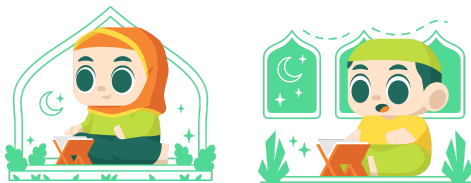




## WE ARE READY TO CELEBRATE HALA FEBRUARY



### Isra and Miraj



The Divine Journey of Isra and Miraj

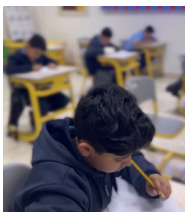
### How Well do You Know Kuwait?



10 Interesting Facts About Our Country

### Mid Term Exams

#### Exams Check-In: How Did You Do?



We asked some students from Elementary, Mid, and Highschool how did they do in the Mid Term Exams. Check their feelings and if you share the same opinion.



**Our Library is Looking Good!**

The books are waiting for you.

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# Isra' and Mi'raj

by Editorial Team

## Summary

The Isra' and Mi'raj are the two parts of a Night Journey that Muslims believe that the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) took during a single night around the year AD 621. Scholars agree that the journey was both a physical and spiritual one. A brief mention of the story is found in the 17th surah of the Quran, called al-Isra', while details of the story are found in the hadith.

In the Isra' ("Night Journey"), prophet Muhammad said to have traveled on the back of Buraq to Al-Aqsa, where he led other prophets including Ibrahim, Musa, and Isa in prayer.

Prophet Muhammad then ascended into heaven during the Mi'raj, where he individually greeted the prophets, and later spoke to Allah, who agreed to lower the number of required ṣalāt from 50 a day to only five. The journey and ascent are marked as one of the most celebrated dates in the Islamic calendar—27th of the Islamic month of Rajab.



## Definition of Isra'

The journey began when prophet Muhammad was in the Great Mosque in Mecca, and Jibra'il came to him, and brought Buraq. Buraq carried prophet Muhammad to the "farthest place of worship". Prophet Muhammad alighted, tethered Buraq and performed prayer, where on Allah's command he was tested by Jibra'il.



## Definition of Mi'raj

In the second part of the journey, of Mi'raj, Jibra'il took him to the heavens, where he toured the seven stages of heaven, and spoke with the earlier prophets such as Ibrāhīm, Musa, Yaḥyā ibn Zakariyā, and Isa. Prophet Muhammad was then taken to Sidrat al-Muntaha - a holy tree in the seventh heaven that Jibra'il was not allowed to pass. Allah instructed prophet Muhammad that Muslims must pray fifty times per day; however, Musa told prophet Muhammad that it was very difficult for the people and urged prophet Muhammad to ask for a reduction, until finally it was reduced to five times per day.





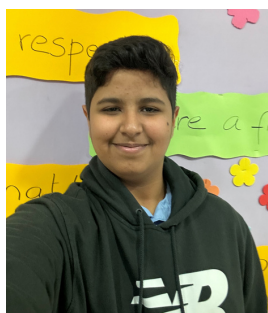
# HOW DID YOU DO IN YOUR EXAMS?

by Editorial Team



**Sulaiman Aqeel - Grade 5B**  
I think the exams went very well. I really like Science and Math so I think I did well in both. I like to study! I would like to be an Engineer when I grow up so I need to be very good at Math. I will get a good mark in English too.

**Reem M.Y.A - Grade 8H**  
My exams went very well. I've been studying for a month and preparing for them. I think my best exams were Science, English and Arabic. I studied very hard! Studying is very important for a bright future. I would like to be a Dermatologist or Plastic Surgeon.



**Nasser Naif - Grade 9A**  
I am very happy with my exams. Everything went well. My favorite subject, the one that I like to study is Islamic. I thought that the English exam was very easy. At least for me. I would like to follow the Diplomatic Career so I will study hard to achieve it.

**Muadh Ibrahimi - Grade 8B**  
I think the exams were easy. Math, Science, and English were the easiest for me! We'll see how much I get. I would like to be a pilot when I grow up and I am studying hard to achieve my goals.



