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*Please remember
to call the school
office before
8:45a.m
whenever your
child is absent.
Please mention
your child's name,
grade and the
reason for his/her
absence.*

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Message from the Director

Dear parents, staff, and learners:
As-Salaamu `Alaykum,

Insha'Allah hoping this newsletter reaches everyone in the best of health and iman. We have officially begun the second term. Our students are actively involved in their studies, activities and sports.

One area I would like to address is the uniform. With winter, many children would want to wear some pullover/sweater/jacket. Please make sure your child wears the Iqranian pullover only. Since you are the last person to see your child before he/she arrives at school, please make sure your child is in complete uniform. A description of the uniform is available in the diary, or you can call the school if you have any questions. Any student not in proper uniform will receive a detention. Repeated detentions will lead to suspension. If your child is consistently out of uniform, it may result in him/her being held in the office until you bring the correct uniform. If for some reason your child needs to be out of uniform, a note explaining the reason must be presented to the school supervisor before going to class. Please make sure your child's uniform is also in good condition. Hems should not be down and frayed and uniforms should be clean.

Overall, we are looking forward to a very exciting second term. Please make an effort to attend some of the special activities that will be held this term. You will be receiving notifications for these events as they occur.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and please feel free to contact me at ayesha@iisb.co, if you ever have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Wasalaam

Sr. Noor Ayesha

Hadith of the Month

Wathilaibn Al-Asqa reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Do not rejoice over your brother's misfortune, lest Allah have mercy upon him and subject you to trials." Source: Sunan At-Tirmidhi 2506

Sports Uniform

The sports uniform set (caps, hijabs and wrist bands) is now available at school. Please collect your child's set at the earliest.

Emergency Contact

If an emergency situation arises and we need to close the school e.g. (power failure, weather), your child is injured or ill and needs to go home, it is critical that the office be able to reach you. If you change your home or work number, or your child's emergency contacts change, please call the office and provide the updated information as soon as possible so that we can update your child's record. Your child's health and well-being are important to us.

*If you have a change of address or
phone number, please inform the
School Admin immediately.*



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Don't Deprive Your Child of Discipline

Fair and consistent discipline is the single greatest favor you can do for your child.

Children need you to define their world for them. They need to know why "A" is okay but "B" is not. They trust you to impart the rules, manners, codes of conduct and standards of behavior that are acceptable based on the value system and beliefs of their family.

When you deprive a child of discipline, you are denying him one of the single most effective means of learning how to get along in the world.

Multitudes of parents fall short in this area and need to be reminded, in no uncertain terms, who is in charge of the family. Hint: it's not the kid! There is, today, a pronounced breakdown of authority in the family structure. Many kids rule their household's roost as timid parents look on helplessly. I'm not sure when the prevailing attitude of giving in to your kid's every whim became what seems to be the norm, but that practice is wreaking havoc on untold numbers of families. When you acquiesce to a child's every demand, you render him powerless to differentiate between needs and wants, you strip him of his independent ability to think and to provide for himself (if and when he ever leaves the nest) and are really creating a monster of epic proportions. **Discipline for a kid is as essential as water. Don't deprive him of it.**

To be effective, discipline must be three things: Fair, Firm and Consistent.

Fair means consequences for actions should be appropriate. For instance, "You forgot to take out the trash, so you are grounded for a year", isn't fair. Raging, screaming, hitting and irrational behavior when punishing a child isn't fair. **Fairness** means that there are clear and logical consequences for a child's failure to behave appropriately and that these consequences are known and understood beforehand. When a child breaks the rules, she knows exactly what will happen to her as a result. For instance, if it was clearly communicated to the child that she would lose after school television privileges if she did not finish her homework first, and she chose not to finish her homework, then it is perfectly fair and reasonable to follow through with the consequences of that action and prohibit the television viewing.

Firm means follow through. **Discipline means nothing if it is not carried out!** The parent must set the consequence for a particular behavior and then mean it. If you threaten to punish and then don't follow through, all you are doing is confusing your child and telling him that *your word means nothing*. Children don't respect weakness in a parent. This is an ancient instinct from our primitive days when being weak meant not surviving. You must project an air of authority even if that is difficult for you, as your kids will not respect you if you don't.

