



Pianote MONTESSORI
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2023-2024



Welcome BACK

We wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude and share a few words about the incredible journey we've embarked on with your children during these past six weeks of the school year.

It has been a true pleasure to witness our learners back in our Montessori environments, fully engaged, happy, and reconnecting with their love for learning. We have seen their curiosity and enthusiasm blossom, and it is truly heartwarming. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your trust in our school. Your support and partnership have been instrumental in making these early weeks such a success. It's our shared commitment to your child's education and well-being that has brought about this positive start to the school year.

As we continue on this exciting educational journey, we look forward to the many more discoveries, achievements, and memorable moments that await us. Our dedicated team is thrilled to guide and nurture your children, helping them grow and thrive in our Montessori environment.

We encourage you to stay involved, stay connected, and keep the lines of communication open. Your active participation and support play a vital role in our school community.

Once again, we want to express our deepest appreciation for entrusting your children to us. We are excited about the possibilities that the rest of the school year holds, and we are eager to continue to watch your children learn and grow.

Thank you for being a part of our Montessori family, and here's to a successful and fulfilling school year ahead !



Our School Vision and Mission



Vision



Planète Montessori International School believes in the potential of the child. Our vision is that every child who walks through our door comes out as a global citizen, confident, independent and socially responsible.



Mission



Planète Montessori International School is a multicultural community, with children from different backgrounds. We offer an international education with solid knowledge in liberal arts, science and technology, ... We offer trilingual education (English - French - Arabic) with a dominant in English from the environment 3-6 years. Our mission is to foster excellence, through the development of critical thinking and creativity, build resilience and character, promote responsible and comprehensive citizenship, encourage lifelong learning and train people sensitive to international reality. A commitment to stimulating and high quality international education, which we consider important for our learners.

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OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS



**Join us in welcoming our
PMIS's new addition**



They are extremely excited to be working with you and your children and are looking forward to sharing new adventures with you all.
We're happy to have you on board !



MONTESSORI MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2024

We are pleased to announce that our school is officially enrolled in the Montessori Model United Nations Year Long Program New York Conference for February 2024 ! We have 11 children participating this year. It is an exciting opportunity for them as they will be part of an amazing human experience, stepping into the shoes of a UN representative in March!

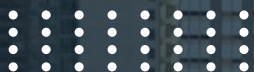
From February 19th to 26th



As part of their enrollment process, they were required to write essays expressing their motivations for participating & detailing what positive changes they aspire to bring to the world. They underwent interviews to present their motivations & discuss their chosen topics. We couldn't be prouder of their determinations and look forward to sharing the exciting updates and experiences that await our selected delegates on their MMUN journey.

To have a better idea of the program & the conference

[CLICK HERE](#)



The Montessori Model United Nations (MMUN) is an international educational program designed for student 9-15 years old.

It brings together classroom study into a global problem solving journey for upper elementary and middle school students. Each students becomes a delegate of a selected nation. Student delegates write, present and debate issues affecting they nations and peoples pf the world.

By assuming the role of delegates, they develop an understanding of the needs of diverse people and the importance of multilateralism. Working through the complexities of world problems, they see the interdependence of nations and the importance of global goals that leave no one behind.



Congratulations Delegates !



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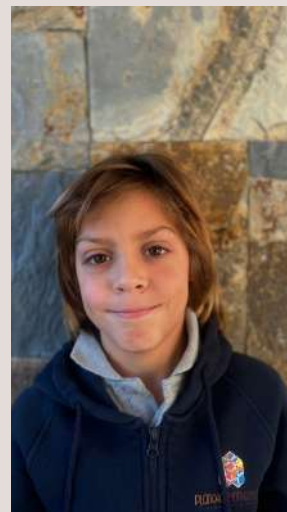
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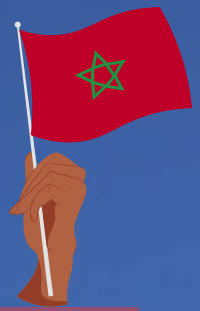
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PMIS observer*

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**We are looking forward
to seeing you in action !**



STRENGTH OF THE COMMUNITY



Let's take a moment to remind ourselves of the recent earthquake that struck Morocco and how it has touched our hearts and the lives of so many people. Our thoughts go out to all those who have lost their loved ones and homes during this tragic event.