**AGBS is sure you all did very well!**

**Fajer Aldhafiri - Senior**  
Personally, it went very smoothly. I faced no difficulties at all, since our School was generous enough to give us plenty of time to revise before the exams. I'd say in comparison with all the exams I've taken, the easiest and most enjoyable for me was the English exam. The composition section was my favorite since it allowed me to write down my thoughts while filling the paper with English words and terminology that I picked up from my wonderful teachers and for whom I am incredibly grateful to.



**Saif Mohammed - Grade 6A**  
I think I did very well in all my exams. My favorite one was Arabic. It was very easy for me. I did also well in Math, Science, and English. I like to study but not that much. When I grow up, I think I would like to be a Dentist, but I am not sure yet.

**Ashwaq M. - Grade 8H**  
I believe I did very well in my exams. Math and Science exams were very easy for me. I like to study. I think I also did very well in English. Let's see how much I will get. I would like to be an Art Teacher when I grow up.



**Osama Aleyada - Senior**  
I think I did well in all the exams however Math was a bit hard for me. I really like to study but Math is harder than the other subjects. After graduating I might go to Saudi Arabia to study. I would like to be a Plastic Surgeon.

# Hala February

by Editorial Team

## National Day

### A CELEBRATION OF UNITY AND HERITAGE

On February 25, 1961, Kuwait gained full independence from British protection, marking a significant milestone in the country's history. After years of British influence, Kuwait emerged as a sovereign nation, free to govern its affairs and shape its destiny. The United Nations and other countries extended their congratulations and support to Kuwait, solidifying its place among the family of nations.

Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Kuwait's ruler at the time, played a crucial role in guiding the country towards independence. His leadership and vision laid the foundation for Kuwait's development as a modern and prosperous nation.

On Kuwait's National Day, flag-raising ceremonies take place across the country, symbolizing national pride and unity. Children participate by waving flags and singing patriotic songs, expressing their love for Kuwait.

Kuwait's National Day is a time-honored tradition that brings together people of all ages to celebrate the country's independence and heritage. For kids, it's a day of pride, patriotism, and learning about the history and culture of their beloved Kuwait. As they participate in festivities and activities, children deepen their appreciation for their country's past and its promising future.



The Kuwaiti flag is horizontally striped green-white-red with a black truncated triangle. The colors are associated with a poem written in the 13th century by Şafī ad-Dīn al-Ḥillī. He spoke of the green fields of the Arabs, the black battles they face, the white purity of their deeds and the red blood on their swords.

## Liberation Day

### A TALE OF COURAGE AND FREEDOM

Kuwait's Liberation Day, celebrated on February 26th, is the occasion that commemorates the end of the Gulf War and the restoration of Kuwait's sovereignty.

In August 1990, Kuwait faced a threat when Iraqi forces invaded the country, leading to the occupation of Kuwait. Kuwait's sovereignty was violated.

The international community rallied behind Kuwait's cause, condemning the invasion and calling for the withdrawal of Iraqi forces. A coalition of nations, led by the United States, launched Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait and restore its independence. Kuwait was finally liberated from Iraqi occupation on February 26, 1991, having its sovereignty restored, and marking a triumph of courage, determination, and international solidarity.

Kuwait's Liberation Day is marked by flag-waving ceremonies, symbolizing the resilience and unity of the Kuwaiti people. Is an opportunity to pay tribute to the brave soldiers and citizens who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of Kuwait. Children proudly display the Kuwaiti flag and celebrate their country's freedom, carrying forward the legacy of their ancestors and the promise of a brighter future for their nation.





# 10 FACTS ABOUT KUWAIT



by Editorial Team

## **The name Kuwait means “Fort”**

"Kuwait" is derived from an Arabic word meaning fort. Until the 18th century, Kuwait hardly had any settlements, but the area was visited by nomads who would come and go. However, when drought struck the desert area that the nomads depended on for their survival, they started settling down near the coast of the Arabian Gulf in what is today Kuwait. They fortified settlements in the area from where the name Kuwait was derived.

