# DAR-AL-ZAHRA QUARTERLY UPDATE









## Vision in Action,

A life changing experience at DAZ once a 6 years old child....

## today a practicing Dentist

In line with DAZ vision, "To create a loving, secure and modern environment to deliver an education that will help our children unlock their potential and develop into the next generation of leaders in our Spiritual Capital", we share the business card of DAZ alumni Muhaimin Ali, who completed grade 12 and with the assistance of a financial grant provided by DAZ pursued his dreams and today is a practicing dentist.



Congratulations you Made Us Proud!



## The new academic year begins...

With your generous donation and support, the DAZ team once again welcomed Primary 1 students on campus on the 26th of September 2022 for an orientation day with their guardians. The students were welcomed with gifts and met their teachers. They were taken to their classes and provided with school bags, stationery, and uniform. The guardians (mostly mothers & grandparents) had an art and games session with the counsellors.

The new academic year 2022-23 started on 27th September 2022 and it was so exciting to welcome students back into the classrooms, and see the joy & excitement on their face meeting with their teachers and classmates after summer! This is a very special time, and we are doing everything possible to make sure everyone in our schools remains safe and healthy.

The students have been provided with two sets of uniforms, shoes, a sports uniform and shoes, a school bag with stationery, and textbooks. It is a true privilege to have the opportunity to educate and improve orphans' lives in Najaf and we want to thank you for your continued support in assisting us to educate the orphans of Najaf, Iraq.

### **Teachers Workshop 2022**

In August, there was a 12 days training program for the teachers. A group of 120 teachers was further divided into 3 smaller groups. The reason for this was to have a smaller group to enhance the teachers' hands-on activity-based training which could be implemented in the new academic year. The facilitators were mostly in-house and the topics covered were self-esteem, managing and maintaining the classroom, teaching with fun, communication and work ethics, mental health and relaxation, awareness of medical assistance, and the School System.

The training program was interactive and effective, and there were two ways of learning. The facilitator and the teachers worked together on the cases in which our teachers had difficulties and found solutions. The teachers started implementing the learnings by making material for their classes and lesson plans for their subjects. The teachers were given daily assignments and tasks. The teachers' training will continue throughout the year as needed mostly focusing on the subjects they teach accordingly.









#### The Inspiring: Sensory Room

Re-utilization of the previous supervisor room into a sensory room. The sensory room shall help these children calm and focus themselves, so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others. Its a safe place for these love deprived students to grow as wholly individuals. The room consists of a sensory wall, life skills section, a calm down corner, messy art, exploring emotions, and a role free play area.

It is a therapeutic space with a variety of equipment that provides students with:

- sensory stimulation
- support for emotional well-being
- a safe place to practice coping & emotional regulation strategies
- special attention with personalized sensory input
- improve cognitive development and functioning
- implement social skills
- develop find and gross motor skills















#### Projects, Renovation and Improvement Works

This summer, significant repair and maintenance projects were completed to improve our school building and surrounding. **Projects Included:** 

- 1. Steel structure maintenance
- 2. Kitchen refurbish
- 3. Classroom and halls tiles replacement
- 4. Washrooms renovation
- 5. Installation of Paving block at the girls' entrance
- 6. Painting of the school







