

Rawdat El-Zuhur

www.rawdat.org

Staff news

Our music teacher Wafa who has been with the school for many years decided to embark on a new life with his family in Canada. Unfortunately the situation in Jerusalem has not been encouraging for the future of the young people, so many of them are seeking new opportunities abroad. He is still looking for a job, but they seem to be settling down well. His children are in school and his wife has already found a job. Not bad for new arrivals.

Luai, the new music teacher, was recommended by Wafa, and he is doing a very good job. The children love him and love his music lessons.

Dawlat, the math teacher got married in April 2013 and is already expecting her first baby. We wish her all the best as she pursues her teaching until it is time for her maternity leave.

Lina, who was the math teacher came back from London for a visit, along with her newborn, Mariam. She is happy in London and enjoying her new life. Of course, she misses the school and the kids really miss her as well.

Introducing the Hebrew Language

With the many challenges facing the Palestinians living in Jerusalem, and especially that all the official documents and transactions are in Hebrew, it was decided to introduce the Hebrew language at the school. Several meetings and discussions took place with the parents and there was a general consensus that there was need despite the irony that Hebrew is the language of the occupying forces. Also, many of the school graduates transfer to municipality schools where Hebrew is a basic language. So as of the new school year 2013/2014 a new teacher, Shireen, was hired for the Hebrew language which will be offered to the higher three grades 4-6.

Different News

UPA Project



The UPA made it possible for the school alumni to get reunited. Throughout the summer holidays, except for the holy month of Ramadan, the alumni enjoyed a variety of activities provided by the



project. Those activities included dance and music workshops as well as science experiments and adventures. With the enthusiasm of those young boys and girls, it was a blessing that we had no explosions at the laboratory. But they did try to be careful and their teacher was very attentive. At the end of the project the group enjoyed visiting a number of sites connecting them with their homeland. It was an opportunity for them to mingle together, have fun while being exposed to the history and geography of the land which is changing on a daily basis.

Glenn, the French Cartoonist visited the school in coordination with the French Cultural Centre in Jerusalem. Glenn wanted the kids to experience a cartoonist point of view. So they were asked to concentrate on portraying a message of a specific character or a personality in a specific position or place. It was not an easy assignment. So after experiencing some difficulties the children eventually understood the concept and enjoyed the experience immensely.



Other activities:

- Fifth and sixth grades trip to some of the depopulated and destroyed villages.
- Fourth and sixth grades enjoyed the films at “Yabous Cultural Center” during the week of children’s films.
- Kindergarten trip to “Ein Yalu” to participate in the olive harvest activities.
- Guests from Scotland in order to establish mutually beneficial relationships with our school and an elementary school in Scotland.

- Science field trip for the first to the fourth grades to the Science Museum where they enjoyed running some experiments.



- An open day for students held in Jericho that included entertainment and competitions



- A science day held during school hours in collaboration with “Bairooni Center”. Various experiments were demonstrated, such as making harps, soap, and telescopes.



Teachers' trainings:

- Training workshops for teachers in collaboration with “Faisal Hussein Foundation” on the topic of active learning.
- Training Arabic, English and Math teachers on how to deal with behavioral problems for children

