



AL MAHD DAY BOARDING SCHOOL

COMPLETE & QUALITY EDUCATION

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2011 - 2012



The School Annual Day



Mr Habib Ahmed Kassim
The Chairman

Al Mahd Day Boarding School celebrated its XIII Annual Day on May 05th, 2012 in its school premises, Saar. The Chairman, Mr. Habib Ahmed Kassim, opened the floor for activities by giving a warm welcome speech to the guests and parents. He praised the staff for their consistent and continuous efforts in imparting quality education. He thanked the parents for their confidence and trust in Al Mahd. He also thanked the Ministry of Education officials for their constant guidance and encouragement and highlighted that as per their guidelines, Al Mahd places a great emphasis on Arabic language, Islamic Studies and civic education.



Mr H G Sharma
The Managing Director

The function commenced with a grand welcome by 56 students from Key Stage I by way of a colourful welcome song. The other highlights of the evening were rhythmic song and dance performances, a wonderful ballet, an English skit - 'A Thousand Cranes' which was based on the suffering caused due to the radiation by the atomic bomb which was dropped on Japan. Last, but not the least, was a traditional dance performance 'Raqsat Al- Ghous'.



30 pupils were awarded trophies and certificates as a token of appreciation for their excellent performance in academics. All Rounder's Trophies were awarded to Sayed Mohammed (Grade I-F), Nala Amirah Putri (Grade II A), Hassan Ali (Grade IV - C), Fatima Ali Khan (Grade V A), Ahmed Sami (Grade V C) and Ali Mohsen (Grade X). The Champion House Trophy was awarded to ARADOUS HOUSE.

Activities during the year

International Peace Day



The International Peace Day was celebrated on September 21, 2011. For the past thirty years, this Global Day of ceasefire and non-violence has called on people to put aside their differences and join together for peace. The students wrote quotations of the great peace makers of the world on placards and displayed them, making a positive contribution to peace in their life. The School Principal, Mr. Rajiv Gautam, released a dove as a symbol of peace commemoration. Students reciprocated their feelings by releasing white balloons.



Investiture Ceremony



The Prefects' Investiture Ceremony was held on September 29, 2011. The newly elected first-line administrators donned the mantle of leadership in the presence of Managing Director, Mr H.G Sharma, teachers and students. The ceremony began with the school prayer and national anthem, followed by the procession of the Prefects, accompanied by their respective House In-Charges. An oath-taking ceremony, was performed by the Prefects with a promise that they would carry out their duties with integrity, faith and excellence. After the oath, the Managing Director pinned on the badges and urged the prefectorial team to set a high standard of discipline, team spirit and leadership qualities.

Vaccination

The students of Grade VII & VIII underwent the vaccination programme organized by The Ministry of Health, Kingdom of Bahrain, on October 16, 2011.

Inter-House Painting/ Colouring Competition

Painting, with appropriate colour and tone, is an excellent mode of creative expression. The Inter-House Painting and Colouring Competition was held on October 6, 2011. In this event various students from all the four houses drew thoughtful and colourful drawings based on the assigned themes.

The winners of the competition were as follows:

- Group A : I Position :Malak Basel Grade I-F
- II Position :Baynat Labeeb Grade I-E
- Group B : I Position :Dana Razi Grade II-F
- II Position :Walaa Sayed Grade II-F
- Group C : I Position :Hasan Ali Hasan Grade IV-C
- II Position : Mariam Mohammed Grade III-F
- Group D : I Position :Fatima Ali Khan Grade V-A
- II Position : Hasan Ali Khan Grade VI-A
- Group E : I Position :Fatima Mohammed Grade IX-A
- II Position : Zainab Ali Grade VII-A

Mass Assembly

The school follows a regular practice to honour the winners of various competitions in the Mass Assembly once a month. The assembly is considered as a major platform where children from different countries join hands together to sing morning prayers, exchange proposed forthcoming schedules, enhance on the public speaking skills by coming forward and speaking on different topics related to career guidance and enrichment of ethical and spiritual values, including 'Did You Know' and 'Thought for the Day'.



Cleanliness Day

Cleanliness Day was celebrated on September 25, 2011 to mark 'World Cleanliness Day'. This is a day to focus our actions and making collective efforts towards protecting the environment from pollution of all kinds. The students were educated to carry out all possible activities that address local environmental issues. There were speeches conducted on the importance of maintaining cleanliness at home, school and all public places.