Though this disaster left us feeling a sense of hopelessness, we were deeply moved by the incredible generosity of the people. It is in moments like these that we witness the true strength of community and solidarity. People from all walks of life came together to support one another and it was a powerful reminder of the compassion that exists within society.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our parents for their incredible generosity during our donation efforts. With your support, we were able to make a significant impact by distributing clothing, food and warm blankets to families in the affected mountainous regions.

We also shared a very touching moment with our 6 to 15 yo learners as we observed a one-minute silence all together in honor of the earthquake victims. It was a very emotional experience and it served as a valuable lesson in empathy and the importance of coming together to support one another during challenging times...



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PUBLIC SPEAKING

“
Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.
Ralph Waldo Emerson
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Engaging classes by *Ms Farah*



We are pleased to introduce a new concept implemented this year for the benefit of our 9 to 12 yo students:
Public Speaking !

Our classes, led by Ms Farah, our ESL and business teacher, will help:

- boosting their self-confidence, self-esteem
- overcome the fear of public and stage fright
- improve their communication skills
- have a powerful presence that will enable them to express their ideas and opinions clearly & freely
- and most of all master the art of convincing.

Empowering children to view themselves in a different, more positive light

Many activities are held in class such as: impromptu speech, role playing, instant creative speech, storytelling and some other acting tasks. Students are given necessary tips in order to succeed in their future presentations and speeches, techniques to maintain confident body language and others to capture the audience's attention.

By the end of this class, students are to be more comfortable talking in front of public and deliver their messages to the audience effectively.



COFFEE *Morning*

October marked our first coffee morning of the year, a meaningful gathering where parents can openly share their thoughts and feelings.

The theme was "Parents": How to react after a traumatic event", which was particularly relevant given the recent earthquake that has affected our community. It was heartwarming to see our parents share their experiences, concerns and questions about dealing with the aftermath of this traumatic event.



We were privileged to have Ms Asma Belh, a highly qualified coach and psychologist. Her expertise and guidance were invaluable. The discussion covered various aspects of coping with trauma, including strategies for dealing with your own traumatic experiences, helping your children to navigate their emotions and managing anxiety and stress. We look forward to our next Coffee Morning, which we will host on November !

Stay Tuned !



3 TO 6 YEARS OLD LEARNERS

Sneak Peek





MEET

OUR MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

I am immensely grateful to the administration of Planete Montessori International School for granting me the opportunity to be a part of this esteemed institution. My role here encompasses two significant responsibilities. Firstly, I serve as the IB MYP (International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme) Coordinator, where my focus is on coordinating and developing the IB curriculum to provide our students with a world-class education. Secondly, I have the pleasure of teaching Integrated Sciences, Biology, and Chemistry.

What makes Planete Montessori International School truly unique is its dual commitment to both the Montessori and IB systems. By combining the strengths of these educational approaches, our students benefit from a holistic education that nurtures their individuality, fosters a love for learning, and prepares them for future academic and personal success.

In my capacity as the IB MYP Coordinator, my responsibilities include curriculum development, administrative duties, fostering effective communication, and facilitating professional development opportunities for our dedicated team of educators. Together with the school administration, we are working tirelessly to ensure the successful implementation of the IB programme, and we serve as the direct point of contact with the International Baccalaureate Organization.

I am excited to embark on this educational journey with all of you, and I am dedicated to ensuring that every student at Planete Montessori International School receives a world-class education.

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Hello everyone, my name is Dr. Anees, and I am delighted to introduce myself to the wonderful community here at Planete Montessori International School in Morocco.

