



*Please remember  
to call the school  
office before  
8:20a.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 students:  
As-Salamu `Alaykum,

I was given the honour and privilege to become the Principal of Iqra International School at a time when the school experienced a big change with the decision to move the school from two separate locations to one bigger and centralized location. Our Founder-Director Sr Noor Ayesha and our entire Iqra team have experienced a lot of challenges, but with the help of Allah first and then with the help of the decision makers at IIS, school board, school staff, parents, and our community at large, we were able to make that move successful. The result is a running school which Alhamdulillah has all the potential and leverage to grow rapidly to the satisfaction of our parents Insha Allah. In this sense, I really appreciate my role of serving you all by taking part in creating an Islamic learning environment for our future generation. I will do my best to meet the needs of the parents, students, and staff of the school. Our goal is to continue to improve on the school's many excellent qualities, and work towards making it the best it can be. I will be working together with Sr Noor Ayesha and our team, to ensure consistency and to maintain the quality of education at IIS.

The Iqra team has many interesting growth and development plans for IIS. You will witness these unfold beautifully throughout the year. Insha Allah.

Lastly, we are overwhelmed by the immense trust, patience, support and motivation we have received from the parents of IIS. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us smoothly transition from a small little school which started two years ago to a big institution today. Now sky is NOT the limit for Iqra, Insha Allah!

A big shout out to our parents of year 1 and 2 for trusting in us. JazakAllahKhair for your cooperation all the way through!

May Allah bestow on us His infinite blessings. We ask Him to accept our efforts and guide us on the right path always.

Wasalaam  
SrRubeena MJ  
Principal

### Hadith of the Month

Tameem-ud-Dari (Radiyallahuanhu) reported that Rasoolullah (Sallallahualaihiwasallam ) said "The first deed a person will be questioned about on the day of Judgement is his prayer". [Tirmidhi]

### School Timings

It has been noticed that some students are repeatedly arriving late at school. Please note that any student arriving after 8:15 am will not be allowed to attend the assembly. The gate will be closed at **8:20am sharp**. The students arriving after 8:20am will be sent back. For Nursery and Montessori its **10:00am sharp**.

### New Address

Please make a note of the new address.

**#202, 2<sup>nd</sup> cross, 27<sup>th</sup> main, BTM Layout 1<sup>st</sup> stage, Bangalore 560068**

Phone Numbers:  
08026789960/61

Office Timings  
09:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

### **Orientation day**

Our orientation day began with the wonderful and melodious recitation of the Noble Quran by Hafidh Iqbal and translation by Sr. Asmah, followed by the very inspiring words of respected Principal Sr Rubeena Mozaffar (she always has something in her oratory skills that leaves us all fascinated!). The panel introduction session introduced the parents to all the staff at Iqra. Dr. Arshya Anjum followed the introduction with her (as usual) brilliant presentation on "How IQRA works" - our plans and strategies in detail. An incredibly alluring insight to the Montessori Method of learning was provided by Sr. Shahnaz Shakir (IIMS/IMA). Sr. Fatima Khader, the founder of 'EvolvED', presented an enlightening and educating speech on "Conscious Parenting". Ms Veena Agnihotri 'XSEED' our expectation with her "Let's XSEED" session. Brother Abu Yahya Mansoor Danish (Director - Development, Al - Iman Education Foundation), our Guest of Honour inspired and mesmerized us with his session on "Parents as Partners" making us enlivened with a novel zeal and enthusiasm. The session on "child psychology" was eloquently presented by Dr. Shridhar (Asha Wellness). This very beneficial Orientation event for our parents ended with a Q&A session and closing speech by Sr. Asmah.

### **From the English Department**

With the Theme of the Month events, we could see that our children have become more confident readers and excellent presenters, MashaAllah. Now the need of the hour is to improve their handwriting and master the spellings. Therefore, we need to collaborate and take this task on hand to bring the best out of them once again, InshaAllah. All we need to do is help the child fulfill the below requirements. A lot of words will be given every Monday.

*Monday*- write each spelling word three times in a four line book

*Tuesday*- write your spelling words in alphabetical order (once)

*Wednesday*- choose any two words and make sentences of your own

*Thursday*- time to take a practice test. Ask an adult to read those words to you and write them without seeing (home assignment)

*Friday*- you take a test at school and excel!

The children who constantly score well will be chosen for the annual Spellathon event. Furthermore, for the spell bee contest Insha Allah.

### **From the Science and Social Department**

We take pride in welcoming the little Iqranians to another year of "Learning through Experience". As we are in our flow of learning through the various strategies adopted in the IGCSE curriculum, we eagerly look forward to the adventurous and ever so exciting field trips. Very soon the students of grade 1 and 2 will be enjoying a study trip to understand the environment around us, do research and collect the facts and figures about "how suitable our environment is for the living things to survive". The higher grades will be visiting the museum, planetarium and printing press to know and understand the archaeological evidences, the solar system and how the newspaper gets processed before it reaches our breakfast table!

## **CHARITY WEEK**

### **Tuck Shop**

Ready, Steady, Shop, Its the Tuck Shop!!

