



Call to the Light



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Important dates

21st Sept – Last teaching day for Term 3
 22nd Sept – Parent / teacher interviews (10am-6pm)
 9th Oct – Start of Term 4 (classes 8.45am -2.20pm).

Principal's Message

Alhamdulillah, all praise is to Allah ta'ala who is the Creator of all things and all conditions. In every condition there is benefit, although we may not realise it at the time.

From the time I joined this organization last year, it has been an unbelievable learning experience for me and an honour to be representing a school which is held in such a high regard throughout the country.

I am humbled by the amount of encouragement and support that I have received from both the parents and the staff. It is hoped that many improvements have taken place and that the morale of the whole school community has increased. May Allah keep blessing all of us in every step of our life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart and announce that this Friday will be my last day at the school.

One request that I will make is, that the position of a Principal is not an easy one –it is one that is full of people's hopes and expectations. For this reason I seek forgiveness from anyone who had issues / expectations that I was not able to deal with appropriately.

Once again thank you for all your efforts and may Allah hold all of us in high esteem....ameen.

Fazeel

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Don't forget that this Friday is interview day to discuss the progress of your child with the respective teachers. There will be no classes nor supervision provided for the students. It will be between 10am and 6pm.

MashAllah the children have worked hard during a very long term and inshAllah their efforts will be

rewarded accordingly. Please take the time to discuss any matters of concern with the teachers. The interviews of this world are a drop in the ocean when compared with the akhirah. Imagine when we all have to stand before Allah and hear and see our report. May Allah make that time easier for us. Through the blessed kalimah in our heart, inshAllah we will have the intercession of our beloved nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasalam), who will not give up until every member of his ummah who has even said this kalimah once, is saved from the Punishment.

Revised timings for Ramadan

At the start of term 4, we will still have two weeks of Ramadan remaining. As has been done in the past, the school day will be shorter, making it easier for both the staff and the students. Please note the following school times for Ramadan:

8.45am – 2.20pm

There will be supervision for only 15 mins after school as teachers will also leave at this time. Therefore, please make sure your child is picked up by 2.35pm at the latest.

The Gates

The new gate system has started where the students are expected to show their bus or walking tag if they are to be allowed outside the school without their parent/ guardian. To facilitate smoother operation of this system, the two types of tags will be designated to different gates.

Gate A will be for **GREEN** tags (walking)

Gate B will be for **YELLOW** tags (bus) and also for any **men** who are picking up the children.

Area D will be the waiting area for children waiting to be picked up by men.

Area C will be the waiting area for children who are to be picked up by women. It is requested that the women walk into the school to pick up the student rather than wait outside in the car. This is to make it safer for the children inshAllah, instead of them dodging cars in the school driveway.

Please also make sure that you adhere to Parking Restrictions. No parking in the staff car parks or in the drop off zones.

The gates and areas will be clearly sign posted to assist in this transition.

Hadith of the Week

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) has said:

"Shall I not inform you about the person who is forbidden from the Fire and for whom the Fire is forbidden? Anyone who is close to people, soft and lenient"

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) 2006-Br Shafiq Ansari

Some of our students were awarded by University of New South Wales for their academic achievement when they participated in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) 2006. Alhamdulillah, a total of 164 students participated in the competitions and were awarded certificates of distinction, credit and participation. Congratulations to all those who participated. We also appreciate the help and effort of the parents who encouraged students to participate.

The Outstanding Achievers in **English Spelling** are as follows.

Name	Class	Award
Muhsin Ahmed	3B	Credit
Aliyah David	3B	Credit
Olaym Nahas	4B	Credit
Maryam Arain	4A	Distinction
Sara Bakah	4A	Distinction
Muna Osman	4A	Credit
Haluk Erciyas	5B	Distinction
Ceyda Huseyin	5A	Distinction
Ibrahim Halimi	6B	Credit
Taha Qalinle	6B	Credit

School Clean up day

The last period this Thursday is going to be school clean up time. All students will be participating to help clean up the school and help keep it beautiful.