Originally hailing from the North West of Pakistan, in the vibrant city of Peshawar, I have been fortunate to have a loving family by my side, which includes my wife and our three amazing children. We have been blessed to call Morocco our second home since the day we arrived. The warm hospitality and the rich cultural tapestry of Morocco have made us feel truly welcome.

Before joining the Planete Montessori International School family, my educational journey took me to various corners of the world, including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and China. I had the privilege of teaching under different curricula such as IB, IGCSE, AS, A2, and Edexcel, gaining a wealth of experience and insights into the diverse needs of students from various backgrounds.

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THE STORY OF THE UNIVERSE



“Big Picture” of the World



Dr. Montessori used the term 'normalization' to refer to a state in which children 'elevates to' after engaging in a rich environment full of purposeful activities that let them achieve what they need in order to reach the full potential of their personality. In other words, this process will happen when we engage the students in daily routines and procedures consistently until they get used to it and are independent enough to follow this harmonic flow.

This happens along the year but specifically in the first few months where clear expectations are set and routines are enforced with diligence. Maria Montessori's advice to educators is simple: "The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist. We teachers can only help the work going on, as servants wait upon a master.' The work done the first month is crucial to help them along the path of self-construction and auto education.



Some of the activities we have done in the classroom to connect the students to the environment and help them on their path to entering this flow have to do with the Great lessons and its corresponding scientific experiments, plenty of storytelling to appeal to their imaginative minds and inspire awe and wonder, and plenty of work with the materials.

As first conceived by Dr. Maria Montessori, when children are allowed to learn at their own pace with their own interests at heart, they ultimately take control of their own education and become joyful, intrinsically motivated learners.

The First Great Lessons gives young imaginations direction by sparking interest in chemistry, physics, earth science, meteorology, astronomy, and other areas of scientific discovery.

*Let us remember Dr. Montessori's statement,
"We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit."*



"When I came back to school, I was very excited to see my friend Janna after 2 months. I now met Maria and Shayna who became my best friends. I got to meet my new 2 teachers: Ms Jacklyn & Ms Judy and most importantly my NEW GRADE : Lev 4 ! Super exciting."

ISHAAL - 9 yo

Children's Quotes



"When I came back to school, I was level 3, and I was very excited to see my friends and my teachers. I love school, I love working, and I love sports, music, and permaculture."

I love sports because we do fun things, and I love music because we song and I love to sing! I also love to smell the flowers during permaculture. We have other classes like English, French, and Arabic and I love them too !"

ELSA - 8 yo



"When I came back to school, I was so happy to see my friends again. After a few days, I made some new friends. I am now level 3, and I feel a lot happier."

ABLA - 9 yo



"I like Planete Montessori because I have my friends here and I like my teachers. I love to practicemultiplication division, addition and subtraction. I love language too and especially read in our class reading corner."

MED AMINE - 8 yo

Campus Night



Let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible night we had on Friday 13th, during our Planete Montessori Campus Night. It was an unforgettable experience for our children, and we believe it left a lasting impression on everyone involved.



EXCLUSIVE



Our goal for these campus nights is to provide our children with an opportunity to connect with their fellow students, strengthen the bonds with their teachers, have fun, and create memories that will last a lifetime. I am pleased to say that this recent event achieved exactly that.

Unforgettable Experience

Throughout the evening, our children had the chance to engage in a diverse range of activities. From watching a movie, playing board games, and even trying their hand at boxing, to playing exciting wolf games and participating in a potato sack race, there was no shortage of entertainment. These activities brought smiles to their faces and provided a chance for them to unwind and enjoy each other's company.

The highlight of the night was our barbecue, where we all came together to share a meal. It was heartwarming to see our children, teachers, and staff mingling and enjoying each other's company. It's moments like these that truly bring our community together.

After a night of excitement and bonding, the next morning was equally enjoyable. We shared a delicious breakfast, and the children had the opportunity to participate in various activities, fostering a sense of togetherness and collaboration.

