



Please remember to call the school office before 8:45 a.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 Supervisor

Assalamu Alaikum

As this is my first message in the school newsletter, I would like to introduce myself to the new students and parents. I teach LKG 'B' and UKG. I am honored in becoming the Supervisor; I look forward to expanding my role and learning new concepts.

We're already in the month of August and the monsoon weather is bringing rain and colder temperatures. Please ensure that your child has a proper navy blue jacket to keep him/her warm.

Recently, I have had a number of conversations about homework. Every grade at IIS will have some form of homework or 'home learning' to be completed each week. Families are encouraged to engage with children and support them by asking questions and discussing the set tasks.

Home learning tasks usually fit into three categories:

- Practice exercises, such as reading, spelling, recitation and number facts
- Preparatory activities such as researching topics in books or on the Internet
- Assignments and projects that engage children creatively

We believe that home learning tasks bridge the gap between learning at school and learning at home and reinforce work done in class. They help develop skills such as research and time management and assist in establishing the habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. On some occasions, children may also be asked to complete unfinished class work.

Through home learning tasks, parents and families have the opportunity to see the progress of their child and gain an insight into the learning that is happening every day at school. Please support your child by talking to them about their home learning, but please do not complete the task for them.

Wasalaam,
Sr. Rubeena

School Holidays

School closes for Ramadan Vacations on **Saturday 11th of August** and re-opens on **Wednesday 22nd of August**.

Charity Week

The week starting from **6th of August till 10th of August**.

The activities/events scheduled to take place during this week are described on the Activity page.

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

More information will follow soon.

Stay Tuned!

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

New Staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new LKG and UKG teacher, **Sr Muthahira**. MashaAllah she has a good number of years of experience teaching the Xseed curriculum. She joins us to enhance our existing teaching methods and train our other pre-primary teachers in following the Xseed curriculum.

Diaries

Each student in Grades 1 to 2 received a diary at the start of the school year. This is an important tool to help children to stay organized and for communication between home and school. Please check and sign your child's diary daily to monitor homework and for home-school communication. Replacements are available from the school office for Rs: 225 each.

Uniform

Uniform checkup shows that some students do not wear proper uniform. Please make your children wear a navy blue sweater only. Please make sure they wear plain white skull caps (*not mandatory to wear caps*), navy blue socks and black shoes. Please do not send your child to school in color dress. A fine will be levied on students wearing color dress to school.

School Timings

It has been noticed that some students are repeatedly arriving late at school. Please note that any student arriving after 8:40am will not be allowed to attend the assembly. The gate will be closed at **8:50am**. The students arriving after 8:50am will be sent back home.

Message from the Director

Assalamu Alaikum

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and rewarding Ramadan. I pray to Allah (swt) to accept our fasting, prayers and good deeds during this holy month.

It has been more than a month into our brand new school "Sprouts of Iman" year. We already have 92 children enrolled in the 5 classes of our school, Alhamdulillah!

InshaAllah, we hope that throughout this year and in the coming years, our school will be successful in achieving what we have set as goals. We appreciate the contribution of all our school parents—their support and contribution in achieving our goals to provide quality education for our students.

Sister Rubeena and I are available by appointment every weekday (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) to meet you. I wish you all a happy Ramadan and a joyous Eid. May Allah (swt) guide us to serve His cause and give us the wisdom and guidance to help our children. **Aameen**

Director/Founder
Noor Ayesha

August Activities (Month: Ramadan, Theme: Ibaadah)

This month the school is brimming with activities. Check out all our scheduled events:

- **3rd August** – School Elections for UKG, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade
- **6th August to 10th August - Ramadan Charity Week:**

*And of them are some who made a covenant with Allah (saying): "If He bestowed on us of His Bounty, we will verily give Sadaqah (Zakat and voluntary **charity** in Allah's Cause) and will be certainly among those who are righteous."*
(التوبة سورة , At-Taubah, Chapter 9, Verse 75)

- ✓ Day 1: 6th August – Collection Day – (Montessori, LKG, UKG, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade)
Children will be visiting and distributing at the Yarab Trust orphanage on Day 3. Therefore, please send one pair of your child's old clothes and one toy (you may send more) on Day 1. Please make sure the clothes and toys are in good condition. You may also give money (zakaat) for the orphans.
- ✓ Day 2: 7th August – Tuck Shop Day – (UKG, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade)
Each class will be divided into 2 groups or more. Each group will be assigned a dish to prepare. Every child in a group will have to prepare the same item, this has to be compulsorily homemade. Parents are requested to make a note of the amount spent and help their children with the preparation at home. On Day 2 from 1:00pm to 2:40pm, each class will open their tuck shops. Teachers, parents and visitors are welcome to come and purchase from the tuck shops between these timings. Children will donate the profit collected to the orphanage.
- ✓ Day 3: 8th August - Visit to the Yarab Trust Orphanage, <http://www.yarabtrust.com/home> – (UKG, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade)
Montessori and LKG children will not be visiting the orphanage. Therefore, they will be dismissed at 11am on Wednesday the 8th of August. At 11am, the UKG, 1st and 2nd Grade children will be taken to Yarab Trust orphanage to distribute their clothes/ items/money in charity to the orphan children. After the visit, children can be picked up from school at 3pm. *Please inform us in writing if you do not want your child to visit the orphanage.*
- ✓ Day 4: 9th August – Preparation for the theme of the month. (All grades)
- ✓ Day 5: 10th August – Theme of the Month Event
- **26th August** - Eid party
Dress Code: Boys - Black suits + white shirt, Girls - Long white frocks with white hijabs.
- **Last Week of August** - Xseed learn-o-meter assessments for 1st and 2nd Grade.

Traffic Safety

When you (or the van driver) walk with the children to and from the parking lot to the school, please keep them close to you. To avoid distractions when walking through traffic, we advise children who bring a ball to play at school to have a shopping bag to carry this ball.

News From the Hifd Department

Qirat Competition:

Quran competition is tentatively set for September 14, 2012.

The categories are:

LKG and UKG - Surah Al-Fatihah, An-Naas, FalaQ and IQlaas

Grade 1 & 2 - Surah Al-Fatiha, An-Naas, FalaQ, IQlaas, Masad, Nasr and Kaafiroon

Photo Retake Day

Photos retake will be held on **August 26**. Please let the class teacher know if you don't want your child to have his/her pictures taken.

Dates to Remember

August 3 rd	School Elections
August 6 th	Collection Day
August 7 th	Tuck Shop Day
August 8 th	Visit to the Orphanage
August 9 th	'Theme of the Month' Event
August 10 th - August 22 nd	Eid Holidays
August 26 th	Eid Party
August 28 th *	Xseed Learnometer assessments for Grade 1 and 2 *Tentative Date

Wassalaam Alaikum

Yours in the service of Islam

Management

Iqra International School