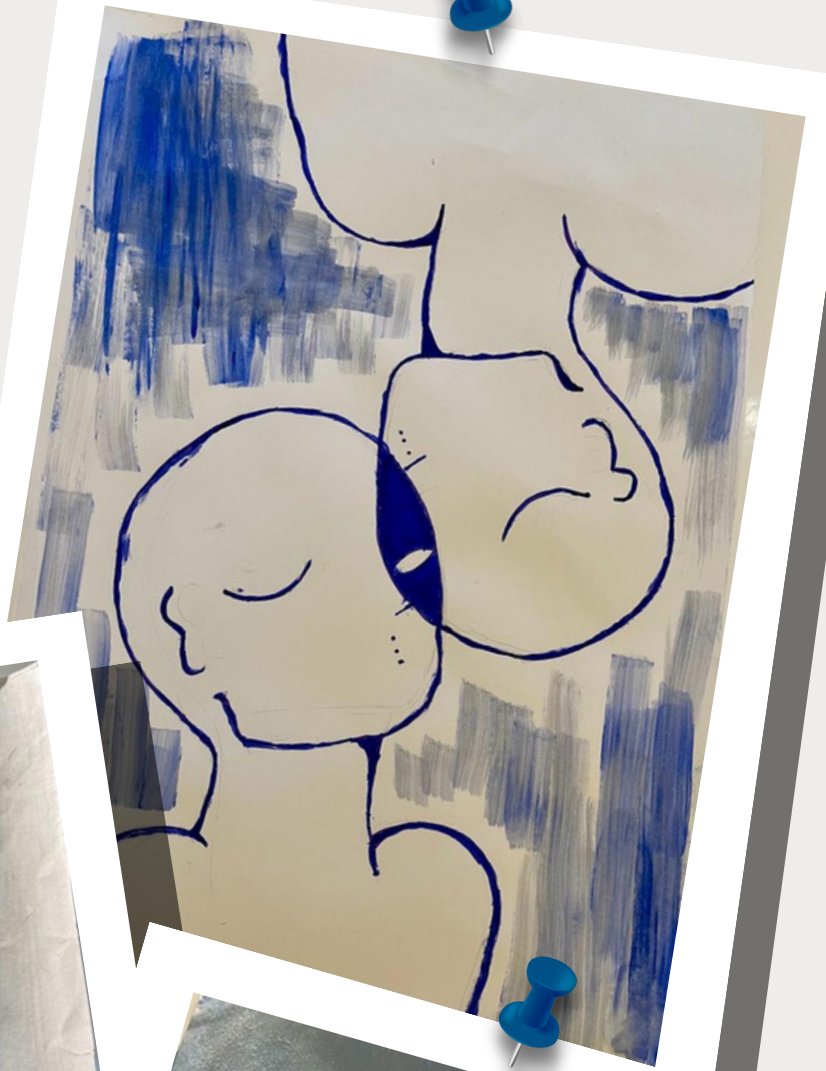








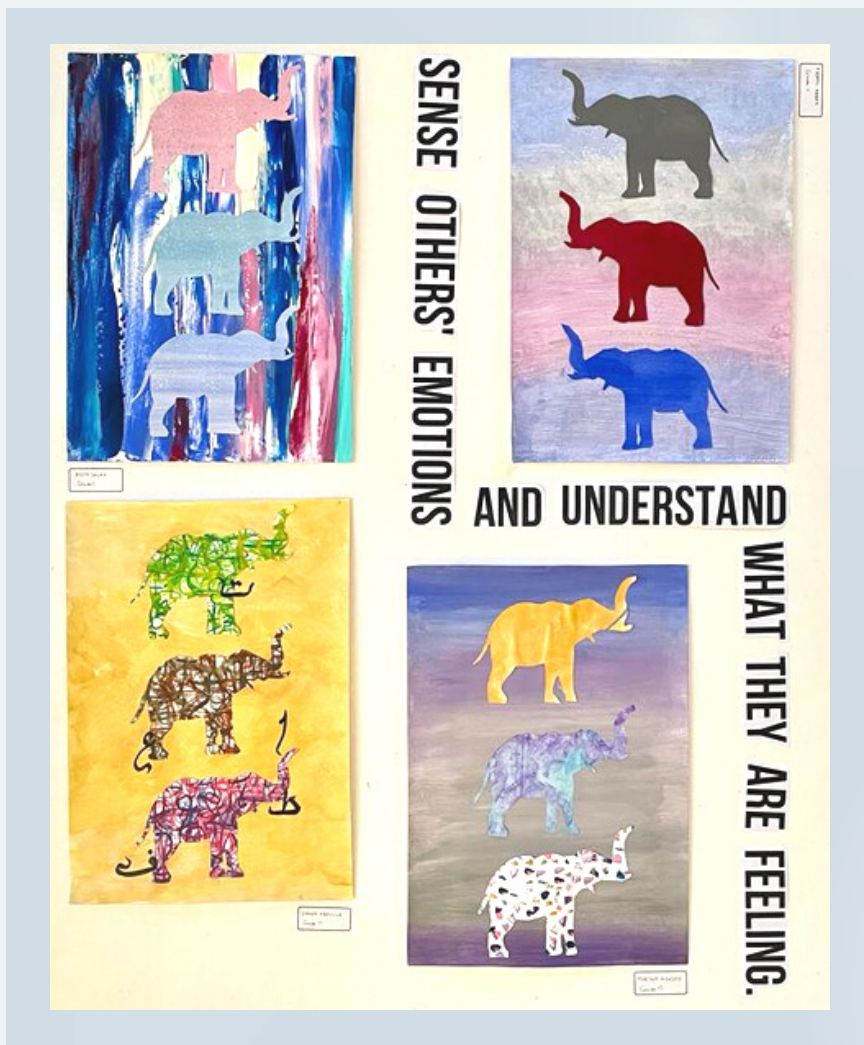
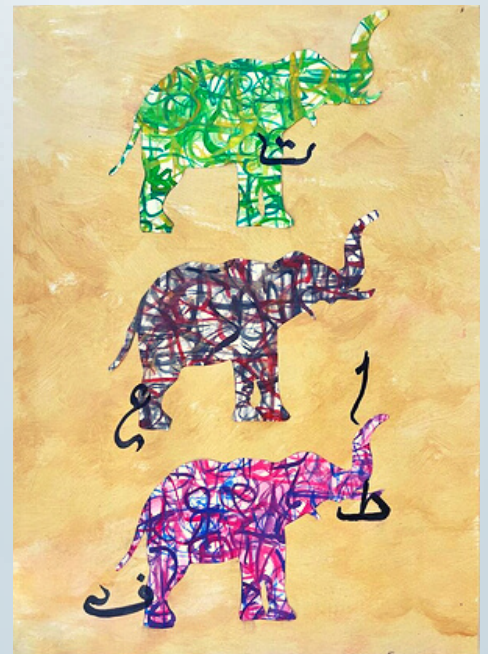








# EMPATHIZE LIKE AN ELEPHANT





# LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT EMPATHY





# Boys' School Trip

## Lost Paradise of Dilmun

**On** 2nd of October 2022, the school held a boys' school trip to the Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park. It was a sunny Sunday and full of excitement because our teachers accompanied us. Our teachers joined us in playing along with our friends until we got tired and took a break for breakfast. After that, we kept playing in the park games and had lots of fun moments. There were some games that needed some maintenance and modifications. At the end of the day, it was one of the most memorable trips that we had with our classmates and I hope that we could go again.

by Sayed Mahmood - Grade 8D







# Girls' School Trip

Yabeela  
Indoor  
Park

by Sara Ali Hassan - Grade 8C

**On** the same day of the 2nd of October, the school held a girls' school trip to the indoor amusement park Yabeela. All the girls were so excited to play and have fun with their friends. The park was spacious and full of thrilling rides and arcade games. We played every single game there until we got tired and had lunch at the restaurant there. It was so fun and it's definitely a memory we will never forget.





# International Peace Day

by Daniah Ali Sayed - Grade 8C

**Each** year, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world. On 21st September 2022, the day Al Rawabi Private School celebrates Peace Day by wearing white and blue. The school celebrates this event yearly to spread awareness of the importance of peace worldwide and among students. The school also held a competition between classes of all grades. Every class was supposed to make a poster about peace day and the teachers who were assigned as judges had to choose the best poster among each class level.



The art department held an art competition which was led by the head of the department **Ms. Alyah Malallah**.


The students had to make an artwork about peace day. The winning student would be given a prize and a certificate. The artwork of the student **Sung Bin Lee** from grade 6E won 3rd place in the peace day art competition.





# Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By: Sara Ali Hassan - Grade: 8C

 On the 18th of October 2022, the school hosted a charity match between teachers and students as well as sports games for fundraising. The school also gave students a series of lectures on breast cancer awareness. On the 20th of October 2022, the students dressed in pink clothes and had a photo booth and bake sale where all the sales profits have been donated to Breast Cancer prevention and research initiatives, all proceeds of the fundraising activity go directly to the Bahrain Cancer Society. Moreover, the school held an outdoor and indoor walkathon in collaboration with the Breast Cancer Society for middle and high school students in order to raise awareness and support breast cancer patients.