Inter-House Elocution Contest



Students aged 5 to 14 years participated in the Inter-House Elocution competition held on the October 20, 2011. The young speakers rendered their selective poems with confidence and aplomb. The judgement was based on diction, memory, expression, posture and presentation.

The winners of the competition were as follows:

Group A : I Position : Angkon Amir Grade I-A, II Position : Ayman Jamal Ahmed Grade I-F. Group B : I Position : Omaima Mosharaf Hossain Grade II-A, II Position : Maya Al Alawi Grade II-A, Group C : I Position : Arnav Gautam Grade III-A, II Position : Hanah Ruth Grade IV-A, Group D : I Position : Proma Shil Grade V-A, II Position : Hasan Ali Khan Grade VI-A, Group E : I Position : Mahmood Jassim Grade-X, II Position : Ali Abdul Karim Grade IX-A



Educational Fair

Students of Grade X attended the Educational Fair organized by the British Council on the 21st of November, 2011. A majority of the universities from Britain participated with detailed information about the courses they offered and the payment / discount schemes thereon. The students gained a huge amount of information and guidance regarding their choice of subjects for the IGCSE Exams. They also became aware of the latest subjects/courses that have been introduced. This Educational Fair inspired these students to aspire high and to achieve a great degree of perfection in their studies.

Inter-House Debate Contest

Inter-House Debate Competition is a platform that provides an opportunity to the students to come on the dais and display their oratorical talents. Students aged 11 to 14 years participated in the Annual Inter-House Debate Competition held on November 24, 2011. The contestants were judged on the basis of presentation, pronunciation, subject matter and rebuttal.

The results were as follows:

Junior Group

I Position : Mansi Gautam Grade VII-A

II Position : Ali Abdul Kareem Grade VIII-A

III Position : Fatima Mohsin Hasan Grade VII-C

Senior Group

I Position : Hamad Abdulla Ahmed Grade-X

II Position : Ahmed Abdulla Al Thawadi Grade-X

III Position : Eman Abdul Amir Abbas Grade IX-A



Inter-House Football Competition

In October 2011, 44 students from all four Houses participated in the Inter-House Football Competition. Aradous and Tylos House students battled it out on the field for the Championship Trophy in the final, which was ultimately won by Tylos House.



Inter-House Basketball Competition

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Inter-House Quran Recitation



The Inter-House Quran Recitation Competition was held on November 3, 2011. Students aged 5 to 14 years participated in the final round of the competition. The contestants recited Suras from the Holy Quran and were judged on their presentation, memory and pronunciation. The winners of the competition were as follows:

Group A : I Position : Ali Hussain Grade I-A, II Position : Ali Redha Grade I-H, Group B : I Position : Mariam Mohammed Grade II-A, II Position : Eithar Faisal Grade II-B, Group C : I Position : Ali Hassan Grade IV-B, II Position : Yusuf Ahmed Alatawi Grade IV-B, Group D : I Position : Mariam Jaffar Grade VI-C, II Position : Saud Abdulla Grade VI-C, Group E : I Position : Komail Mohammed Grade IX-A, II Position : Yaqoob Ahmed Yaqoob Grade IX -B.



CIPP Felicitation Ceremony



The Cambridge International Primary Achievement Test and the Cambridge Checkpoint Tests for Grade VI and IX respectively, under the University of Cambridge International Examinations, UK offers feedback on a student's strengths and weaknesses in the key curriculum areas of English, Mathematics and Science. These tests provide an external international benchmark for student's performance and are specially designed for students embarking on 'IGCSE' or 'O' level exams.



The Grade VI subject toppers for the academic year 2010-2011 were as follows:
 English : Mansi Gautam & Sayed Ahmed Hamza
 Maths : Hasan Borhan Hasan
 Science : Mansi Gautam
 A felicitation ceremony to appreciate the efforts of 78 students who successfully underwent the above tests was held on Saturday, 19th of November 2011 where the Honourable Managing Director, Mr. H. G. Sharma, awarded the certificates and trophies to the meritorious students.



