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ONE OF ALDAR
ACADEMIES'
PREMIER
SCHOOLS
IN ABU DHABI.**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am pleased to introduce you to Al Muna Primary School, a happy , successful school in the heart of Abu Dhabi.

We work to make learning fun and relevant and we are proud of the progress students make here. We work closely with families to ensure they are able to work with us to support students' learning and involve them in the life of our busy community school.

Outstanding teaching and the use of first-class resources and facilities ensure we deliver a rich and varied curriculum in an inspiring, creative and memorable way. We aim to instill in all our students the core values of co-operation, consideration, courtesy and common sense, enabling them to grow into globally-minded individuals fully equipped to make a positive contribution to the future.

Through developing strong relationships with our community, we are committed to 'Achieving Excellence Together'.

Thank you for considering entrusting your child's education to Al Muna Primary School. We hope you join thousands of other parents who have chosen an Aldar Academies school as the stepping stone to their students' future.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Wayne Howsen
Principal

LEADERS OF EDUCATION

ABOUT ALDAR ACADEMIES

An education is one of the most valuable things we can possess. It influences how we see the world and contribute to it, which is why it's so important to choose the best school for your children.

As Abu Dhabi's largest and leading education provider, Aldar Academies aims to be your first choice.

From one 247-student facility in 2007, we've grown into a highly sought after institution supporting over 5,000 pupils across six academies in Abu Dhabi and one in Al Ain.

Today, we are led by three simple commitments: our purpose, our promise, and our values.

Our purpose is to empower the next generation to shape our future, and to do so, we promise to deliver the highest standards of education and inspire a love of learning. In all that we do, our values of excellence, creativity, passion, respect, and collaboration are unshakeable.

These commitments shape our entire curricula, which is specially adapted to the UAE and taught by teachers of international calibre and experience. Together, this gives our students a highly relevant education taught in a stimulating, multi-cultural setting, where intellectual development is nurtured alongside personal growth.

And to deliver the education most suited to our students' ambition, we offer the respected English National Curriculum with an international dimension, the highly ranked American Massachusetts State Curriculum, and the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

Ranked "Outstanding" by the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC), Aldar Academies is the trusted name in educational excellence across Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.



OUR PURPOSE

EMPOWERING OUR NEXT GENERATION TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE

This is our “**big idea**”. It is what we are determined to achieve and the legacy we wish to leave. It is our intention and what we want to ensure happens.

OUR PROMISE

DELIVERING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND INSPIRING A LOVE OF LEARNING

This is our commitment.
This is what we do as a team every day.
This is what others can expect from us and what we can expect in return.
This is the way we do things.

OUR VALUES



EXCELLENCE

What we do, we do very well.

We all help students learn and achieve the highest standards. We employ the best quality people. We deliver value and quality beyond expectations. We achieve peak performance by investing in the best techniques, creating and sharing exceptional facilities and using the latest technologies. We encourage and actively support personal and professional development. We act with integrity and continually learn and improve.



CREATIVITY

We dream big!

We believe that imagination, creativity and big dreams can change our world! We are focused on improvements and solutions. We empower our staff and students to be innovative, unconstrained and change our world. We celebrate thinkers and doers. We celebrate new ideas and nurture them.



PASSION

We have fun and energy.

Passion is at the heart of who we are. We want to shape a better future. We are committed in our hearts and in our minds. We feel strongly about things. We inspire. We are driven, enthusiastic, positive and ambitious. We are excited about the future. We are continuously moving forward, innovating and improving things.



RESPECT

We care.

We are welcoming. We listen. We care for all people and our environment. We promote understanding and learning. We do what is right, rather than what is easy. We know it takes people with different ideas, strengths, interests and cultural backgrounds to help us all succeed. We are each important and unique.



COLLABORATION

We do things better, together.

We value teamwork and doing things together. We help each other. We achieve our goals together. We share ideas, best practices, resources, processes and opportunities. We understand the importance and values of others. We communicate well. We share the love of learning and empowering the next generation. We know the power of collective genius.

