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Abu Dhabi Festival – Review of school events ~

The Abu Dhabi Festival was held on Tuesday 24 September. We invited Al Ittihad School to take part in a local school exchange. In the first half of the exchange, an ensemble and chorus performed a welcome performance. The music class results were presented to parents at the *Shoyo-sai* Festival but this time the local school students could also listen. The junior high school chorus sang in harmony and their voices echoed in the gym.

In the second half of the festival, the students created a "store" and had local school students and parents see it. Until last year, students and parents opened "stores" at the "Summer Festival" (people could experience Japanese style summer festival) and enjoyed it in the school. At Abu Dhabi Ondo, which was a popular summer festival, not only all student, but also parents and students from Al Ittihad School were able to dance together and experience Japanese culture. During the festival with the local school, Emirati students explained to the local school students in English and Arabic. Emirati students were active. The next exchange meeting will be in November when 1st~3rd grade students will visit Al Ittihad.



The afternoon was "viewing time" for the students' works. Parents and children enjoyed viewing the works of art, three-dimensional crafts, calligraphy, industrial arts, home economics projects of the students on display in the school. These works were created by the students in each subject this school year. I believe that the parents and guardians felt the daily learning efforts of the students. The last program of the Abu Dhabi Festival was "Performance. The students who had requested to perform gave wonderful performances. They entertained the audience with piano performances, ensembles, comedy, and the Rubik's Cube. The final Performance was a "Bling-Bang-Bang-Born" performance by the elementary and middle school teacher bands. Teachers and children danced to the music. It was the most exciting time of the event.



The ‘Exchange Program with Al Ittihad School,’ the ‘*Shoyo-sai*’, and the ‘Summer Festival’, which were held separately until last year, have been integrated into the ‘Abu Dhabi Festival’. This year is the first edition of the festival. We believe that this integration has provided parents with the opportunity to see our students engage with students from local schools, which you did not have the chance to see before. Our Emirati students naturally acted as a bridge between the local school students and the Japanese students.

We also created opportunities for our students to perform ensembles and choruses for the local school students, as they used to do at the *Shoyo-sai*.

School activities and school events are educational activities that are defined in the Courses of Study and positioned in the educational curriculum. School events” include

- (1) ceremonial events (entrance ceremony, opening ceremony, closing ceremony, graduation ceremony, etc.),
- (2) cultural events (study recitals, music concerts, etc.),
- (3) health and safety and physical education events (physical measurements, field day, evacuation drills, etc.),
- (4) field trips and group overnight events (field trips, school excursions, etc.),
- (5) work production and service events (school event preparation, clean-up, etc.). (e.g., preparation for school events, cleaning, etc.).



Abu Dhabi Japanese School organizes school events such as entrance, opening, closing and graduation ceremonies, physical measurements, evacuation drills, field trips, school excursions, preparation for school events, cleaning, etc., as in Japan, as well as our own unique school events.

Ritualistic events (Flag Day, National Day)

Cultural events (Abu Dhabi Festival, Hyakunin Isshu Contest, Ramadan Meeting)

Health, safety, and athletic events (Japanese Association Sports Day)

Field trips, group residential events (desert activities, junior high school excursion to Athens, elementary school excursion to the UAE), etc.

The powerful ties and deep impressions that are created through activities and interactions with the local community, nature, culture, and people will be a lifetime treasure for each child. School events add color and enrich school life, and we hope that our school events created by Japanese and Emirati students in Abu Dhabi, UAE, will become treasures in their hearts and minds.

At the same time, the school is required to further enhance the quality of students' understanding of knowledge and to cultivate solid academic skills by emphasizing the balance between the acquisition of knowledge and skills and the development of the ability to think, judge, and express oneself, and to nurture the qualities and abilities required in the coming age.

Therefore, this year we are focusing on the careful selection and review of school events that aim to foster “independence, cooperation, and creativity” in students while achieving the purpose of school events. While respecting the traditions that have been handed down since the school's opening, we will carefully select and review each school event to reduce the burden on children and teachers, achieve the objectives of each school event, and make the activities more fulfilling.

In December, we will conduct the “Parents' School Evaluation Survey.” Please write any comments or questions you may have regarding the first Abu Dhabi Festival or school events in the survey. We will use them as a helpful reference for planning school events for next year.

★ Schedule of October and November

日	October	November
1	Tue Sports Class	Fri Flag Day(Plans)
2	Wed	Sat
3	Thu Student Committee	Sun
4	Fri	Mon Sports Class
5	Sat	Tue
6	Sun Eiken	Wed Sports Class
7	Mon Mid-term Exam①	Thu Student Committee
8	Tue Mid-term Exam②	Fri
9	Wed Teachers Training (No EX time)	Sat
10	Thu	Sun Eiken 2nd Stage
11	Fri	Mon Sports Class
12	Sat	Tue
13	Sun	Wed Sports Class Committee Meeting
14	Mon PJC Exam	Thu
15	Tue G7,G8 School Trip	Fri
16	Wed	Sat
17	Thu	Sun
18	Fri	Mon Term-end Exam①
19	Sat	Tue Term-end Exam②
20	Sun	Wed
21	Mon	Thu
22	Tue	Fri
23	Wed	Sat
24	Thu Open School	Sun
25	Fri Open Class	Mon Sports Class
26	Sat	Tue Open School
27	Sun	Wed
28	Mon Sports Class	Thu
29	Tue	Fri National Day Event (Plan)
30	Wed	Sat
31	Thu	

- ✓ Oct 6 Eiken
- ✓ Oct 7-8 Mid-Term Exam for G7-9
- ✓ Oct 15-17 School Trip (G7-8)
- ✓ Oct 24 Open School
- ✓ Oct 25 Open Class
- ✓ Nov 1 Flag Day (Plan※)
- ✓ Nov 10 Eiken 2nd stage
- ✓ Nov 18-19 Term-end Exam
- ✓ Nov 26 Open School
- ✓ Nov 29 National Day Event (Plan※)
- ※ Possible changes

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