Inter-House Fancy Dress Competition

Forty students, wonderfully made up, aged between 5 and 14 years, came in bright colours and participated in a colourful Inter-House Fancy Dress Competition held on 29th December, 2011. It was a fun filled event and the fervent children enjoyed the different roles they played for a day. They were judged on the criteria of confidence, costume/theme and presentation. The winners of the competition were as follows:

Group A : I Position : Aymen Jamal Ahmed Grade I-F, II Position : Zainab Abbas S. Mahmood Grade I-C, Group B : I Position : Hasan Ali Redha Mahdi Grade II-F, II Position : Mariam Mohammed Nabeel Grade II-A, Group C : I Position : Jeganathan Thiresah Grade IV-A, II Position : Hoor Siraj Grade III-A, Group D : I Position : Proma Shil Grade V-A, II Position : Kareem Hassan Abdul Jalil Grade V-B, Group E : I Position : Hamed Abdulla Ahmed Grade-X, II Position : Mohammed Redha Grade VIII-B.



World Children's Day & Road Safety Day

World Children's Day & Road Safety Day was celebrated on November 20, 2011. A variety of programmes were conducted in the school. Speeches were delivered on the importance of Children's Day and the safety rules that need to be followed on road. An interesting quiz programme was organised. Students made the assembly live by exhibiting their hidden talents through a Talent Show and mesmerized the audience. Our young kindergarteners attended school in various types of fancy dresses and enjoyed their special day. Special cards and sweets were distributed to all the students as a token of love by their class teachers.



Inter-House Handwriting Competition

It's not hard to show a child how to form letters and write sentences. The challenge is to motivate him to practise regularly and carefully. The annual event of Inter-House Handwriting Competition ensures that handwriting continues to be an essential part of our educational process. It was held on December 1, 2011 in our school. All the students participated in this competition and strived to submit papers keeping in view the criteria of legibility, neatness, speed and fluency.

The winners of the competition were as follows:

Group A : I Position : Angkon Amir Grade I-A, II Position : Noor S. Saeed Grade I-G, Group B : I Position : Maya Mohammed Osman Grade II-E, II Position: Dana Razi Ebrahim Grade II-F, Group C : I Position : Muhammed Afzal Grade III-A, II Position : Arnav Gautam Grade III-A, Group D : I Position : Orpi Amir Grade IV-A, II Position : Hannah Ruth Gunasinghe Grade IV-A, Group E : I Position : Hasan Ali Khan Grade VI-A, II Position : Reem Hassan Grade V-C, Group F : I Position : Hawra Hussain Abdulnabi Grade-X, II Position : Vanshika Sharma Grade VIII-A.



National Day Celebrations



Al Mahd Day Boarding School celebrated the National Day of Bahrain on December 15, 2011 with verve and enthusiasm. A special assembly was conducted to express gratitude to the Rulers of this land for making this country a beautiful place to live in. The school assembly commenced with the National Anthem of Bahrain followed by traditional songs & dances, quiz competition, poetry recitations and various other programmes related to Bahrain. The whole school was decorated with National Symbols of Bahrain. Students also distributed sweets to mark the occasion.



Bahrain First



The 'Bahrain First' was commemorated on Thursday, December 22, 2011. Students from our school participated in this glorious event which aimed at people's dreams for a better life coming true through Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 approved by His Majesty, King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as a means to develop Bahrain.



New Year Staff Party

The New Year 2012 ushered in with celebrations in the form of a colourful staff party. Dressed in their Saturday best, the school staff gathered for a blast in the multi-purpose hall. The party commenced with the cake cutting by the Principal, Mr. Rajiv Gautam. The day was packed with big fun, games and entertainment for the staff. The teachers displayed various performances like traditional dances and poetry recitations, while some of them expressed their joy singing popular numbers. This was followed by a sumptuous luncheon enjoyed by the whole staff.



Teachers' Workshop

AMDBS organized Annual Workshop for its staff from 29/01/2012 to 02/02/2012 at the school premises in Saar for the teachers of all three branches. The main aim of the workshop was to offer an opportunity to the teachers to improve upon their teaching skills. Our resource person, Dr. Bhramara Madduri, Faculty - Art of Living, imparted specialized information about 'Stress Free Education' and elicited the technique of releasing teaching stress through certain simple exercises.



