***Educational drama***

Definition of the word "Drama": the ancient Greeks used the word drama to describe: movement, acting, shouting, screaming etc…….

Nowadays, drama an important factor in the learning process as it can add a sense of excitement to the curriculum.

How does drama affect the learning process? Learning through acting and playing develops the pupils imagination and emotional skills.

Active thinking can be used as a strategy for developing several cognitive skills such examples are acting in front of pupils/ audience, playing in a performance or participating in a dancing show.

Drama can also improve team work and collaboration and here comes my role as a drama teacher in abu Kreinat School. How do we turn a story in to a work of drama? What is the educational and social purpose of such a work?

Improvisation: is imitating others, doing their exact moves, playing a certain role, character on stage.

"The bird of the soul" is a story told in three languages. It talks about a bird that is found inside each one of us. This bird controls our feelings it has "the key of the heart".

After reading the story to my students who are in my drama class, we had a discussion about the story and the moral values that were mentioned in it.

I asked my students to divide into pairs: each pair chose a certain moral value and had to pantomime it as a result, we ended up with many moral values such as: patience, respect, love, compassion, kindness……….

I asked my pupils a question: how would you feel if you helped a blind person? , their answers were: satisfaction, and happiness.