While we are on the topic of 'clean up', did you know that Ramadan is a perfect opportunity to clean up our act? Finally the Shaytan will be locked up for a whole month and we get the opportunity to show Allah how good we can be. It is also a good banking month, so to speak. Whatever we earn as reward will be multiplied by 70 and kept for us in the akhira! Is there any institution which will give you \$70 for every dollar you deposit? There is no shortage for Allah whose treasuries are endless.

Numeracy enhancing suggestions for parents -

Mrs. Yesilyurt

You can help your children at home by involving them in mathematical activities and talking to them about mathematics and its everyday uses. Be positive! Praise your child's success. Encourage your child to have a go at measuring, calculating, counting, estimating and solving problems.

Invite children to investigate and make discoveries for themselves. Encourage them to find their own answers. Don't be too quick to tell them the answers.

Some activities you can try at home with your children:

Grade Prep
I Spy I spy with my little eye....something that is longer than my pencil but shorter than a belt, etc

How many? Ask students to count their toys one by one.

Grade 1
Money Introduce silver (20c, 50c, 5c, 10c) and gold coins (\$1 & \$2). Add the numbers Ask your children to add the numbers up to 20 using count on strategy. For ex; 5 and 6 more ? Start from the larger number and add on 5, 7,8,9,10,11.

Grade 2
How many tens? How many tens in 35? 3 tens How many tens in 50? 5 tens Who can make 20? Search for all the numbers add up to 20; 10 and 10, 11 and 9, 12 and 8.....

Grade 3
Guess my number? I have 5 tens, 7 hundreds and 1 one or I have no tens, 9 hundreds and 7 ones..... ask your children the value of the digits. What is the value of 5 in 158? It is 5 tens 50 etc.

Grade 4
What's my number? I have 5 tens no hundreds, 7 thousands and 7 ones guess my number?..... Round the numbers Look for the car plates with 4 digit numbers and round them to the nearest ten, hundred.

Grade 5 & 6
Guess my number's value what is the value of 6 in 234567, in 8976500..... work on reading 5 and 6 digit numbers. Wipe out Read the number plates of the cars and try to make one value equal to zero For ex; 1435; to wipe number 4; take away 400. Fraction of a number 2/3 of \$33, 1/5 of 15 pieces of a cake

In the next newsletter, some great ideas regarding teaching and learning times tables will be provided, Inshallah.

Year 9 & 10 play "Now you Know" - Ms Zeynep

Students were asked to write reflections on the play took place last Thursday. Some chose to put it in poem form while others write it in paragraph form. Let's see what they have learnt from the play!

HAVING SOMEONE THERE FOR YOU

To hurt others isn't the right thing to do, How would you feel if they done that to you, Pushing, kicking, teasing and making people feel down, Just remember what goes around comes around.

Learn how to love, learn how to be kind,
And at the end you would find,
That there'd be someone out there,
That truly loves you and that would care,
About your feelings and emotions too,
Wouldn't you be happy if there's someone there for you?

Yasmine Kassab, Year 7

MY REFLECTION

Now you Know was a great play. It had the attraction and since we had learnt about China, it was even more interesting. I liked the way how Niang just ignored her classmates when they bullied her. She was treated as if she was a small ant and didn't exist.

I know how you feel,
Probably like steel,
They make me feel sad,
They don't realise it's bad,
They think they are cool,
By making me fool,
SO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE,
BE CAREFUL EVERY WHERE!

Faiza Mohammed, 5 Girls

'KNOW I KNOW'

Through this play, I've learnt that bullying could really hurt other people emotionally and physically. In Islam, bullying isn't really acceptable because we are all Muslims and are brothers and sisters in Islam. There shouldn't be any reason

why we should bully one another. Islam teaches us to be friends and be there for one another. You might find that some bullies, after bullying others, don't have any more friends. So we should always keep in mind that bullying does not make us gain anything except sadness and losing some or all of our friends. So, now **you know** and **I know** that bullying hurts and that we shouldn't be bullying!

Aysha Achi, Hifz B

BULLYING

After the play I have to say that bullying is very bad, And to do it you have to be mad, Resulting in nothing but making people sad.