Inter-House Quiz Competition

Students aged 12 - 15 years participated in the Inter-House Quiz Competition on 23rd February, 2012. They displayed a friendly-competitive spirit and were quite cheerful in their participation. The first position was won by Dilmun House while Tylos House stood second in the competition. The winners were awarded certificates.



Tree Week

On 12th March, 2012 officials from the Northern Area Municipality visited our school to celebrate the Tree Week. There was a presentation on the importance of green environment in controlling the pollution level. The students planted saplings in the school grounds. The plantation drive was an attempt to put emphasis on the need and consequently, the contentment of being close to Mother Nature. T-shirts and caps were distributed to the students by the authorities.



Inter-House Dance Competition

Over sixty students from Grade III - VI participated in the Inter-House Dance Competition held on April 12, 2012.

The students presented colourful dances on the beats of international and Arabic rhythms in the competition. The scintillating performances by the students managed to captivate the audience and left the rapturous crowd with heights of joy and cheer. Awal House won the first position and the second position was awarded to the Aradous House. All the winners were awarded certificates.



Mother's Day

Mother's Day was celebrated on 21st March, 2012. A special assembly was organized by Ms. Afaf Ahmed (students' Counsellor). There was a presentation on a mother's expression of love and warmth towards her children. Students made cards for their mothers and teachers.



Save Electricity & Water

A special assembly was held on April 3, 2012 to mark 'Save Energy & Water Day'. Students talked on tips on saving electricity and avoiding wastage & unnecessary usage of water. The officials - Ms. Nada Ali, Engineering Technician and Ms. Rabia A. Jabbar Al Aurrayed, Sr. Media Specialist - from the Ministry of Electricity & Water, visited our school. They gave a demonstration to students on how to consume and save electricity and water. A Poster competition on the topic "Save Electricity & Water" was also held on this day.



Library Day

Al Mahd Day Boarding School celebrated Library Day on April 23rd, 2012. The day was marked by a Book Fair for the students. Students from Key Stage III visited the Bahrain National Library at Isa Cultural Centre.



Creative Writing

The Creative Writing Competition was held on 1st April, 2012. It aims at developing creative thinking and writing skills of our students and simultaneously improves their skills in English language. Students make a sincere effort to channelize their innovation in a direction where they express their ideas in a simple and interesting way in the form of rhymes or stories. The winners of the competition were :

Group A: I Position : Noor S. Saeed Grade I-G, II Position : Khawla Saeed Grade I-C, Group B: I Position : Nala Amirah Putri Grade II-A, II Position : Humaid Shamil Grade II-A, Group C : I Position: Donya Sayed Hadi Grade III-C, I Position: Arnab Gautam Grade III-A, Group D: I Position: Yahya Sami Ebrahim Grade IV-D, II Position : Ali Raed Al Hashimi Grade IV-B, Group E : I Position : Ahmed Sami Grade V-C, II Position : Shamir Shahzad Grade VI-A, Group F : I Position : Mahmood Jassim Grade-X, II Position : Ali Mohsen Hasan Grade-X.

World Health Day

World Health Day was celebrated on April 8, 2012. Students from all key stages were educated about the importance of intake of vitamins and minerals in their daily diet. The kindergarten had a special assembly where they were shown each vegetable and told about the importance of healthy food. The American Mission Hospital, Department of Dental Services, provided a free dental check-up for our school children on April 9, 2012.



Annual Inter-School Debate Contest

The most exciting and challenging event of the term was the XII Al Mahd Inter-School Debate competition that was held on December 10, 2011, at the School premises in Saar. The School's chairman, Mr. Habib Ahmed Kassim, welcomed the gathering. He underlined the importance of public speaking for pupils and wished best of luck to all participants.

Twenty-eight participants from seven top private schools of Bahrain, including the host school, participated in this event, where the students debated on the following topics:

JUNIOR GROUP : Teenagers Need Parental Supervision

SENIOR GROUP : Nuclear Power Plants should be Dismantled

The students explored all realms of the topics and brought out new points supporting both sides.

The 'AL MAHD INTER-SCHOOL ROLLING TROPHY' was bagged by St. Christopher's School.



