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## SDC-LW: What's Next Now

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### A Message from the Desk of the BOT Vice-Chairperson of SDC-LWIS Network

Welcome to our second issue of the SDC-LW newsletter!

We should like to remind our LWIS community that the common purpose of all the Learner's World International Schools (LWIS) Network has always been and still is to be learner-centered. Hence, we are always seeking to offer our learners the best methods of learning as well as new opportunities to discover their talents and enhance their knowledge and knowhow. The LWIS Network aims to help learners become successful and meaningful contributors to a better tomorrow.



As the LWIS Network strives to remain abreast of the latest trends in education, all our staff members continue to receive ongoing training in delivering lessons based on inquiry learning and differentiated instruction with the aid of efficient use of technology. This approach is used in delivering our curriculum, be it the Lebanese National Curriculum, the American High School Program or the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB-PYP), once authorized by the IB Organization. This will make our learners better researchers, critical thinkers and independent learners, giving them an edge over their peers at university and beyond.

In addition, we would like to share with our community that as of the upcoming academic year 2016-2017, we will be amalgamating LWIS-Valley International School and LWIS-Hazmieh at the Hazmieh campus. This decision was made to enable students in both campuses to benefit from the IB-PYP program on offer in Hazmieh, and from all the state-of-the-art facilities including educational technology and professional playgrounds.

Moreover, we should like to announce the establishment of our newest member of the LWIS Network, The International School of Africa (ISA) in the Republic of Djibouti, East Africa. The groundbreaking event will take place in Djibouti next month under the auspices of His Excellency President Ismail Omar Guelleh. The school will be launched in September 2016.

We invite our readers to go through the selection of events that our schools hosted or took part in during the first trimester of 2015-2016. Happy reading!

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# Learner's World International Schools Network

Learner's World International School (LWIS)-Hazmieh, Baabda, Lebanon  
LWIS-Adma International School (LWIS-AiS)-Adma, Keserwan, Lebanon  
LWIS-City International School (LWIS-CiS)-Down Town Beirut, Lebanon  
LWIS-Universal School of Lebanon (LWIS-USL)-Koura, North Lebanon  
LWIS-Valley International School (LWIS-ViS)-Brumana, Metn, Lebanon  
Philadelphia Private School (PPS)-Qusais, Dubai, UAE  
Al Afkar International School (AiS)-Jeddah, KSA  
Khaled International Schools (KiS)-Riyadh, KSA  
International School of Africa (ISA)-Djibouti, East Africa *(September 2016)*



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# Learner's World International School Hazmieh, Lebanon

On December 11th 2015, LWIS-Hazmieh joined the mission to introduce its learners to computer science by celebrating the Hour of Code along with more than 100 million learners from around the world.

With the Hour of Code, computer science has been on the homepages of Google, MSN, Yahoo! and Disney. The Hour of Code, organized by the nonprofit **Code.org**, is a statement that today's generation of learners is ready to learn critical skills for 21st century success.



## LWIS-Adma International School Keserwan, Lebanon

On November 8th 2015, LWIS-AiS Senior School students participated in the Beirut Marathon. This event represents more than a sports competition; it is a self-proclaimed affirmation of the ability to go the distance and color the streets with positive energy and strong will.





# LWIS-City International School DT Beirut, Lebanon

Because life is the best gift ever, on December 16th 2015, LWIS-CiS teachers, students and parents participated in a blood drive with the Lebanese Red Cross to help save lives.



## **LWIS-Universal School of Lebanon Koura, North Lebanon**

Every Independence Day, we usually take the time to express pride in our country, longing for prosperity and longevity for Lebanon. This year, students' wishes materialized in red, white and green balloons loaded with their sincere hopes for a proud and sturdy Lebanon. The whole school gathered on the Green Field at the end of the day, Friday, November 20th 2015, and holding their wishing balloons in hand, they let go at the signal, eager for their wishes to come true...



## LWIS-Valley International School Brumana, Lebanon

During the month of December 2015, LWIS-ViS along with its sister school LWIS-Hazmieh invested their time and effort in fundraising for the treatment of a child with Thalassemia at the Chronic Care Center. On January 14th 2016, the students visited the Chronic Care Center to provide them with their contribution.





# **Al-Akfar International School**

## **Jeddah, KSA**

*member of the **LWIS Network***

While each child comes from a different country and has a different personality, all children need to be taught how to be respectful of one another. The AiS-Jeddah school community hosted International Day on November 19th 2015, which aimed to help students learn about different cultures, nationalities and traditions. With the help of their classroom teachers, learners did some research related to the country chosen by their class, prepared a small presentation and a dance, and made sure to share with their peers some delicious food from the selected country.





# **Khaled International Schools**

## **Riyadh, KSA**

*member of the LWIS Network*

KiS-Riyadh organized Career Day on October 17th 2015 for students from KG1 to Grade 2. The children dressed up as "what they would like to be when they grow up". They took part in several fun activities with their homeroom teachers.



## **Philadelphia Private School Dubai, UAE**

*member of the LWIS Network*

PPS-Dubai hosted its first International Sports Tournament from January 15th-17th 2016. The tournament brought together seven schools from the United Arab Emirates along with its sister school, LWIS-CiS from Lebanon. Congratulations to LWIS-CiS on winning 1st place in the boys' football tournament! The spirit at school during the tournament was extremely uplifting as students and staff cheered each other on and displayed great sportsmanship. The tournament was an opportunity for all participants to get to know one another and to strengthen the partnership between our sister schools.