It was during our charity week that the enthusiastic Iqranians organised the active Tuck Shop Event. It was immense pleasure to watch our dynamic, zealous and ever so enthusiastic budding entrepreneurs display some actual business skills. A rare amalgamation of energy, passion and skills was evident in every single effort put forth by our students. The vivacious stalls incorporated fine delicacies so to savour for a munificent cause, charity! Guided by the teaching staff, the kids mastered proficiency in managerial and business skills by collecting a considerable sum to be donated for a noble cause. It was not just that the kids gave away something, it was all about earning enormous joy of giving and making place in someone's special duas. May Allah accept their efforts.

### **Visit to the Orphanage**

You will be delighted to know what our uniformed businessmen did with their earnings! They donated it to an Orphanage. We boarded a bus all set to donate and get heaps of duas. The students collected a colossal amount of give-aways for the orphans and were so immensely pleased to gift it to them. Our young Iqranians know what is gifting like, they neatly, beautifully and with their own efforts, wrapped the toys, clothes, eatables and money to present the gifts in an adorable manner. Brimming with happiness, empathy and love our overjoyed students marched to the orphanage. Led by our supportive staff of teachers, the charity event proved to be a massive success. Eventually, our students imbibed the joy of giving which makes the event so special for all of us!

### **Theme of the Month - CHARITY WEEK**

Alhamdulillah all the events under the Theme of the Month gained a huge applause and were successful with the collaborative efforts of our blossoming Iqranians, teachers, staff and parents alike. The holy month of Ramadan blessed our students with a zest for the good and carried our tradition of Theme of the month. We thank one and all for the active participation, love and support. We look forward to many such happening Theme of the Month events in the near future! With a special array of activities this blessed month, we began yet another academic year's journey with our incredible tradition of the 'Theme of the month'.

### **Eid Party**

Our Iqranians had their much awaited Eid Party on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. The children arrived at school dressed in their pretty and colorful Eid dresses. The classrooms, the corridors, the stairs, the entire school was beautifully decorated with colorful balloons and streamers. The children enjoyed themselves as they played various interesting games and watched their teachers play in the play area, cheers and chants of takbeer echoed in the entire school, MashaAllah. At Iqra we believe in setting examples rather than just preaching, the children witnessed their teachers exchanging their Eid gifts before they exchanged theirs. There were shrieks of joy and delight as the children received their gifts. The delicious and mouthwatering snacks made up for its delayed arrival.

### **A Glimpse of the Activities in the Junior Block**

The month June and July had some amazing activities. Let's read about it!

**MONTESSORI-** The Theme of the Month for our little Mont Iqranians was social behavioral practices. The Montessori section is striving to inculcate 'positive interaction with everyone' in all our students. The activities available to the children in a Montessori classroom are "purposive". Along with practical lessons on etiquettes of life based on the sunnah of Prophet Muhammed(pbuh) - manners and positive interaction with others, respecting everyone, making and keeping friends, sharing toys and materials, appropriate class room behavior and public behavior, not littering in public places, using public dustbins, keeping the environment clean and green. Through these activities our kids learnt a lot about social behavior and responsibility. These exercises of Grace and Courtesy, as the names implies, helped our children control their body and move more gracefully by frequent usage of words like "please", "thank you", "jazakAllahkhair" and "waiyyaki" which signify distinguished manners. By working in this way it increased their level of independence, confidence and they realized that their actions benefit others.

**NURSERY-** The ingenious kids made a superb collage of the human body parts. Having fun with craft activities, the kids cut out smaller shapes and pasted them in similar shapes. Sand and the desert went hand in hand in this lovely task where kids practiced Arabic alphabets in the sand! Eventually, we took them close to Mother Nature by developing a sense of art, painting with the leaves. It was joyous to witness the little hands perform all the charismatic creativity in them!

**LKG-** A lovely collage displaying the human body parts was presented by our little wonders. Ever saw how kids love colors? we asked them to witness the magic of mixing colors! We also let their creativity get wings by asking them to use playful sponges. What followed was fun with shapes, the children enjoyed cutting out shapes and putting them in a fabulous way! In this adventurous activity, we asked them to create a map, take directions and guess the location.

**UKG-** Our little Iqranians can cook! Believe us when we say children from the UKG served delicious sandwiches as art of "my serves" event. This was followed by My family- this showed how much our children love their families, they stuck pictures of their family on notice board trees We also inculcated in them the love for plants, teaching them how to sow a seed and make our planet green!

### **Dates to Remember**

August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Field trip to the lake for LKG, UKG, Grade 1 & 2
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Field trip to the planetarium and museum for Grade 3 & 4
August 21 <sup>st*</sup>	Field trip to the Printing Press for Grade 3 & 4 (*Tentative)
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Field trip to "Old Age Home" for Grade 1 to 4
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	"Theme of the month"

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

### **Islamic Trivia**

**"Which was the first battle between the Muslims and the disbelievers of Quraish that took place in the month of Ramadan?"**

**Answer to last newsletter's trivia - "Al Bait Al Ma'moor"**