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International Day by: Soraya-Grace

On the 19th of February 2019 AAESS had International Day. Each and every class had a theme; a theme of a different country. My class was Canada because that is where my teacher is from.

The blue area and the Year 3 playground had a bunch of stalls. Each stall had free food from their country. My personal favorite was South Africa's stall because it had so many yummy treats!

Finally, there was some amazing choreography in the country dances. I only saw a few but I bet they were all awesome.

It was another fantastic International Day at AAESS!



British Royal Day by: Al Ghala

On Thursday 24th January our school had a celebration called British Royal Day since our school has a British system. Teachers, children and some parents wore British clothes similar to British people.

Have you ever eaten a cucumber sandwich? Well, we had so many of them because it is a popular food in England.

Many of the children dressed like princesses and princes; especially Kate Middleton. Some people dressed as Queen Elizabeth. They wore that because it is British ROYAL day, which means you could dress like people that are from the Royal Family.

Outside near the Year 3 playground there was a green screen and a photographer who took pictures of classes. It was free! He added a background that was like a castle.

I am sure that people had lots of fun. If you were not there make sure you come to British Royal Day 2020!



Community Spotlight: Artur Zainutdinov

by Alexander

You may know that Mr. T is the teacher of 4A. What you may not know is that he is a talented ice hockey player and plays for the Al Ain Theebs of the Emirates Hockey League (EHL).

At the end of last term, Mr. T introduced me to Artur Zainutdinov, a brilliant young ice hockey player, born in Almet'yevsk, Russia in 1992. He now lives in the United Arab Emirates and has played with the Al Ain Theebs for the last 3 seasons, where he twice led the EHL in overall points with 56 in 2016-17 and 60 in 2017-18.

I asked Artur how much he loved hockey and he responded, "It is my work. It is my life. It is my everything". He has led the league as the top goal scorer for the last three seasons. The most goals he scored in one game was 6 and the team went on to win the game 10-4.

He started playing ice hockey when he was 7 years old, in a 'small' group of 90 children!!! His favourite player is Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals who is one of the top players in the National Hockey League (NHL). He also told me he thought Wayne Gretzky was an 'amazing' player and a 'legend'.

Artur (27) has already played professionally in four countries, Russia, Kazakhstan, France and now the United Arab Emirates. In 2019, he won the UAE President's Cup in Abu Dhabi whilst playing for the team, Storms. He won an international tournament in Kuwait and took 3rd place in the Belarussian Presidents Cup, where they played against the Belarussian President himself!



Artur is enjoying his time here as a player and a coach of the young Al Ain Theebs: five of the players are from AAESS. He told me that every game he plays is hard, and that you need to respect the other team, play hard and be ready for every game. I think this is very good advice.

Artur has a young son at home in Russia, who he is keen to teach hockey, but as he says, "I will see how he feels, but I won't force him. If he doesn't like it then that is okay". He also has 2 cats, 1 dog and a bird.

I enjoyed interviewing Artur. He is a very warm and open man. I wish Artur and the Al Ain Theebs good luck in the league next year. You can catch them down at the Hili Ice Rink starting in August.



AAESS Spotlight: Mr. Scheepers' Codify Life Academy

by Mahmud

If you study at AAESS and you're in Year 4, 5 or 6, you have probably met Mr. Scheepers, the librarian. He recently started a coding club which is held in the school library on Saturdays.

He believes coding is the new literacy of the century and all kids should learn to code. He will teach various coding programs; one is called "Whole New World" and is geared towards 6 year olds. The next one is "CodeRunner" which is for 7 and 8 year olds. A more complex one is "Code Combat", which

is an actual game where you code in Python for your character to do something. The last one is called "Web Development" and it teaches 11-16 year olds how to create websites.

Mr. Scheepers started coding when he was 13 years old, and loved it and continued coding ever since then. He wouldn't consider himself as a coding professional but as more of a sergeant. He continued to code at his college, the University of South Africa. His current thoughts on coding are:

"Coding is the future and everything



involves coding. Every aspect of life has code in it. For example, your car or computer, or even your microwave has some element of coding. The younger you are when you start coding, the better it will be for your future."

If you want to join the coding club, call Codify Life (050-640-2756) or send an e-mail to info@codifylife.org

Teacher Feature

Each issue, two teachers will be interviewed by our intrepid reporters. One will be a 'vet' who has been at AAESS for a couple of years and the other will be a 'rookie' who just joined the school.

The Vet: Ms. Ledger
Role: Head of Year 3
Interviewed by: Avantika



Avantika: How long have you been a teacher?