## **Kuwait has the World's Sixth Largest Oil Reserve**

Kuwait holds 8% of the world's oil reserves. It has the world's sixth-largest oil reserve. It claims to hold about 104 billion barrels of oil with most of it (70 billion barrels) being located in the Burgan field.

## **The Kuwaiti Dinar is the World's Highest-Valued currency**

The Kuwaiti dinar is the currency of Kuwait. It is sub-divided into 1,000 fills. As of October 2019, it is the world's highest-valued currency unit per face value. The dinar was introduced in 1960 in Kuwait.

## **Kuwait has the largest Opera House in the Middle East**

The JACC or Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre is an opera house and a cultural center located in Kuwait City. It is the largest of its kind in the Middle East. It was founded by Amiri Diwan to entertain and educate the Kuwaitis. The venue hosts libraries, cinemas, exhibition halls, concert halls, theaters, etc. The entire complex has an area of 214,000 square meters.



JACC or Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre

# 10 FACTS ABOUT KUWAIT

## **Expatriates constitute 70% of Kuwait's population.**

Kuwaitis are not the majority in the country. Expats make up most of the country's population. Most of the expats live in Kuwait City where they are employed in various sectors of the economy. Indians constitute the largest expat community followed by Egyptians that make up the second-biggest expat community. Pakistanis, Syrians, Iranians, Palestinians, Filipinos, and Turks are also present in the country in significant numbers.

## **Sadu Weaving is an important traditional craft in Kuwait.**

Al Sadu is an ancient craft of tribal weaving practiced by the nomads of Arabia. The craft portrays the traditional tribal lifestyle of the people in the form of geometric and figurative symbols and patterns. Camel is prominently featured in such a craft. In Kuwait, there are two primary settings for Al Sadu, the home of the nomadic Bedouin and the desert. You can learn about the history of this ancient craft at the Sadu House in Kuwait City. It was founded in 1980 to protect the ethnic handicrafts of the Bedouins.



## **Kuwait is the first country to introduce camel racing with robotic jockeys on board the animals.**

Camel racing is popular in Kuwait and since 2005 we are using robots as jockeys after children were banned from the sport. Humanoid jockeys, specifically developed for the purpose, are the size and shape of small boys and are operated by remote control.

## **Kuwait was the first Arab country in the Gulf to have an elected parliament.**

In 1963, following independence in 1961, elections were held for the National Assembly.

However, women were not allowed to vote in Kuwait until 2006 when they took part in elections for the first time after a long fight for suffrage.

## **Kuwait has no renewable freshwater resources.**

The country relies solely upon saltwater desalination plants for freshwater. Kuwait is devoid of permanent rivers and lakes, which means that it has no fresh-water sources above the ground. It uses wells and performs desalination of sea water for drinking and other purposes. However, Kuwait has some of the largest and most advanced desalination plants in the world to produce water for its consumption.

## **Kuwait has the 15th-tallest sculpted tower in the world.**

The Al Hamra Tower. Located in Kuwait City, it is also the country's tallest tower and the 23rd tallest in the world. It took almost six years to complete. It is 414 meters tall with 80 floors.



The Al Hamra Firdous Tower is a skyscraper in Kuwait City. It is the tallest building in Kuwait. The construction of the skyscraper started in 2005 and it was completed in 2011. Designed by architectural firms Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Ramshir and Callison, it is the tallest curved concrete skyscraper in the world, and the thirty-sixth tallest building in the world at 414 m.





