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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 Principal

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

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and that this issue finds you in the best of Imaan and Health. It has been a busy month to say the least! Alhumdulillah, the annual sports meet- Iqrathon was a successful event of this year. JazakAllahu Khair to all of you who came to support our annual sports meet and to all the learners, parents and staff who got involved in the races. The children love to see us all having fun together and it all contributed to the wonderful family atmosphere which is such a fabulous quality of Iqra. Their competitive spirit coupled with sportsman like conduct throughout was a pleasure to behold.

This month is surely one of the most exciting months of the year for our learners. Parents, use this time to bond more with your children and to continue helping your children in their learning. There are a lot of fun ways that you can teach your children the literacy skills that they need to acquire and master. You can read with your children or share wonderful stories to each other. Again, the best way to teach learners is by example. We need to continue nurturing and sharpening their brains in order to be ready when they come back to school after the holidays.

Iqra has always maintained a high attendance rate and we need that to continue. It is very important that our children are in school **every day**, for the entire day throughout the school year. When students arrive late or leave early, they miss out on important learning and it can be disruptive for the classroom. Please help to ensure that your child is at school every day, except for illness that requires him/her to be at home.

Wasalaam  
Principal  
Sr Rubeena Mozaffar Jafri

### Hadith of the month

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud, may Allah be pleased with him, reported:

Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) said: There should be no envy but only in case of two persons: one having been endowed with wealth and power to spend it in the cause of Truth, and (the other) who has been endowed with wisdom which he uses for judging and teaches it (to others). (Sahih Muslim)

### Re-Enrollment

This is to inform you that there has been a change in the fee structure for the next academic year (2015-16). Please contact the school office for further information.

### Withdrawal:

Parents who would like to withdraw their child should submit a withdrawal letter at the school office before 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2015. Failing to do so before the specified date, will require parents to make the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly fee payment before withdrawing.

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



### **Iqrathon 2014-15**

Iqrathon began with an opening speech by our head boy Daanish of Grade 4 followed by the wonderful and melodious Qirat of the Noble Qu'ran by Misbah Sajjad of Grade 3 and translation by Muhammed Bilal of Grade 4, followed by introduction of the chief guest by Sr Asmah with her (as usual) brilliant compering skills. Sports Day for the Iqranians turned out to be the most enthusiastic event of the year so far. Looking at the sportsmanship spirit shown through every Iqranian who took part, you wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else on the day! Sport develops many good qualities, and there was certainly a healthy competition, but the highlight of the day was the enthusiasm shown by every Iqranian.

Our little Iqranians of Montessori, Nursery, LKG and UKG walked with their colorful pom poms. The Junior School children attempted their very own "Sports Day Carousel" which consisted of 4 stages; in the garden, crazy frogs, off to beach and ants go marching. Well done to all the Juniors who all did their very best!

Followed by the junior events was the school drill performed by the grades and the juniors joining back us on the grounds in the scorching sunshine, congregated in their House teams ready for their carousel of 8 activities. The Blue team-Israfeel, on one leg, warmed up the team who were looking to win sports day for a third year in a row.

We moved ready for the track events. The Grades 1 girls and boys powered through the first race of the day-50 mts race, and they set the standard of what was about to come. At the end of the race it looked as though they could have run another 50m as they flew past the finish line. Grade 2 races were competitive as well, along with the 50 mts race, Balancing the ball and ball in the bucket opening up the gates of their talents. The grade 3's all looked determined to score points for their respective houses starting off with cobbler cobbler mend my shoes, tomato race, archery, hurdle race, 100 mtrs race and relay. Girls and Boys from year 4 put in strong performances throughout. They battled hard to score points for their house powered to a strong victory. Non-more-so than the excellent battle between the blue team and the green team. All the races were spectacle.

Saving the best until last, we finished our sports day with the Grade 4 relays. The last relays of the day, left Israfeel(Blue house) needing only, not to be disqualified to secure the House Trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in succession. They managed this, and in style. So there it is Israfeel(Blue house) 1<sup>st</sup>, Mikael (Green house) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Israfeel (red house) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ridhwan (yellow house) 4<sup>th</sup>. The biggest cheers were for those who pushed themselves over the finish line after having every step of the races, for those who ran alongside friends to encourage them to keep going, all those giggling their way through the races, and of course for the speed and talent of our fastest track competitors. Not forgetting the truly stoic parents and supporters who were going to brave the cold and wind, enjoy their picnic and carry on cheering from the sidelines all afternoon regardless!

### **Dates to Remember**

15 <sup>th</sup> January	Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> January	International English Olympiad (IEO)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Field Trip-Mother's Sanctuary(Montessori Year 1, 2 & 3)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Field Trip-Planetarium (LKG & UKG)

WasalaamAlaikum

**Staff & Management**

**Iqra International School**

### **ISLAMIC TRIVIA**

What is the name of second Battle of Islam?

Answer to last newsletter's trivia -Yasrab