CURRICULUM



Key stage 1 - 2



THE CURRICULUM FOLLOWED IS THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM FOR ENGLAND, WITH ADDITIONAL LESSONS IN ARABIC LANGUAGE, ISLAMIC STUDIES AND SOCIAL STUDIES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UAE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

We teach the English National Curriculum, with additional lessons in Arabic Language, UAE Social Studies and Islamic Studies (for our Muslim students) to meet the requirements of the UAE Ministry of Education.

The National Curriculum for England defines two 'key stages'; Key Stage 1 through 2. In addition to offering education from Key Stage 1 to 2, we offer Foundation classes for 3 to 5 year olds.

In planning the curriculum and putting it into practice, we ensure that excellence is pursued and valued, that lessons are challenging and have pace and direction. Whether the students are taught individually, in groups or as part of a whole class, the teaching meets their individual needs. Certain experiences, knowledge and skills that we promote are essential to the well rounded development of every pupil and form the basis to future learning.

A Whole School Curriculum Plan, based on the National Curriculum for England, serves as a framework for our teaching and learning and helps ensure consistency and continuity between classes and across Year Groups. Students are assessed after entry to the school and on an ongoing basis throughout the academic year. Assessments enable every child's progress to be carefully tracked. At the start of each half term, every parent receives an overview of the topics that will be studied, together with a handbook to guide them throughout the year.

LIST OF SUBJECTS

At Al Muna Primary School, we believe that the child's education doesn't start and stop within the school's four walls. Active participation by the whole family in ensuring a seamless home-school connection is vital to your child's development. This section provides some details about each of the English National Curriculum subjects for you to know what to expect in your child's education with us.

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Computing
- History
- Geography
- French (from year 3 onwards)
- Arabic
- Islamic Studies (for our Muslim students)
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical Education
- Swimming
- Social Studies

LITERACY

During their years at Al Muna Primary School, the students will be encouraged to develop their language abilities in the four key areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing. The aim is to improve the child's fluency in using spoken and written language for a wide range of purposes and to develop their understanding and critical appreciation of the language of literature and of daily life.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Spoken language comes naturally to most students, but there is a continuing need for development and improvement. As the students progress through the Key Stages, it is the school's policy to encourage them to put longer and more expressive units of speech together and to select a vocabulary and a style appropriate to the occasion. Much of this is developed through drama and speaking and listening activities in English

READING

The ability to read is crucial to a child's progress. At Al Muna Primary School we seek to foster in every pupil a willingness to read for enjoyment and for information and to progress towards the ability to skim and scan textbooks and reference books for relevant information at the same time as understanding the text.

The vital foundations of this process are laid in the early years. Parents can give tremendous support to their students by demonstrating the enjoyment of reading and taking every opportunity to stress how useful reading is, whether by pointing out the signs and symbols in the street or labels in the shop or at home. It is from this positive attitude to reading at home and in the school that fluency in reading is achieved.

Many of our younger students learn to read by breaking words into sounds. Please encourage your child to practise their sounds at home. Success in this area of reading at a young age will help with spelling in later years.

WRITING

Learning to write is a much more deliberate and painstaking process than learning to speak; there are many things to think of all at the same time. A high priority is given to developing the ability of your child to learn to use English fluently and confidently, to receive and communicate facts and ideas freely with accuracy, sometimes creatively and with quality of expression.

MATHEMATICS

The main aim of mathematics teaching is to give the students the knowledge and skills to enable them to use mathematics comfortably in everyday life. This means much more than 'doing sums' or being able to manipulate numbers and symbols, although these are important.

The students will be introduced to mathematics in a practical way, using apparatus and material. The handling of mathematics apparatus and the structured use of the immediate school environment will help the students gain essential concepts, whilst practising and developing skills which lead to a sound understanding of mathematical thinking and computation.

CURRICULUM



SCIENCE

Science plays an important part in our curriculum. All students experience a broad, balanced, continuous science curriculum that covers work on living things and their environment, materials and their uses, Earth and Space, forces and energy. By taking part in practical activities, the students are taught the skills of scientific investigation which include observation, planning, predicting, hypothesising, measuring and fair testing. Science work is linked closely with other areas of the curriculum, particularly mathematics, language, computing and design and technology.