She went home everyday despairing the next day of school Wondering what they want her to do how to be cool, They didn't like what she ate how she talked, Or even the way she walked.

They didn't like her hair, Always giving a weird stare, They didn't like the features on her face, Thought she was a nut case.

She always used to cry, Go home and tell a lie, Told her mum she loved school, But didn't say the jokes they tried to pull.

But she accepted their ways, Accepted what they used to say, And she used her secret weapon, And tried ignoring what they said upon.

Soon after a short while they gave her small smiles, They stopped calling her lame but called her by her name, Then the days came everyone treated her the same, Gave her an apology for her to take, And she accepted for their sake, Though one thing she realized while she went through all this, She hadn't changed a single bit!

Mariam Ahmed, 8 Girls

KNOW YOU KNOW

Miss Zeynep and the Year 9 and 10 Girls had organised a play together. The play was very funny and was set nicely. I had learnt a lot of things about friendship and how to be confident in my relationships. The play was really beautiful and I know the rest of the classes liked it too. I hope they organise another play in the future.

Ann Mian, 6 Girls

Basem Huseyn
Reflections on the play
 I learnt not to bully people and if there is a new person in your class welcome them. We should always be kind to people and not bully them.

hello assalamu alaykum
al-ahay karim

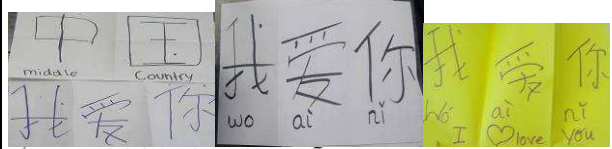
Student Samples

Gr 5A SOSE theme- China reflections

Gr 5A students invited two guest speakers in their classrooms to learn more about China in general and Chinese language. Although, Gr 5A girls were convinced that Chinese language is a very difficult language to learn, they believe that they did a good

job writing the Chinese characters on their papers. Here are some samples and reflections from our class.

Monday 11th September 2018
OUR CHINA VISITOR
 I enjoyed today's lesson about China. Mrs. Im taught us all about China. She showed us many interesting things. She explained everything clearly. It was easy to understand by the fluency and expression. Mrs. Im told us all about religions, philosophies, beliefs, ceremonies, The Great Wall of China and etc. Mrs. Im told us many languages spoken in China. She said each language is different. She talked about two religions Confucianism and Buddhism. Me and my classmates enjoyed the lesson a lot. We all hope she comes again for another visit. Inshallah.
 By: Aisha Ahmad
 Grade: 5 Girls



Journal Writing
 SOSE: Language & Communication.
 Last week on Friday we had a visitor come to our class, to teach us Chinese language and communication. It was Sheikh Abdul Azim. He taught us how to write & say some words in Chinese. It was a good session. Some things that he taught us were really interesting, for example Chinese language has no alphabet and there are different tones of saying different things. Some examples of writings were! This means I love you (wo ai ni). I really enjoyed the interesting information and it was great Fun!

Mrs. Im
 On Monday Mrs. Im came to our class to teach us about Chinese culture. She taught us very interesting facts. Ms. Im was a very interesting & knowledgeable teacher with all kinds of information on how Chinese culture is & much more. I had a good & periods and now brain is full of knowledge.

Exposition (genre)- Sr Subhani 4A

Healthy food and junk food – By Farhana Chundoo

Healthy food is good for everybody. If we eat healthy food our bones will grow and we will get strong. Vegetables and fruits can keep us healthy and fit. Healthy food is good for our bodies.

Our bones will grow and our bodies will get stronger and stronger. Calcium and vitamins are important to grow bones. Milk, fish, vegetables and fruits contain vitamins. It will keep us healthy and fit. Doing exercises will also keep us fit.

Healthy food will also not make us sick. It has vitamins and calcium and it gives us energy. Therefore healthy food will not make us healthy and fat. Because it has lots of energy which doesn't make us lazy. Eating healthy food will make us smart and bright.