The World Breast Cancer Day is an international day marked on the 19th of October to raise awareness and give support to the women who suffer from the disease as well as encourage other women about its prevention, detection, and treatment. In Al Rawabi Private School, we celebrated cancer day on the 16th of October. The Art Department held an art competition supporting cancer patients and the student of the chosen artwork was given a certificate. On the 17th of October, the school held fundraising activities and made encouraging letters to patients during the English period.



# United Nations Day







**On** the 6th of November, ARPS celebrated United Nations Day. There was a competition between classes where all classes represented their chosen country by decorating the classrooms, preparing a small presentation, and a speech including information about the country and the reason behind choosing it. All classes brought their chosen country's food and wore the clothes that represented the country.

by Mariam Jassim - Grade 8A





# United Nations Day Winners

**6B**  
**Saudi**



**7E**  
**Japan**



The winners of the competition include 6B representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 7E representing Japan, 7F representing Egypt, and 8A representing Oman. Each class did really well in representing their country and had a good decoration and presentation. It was a really fun day and everyone enjoyed decorating their class with their homeroom teachers.

**7F**  
**Egypt**



**8A**  
**Oman**





# National Day Carnival







On a cold winter Saturday of the 24th of December 2022, the school arranged a carnival in celebration of the National Day of Bahrain. The timing was from 10 AM until 5 PM. The invitation was for the public and the ticket price was 2 BHD for each visitor. Moreover, the people who sold the tickets were the students from the student council committee and school staff. There were many food trucks and small business owners that displayed their food and items for sale.

Written by Khawla Hussain Ali - Grade 8C







There were many fun games and activities for kids and adults such as train rides, slides, face painting, henna, sports games, and an escape room. Moreover, there was an art section for kids and gallery stands that displayed students' National Day artworks. The dress code was either red and white or traditional Bahraini clothes. The Carnival hosted a traditional Bahraini band that performed traditional Bahraini music and dances.





The school has also decorated a whole building with a traditional Bahraini design to represent the old Bahraini Souq. The Souq had many booths that sold different goods such as old toys, candies, spices, dates, chai karak and khubz as well as plants and birds.



The Souq was a good experience for adults and kids, because of the fun old atmosphere it had.

Most students and staff invited their families and friends to enjoy and have fun and make unforgettable memories.







# NATIONAL DAY ARTWORKS



GRADE -6

SUNGBIN LEE



GRADE -9

ZAINAB FAYEZ AND  
FATIMA SAYED MUSTAFA



GRADE -7

Happy 51  
Bahrain



Yousif A.Mohsen  
Mohammed Mahmood  
Hassan Wahid



Roaa Aqeel



Bushra Sadeq





Dalal Mohammed Ahmed



Sara Yusuf Hassan

GRADE- 7





Omar Mesfar



Nasser Mohammed

GRADE -8



Walla Ahmed





# STILL LIFE ARTWORKS



Sayed Hassan Dheya



Mohammed Jaafar Hussain



Israa Naji

GRADE -6



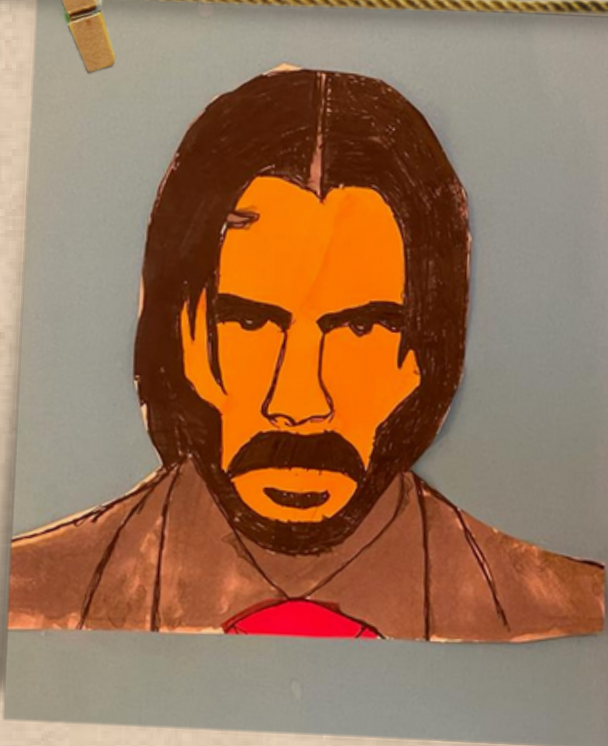
# CHARACTER PORTRAIT ARTWORKS



Noor Ahmed

GRADE -7





Mohammed Abdulla Khaled



GRADE -7

Asser Dia Eldin





# COLLAGE ARTWORKS



Sayed Fajer Sohail

GRADE -8





Fatima Sayed Mustafa

GRADE -8





Polina Averina









# STUDENTS' OPINIONS

We hope the school arrange more trips in the future. The trips can be for entertainment and educational purposes.