## Elementary Teachers' Team Building Day Building a Stronger Team

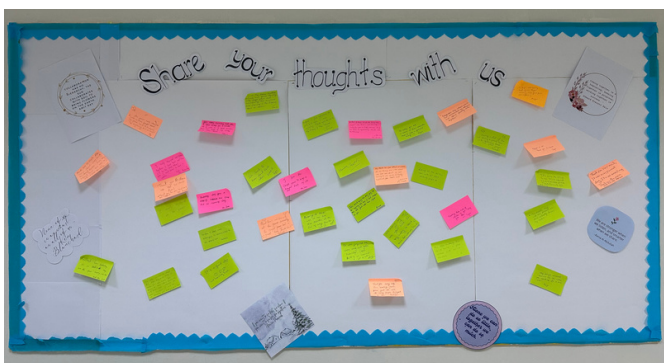
by Editorial Team

On the 17th of January, Elementary Teachers had a fun day, bonding with their colleagues while engaging in games that created a positive and uplifting atmosphere. From collaborative activities to friendly competitions, the day was all about developing a supportive and united teaching community. We laughed and learned, as we embarked on a journey of teamwork, spirit of togetherness, friendship, and camaraderie among the teachers and assistant teachers.

Team building activities provide opportunities for individuals to showcase their strengths and talents, in a relaxed and informal setting that can boost morale and motivation within teams. As individuals feel valued and appreciated, they are more likely to be motivated to work towards shared goals. Through shared experiences and challenges, individuals develop trust, respect, and rapport with one another, laying the foundation for effective teamwork. Through observation and participation, team leaders can identify each team member's unique abilities and areas for development. This insight can inform future team assignments, training programs, and professional development initiatives.

Team building activities encourage open communication, active listening, and the exchange of ideas. By working together to solve problems, team members learn to communicate more effectively and understand each other better.

Overall, it was a very successful day, where one inspired the other to bring their best selves to the classroom every day. By investing in these events, AGBS fostered a positive and supportive culture that values the well-being and happiness of its teachers.



Teachers were requested to write their impressions through the day and place them on a board.



# AGBS LIBRARY

by Editorial Team



The School Library is all set and ready for you to explore.

Whether you're an avid reader or just beginning your literary journey, whether you're on the lookout for thrilling adventures, fascinating facts, or a quiet nook to dive into your studies, there's a world of knowledge and imagination waiting for you on Library's shelves.

Need help finding the perfect book? Your teacher will be there to assist you in discovering your favorite books and guiding you towards the genres that match your interests and passions.

So, grab your curiosity and let's make this school year a journey of wonder and discovery through books.

Your next great adventure awaits!

## LIBRARY Rules!



1. Ask if you need help.
2. Be respectful of others.
3. Read and talk quietly.
4. Have your hands clean when reading.
5. No food or drinks are allowed in the Library.
6. Keep the Library clean.
7. Treat the books with respect.
8. Always walk, never run.
9. Enjoy reading.
10. Return the books to the designated area.

## Books' Corner

ENJOY A BOOK AT  
DISMISSAL TIME



As the school day ends and before you head home, grab a book, get a chair, and allow yourself to be transported to another world while enjoying the magic of reading.

At the dismissal area you will find a cart with your favorite books.







## Let's Pick Up a Book! Embark in a Great Adventure

by Editorial Team

The impact of reading on young minds transcends the pages of books, by opening doors to endless possibilities, emotional intelligence, and academic success.

The habit of reading from a young age is the foundation for a lifetime of learning, imagination, and personal growth. By cultivating the love for reading from the earliest stages of development, parents and educators empower children to explore the world, expand their horizons, and fulfill their greatest potential.

Reading improves your vocabulary, your language skills, and enhances your ability to communicate effectively. The more you read, the more proficient you become at expressing yourself eloquently and persuasively.

When you read you develop the ability to think critically and make informed decisions. Reading enables you to draw connections between ideas, exposes you to information, and perspectives. Every book you read is an opportunity to learn something new.

Reading also sparks your imagination, curiosity, and creativity.


Books have the power to transport you into the lives of others, fostering empathy and understanding, you gain insight into diverse experiences, cultures, and perspectives, nurturing compassion and tolerance.

Whether you're reading a captivating story, exploring the wonders of history and culture, each page you turn opens your mind and takes you to a better understanding of the world.