Ms. Ledger: Over 20 years.

Is teaching hard for you?

In some aspects yes. In other ways it's easy because I've been doing it for a long time.

Do you like teaching?

I really do.

How did you become a teacher?

I just always wanted to be a teacher. I worked at a playschool when I first graduated secondary before I went to university. That made me want to teach even more. I had some very nice teachers when I was in school myself and I thought that's what I want to do.

What did those teachers you mentioned do that made them nice?

They were very friendly, helpful, and taught me a lot.

What do you do in your spare time?.....when you're not marking your children's books?

Ha! That's what I was going to say! Actually at the moment I'm doing a Master's Degree, so my spare time is really spent doing university work. If I have any other spare time aside from that, I like to go to the beach and read.

What are your future career goals?

Someday I'd like to be the deputy- head of a school. I'm not sure I'd like the responsibility of being a whole school principal, but I think I would like to become a deputy-head. I think I have lots of great ideas to share with other teachers.

Do your students think you're funny?

I think they think I'm very funny sometimes, but also very strict at other times.

Is there anything you would like to say to the AAESS community?

All of you are fabulous! I love being part of this community. I never thought I would stay in the UAE for as long as I have, but this community is something very special.

The Rookie: Ms. Taylor
Role: Year 5 Teacher
Interviewed by: Saisha



Saisha: Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Ms. Taylor: I'm passionate about learning new things and I had an excellent experience at school. I knew some people didn't. I wanted my students to have a good experience at school.

Where are you from?

I am from England, but currently live in Australia.

Other than Australia what other countries have you taught in?

It'll be hard to tell you all of them because I have taught in so many but I've taught in South Korea, New Zealand, USA, Spain and France.

Why did you choose those countries?

Because I like to travel and I like to experience new cultures.

When did you start teaching?

I started teaching when I was a babysitter when I was 12 years old. I taught the kids how to read, and I've loved teaching ever since then.

Did anyone inspire you to become a teacher?

Yes, my mum. She's an amazing storyteller, and I thought it would be great to have a job where you could tell stories.

Was it your dream to be a teacher when you were a child?

Actually, when I was very little I wanted to be a ballerina.

What do you do in your spare time?

I love to draw, play the cello and saxophone, sing, read, and take pictures.

Would you consider yourself a good artist?

A practicing artist...there is always something to learn.

How did you hear about AAESS?

A friend of mine knows someone who works here.

How long have you lived in Australia?

I've been in Australia for six years, and I was very excited to come and live in the UAE.

Is there anything else that you would like to say?

I was very excited to move here, I've been here three weeks and I'm loving every minute of it!

The AAESS Primary Tribune Staff



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 CHINA
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THINON'S JOKES AND FUN FACTS

What did the pencil say to the rubber?

Take me to your ruler!

What is a very hard subject?

Geology (the study of rocks)



Did you know?
 When the sun shines all day in the far north, there is 24 hours of darkness in the far south

MAHMUD'S RIDDLE CHALLENGE

At night you try to find me, but I'm hidden from sight.
 You try to hide but I'm everywhere, I am the opposite of light.
 What am I?

If you think you can solve the riddle, put your answer in the "TriRiddle Box" outside Mr. T's classroom. A winner will be randomly selected from all correct answers.

LEILA'S ANIMAL QUIZ

LEVEL 1

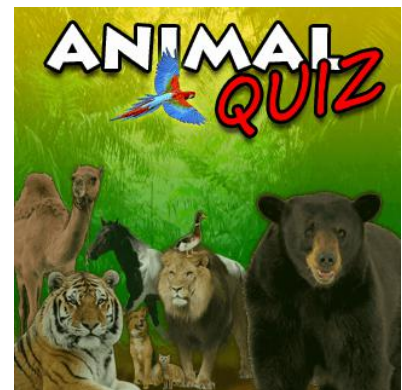
1. I have a long trunk and an ear that looks like Africa. *What am I?*
2. I am the the fastest land animal in the world. *What am I?*
3. I meow when I want food. *What am I?*

LEVEL 3

1. I am known as "the dog of the sea". *What am I?*
2. I am nocturnal and often a symbol of wisdom. *What am I?*
3. I am a type of deer, and can swim almost 10 km/h. *What am I?*

LEVEL 2

1. My name comes from a Greek word meaning "river horse" and I can sleep under water for 30 minutes. *What am I?*
2. I lay eggs and can live up to 120 years old. *What am I?*



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