Consistent means **all the time, no matter what!** *I cannot stress enough how important this last one is*, and it is also the hardest of the three! If you punish your kid for an infraction of the rules only randomly or at your whim and neglect to punish for the same infraction at other times, you are sending very mixed messages to your kid. What happens is that your child learns that your word is dictated only by your mood, level of tiredness or frustration on any given days. What you say is not something to be trusted and counted on, it is something to be manipulated. What this waffling tells your child is that if they just wait for the right moment, when you are distracted or exhausted or overwhelmed, that they will be able to wear you down until you give in and give up. This is not the precedent you wish to set. Good discipline is essential and kids need it and want it. They feel safer and happier when their households are predictable and when Mom and Dad are people they can trust to do what they say they will do. Do not skip this step, as many parents do these days. *Start now, right from the beginning, and get this step right.* You, your child, and everyone who will ever know your child will never regret it!

ISTARI and ISFA Launch

Team Iqra is thrilled to announce the launch of ISTARI (Iqra Sisters Training and Research Institute) and ISFA (Iqra Sisters Fitness Association). The personality development workshop 'Discover Yourself' by Brother Sadathullah Khan (Advisory Board member of Iqra and Editor of Islamic Voice) launched ISTARI on 30th of November 2013. As one of our school parents described, it was truly 'a lifetime experience'. May Allah bless brother Sadathullah Khan abundantly Aameen. ISFA was formed to keep our teachers healthy, strengthen them and build their endurance to help them handle the multiple caps they don as women MashaAllah. ISFA was kick started with its first session on 7th of December 2013. It was a pleasure to hear the feedback from the rejuvenated staff! Alhamdulillah.

Field Trips

Various fieldtrips were conducted during this month. Visit to the Post Office by the learners of UKG and Grades, visit to the Electrical shop by Grade 2 and Visit to the Zoo by the learners of all grades. Zoo Report - After an hour long bus ride the children arrived at the zoo. SubhanAllah, It was nature at its best, truly astonished to see the perfection of Allah (SWT). The children were accompanied by different subject teachers who made their learning enjoyable. The first of many animals they saw were the lions and tigers at the safari. This was followed by the Jumma prayers and lunch. Everybody quickly finished their lunch to have a few morsels of delicious biryani fed by the teachers individually, thanks to our concerned Director. Later on they entered the zoo to see several caged animals and birds, they continued to explore the zoo exhibits for the remainder of the day and saw several interesting animals. They read the information boards about each animal and quickly made notes. Soon, it was time to leave so they boarded the bus. Needless, to say they were tired by the day's adventure and quickly fell asleep as they drove back to school. Wheels on the bus go round and round all the way to school.

Theme of the Month - Love & Respect

Alhamdulillah keeping up with the trend of IQRA we witnessed this month's TOM - 'love and respect'. The Iqranians came up with colorful pictures, meaningful quotes, emotional stories and wonderful collage. They were all on display catching the attention of one and all, MashaAllah. As part of the TOM, the UKG children put up an eye-catching performance showing their love and respect for 'Mother & Father'. The Grades staged a series of acts with strong messages along with an unforgettable and mesmerizing performance on 'first we need the love!' Encircling all these events was the 'Circle Time', a very interactive and informative session between the teachers and students. Walhamdulillah.

Dates to Remember

December 9 th	Budding Scientist Contest Finale by Brain Café (within school)
December 12 th	Burooj Intra-School Quiz Contest
December 18 th	International Maths Olympiads (IMO) - Grades 1,2 & 3
December 19 th	Annual Sports Day
December 20 th	Winter Break Begins (School Re-opens on 30 th of December)

WasalaamAlaikum
Yours in the service of Islam
Staff & Management
Iqra International School

Islamic Trivia

"That the human being is created in the best of moulds" is a verse from which Surah of the Noble Quran?

Answer to last month's trivia - Zanira