



# What's Special ?

## MUSIC

*This has been a very productive year with students having a better understanding of music and how it is connected to other areas in the curriculum. I have been very proud of how students have developed over the past few years and are becoming more confident in their performance skills.*



### Highlights of this year are:

- the students and their positive attitude in the classroom
- groups working cooperatively
- students performing items at assembly
- students' participation in SRC lunchtime performances
- the performers of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"



*As I embark on my next journey, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my students, parents and colleagues for making my task so enjoyable and rewarding. I had initially taken a one and a half year contract, which then became three and a half years. This says something about how much I was learning and the joy I was receiving from working with students who were eager to sing, play instruments, create, and share their music and to learn new things from me.*

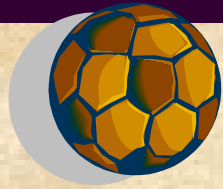


*I leave Qatar with a very heavy heart and will miss my students dearly. I would like to thank you for your encouragement, acknowledgement and support throughout my time here, at Al Jazeera Academy.*

*My hope is that the tiny "light" that I have lit in the hearts of my students will grow and develop into a huge "torch" of enthusiasm and love for music and the Arts.*

*Yours in Music,  
Amrita Francis*





PE



The year 2011 was a very busy sports year for Al Jazeera Academy. A number of students represented our school in a number of QPPSSA Inter-school sports events, where all the schools in Doha participated against each other. The sports we competed in were basketball, athletics, football and swimming. The students who represented our school did so in a responsible and enthusiastic manner and the PE staff would like to thank them all and wish them well for next year.

The PE curriculum has been taught and students have thoroughly enjoyed the learning experiences with their teachers. They succeeded in inquiring about and learning many skills in PE. Enthusiasm played an important role for everyone and all students succeeded in their personal growth. Well-done to everyone for all your effort! Please continue learning, asking questions and developing your PE skills next year!



Unfortunately, we are losing a great colleague and teacher. Ms. Hannelie has accepted another post in Doha for next year and will be leaving Al Jazeera Academy at the end of this year. Mr. Vito is leaving us as well, but will remain in Doha. I would like to take the opportunity to post the following:



*To Ms. Hannelie/Mr. Vito,*

*Thank you very much for your hard work, love and care that you showed towards us during the past four years. We wish you all the best and hope that everything will go well for you in the future.*

*We will surely miss you!!!*

*From: AJA PE Staff*

At the end of the school year the PE Staff would like to wish every student and parent a pleasant summer holiday, filled with physical activity, and may all return safely next year.

News and Views From the Specialist Team

# LIBRARY

**Summer Time is here!**

## Organizing Times at AJA Library!

We recently conducted our first stock taking inventory here in the Library, which helped bring our Library catalogues up to date. This allowed us to issue transaction reports and helped ensure that all AJA students are able to continue as life-long readers and researchers. Students are able to continue searching for resources with the assurance that books and materials are on the library shelves. As the end of this academic year approaches, we would like to remind all students of the importance of ensuring that library items are returned in a timely fashion so that everything is ready for check out the following academic school year.

## Summer Reading

Summer is a great time for everyone to be able to immerse themselves in their favourite book or catch up with a new and interesting author. So why not be a RISK-TAKER this summer and see what book opportunities can be discovered and what exciting new genres can be found. I am looking forward to seeing everyone share their book adventures when we return to AJA in September.

## Chris White: Author Visit

We'll be starting back with a visit from Chris White, who is due to come to AJA in late October. It'll be his first time here in Qatar and he is very excited about the prospect of visiting our school.

Yukiko Bonnefoy  
Primary Librarian



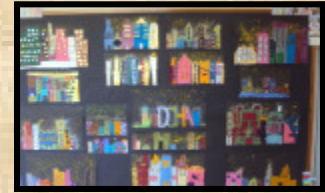
News and Views From the Specialist Team

ART



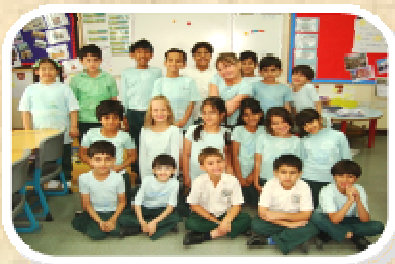
We have had an amazing year in Art! I started in November and by January all the students were use to having their art lessons with me in the art room. I can honestly say that I am blown away with the enthusiasm and artistic talent that the students have displayed!

Grade 1 has covered an array of mediums from clay, fabric painting, printing to drawing and paper manipulation!



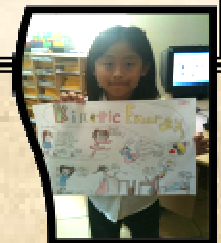
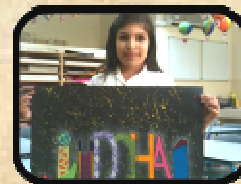
Grade 2 have been an absolute joy to work with. We have enjoyed constructing hot air balloons, using the messy technique of Paper Mache, to slowing it down and admiring how soft oil pastels can be used to create a beautiful sunset !

Grade 3 have explored a lot of techniques this year ranging from water colours, pastels and paints to making mixed media tiles to create a landform tile. Grade3 have shown curiosity and enthusiasm for art throughout the year!



Grade 4 have worked ver hard this year! They really did commit themselves to their work and produced amazing art pieces using water colours, collage and puppets.

Grade 5 has been fantastic throughout the year! The Cityscapes they created were beautiful. Well-done Grade 5! I wish you all the best in Grade 6/Year 7 and please come back to visit us in the art room!



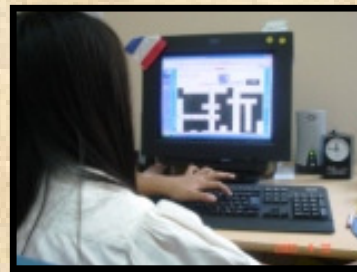
I wish everyone a happy and safe summer and I look forward to your return in September! Ms. Hayley

## FRENCH

All grades have been reviewing the vocabulary and grammar learned since the beginning of the year. Many students have worked with such enthusiasm, commitment and confidence that they are now able to communicate very well at the level for their grade or above.



There is a general recognition amongst the students that working collaboratively is helpful in learning a language but that working individually also builds confidence. Our particular emphasis this term has been to consolidate the students' knowledge of question forms which is essential for inquiry based learning.



I am very proud of the way the students have applied themselves to the learning opportunities, and how responsible and caring they have been towards each other. To those students leaving, I wish a fond au revoir and bon voyage. To those who will be returning, I say bonnes vacances et à bientôt. I hope you will all be risk-takers and continue to practise the language you have learned.

Madame Lorraine

News and Views From the Specialist Team



ICT



As the year draws to a close students are still very busy in ICT. The hard work is paying off and I am pleased to see the advances in Digital and Critical Literacy's in our students.

Students are working more independently, becoming better communicators and making their thinking visible through the use of



It is with great sadness and regret that we bid farewell to two of our team members: **Mrs. Amrita and Mrs. Hannelie**. Your passion for teaching is unparalleled and you will be a great loss to the AJA Community. We wish you both the very best for the future. May your journeys continue to take you wherever you wish to go.  
Spencer Curtis  
Primary ICT / Specialist Team Leader



- Produced by the AJA Specialist Team**
- Amrita Francis Music
  - Yukiko Bonnefoy Library
  - Lorraine Rehmatullah French
  - Wicus Pretorius PE
  - Leon Fourie PE
  - Hannelie Truter PE
  - Hayley Miller Art
  - Spencer Curtis ICT

