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## BAS Celebrations of Special Occasions

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Beit Atfal Assumoud newsletter is published monthly by the National Institution of social Care and Vocational Training. Each letter is issued to circulate information about the work and activities of the institution and its centers over the course of the month. We have been working on providing services for Palestinian refugees living in the camps of Lebanon for 39 years.

# About Beit Atfal Assumoud

*Beit Atfal Assumoud is a national, humanitarian and secular nonprofit organization that aims to contribute to the development of the Palestinian community in Lebanon through services addressing the needs of the families, and through various gender-balanced projects empowering the potentials and skills of the children, youth, women and parents or guardians.*

March is crowded by many events and occasions. Spring starts in March with the warmth of its sun and the shining smile of its flowers, as awesome as and warm as the mother's smile while holding her child.

March is generous for remembering great occasions like: Women's Day, Teacher's Day, Mother's Day, Children's Day and the Land's Day.

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# Family Happiness Project

The Family Happiness Project give the sponsored children and their mothers the chance to participate in all of BAS activities and to learn more about different topics which encourage them to achieve and face the problems of their life.

BAS honored the children and mothers on their day by organizing different celebration activities. Symbolic gifts, prepared by the children, were presented to the mothers. In addition to that, the children performed different shows during the celebration.



In the occasion of children's day BAS Al-Rashidieh social workers arranged a recreational activity on 17th of March 2016 for 60 sponsored children within the Family happiness program to the amusement park in Tyre. It was a good opportunity for the children to release their stress and enjoy their time.



# Peer Education & Reproductive Health

Within the Peer Education and Reproductive Health Program awareness sessions and workshops were organized approaching different topics to increase young people's knowledge, provide them positive experiences which contribute towards their personal development and enabling them to make better choices in their behaviors and relationships through skills and development.

BAS Shatila center organized an educational session about drugs and risk behaviors for the youth and parents where 17 participants attended. The session given by the social worker Ashwak Alchaabi with the Peer Educator's help Hiba Kayal on 26/2/2016.

While BAS Al-Badawi and Al-Najdeh Association supported by MAP organized awareness sessions program, and the first session was about Communication on 10th of March 2016 at Al-Najdeh center where 12 participants attended.

Moreover, BAS Mar Elias center in coordination with MAP, organized a residential workshop about bullying, stress management and comics drawing in the presence of 18 peer educators and 7 social workers from 31st of March 2016 till 3rd of April 2016 at Le Crillon Broumana.



# Psychosocial Support

Within the planned series of awareness sessions for the mothers, BAS Shatila center organized a session about anxiety and prenatal depression in coordination with CCP Japan.



The session was given by the Psychologist Mohammad Orabi on Tuesday 23/2/2016; in which 42 mothers were attended.

Within the Psychosocial Support Project, BAS Al-Rashidieh, Al-Buss and Bourj Al-Shamali organized recreational activity in participation with 335 children and 246 mothers through meaningful games about woman's right, supported by UNICEF & MAP. At the end of the activity symbolic gifts were distributed for the children and mothers, on 28, 29 & 30 March 2016.



**BAS Bourj Al-Shamali activities finished the I-Deal Program with the 13-17 years old girls on Friday 11th of March 2016.**

# Psychosocial Support



While in Naher El-Bared center an entertainment activity for 80 mothers organized in the occasion of Mother's Day, supported by UNICEF and MAP on Saturday 19th of March 2016. The group went to Deir Nourieh, Bnachii Lake at Zgharta and had lunch at The Five Stars Restaurant at Al-Badawi in which the coordinator of North centers Mr. Abdullah Barake had a speech to honor the mothers in their day wishing them health and wellness, also he emphasized the role of Palestinian women in the upbringing of educated generation, away from violence and extremism.

# Kindergarten

Children are the flowers of life, with them everything means a lot; they are the main reason for every single occasion. BAS appreciated the little angels by celebrating their day through different activities such as: drawings, paintings, puppet shows, visits, trips and discussions.

An entertainment trip was organized by BAS Shatila within CCP Japan for the children and their mothers to the amusement park and Qasqas. While at Naher El-Bared the celebration supported by the



Welfare Association in the presence of 77 children of BAS and Al-Khalsa kindergartens and 70 mothers, in which the children made gifts to their mothers and the mothers, prepared crowns and gifts to their children. The celebration included songs, poems and recreational activities.



BAS Al-Rashidieh Kindergarten organized national event on 19th of March 2016 in coordination with Ghassan Kanafani and Maen Bseiso Kindergarten's children. The event included playing, drawings, singing songs, and it ended by a lunch for the children. The aim of this activity is to learn about Palestine and to strengthening the Palestinian identity.