The Planete Montessori Campus Night was a great opportunity for us as a community to come together and create special relationships between children, teachers, and staff. It was a resounding success, evident from the happy faces of all the children as they left the campus.

I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who helped organize this event and make it possible. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated. It's these kinds of experiences that enrich our children's lives and create a sense of belonging within our Planete Montessori family. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and children who participated. Your presence and enthusiasm made this event a memorable one. We look forward to more such experiences in the future and hope to continue fostering a strong and vibrant community at Planete Montessori.

A very special thank you to [4 Prod](#) for collaborating with us on this event and allowing our community to benefit from a beautiful set up & a safe-outdoor screen for our movie night.





MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM PROJECTS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & FINANCIAL LITERACY

The MYP Students participate in real-world business projects, learning valuable skills such as budgeting, marketing, and product development, while fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Lately, they were busy making design for their tote bags. These tote bags will be for sale and the proceeds will help them start baking/cooking to sell and earn for their community. The proceeds of their selling will fund their upcoming activities alike field trip & donations to charity.



PROJECT BASED LEARNING

We are excited to introduce Project-Based Learning (PBL) to our students, a dynamic approach that will empower them to embark on a journey of discovery and self-directed learning. In this exciting endeavor, each student will dive deep into a subject of their choosing, utilizing their ATL (Approaches to Learning) skills to conduct thorough research.

What makes this project even more meaningful is its connection to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. As our students work diligently on their projects, they will explore how their individual passions and interests can contribute to the greater good of the world.

This PBL initiative serves as a stepping stone for our students, preparing them for the IB MYP Year 5 Personal Project. Over the next five months, they will nurture their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, and in March 2024, we will celebrate their achievements with a grand exhibition. We invite you to be a part of this exciting journey, encouraging and supporting your child as they explore their interests, develop important skills, and make a positive impact on our global community.

BRAINSTORMING...



One of the main goals in our 12 to 15 yo class is to support a sense of community in which students refine their ability to recognize one another as valuable people. Recently, our MYP Students had a collaborative work on their group presentation about Atoms, Elements, Compounds, Mixtures, types of mixtures & pure substances. They decided to have a brainstorming to think critically about ideas and solutions and most of all encouraging all students to share their ideas.

Later on, they produced an input to contribute to the success of their work. Bravo for the team work spirit Erkindar class !

MEETING TIME...

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FAMILY PARTNERSHIP.

On September 20th, we hosted our first Family partnership to provide our parents with valuable insights & assistance in navigating the Manage Bac platform, ensuring they have the tools and knowledge to support their children's learning journey effectively.



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THREE WAY MEEETINGS.

October also marked the opening of our Three Way Meetings !

These rendez-vous actively involves parents, students and teachers in reflecting on student progress and setting future goals/targets.

Our Conferences acknowledges the most important participants in the learning process - student, teacher and parent. The goal is to boost family involvement and help promote positive outcomes for your children.

It is the perfect opportunity for our teachers to discuss their observations of the 6 first weeks of the year and share the academic goals set for your child.



MYP HANDBOOK.

MYP parents and teachers had an important meeting to share valuable informations about the Middle Years Program handbook, the rules and general functioning of the class.

The opportunity to ensure that they have a clear understanding of our class's expectations, curriculum and how the MYP program is implemented in the Earth class.

It was a great sharing moment and the perfect occasion to build a strong partnership between parents & teachers, which is vital for our children's success.



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LEARNING NEW SKILLS



October marks the beginning of our extra curriculum activities program. The perfect opportunity for our learners to develop new skills while having a lot of fun.

This year, our children have a large choices of activities such as Pottery, Koding, Chess, Cooking, Hip-hop, Boxe, confidence & emotions classes as well as French Drama workshops !

Last but not least, our leaners have also the possibility to be part of our after school support and choose between French, Arabic and English support classes.

If you would like to enroll, please send an email to officeplanetemontessori@gmail.com

MEET

OUR
DESIGNATED
SAFEGUARDING
LEAD



Hello everyone, nice to meet you! I'm Rens, a passionate educator and safeguarding enthusiast originally from The Netherlands.

