

Stories from Marka

Mabarrat Um Al Hussein Newsletter



Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of our Mabarrat newsletter, "Stories from Marka". For this issue, we have included updates on some of our main events and activities. Moving forward, we see our newsletter as being a great way for the boys themselves to share their thoughts and achievements with a wider audience, and we look forward to hearing from the new student editorial team once their work is underway!

2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Johud at Al Mabarrat

One of the exciting developments at Al Mabarrat is the new partnership and institutional linkage that were established with the Jordanian Hashemite fund for Human Development (JOHUD) with the appointment of Ms. Farah Daghistani, JOHUD Executive Director as Vice-President of The Mabarrat Um Al Hussein Association.

The Mabarrat is now benefiting from JOHUD'S long years of experience and its expertise in working with youth and social support for vulnerable groups. JOHUD staff is working alongside the Mabarrat to develop institutional capacity, and train its core team, as well as open up new opportunities for the boys and the community around them.

Guests of Al Mabarrat

Both boys and staff are always happy to receive visitors, to share their work and experience. When the Honorary Justice Immam Ali of Bangladesh Chairman of the Supreme Court Special Committee on Child Rights, visited JOHUD and the Mabarrat teams met with him to learn of the inspiring work currently being done in Bangladesh around children's right and social protection for children at risk. Justice Immam Ali then toured the premises, met some of the boys, and shared some valuable insights and thoughts on how to develop work further.



Bridge of Hope Initiative



Thank you to our friends from the UAE for their generous support.

Volunteering At Al Mabarrat

We continue to welcome international volunteers, most recently with the visit of Robert Armstrong Jones and Alastair Cunningham who spent a month teaching English, which the boys greatly enjoyed.

Dear Boys,

Words cannot begin to describe just how much we enjoyed the month that we spent with you. Whether in the dining room, the classroom and even on the football pitch you were so warm and welcoming to us that we instantly felt a part of your family. For that, thank you.

It truly was a family that we witnessed, with the older boys helping and encouraging the younger ones so admirably, especially when trying to translate for us! Although we were there to help you, in many ways you taught us. From basic Arabic language and customs to how to play Warcraft on the computers.

A special mention must be made for your staff, who unfortunately we did not get to properly thank during our final few days. It is really the staff who give Mabarrat its wonderful atmosphere, encouraging you boys to thrive.

We simply cannot thank you enough. We hope that all of you boys continue enjoying your youth in the amazing environment that we shared in and that we will see you again in the future.

Yours,
Alastair and Robert



Bringing Home Gold

We are very proud of our achievements in Judo and Jujitsu, and the five medals brought back from the Jordan National Pro Jiu Jitsu Championship.



Celebrating our Love for Football

We were all very excited to welcome the Jordanian National Football Team, who visited us, and to show them our new football field.

A big thank you to the Ministry of Youth for this wonderful donation.



Family Support Fund

Al Mabarrat continues to reach out to the extended families of boys and their caretakers, to support them with skills and employment opportunities and to try to involve them as much as possible in the boys' lives.

We also wish to build stronger bridges with the local Marka community, as we believe that Al Mabarrat can play a dynamic role as a learning hub and place of exchange, not just for the Mabarrat boys but for Marka youth in general, including girls.

By engaging with the academic and private sectors, business owners, technology companies and training providers, Mabarrat can become a national model, not only as a care institution for vulnerable boys, but as a community youth center, which is part of local community development.



New Appointment

Mr. Ahmad Al Omari was recently appointed as Administrative Director to the Mabarrat. As a former UN Peace Keeper and liaison officer in human rights at the family protection department, as well as a police judge, he brings for more than 20 years of experience to the position.





Our Scholarship Fund

Since the launch of the scholarship fund, a number of students have graduated and are currently in university or professional degree programmes with the support of this important programme, which we seek to expand.



Introducing Members of the Alumni Family

Deyaa arrived at Al Mabarrat when he was only six years old. In 2018, he graduated from the University of Islamic Sciences with Bachelors Degree of Accounting.

The Mabarrat is now helping to find Deyaa suitable employment.

We wish Deyaa every success as he moves forward and congratulate him on all his achievements and hard work.

Celebrating Learning with Dr Munir Fasheh



“Rumi talks about two levels in dealing with life: the level of the branches and the level of roots. Nurturance belongs to the roots, while technical knowledge and skills belong to the branches. Al-Mabarrah works at the two levels; if one level is ignored, the person loses balance and starts limping. The meaning of Al-Mabarrah in Arabic embodies relations, goodness, being truthful, and giving.” Dr Munir Fasheh, Educational Activist from Palestine.

Career Orientation

Providing counselling and guidance to the Mabarrat graduates and networking with potential employers in the private, public and vocational sectors is a vital part of our educational goals. We wish to strengthen this programme with help from all sectors.



New Activities

Our cinema room



Elected Student Council



From left: Ayman Kamal -Yousef Al Nabali - Akram Ayman



Day trips and Excursions



IT Skills



I'zif Music Programme



From the Global Community to Children in Jordan

The International Diplomatic Bazaar 2018

The Bazaar has become a cherished event, not just for the Mabarrat, but for the whole Amman community and its international friends. This year we celebrated the costumes, national products, handicrafts and food of over 60 different countries, with the kind support of the many diplomatic Missions and Sponsors who make it such an annual success.

We would like to thank all the Embassies, Missions and Sponsors for their participation and support. We are committed to continuing strengthen our work to improve the lives of boys and young people for generations to come.



Mabarrat Um AL Hussein

A Home in the Heart of Amman since 1958

The Mabarrat is a home for young boys from the ages of 6-18, who come from challenging backgrounds. We believe that all children and young people deserve to grow and develop in a nurturing and safe environment where they can play, learn and interact with others, while developing skills and knowledge for their future.

The Mabarrat strives to be a centre of excellence for youth and a model institution for children in care, in the local community and beyond.



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