

Overheard in the Souk the grapevine

● I don't listen to many local podcasts mostly either because the subject matter doesn't interest me, or the podcasts just sound like they were recorded inside a bathroom. ABAIH! on the other hand are always discussing interesting subjects, they're really fun to listen/watch and the production is really well done with some great editing.

There are four core people on the ABAIH! podcast and they click really well together and seem like they're having a blast. They're currently on season 3 and this season they've started filming their videos in the vertical format which I think works out a lot better since the majority of people are on their mobile phones anyway.

The only thing I need to point out is that the podcast is in Arabic, and even though they do mix in a bit of English every now and then you still need to understand Arabic to get it. If you do understand Arabic then definitely check their podcasts out, they're not too long (well not anymore anyway)

If you want to follow them on instagram they're handle is @abaih.world
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2019, 248am.com)

● With all the sneaker craze that's been happening in Kuwait over the past couple of years this was bound to eventually happen. A local business called Vogularity is now offering insurance for your sneakers.

They don't have much information up other than the fact that the insurance includes up to 100% cashback, and full cleaning service. They also don't have their prices listed since it will vary from sneaker to sneaker. But I guess if you have an expensive pair of sneakers and want to insure it, these guys are probably your only option in Kuwait.

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● Last year I posted about Alan Villiers, an Australian adventurer who came to Kuwait in the 1930s. Alan documented his experience with words and pictures and eventually published the book "Sons of Sindbad" as well as "Sons of Sindbad: The Photographs".

Last week the Australian Embassy in col-

laboration with Dar Al-Athar Al-Islamiyah opened up a photo and film exhibition titled 'Alan Villiers & the Sons of Sindbad: An Australian in 1930s Kuwait'. They even brought in Alan Villiers son to the opening and I ended up getting my 1st edition Sons of Sindbad book signed by him.

If you enjoy my posts on old Kuwait then you're gonna really like this exhibition. There are a ton of great photos of Kuwait in the 1930s on display as well as videos. The exhibition is at the Amricani Cultural Center and is free of charge.

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● Rafael Nadal, the current world no. 1 in men's singles tennis is playing a match this coming February here in Kuwait at the soon to open International Tennis Complex next to 360 Mall. They haven't announced who he would be playing against except for the fact it will be another tennis champion. Tickets for the match were being sold this past weekend for KD75 at the Rafa Nadal Academy exhibit inside 360 Mall, but the first batch of tickets have already been sold out. I've been told that they might release a sec-

ond batch of tickets at a later date.

Nadal has won 19 Grand Slam singles titles, the second-most in history for a male player, as well as a record 35 ATP Tour Masters 1000 titles, 20 ATP Tour 500 titles and the 2008 Olympic gold medal in singles. The Rafa Nadal Academy that will be opening in Kuwait will be the second one to open in the world.

The tennis complex that is currently nearing the end of construction will have a combined stadium seating for over 6,500 people across two main arenas, each with the capacity to hold 5,000 and 1,500 people respectively. There will also be eight indoor courts with over 500 seats, and eight outdoor courts with 1,500 seats. The tennis complex is expected to open early next year.

To learn more about the Rafa Nadal Academy in Kuwait you can visit their large exhibit (with a tennis court) inside 360 Mall.

(Source: Post by Mark, Dec 4, 2019, 248am.com)

● A couple of new places opened up last week and one of them is a meat eatery called Low Slow which I got to try out last

week. I actually went to a tasting for it a couple of years back but the project got delayed and finally opened up last week. It's a small place located in Lilly Center in Shuwaikh and as you can guess, it revolves around slow cooked meat.

Low Slow is simple but cool looking on the inside. The place has around 40 seats and so is cozy in size with a small kitchen in the back dominated by a large grill. Nearly everything on the menu is grilled which I love from the tapas to the mains. The menu didn't have any prices on it when I was there since it was a private invitation, but I got to try something from every section. My favorite item was easily the burrata fig salad which was the best burrata dish I've ever had anywhere, while my least favorite item had to be the brownie dessert.

If you're looking for a new place to try out or if you've been looking for a place with good brisket or bone in ribs, then you should give Low Slow a shot. They're currently in their soft launch phase and open daily from 6PM to 11PM. You can find them on instagram @atlowslow

(Source: Post by Mark, Dec 1, 2019, 248am.com)

Tongues Wag

RBK



Photos from the event.



Royal Britannia Kindergarten celebrates World Arabic Language Day

Royal Britannia Kindergarten celebrated World Arabic Language Day under the patronage of His Excellency, Mr Rami Tahboub, the Ambassador of the State of Palestine and his wife, Mrs Rima Khalidi.

Mrs Eliza Isaac (Head Teacher), welcomed the parents attending the event along with many pres-

tigious guests namely, Sadeq Al-Mutawa, father of Dr Hanan Al-Mutawa (Co-Founder and Chair), Doctor Masouma Mubarak, Mrs Manar Krishan, wife of HE the Ambassador of Jordan and Mrs Zizi Boushahri.

RB felt that such an event was necessary to appreciate Arabic as a language and highlight how a single

language can bring a community together.

RB's special guests and parents were delightfully entertained by the Nursery, Pre KG, KG, Reception and Special Needs students performing on stage. Mrs Rima read a wonderful story to our students and the various speeches on the day emphasised the importance of Arabic Language at home.

There was a vibrant Art Exhibition displaying pieces made by RB students and traditional Palestinian handicraft.

RB Management Team would like to thank their dedicated staff, talented students and supportive dignitaries, friends and family for attending and making this event a success.

Cinema

Cinema programme from Thursday 12/12/2019 to Wednesday 18/12/2019

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