We would like to have more activities and events in school.

- We hope the school arrange more football tournaments in future, so we obtain the first place.
- Develop the soccer field of the playground.

We hope the school improve the overall design of the cafeteria and have more comfortable chairs. Add more food options and reduce the food prices as they are very expensive.

We wish to have two terms instead of three, as having 3 terms put the students under lots of pressure because of the amount of assignments and quizzes they need to complete in the short span.



# Wednesday

## Series Review

by Sara Ali Hassan  
Grade 8C



I **recommend** the series called Wednesday. It talks about a 16-year-old teenager called Wednesday Adams who has superpowers which are visions from the future and past. She discovers that she has inherited her mother's psychic abilities which allow her to solve a local murder mystery. Wednesday's cold, emotionless personality makes it difficult for her to connect with her schoolmates and causes her to run afoul of the school's principal rules while attending Nevermore Academy.

Wednesday Adams attempts to master her emerging psychic ability, throughout a killing spree and solve the mystery that embroiled her parents 25 years ago.



A portrait of Mr. Saif Merza, a man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a black hoodie over a grey t-shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH **MR. SAIF MERZA**

History Teacher

A close-up of purple flowers, possibly peonies, with green leaves, set against a dark background.

### **1.What makes a good day at school?**

When everyone is feeling safe, comfortable, relaxed, motivated and ready to be productive.

### **2.What is the best thing and bad thing about being a teacher?**

**Part 1:** Being able to have an influence on the students, forming relationships with them and as a teacher you can have a positive effect on them and in their lives moving forward.

**Part 2:** the excessive amount of workload can affect the mental health negatively for the teacher. Moreover, sometimes you have to be too strict and harsh on the students that it gets to a personal level, because you have to ensure the learning process has to go smoothly.

### **3.How do you start your class?**

I start my class with a light conversation to test the mood and atmosphere of the class and make sure everyone is feeling safe and ready to learn.



A man with short dark hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and striped tie, stands outdoors with his hands in his pockets. He is smiling. In the background, there are green plants and a building with a grid-like structure.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH **MR. ANGELITO WAJE** English Teacher

### **1.What makes a good day at school?**

When students listen and participate in activities.

### **2.What's the best thing and the bad thing about being a teacher?**

**Part 1:** The best thing about being a teacher is that you can touch the lives of your students. A teacher serves as a droplet who will make endless ripples.

**Part 2:** The worst thing about being a teacher is when students cannot appreciate the efforts that you're doing for their betterment and sometimes it causes demotivation. After all, you still need to move forward no matter what and do your best for the common good of the students.

### **3.How do you start your class?**

I start with an engaging activity to motivate my students.





## AN INTERVIEW WITH **MR. HASSAN SHAKER**

Sports Teacher

### **1.What makes a good day at school?**

Greetings from teachers, parents, students, and admins.

### **2.What is the best thing and bad thing about being a teacher?**

**Part 1:** Develop students' physical, mental, and social skills to graduate a highly educated generation.

**Part 2:** The need of being mentally prepared to deal with different personalities and moods. Being too harsh on students for their own good, as sometimes some students might take it personally.

### **3.How do you start your class?**

By warming up the upper body.



# Behind the scenes with

MR. ANGELITO O. WAJE - ENGLISH TEACHER



## 1. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I am a fan of a Filipino band know as Ben & Ben

## 2. What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

I love cats! They may be grumpy most of the time, but they can be adorable and good stress reliver.



## 3. What is your dream vacation?

My dream vacation would be in Japan to visit the modern city of Tokyo and the historic places of Kyoto.

## 4. If you won one million BD and decided to give up your job, what would you do?

I will travel to places I dream to visit. I will also build a youth center in my hometown to help the less fortunate youth.



# Behind the scenes with

MR. JEFFREY - DEPARTMENT HEAD



## 1. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I am not as good as you think I am LOL. There's a reason why secrets exist.

## 2. What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

I want a bird or a goldfish.



## 3. What is your dream vacation?

I want to go to Amsterdam or any Scandinavian countries !