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will develop their understanding of and their skills in geography and history through class projects and individual topic work. The English National Curriculum guidelines are used in the planning of the lessons. History and geography form the core of many of our cross curricular topics and themes with UAE Social Studies integrated throughout.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The students are given the opportunity to work with and gain experience of a wide range of materials and techniques. The students are encouraged to plan and make their designs and to evaluate the end product, often suggesting improvements for their designs.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) AND SWIMMING

PE, swimming and Outdoor Games are part of the normal timetable and an important part of the English National curriculum. The students attend Physical Education lessons in a well-equipped and spacious sports hall or outside. In term 3 in FS1 addition to this, from, students have swimming classes and are involved in various outdoor games. Specialist teachers take the students for swimming and Physical Education and the school has facilities for basketball, netball, football, rugby and badminton as well as various other ballgames.



ART

Art is often integrated with other subject areas. We aim to give our students the use of a wide range of materials and techniques as well as introducing them to a variety of styles and media. In doing this we introduce them to the works of great artists as well as providing the freedom to develop their own style and approach.



COMPUTING

Students are introduced to a variety of software applications and have controlled Internet access for their learning. All classes have access to networked computers, interactive whiteboards and a wide range of other software applications, including control technology. We aim to develop the confidence of all students in the use of ICT so that they will take ongoing responsibility for their own learning and we provide opportunities for them to decide which ICT application is appropriate to use in their work.



MUSIC

As well as singing, students engage in playing a range of percussion instruments and electric keyboards. The main aim in music is to help students to enjoy being part of a musical experience of sound and rhythm through listening, appraising and performing. In Year 2, students learn to play the recorder and from Year 3, students may opt for the opportunity to play an instrument.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL, CITIZENSHIP AND HEALTH EDUCATION (PSHE)

Through our SEAL programme (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) and our weekly assemblies, students will learn about themselves as developing individuals and as members of a community. They will also learn the basic rules and skills for keeping themselves healthy and safe and for behaving well. The students will have opportunities to show they can take some responsibility for themselves and their environment. The students learn about their own and other people's feelings and become aware of the views, needs and rights of other students and adults. They will develop social skills such as how to share, take turns, play, help others, resolve simple arguments and resist bullying. At appropriate stages, the students will also learn about themselves as growing and changing individuals with their own experiences and ideas. They will become more mature, independent and self-confident and learn about the wider world and their role in the communities within it.



ARABIC, ISLAMIC STUDIES AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Specialist teachers present the Arabic lessons and students follow the guidelines as set out by the Ministry of Education, giving them an opportunity to learn about the language of the United Arab Emirates. The content of the lessons is relevant to the age of the students, with an emphasis on listening and speaking. Students with Arabic as a first language are taught these lessons in Arabic, following the Ministry curriculum.

French

French is taught throughout Key Stage 2 by a specialist French Teacher. The lessons are designed primarily to develop the students' listening and speaking skills. Reading and writing is included and a wide range of visual and audio stimuli are used, the emphasis being placed upon developing the child's confidence in speaking French.



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Aldar Academies School of Music

Music is not only one of the most beautiful art forms, it is also a great way for students to develop better memory and improve their organisational skills. The singing and instrumentation classes offered at Aldar Academies School of Music are a perfect complement to your child's academic studies. Sessions are 30 minutes long and conveniently set according to his or her class schedule.

The instrumental music service provides not only professional tuition from qualified staff, but also a very competitive instrument hire scheme to enable parents to overcome issues of costly instrument purchase. A wide range of instruments are currently available for study. These include Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Alto Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium and Voice training.

Aldar Academies School of Music offers students a wide range of performing opportunities and activities. Students take part in school orchestras, string ensembles, brass groups, rock groups, recorder groups, keyboard classes, junior and senior choirs, flute choirs and theory classes. All ensembles are active in frequent public performances, monthly student recitals, solo performances, preparation of ABRSM examinations, workshops and termly concerts.

FACILITIES

Facilities at the school are state-of-the-art and extensive music, drama and art facilities, and specialist teaching rooms. Sports facilities include a multi-purpose sports hall, a swimming pool, and outdoors, a football pitch and basketball courts.

For students, support for learning comes from a well-equipped library.



