

### ***Al Maha EYFS Teachers attend PD on planning, assessment***

*EYFS teachers from the two Al Maha academies attended a presentation on planning and presentation by Ms Karen McBride, AJA EYFS/KS1 Head of School. It was held at Al Maha Girls on the afternoon of 4<sup>th</sup> of November.*

*Ms Karen started with an easy-to-understand description of the two important phases of teaching. "Planning is like plotting a journey to a destination," she said.*



*She then defined assessment as, "checking along the way to see how far you have progressed, what you need to do next, and asking if you are going to get to the destination on time."*

*The presentation took off with the themes central to success in EYFS learning and development: the child as unique, positive relationships and learning environments. Around these themes, teachers plan instruction to develop the young learner's communication and language skills and introduce activities for physical development, as well as personal and social development.*

*Ms Karen discussed the age descriptors in both nursery and reception to determine student performance. These guides assess children as beginning, secure, or mastered.*

*Ms Nataschia Buitendag, AJA EYFS Coordinator, supported Ms Karen in this professional development session.*

Ms Karen wrapped up the presentation by **underscoring** that teamwork among teachers is crucial to taking the learners to the desired goals.