## 4. If you won one million BD and decided to give up your job, what would you do?

I probably would travel around the world and settle in Antarctica. I will build a fancy ice mansion with my wife Shara and daughter Elie. <3



# Behind the scenes with

MR. HUSSAIN MURADI - ENGLISH TEACHER



## 1. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

Students would be surprised to see and note the struggles that teachers come across.

## 2. What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

I would like to own cats or dogs.

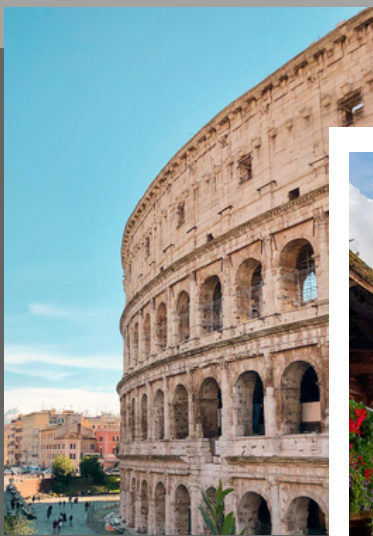


## 3. What is your dream vacation?

Going to Switzerland, Rome, and then Indonesia.

## 4. If you won one million BD and decided to give up your job, what would you do?

I would buy a house, rent it to people, and make a business out of it.





# Behind the scenes with

MR. MARCEL - SCIENCE TEACHER



## 1. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I have multiple degrees and I am still studying to get more.

## 2. What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

A dog named "Jack".



## 3. What is your dream vacation?

A visit to Rwanda.

## 4. If you won one million BD and decided to give up your job, what would you do?

Agriculture and charity work.



# Behind the scenes with

MS. REEM SHUKRI - ARTS TEACHER



## 1. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I have a red belt in Taekwondo.



## 2. What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

I had two puppies when I was a kid and 3 cats as an adult, and now I would like to own a Bombay black cat.



## 3. What is your dream vacation?

Going to New York City in holiday season.

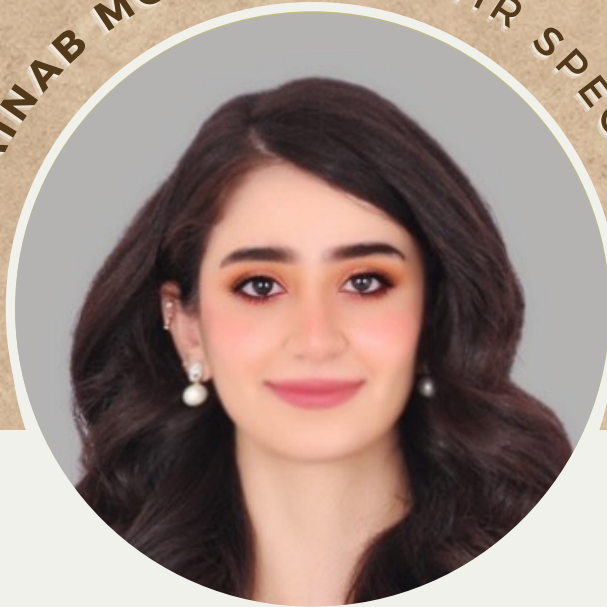
## 4. If you won one million BD and decided to give up your job, what would you do?

Travel the world, create a graphic design studio, start my art and apparel business, and invest in properties.



# Behind the scenes with

MS. ZAINAB MOHAMMED - HR SPECIALIST

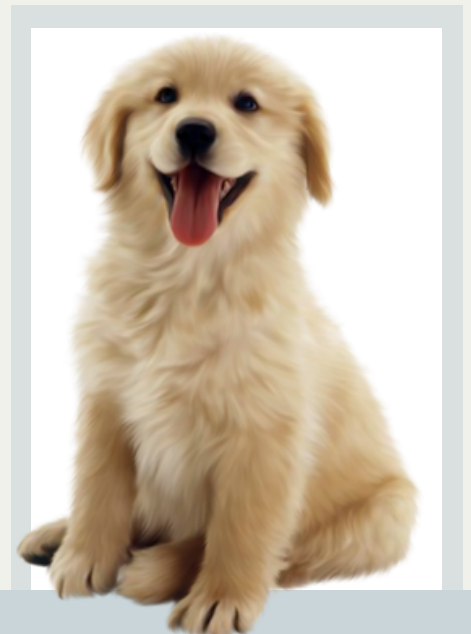


## 1. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

My age would surprise them, as I look younger than they think.

## 2. What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

I had a hamster and would like to have a puppy.



## 3. What is your dream vacation?

Travelling alone around the world for a year.

## 4. If you won one million BD and decided to give up your job, what would you do?

I would make an investment, open my own business, travel around the world, and do charity work.



# THE TEAM



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