However some people disagree that we should have as much sweet as we like. It taste good but it is not healthy. Too much sweet make you very lazy and fat. Junk food gives you energy but very quickly you get tired. Sweet, fat and oily food does not have lots of energy and vitamins. It is not good for the body because sugar makes you fat, weak and you can get obesity [over weight]. Sugar can also make your teeth rotten.

Although it taste good and yummy it is very bad to eat more sweet, fat and oily food. I would rather eat more healthy food then junk food. I would not have rotten teeth. And my body would be healthy and fit.

Homework and Students- By Sara Bakah

Homework is very important. Parents like to know what their children are learning about in class. It gives kids something to do while they are at home.

There are many reasons why homework is important, such as, kids can learn a lot more and they revise what they have already learnt. More revision will help to be very smart at both

school and home. Parents really appreciate although most students don't really like it.

Another reason is that if you don't do your homework, you waste your time on watching TV and playing games. Why should you waste your time playing while they could be learning a lot more?

Third, is sometimes homework can be fun. Experiments, projects or sometimes art can be homework. That homework is enjoyable for everyone.

On the other hand, students get tired and exhausted like everyone else. Sometimes homework is very hard so I don't blame the students. It should be on the students' level. Students will want to do swimming or other sports.

Although students need their rest, homework is important and kids should do it to learn and understand subject. Homework gives you lots of knowledge.

Homework and students -By Serife Sayan

Homework is not important. It does not help us to learn because it wastes our time. It is no use because our parents can teach us at home. It also is boring. I don't know why teachers give it to us.

One reason for not having homework is that you get tired at school and you just want to get a rest at home. But I have homework to do and some of my Quran and then I have to eat my dinner, wear my pyjamas, brush my teeth and go bed. When I get home from school, I have to do my homework. Because of this I have no time to have fun and enjoy.

Kids do work at school therefore, no need to do at home.

But homework still helps us a little bit such as giving us knowledge and us how to do proper sums.

But still homework is not very important to me because it wastes our time and fun.

Sports and children - By Maryam Arain

Sport is very important for the digestive system. Sport is also very fun and exciting. You can enjoy all the fun in sports too. It does not waste your time. You can also lose weight. But only if you are fat. If you are skinny, it is not good.

It would be good if people stay nice and fit, because it is good for their size. It is also a very good exercise. Then you can run very fast. If you are fat, then you have to lose weight by doing sports everyday, often.

But there is a problem. If you play in the sun you can get sunburns. And if you do not drink much water, then the water inside your body might run out by sweat. Also if you are very skinny, you should not lose weight.

Although in sports you might get hurt, it is good for the digestive system.

Basketball Match

Once again there will be a basketball match with students playing against the female teachers. Last time (which was a few weeks ago), the students bathed in victory. Perhaps we may see the teachers' team return with a vengeance. It will be held this Thursday, 2pm at the basketball courts offcourse.

Fun Corner

A masjid in Gibraltar:

The **Ibrahim-al-Ibrahim Mosque** is located at [Europa Point](#), the southern tip of [Gibraltar](#). The name of the Territory is a Spanish distortion of the original [Arabic](#) name *Jabal at-Ṭāriq* (جبل الطارق), meaning "mountain of Tariq". It refers to the [Umayyad](#) general [Tariq ibn-Ziyad](#), who led the [Moorish invasion of Iberia](#) in [711](#).

The building is also known as the **King Fahd bin Abdulaziz al-Saud Mosque**, as it was a gift from [King Fahd](#) of [Saudi Arabia](#).

Completed in 1997, it took 2 years to complete. Around seven



per cent of Gibraltar's population are [Muslims](#); a total of approximately 2,000 people. The mosque complex also contains a school, library, and lecture hall.

Forgive Me When I Whine -Ahmed Bukhatir

Today, upon a bus,
I saw a girl with golden hair.
And wished I was as fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and wore a crutch.
But as she passed, she smiled.
Oh God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
You see," he said, "I'm blind"
Oh God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play.
He did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
And then I knew. He couldn't hear.
Oh God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.