

# EMIS NEWSLETTER 2022

**In these times of isolation and quarantines, we have a lot to share with you.  
Let's stay connected!**

**Click on the photo below for a surprise Happy Holidays greeting from EMIS!**



This semester, students had a glorious in-person start at EMIS. While around the world, COVID affected teaching worldwide, at EMIS, we were lucky enough to have a start unaffected by the pandemic.

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May all of our students enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to seeing them all back and refreshed next year."

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## CULTURAL EVENTS

On Culture Day, EMIS students organized a day of fun activities where everyone can express, show, and share a bit of their culture with the community. This year, students presented workshops of Albanian folk dances, Mongolian dances, and games, Dutch games, Japanese onigiri, Palestinian dances, and Chinese traditional dish making. Students wore traditional costumes and walked the runway to show off their native dress. The day ended with a dance party during which everybody could taste traditional foods and desserts that students prepared. From La Macarena to Cotton Eye Joe and Jerusalema - the event finished with joyful dances, shouts, and laughs all around campus.

It is always so moving to see the melting pot of cultures bringing the school of change to life!





# YOCOPAS

This year was our seventh annual YOCOPAS!

We were so happy to hold a live conference with guests after having to hold it online last year due to Covid. We had 150 guests attending from local schools even though we missed all our regular attendees from foreign schools.

This year's YOCOPAS theme was narratives, and the long weekend was filled with learning, interactions, and productive discussions. Students could choose from 18 different workshops and activities dealing with important topics, such as sustainability, activism, peace, power of language, and narratives.

Guest speakers gave engaging lectures about the importance of education for peace and the power of storytelling, and students engaged in a beautiful exchange of their cultures through dance. Every face was painted with a smile.

After an activity-packed weekend, the YOCOPAS conference ended with an inspirational workshop about dreaming big. Click [here](#) to watch YOCOPAS' introduction video!



# TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

DP1 and pre-IB students began their introduction to the region's ecology with a trip to the northern coastal area. They were introduced to the flora and fauna of the region, heard from experts on ecology and sustainability, and explored the dynamics of the mixed city of Haifa.



## EMIS TEAM BECOMES A FINALIST OF THE ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

EMIS's Physics students **water from air team** led by Dr. Bob Roach, have reached the final round of the 2022 Zayed Sustainability Prize. Moving to the final stage, they stand a chance of bringing their project - Water from Air to life and expand their impacts in addressing the environmental issues the world is facing.

[The video here](#) is a brief introduction of the project where the team explains how their machine can help to address the problem of water scarcity.

The team is now working hard on developing their project and they're more than excited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Expo 2020 Dubai, where the winners will be announced! The event will be hosted on Monday, 17 January 2022 at the Dubai Exhibition Centre, following the Opening Ceremony of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW). We wish them luck!





# GREEN UP SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

## People's Climate March Tel Aviv 2021

This semester has been full of activism, leadership, and advocacy related to critical environmental issues. Over 1/3 of the students have participated in a community-based activity or action in the last two months. A highlight was joining thousands of people to march through Tel Aviv, demanding climate action from our leaders!



## World's Biggest Beach Clean Up in Jaffa and Bat Yam

People gathered at clean-up events all over Israel, spanning the coast from north to south, to raise awareness about the importance of marine protection and conservation. This clean-up raised issues about protecting the sea, managing waste, and more. 30 EMIS students spent the morning cleaning two beaches in Southern Tel Aviv and Bat Yam.

## Climate Friendly Tree Planting in Jajulia

A continuation of our activism that took place on Earth Day 2021, 25 EMIS students traveled to a nearby city to support the non-profit organization "Good Energy Initiative" in their mission to transform abandoned urban spaces into urban forests. Our students and other local youth planted young trees and then visited local cultural sites to get to know the area.



# IA'S IN THE SCIENCE LAB

Students had an intense week of scientific activity in the lab, finishing their IA's. An IA is an individual assessment evaluated by the subject teacher with a list of criteria and is usually focused on some subject-related work

In their white lab coats, gloves and goggles, students knuckled down to their individual laboratory experiments in preparation for their individual research papers under the watchful eye of Dr. Irit Shanas and lab technician Billal.



# WHITE NIGHT

White night means staying awake all night, doing amazing workshops!  
There were so many activities to choose from!

In the art studio - Art students had a long session with a live model

In the dance studio - dance students had a workshop with a professional dancer

In Charney hall - Students played some drama games, danced, and sang to musical theatre songs

Rayushka dance hall - A dance workshop in complete darkness!

Volleyball court - speed dating

In the classrooms: Learn the basics of ASL and CODA culture, chess tournament, pillow-talk, and many more.....





# *Shout out to EMIS staff!*

Not only students are active at EMIS!

Our amazing staff took excursions to Jerusalem and an interfaith cultural visit to Jaffa.

They need to regenerate from their hard work preparing lessons, grading papers, and taking care of all our outstanding students.

Special thanks to our wonderful boarding staff.



## **ATTENTION TO THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT...**

# APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Do you know anyone who is aged 15-17 who would thrive at EMIS? Tell them all about your amazing adventure in Israel, and share our recruitment material.

EMIS is now recruiting applicants for 2022-23, and you can help!

Who better to promote EMIS than the people who have firsthand experience?

We want passionate, creative, and diligent students just like our alumni – please help us find them!

We are still living our mission as a school for the change, working towards education as a force for peace and sustainability in the Middle East!

**Thank you for staying updated until the end!  
as a gift, here is a motivational gif!**



**Happy New Year!**