In addition to that, visits to the Palestinian women center at Naher El-Bared were organized to learn about the traditional Palestinian folklore clothes and to recognize the designs and the different colors used, and they had the chance to asked question they prepared in the classroom.



# Kindergarten

BAS Nahr El-Bared Kindergarten organized an educational activity with the writer Samar Barraji for story reading for children in coordination with welfare association for the mothers of kindergarten's children. (BAS – Women's Union – Ghassan Kanafani) 55 mothers were attended.



In spite of all events and celebrations BAS Kindergartens preserved organized a series meetings with the mothers to follow up the educational accomplishment of the children and to maintain continuous communication and cooperation in order to achieve the educational goals.



Moreover, the children's progress reports were distributed at BAS Kindergartens that filled the children's heart with happiness due to their great work in March.





# Remedial

In the occasion of Children's Day BAS centers celebrated the Children's Day and gifts were distributed to the children within the Remedial program.



BAS Al-Rashidieh center celebrated the occasion on 23rd of March 2016 and gifts were distributed to 20 children who achieved high grades at school after improving their academic level.

In the occasion of Children's Day and Mother's Day, BAS Ein El-Helwi center celebrated, on Monday 21st of March 2016, with 70 children of the remedial program through entertaining activities and making greeting cards for their mothers. Gifts were distributed for the children to encourage them and to bring joy and happiness to their hearts.



Spring Activities of remedial children started at BAS Naher El-Bared centers center on Thursday 24th of March 2016.

Through these activities children suffering from learning difficulties had the chance to improve their academic performance. In addition to that recreational and educational activities such as picnics and different games were organized for the children to help them release their stress and motivate them to learn through playing.

# Teams & SCOUTS

In the occasion of Land's Day, the BAS Naher El-Bared sports club organized a ping pong competition for the boys with the participation of sports clubs and schools students from the camp on 26/3/2016 in which cups and medals were distributed for the winners.



Within the Palestinian Scout activities in Bourj Al-Shamali, the team participated in the protest tent in the camp against UNRWA services reduction it included children speeches on Sunday 20th of March 2016.

Palestinian National Scout -Assumoud- at Bourj Al-Shamali organized a ceremony for the Palestinian Journalists in Tyre and honored them for all of their efforts to follow up and



cover the protest movements in the camp and the areas that have seen movements against unfair UNRWA decisions and its policy of reducing its services on Wednesday 23rd of March 2016 in the presence of the preparatory committee, representatives of the Palestinian forces and factions, NGO's and people from the camp .

The ceremony included BAS team music show, speeches and honoring the media professionals.



# Special Needs



Different activities organized every Monday within the special needs class at BAS Bourj Al-Barajneh center as: coloring fabrics and manufacturing it to flowers, cut and paste drawing on roll paper, drawing on a small piece of cardboard and assembled to make big portrait, manufacturing mats from colored cardboards and making frames for the mothers.



While at Ein El-Helwe an activity was organized on Mother's Day which included embroidery for the word "mother" with cards. They also honored their teachers on Teacher's Day and made some cards for Women's Day.

The children drew and painted posters in the occasion of Land's Day and they decorated Palestine's flag. A small celebration organized on Children's Day in which they painted and wrote sentences about children's rights.

Special Needs



In the occasion of Mother's Day, Children's Day and Land's Day, BAS FGC Saida center honored 3 struggler women, whereas the mothers were honored by their children and vice versa with a gift made by them. 25 mothers and 40 children attended on 18th of March 2016.



In addition to that, Noah- social solidarity center honored the director of BAS Ein EL-Helwi center Mrs. Bahaa Tayyar on Saturday 12th of March 2016.



On March 25th, a representatives from the French Association "AGENCE FRANCAISE DEVELOPPEMENT" (AFD), representatives from Sunte' Sud and representatives from Handicap International association who are all partners in supporting the Psychosocial Project,

visited Al-Buss center to discuss the partnership and networking between BAS and the three organizations. In addition to that they discussed the services of BAS with the present and future challenges.



In the context of a future cooperation between the Psychiatry department at the American University of Beirut and the National Institution of Social Care and Vocational Training, a meeting took place on the 3rd of February between the director Mr. Kassem Aina, the psychiatrist Dr. Madeleine Badaro Taha, and the Mental Health program Coordinator Ms. Liliane

Younes and representatives of the Child Psychiatry Department at AUB Dr. Fadi Maalouf, Dr. Joseph Khoury and Dr. Leyla Dirani to discuss the internship program which will be launched at FGC Beirut for child psychiatrists from AUB.

The internship will start in April 2016 based on a Memorandum of Understanding which will be signed soon between NISCVT and the AUB.