Reading is a lifelong journey of discovery and growth. Make it a habit to set aside time each day to read for pleasure. With just a flip of a page, you can be taken away on a thrilling journey to far-off lands, meet fascinating characters, and embark on epic journey. That's the power of a good book – it's an adventure waiting to unfold right in the palm of your hands.

As you embark on this adventure, we encourage you to embrace the magic of books and let your imagination soar. Let yourself get lost in the pages of a story.

So, pick up a book, open your mind, and let the journey begin!



# STARS *of the month*

by Editorial Team



**Abdullah Meshail is in Grade 5B.**

He is “great in drawing and football”.

He says he really likes Math and he also loves the School Library because “it’s very quiet and in the Library we have fun”.

When he grows up, he wants to be a football player.

“My dream is to be a great football player like Ronaldo”.

Abdullah, AGBS will be rooting for you!

**Wedian A. Alsulaili, from Grade 5H,** is a very talented student. She writes creative stories and she likes to paint too.

She says she wants to be a doctor when she grows up because she “can help people to feel well and not sick”. She didn’t decide it just yet, as she said that maybe she will be a Fire Fighter instead, “to rescue and help people”.

What we know for sure is that Wedian has a big heart!





# GOOGLE AI:

## A TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION CHANGING THE WORLD

by IT Department - Mr. Ahmed AISayed

Google AI is one of the most significant technological innovations of our time. Through its massive investment in this field, Google strives to improve people's lives and make the world a better place.

### A History of Achievements:

Google's journey in AI began in 2011 when it established a dedicated research and development team. Since then, the company has achieved remarkable successes, including:

- **AlphaGo:** An AI program that defeated the world champion in the game of Go in 2016.
- **Google Translate:** A language translation tool used by millions of people worldwide.
- **Google Assistant:** A smart assistant that helps users accomplish various tasks.
- **Google Photos:** A photo editing app that relies on AI to organize and enhance photos.

### Broad Applications:

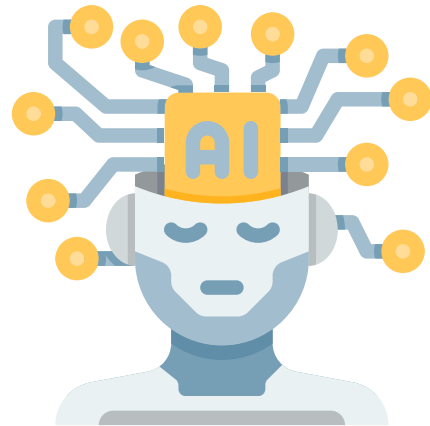
Google AI is used in various fields, including:

- **Medicine:** Assisting doctors in diagnosing and treating diseases.
- **Education:** Providing personalized learning experiences for students.
- **Transportation:** Developing self-driving cars.
- **Business:** Improving operational efficiency and increasing profits.

### Challenges and Concerns:

Despite its many benefits, AI raises some challenges and concerns, such as:

- **Job losses:** Automation of certain tasks may lead to job losses.
- **Bias:** AI systems may suffer from bias against certain groups.
- **Privacy:** User data may be used unethically.



### A Promising Future:

Google continues to invest in AI and plans to use it to solve various problems and challenges facing the world. By collaborating with researchers and communities, Google aims to ensure that AI is used responsibly and ethically.

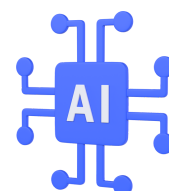
Conclusion:

Google AI is a technological revolution that is rapidly changing the world. Through its diverse applications, this technology helps us improve our lives and make the world a better place.

**In addition to the above, here are some key points to consider:**

- Google AI is committed to responsible innovation and ethical use of AI.
- Google AI is working to address the challenges and concerns raised by AI.
- Google AI is collaborating with researchers and communities to ensure that AI benefits all of humanity.

**The future of Google AI is bright, and it has the potential to revolutionize many industries and improve our lives in many ways.**



# AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY



On the 7th of February, we will host the Parents Meeting.

AGBS will celebrate Hala February. Many activities will take place during the whole month. Stay tuned!

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