I have taught IB History, Social Studies, Theory of Knowledge and MUN, as well as participated in safeguarding programmes, taking numerous trainings to further enhance my learning.

I have also completed a traineeship in Finland, teaching IBMYP. Now, I am honoured to return to Morocco and feel proud to be a part of Planète Montessori's team of professionals."

At Planète Montessori International School, safeguarding the children, young people and adults we work with is our main priority. In line with this, we are committed to making sure that everybody stays and feels safe and comfortable in our premises, or taking resolute action to resolve any situation where this is not the case. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any form of abuse, including bullying and discrimination. Therefore, when incidents do occur, we will follow established disclosure and reporting procedures to ensure the incident is dealt with and the situation is resolved.

Another part of safeguarding and child protection involves mental health and wellbeing. Be this due to stress, unforeseen circumstances or bereavement, there can be many reasons for individuals to be suffering mentally. At Planète Montessori International School, we are committed to breaking the current stigma and work with all our children, young people and adults to support them in their health, learning and growth.

In all of this, your support and feedback is vital in making us succeed and keeping the environments safe for all. Therefore, if you have any inquiries, feedback, suggestions, questions or comments regarding this, please feel free to get in touch with us via our new safeguarding email (pmissafeguarding@gmail.com).

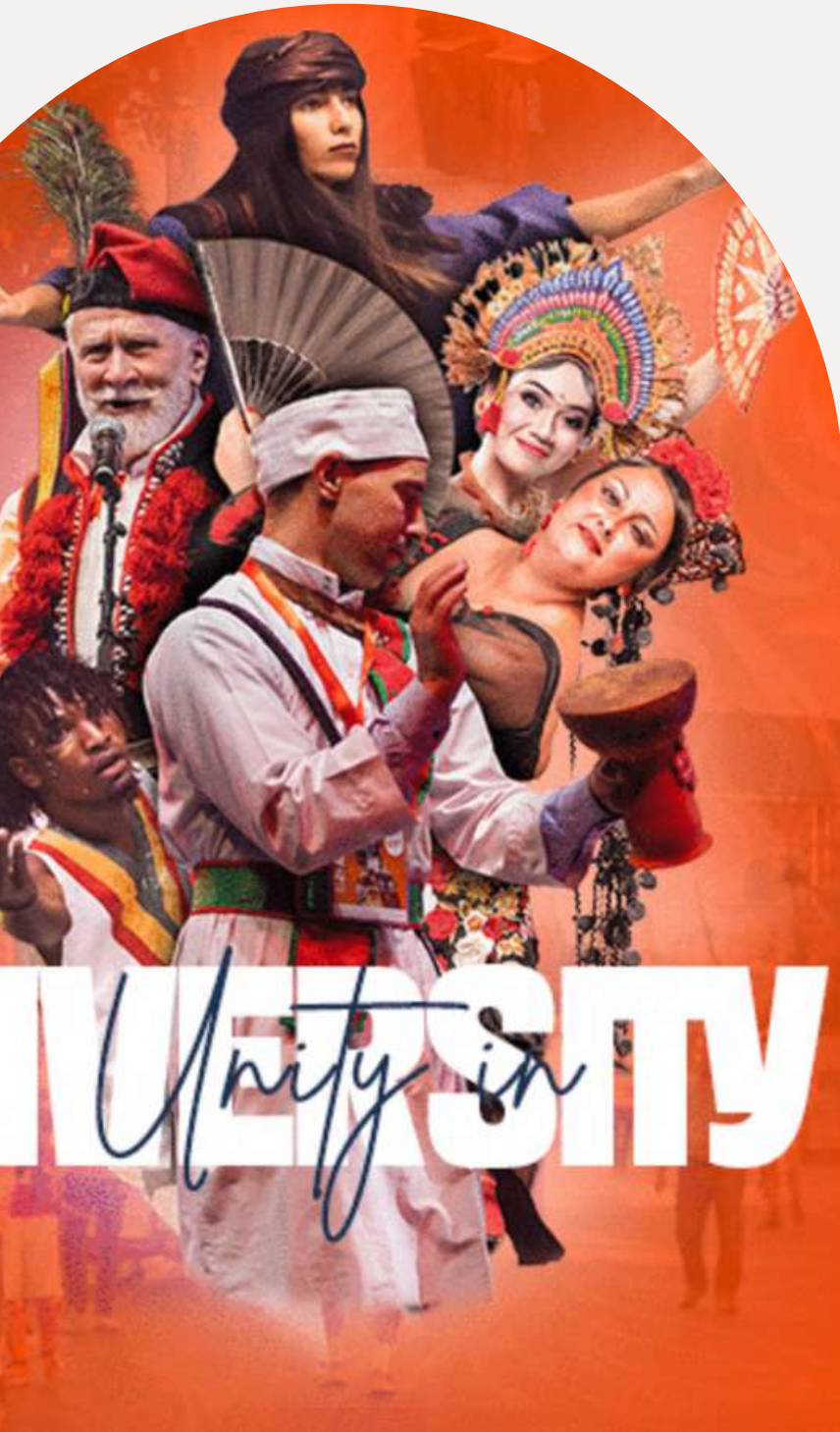


SATURN CLASS

Sneak Peek



MARRAKESH EVENT



We thought that you might be interested to know that the *5th edition of Marrakech International Festival "World Folklore Days"*, opens its curtains to celebrate the best moments of cultural crossbreeding and majestic dance shows from around the world.

The festival stages will be on the most known sites of the city, such as **Les Étoiles de Jemaâ El Fna & Jemaâ El Fna Square**.

More than 600 artists participate in this artistic event. "Several folk dance groups from different countries including Morocco, Estonia, Poland, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Mexico, Ireland , Croatia, Mali, Congo, Algeria, Senegal and other countries"..