# Dental Clinics

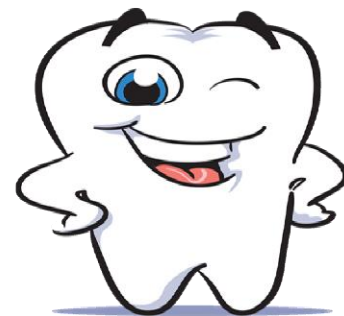


Dental or oral health is concerned with children's teeth, gums and mouth. The goal is to prevent complications such as tooth decay (cavities) and gum disease and to maintain the overall health of children's mouth.

A healthy mouth, free of infections, injuries and other problems with teeth and gums, is important in maintaining children's overall health.



For March, Children received dental treatment in BAS dental clinics as BAS used to care about children's smile and health.



## Pediatric:

442 children received treatments by the pediatrician Dr. Sameh Jaber in the pediatric clinic of BAS in Nahr El Bared center.

16 mothers had the chance to attend a session about Children's Hyperthermia that was given by Mrs. Loubna A. Rhim on the 3rd of March 2016.

# Visitors and Delegations



- **A Spanish delegation from FONS CATALA: Mrs. Anna Recorder and Mrs. Victoria Planas visited FGC of BAS Al-Buss center with Mr. Kassem Aina then they visited BAS Bourj Al-Shamali center to know more about the programs and services provided by the center on Thursday 17th of March 2016.**
- **A student delegation from Italy visited Bourj Al-Shamali center to know more about the programs and services provided by the center on Thursday 17th of March 2016.**
- **A French delegation from Plateform of French NGOs for Palestine visited BAS Bourj Al-Barajneh center on Thursday 24/3/2016 to know about our center's activities and to visit the families.**

# Visitors and Delegations



- On March 24, 2016 Mrs. Hanan Masri and Ms Fatima Khaizaran from NSCVT had a meeting with the president of the platform of French NGOs for Palestine Mrs. Claude LEOSTIC and her delegation. During the meeting .Mrs Hanan spoke about the situation of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and discussed their situation after the Syrian crises. In addition, she talked about NISCVT services and the different projects supporting PRL and PRS. The delegation also met Dr. Madeline Taha the psychiatrist at FGC Beirut on Friday March 25, and discussed about our mental health services for the children.

- Sanabel center for elderly care visited BAS Al-Rashidieh center where they were greeted warmly by our team and invited them for a tour in the center to know more about its activities and services on 30/3/2016.



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**BAS hosted Majed Abo Sharara Foundation who organized a work shop, with the journalist and media trainer Ramzi Khoury, about “Press Charter and how to apply it in practical journalism”. The workshop was for three days at BAS Mar Elias Center, it started on 14/3/2016 till 16/3/2016. BAS and other institutions from all Palestinians camps participated.**



**In the occasion on Mother’s Day and Children’s Day, BAS Naher El-Bared center organized an artistic entertaining festival in which the 300 PRL and PRS children and mothers attended, the festival included performances and entertaining competitions. Gifts were distributed for the children and mothers on Sunday 20th of March 2016.**





# Also,



**Mr. Kassem Aina, NISCUT General Director, visited Switzerland on March 5th and had a fruitful meeting in Bern with Mrs. Ursula Hayek the representative of our partner Organization PalCH (Association for the support of Palestinian children) and members of the organization. The meeting aimed at discussing the projects of Beit Atfal Assumoud and its activities to support the Palestinian community in Lebanon.**

**On the next day, 6th of March 2016, he had a meeting in Basel with Mrs. Ingrid Rumpf the, director of our partner organization “Fluchtlingkinder in Leban” since 20 years, with the board’s member Mrs. Katharina Kraufmann. Moreover he had a meeting with the members of the Olive oil campaign in the evening, Dr. Edward Badeen, PDS activists, and other friends in Solidarity with the Palestinian cause.**

**Mr. Kassem Aina went to Italy on 7th of March 2016 and had a meeting in Roma with the members of the Italian committee “Not to forget Sabra and Shatila” in addition to some Italian friends in Solidarity with Palestinians.**

**While on March 8th, he went to Modena to visit our dear Friend Mr. Maurizio Musolino with some members of the committee since Maurizio has been in hospital for more than one month.**

**Mr. Kassem ended his visit by a meeting with the members of the association” Palestine in Heart” and other NGOs in solidarity with Palestinians on March 9th 2016.**



The Woman is the Symbol of strength, power, sacrifice, and loyalty! She is the source of love and tenderness. She is the pillar of the society spreading hope by her persistence and power! This is the woman who deserves all respect and appreciation... She is the mother, sister, daughter, friend, fighter, prisoner, liberator and martyr.

**Happy International Woman's Day!**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Happy Children's Day!**

**Happy Teacher's Day!**

**Wishing that one day we could celebrate Land's Day in our homeland Palestine.**

**Kassem Aina**