Annual Sports Day



The XIII Annual Sports Day of Al Mahd Day Boarding School was held on 1st March 2012, in our school grounds. The children were very energetic and cheerful with the spirit of healthy competition within. The day commenced with the flag hoisting by our Honourable Chairman, Mr. Habib Ahmed Kassim, followed by the national anthem of Bahrain. Thereafter, the Managing Director, Mr. H.G. Sharma, made a welcome address to all our guests and parents and apprised everyone on the school's achievements in sports and games for the current academic year. Around 350 students, aged 5 to 15 years, took part in 50 events. The following were declared the best athletes in their groups:

Tiny-Tots Group: Nala Amirah II-A (Best Athlete-Girls), Bader Fadhel III-E (Best Athlete-Boys).
Sub-Junior Group: Rose Toran IV-C (Best Athlete-Girls), Ammar Yasser III-A (Best Athlete-Boys).
Junior Group: Noor Jalal VII-C (Best Athlete-Girls), Faris Isa VIII-B (Best Athlete-Boys).
Senior Group: Marwa Syed Ali IX-A (Best Athlete-Girls), Hussain Ebrahim IX-B (Best Athlete-Boys).
 The March Past Trophy was won by Awal House and the Over-all Championship Trophy was bagged by Tylos House. Wonderful!



KINDERGARTEN



WELCOME PARTY



CHILDREN'S DAY



COLOUR DAY



EID PARTY

FRUIT SALAD DAY



Tiny-Tots Talent Show



BUBBLES PARTY

SANDWICH DAY



A Welcome Party for the incoming kids was organized on September 22, 2011. Talking of some of the memorable events all through the year, we organized activities like Colour Day, Fruit Salad Day, Sandwich Day etc for our students. Here they related their familiarity to different objects and items with personal experience and fun activities with their teachers. Also, we had excellent moments celebrating the Eid party, New Year's party and Bubbles party. The school further organized a puppet show, conducted by trained professionals who turned the whole crowd crazy with laughter and joy. And of course, we cannot forget the delicacy and sensitivity of the big event in our life - MOTHER'S DAY. Children used their tiny hands and open mind to draw colourful cards and presented gifts to their lovable 'Mother' on this great day.

The Al Mahd Family - students, staff and parents - gathered together on 19th May, 2012 to celebrate the XII Tiny Tots Talent Show. This annual event was a very special day for over 140 kids of Lower Kindergarten who displayed their singing, dancing and acting talents, especially to their lovable parents.

Tiny-Tots Sports Day



The Kindergarten Section of Al Mahd Day Boarding School held its Tiny-Tots Sports Day on March 8, 2012. The Managing Director, Mr. H.G. Sharma, welcomed the invited guests and parents on this occasion. The day began with the national anthem, which was followed by a colourful mass drill performed by 45 pupils. The highlight of the day was a musical physical exercise demonstration by 20 pupils that received a huge applause from the audience. The event was brought to an end by Mr. H.G. Sharma, who awarded prizes to the individual winners.

Science Exhibition



Students participated in the Science Exhibition on 2nd of June, 2012 and presented various working and non-working models in the school hall. The experiments of the young scientists with spectacular demonstrations and enquiry-based reasoning and discussions gave us a glimpse on how far they aim to go in life.



A large section of the parents highly appreciated and applauded the efforts of the proficient students.

Educational Trips

BAPCO



COASTGUARD



ALBA



SOFITEL HOTEL



ASRY



BAHRAIN SPECIALIST HOSPITAL



The impact of field trips extends much further when new educational environments and experiences are possible. Field trips provide valuable educational opportunities away from the classroom, without using textbooks and other tools used in a normal school setting. The school organized various educational trips throughout the year to sites like BAPCO, Coastguard, ASRY, ALBA, Sofitel Hotel, Bahrain Specialist Hospital etc to enhance learning while having fun in a more informal environment.

Fun Trips

Students of Al Mahd Day Boarding School have the advantage to enjoy some of their school days in the form of field trips. It not only helps them to be self-dependent but also helps to foster bonhomie among students. Throughout the year, the students had the opportunity to visit various places like Kids Kingdom, Chakazoolu, Adhari Park, Water Garden, Dolphin Show, Magic Island, Wahoo, Lost Paradise etc. Some of them also enjoyed movies like 'Sherlock Holmes' and 'Hunger Games'. The students had good fun and had a gala time away from the regular routine.

