bilArabi Consultancy and Professional Development

Overview

Our bilArabi Consultancy and Professional Development support take a holistic and personalised approach to develop effective Arabic language teaching and learning strategies in Schools. By collaborating with educators to create a ‘whole school’ responsive pedagogy, our Professional Development solution meets specific child needs and ensures a consistent approach to learning Arabic. It also actively develops students’ 21st Century Skills to prepare them for future success, alongside comprehensive Arabic language acquisition and proficiency.

Arabic Language Education Challenges

Dr. Hanada Taha Thomure, who is an expert in teaching strategies, and the lead author of bilArabi identified seven main challenges to Arabic Language Education in her recent “Arabic Language Education in the UAE: Choosing the Right Drivers” Academic Paper. The challenges are:

- Time
- Rigour
- Across-School Teaching Quality
- Uniformed Leadership
- Professional Development
- Curriculum Quality
- Teaching Quality

Our Solution

Our bilArabi Consultancy and Professional Development solution provides a number of varied and rigorous techniques to overcome these challenges that hinder the effective teaching of the Arabic Language:

- Meet with the Head of Arabic Department to discuss the needs of the Arabic department in the school in order to teach bilArabi.
- Deliver an initial Professional Development session in the school or with a group of schools focused on the core elements of the bilArabi pedagogy (i.e. standards and literature-based approach, student-centred and inquiry-based learning, higher order thinking skills, blended learning and assessment).
- Deliver a second Professional Development session virtually focused on the best use of bilArabi platform.
- Deliver a third Professional Development session in the school or with a group of schools or virtually focused on some teaching strategies that need improvement in order to teach bilArabi, and that are drawn out of the classroom observation report.
- Meet with the Head of Arabic Department to provide educational consultancy on how to create:
  - Focus Groups with students and parents to understand how they feel about the teaching and learning of Arabic in School and its impact on students learning
  - Opportunities for teachers to connect and share best practice as part of a Professional Learning Community.

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