Computer suites



Library



Swimming pool



Multi-purpose sports hall



Football pitch



Outdoor play areas

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A full range of after-school activities are offered to students as part of the Creativity, Action, Service programme (CAS). All students are encouraged to participate in at least one ECA activity each term.

- Creative activities - art, animation, Lego inventors, computers and technology, dance, origami and paper crafts, French, Arabic language and literature, cooking, music, drama, theatre/performance work, homework club
- Action activities - football, sailing and water sports, cricket, gymnastics, yoga, aerobics; and
- Service activities - to the school and local community.



Drama / theatre



Water sports / sailing



HEALTH AND SAFETY

HEALTH

Al Muna Primary School is staffed by a full-time school nurse who provides health related services for all students throughout the day. The nurse is registered and licensed with Health Authority Abu Dhabi (HAAD). She provides first aid, administers medicine and, if necessary, refers students to medical practitioners or emergency services. The nurse also works with doctors to manage the health of students who have chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes. She also conducts weight, height and vision screening, co-ordinate the vaccination programme. The nurse also provides cover for home sporting fixtures held outside of school hours.

The Al Muna Primary School building has been upgraded to a very high standard, with much attention being paid to health and safety. For instance, the courtyard floors are covered with a safe surface, and much of the exterior learning area is shaded. The school has detailed policies to ensure child welfare and protection are a priority.

SCHOOL HYGIENE

School hygiene is of the utmost importance and we strive to provide a clean learning environment for all students in our care. There are a high set of standards for hygiene and sanitation across all Aldar Academies schools, from providing safe water and sanitation facilities to carefully monitoring food and drink preparation and distribution across all our schools. By combining superb facilities, correct behavioural practices and education, students enjoy coming to school, love learning, and take back to their homes the same concepts and practices on sanitation and hygiene.

SECURITY

Safeguarding our students is the highest priority at Al Muna Primary School. In order to support this a well-trained team of trusted security staff ensure safe arrival and departure of students and parents and visitors throughout each day, as well as maintaining high standards of organisation and support through lunchtimes and during the many community events held at the school. The school is a secure site and access is managed through clear policies and procedures to ensure that students, staff, parents and community members are safe at all times and buildings are protected 24 hours a day.



ADDED VALUE

THE ADDED ALDAR VALUE

Innovative teaching methods at Aldar Academies help our students develop initiative, leadership, problem-solving skills and a love of learning. With private leading education in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, our students benefit from superb learning environments, Arabic studies and different curricula taught by internationally qualified teachers of a high calibre.

Inter-school competitive programmes include academic, sports, music and drama fixtures ensuring a healthy competitive spirit. Our teachers' in-teaching programmes and conferences keep them abreast of best teaching methods and up-to-date practices. Aldar Academies' profits are re-invested into the developments of our schools, our facilities, and the learning experiences we are able to offer.

Aldar Academies strong partnership with the Abu Dhabi Education Council which also regulates Al Ain and overseas school ratings, means that Aldar Academies is set to play an ever increasing role in the development of innovative education across the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

SCHOOL FEES

Registration: A non-refundable registration fee of AED 500 on application plus 5% of the total school fees are payable on confirmation of a place at Al Muna Academy. Students transferring from another Aldar Academies school are not required to pay the registration fee again. To apply online, please go to: www.aldaracademies.com

Fees schedule for the academic year*

(3 installments - payable by September, January, April).

YEAR GROUP	AED	TERMLY (in advance)
FS1 (KG1)	41,580	13,860
FS2 (KG2)	41,580	13,860
Year 1	41,580	13,860
Year 2	41,580	13,860
Year 3	41,580	13,860
Year 4	41,580	13,860
Year 5	41,580	13,860
Year 6	41,580	13,860

* School fees are subject to change, contact the school for confirmation.



Students from Al Muna School make the news with Sky News Arabia



Al Muna Primary School commemorated the 41st National Day by planting the "Lanjaron Union Tree"





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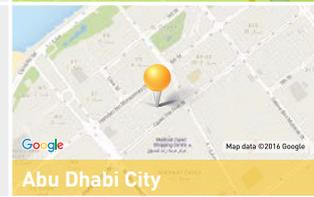
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