World Folklore Days is accessible to all ages !

Save the Date

DAYS

OCTOBER 25-29

LOCATION

MARRAKESH

MORE INFO

[CLICK HERE](#)



contact@marrakechfolkloredays.ma



OUR YOUNG POETS FROM MERCURY AND ATLAS MARS WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH
YOU TWO BEAUTIFUL POEMS, WHICH ARE THE RESULT OF A GREAT COLLABORATION
AMONG OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS !

It's a Beautiful Day!

We're going to have so much fun today!

After having our greetings,

We start with our morning meeting.

Everybody is excited,

To share what they have heard.

From sports to world news,

Everybody is just excited to share their views.

Then we prepare our books,

And start to do our work.

From numbers and shapes,

To readings and experiments, we navigate.

We look forward to recess,

Because here we can play sports,

And bond with our buddies.

Truly we can say,

That it is a beautiful day!

The Ultimate Teacher !

We all need a teacher at every point of our lives.

*A baby needs to learn to sleep, walk and eat
solid foods.*

A child learns how to speak and write.

*As teenager and adults, we need teachers to help
us grow in knowledge and wisdom.*

*While there's a lot we can learn from people, we
need to learn to grow physically, mentally and
academically as well.*

*All that's needed as tools to help us grow in all
seasons have been provided by the Almighty.*

Our teachers are blessings to us from above.

They are patient with us even when we mess up.

*They don't grow tired of us when we make
mistakes.*

*They continue to teach and counsel us because
they love us just as much as the Almighty does.*

Happy reading



Boo!



November **SAVE THE DATE**

NOVEMBER 7TH

Back to school

NOVEMBER 8TH

Green March

Please ensure that your children wear green & red outfit on that day (More informations coming soon)

NOVEMBER 9TH

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

*Topic: Language is the most powerful instrument in human progress
(for 1 to 12yo - More informations coming soon)*

NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH

Book fair - Targa

NOVEMBER 30TH & DECEMBER 1ST

Book fair - Agdal

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

See you on Tuesday. November 1th