



Midterm Exam Update

Midterm Examination was held from 30th Nov-15th Dec 2011 in the preprimary, primary and secondary sections.

Report cards will be given out during Parent Teaching Meeting on 14th January 2012.

After examination, students at all grade levels happily arranged classroom parties. Special invitation cards were made by students to invite the administrative and teaching staff and classrooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion. Food and drinks were brought by students from home. ♦

Parents' Orientation Meetings

Parents and teachers have a common goal: a successful school year for every child. Parents' Orientation Meetings were held in October and November by the principal, Mrs. Shahina Mahmood, for parents of O' Level and Grade V-VIII students respectively.

The meetings were followed by question and answer session and the Parent Handbook, prepared by the principal, was distributed among the parents in the end. ♦

'The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.'



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Principal's Letter

Assalamu alaikum,

It is wonderful to be back in school. I hope everyone has had a restful summer, blessed Ramadan and joyous Eid.

I would like to thank my friend Ms. Peggy Archer from the United States who came to Pakistan and joined our school to teach and train the teachers and students. I would, in the same vein, thank the teachers for having worked tirelessly through the entire term and to have managed a tight rope balance between fulfilling their academic responsibilities along with arranging a series of big and small events.

The year has been full of promise; there is renewed vigour in the students taking an active part in a holistic approach to school. I have always maintained that the building of integrity and honour is the catalyst to changing our society. Let us, the parents and teachers, leave a legacy that will change the destiny of our youth.

Sadaga Collection

Like every year, the sadaqa collection activity began during Ramadan in all classes. The school provided each classroom with a money-bank to collect charity for the poor. The school also contributed the initial amount in each money bank.

The activity continued throughout the holy month. At the end of Ramadan the amount was donated to Alamgir Welfare Trust by a group of O Level students.

The aim of this endeavour is to inculcate in children a sense of gratitude for our blessings as well as the spirit of sharing with others. ♦



After the month of Ramadan students celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr at school in September. Children came dressed up in their colourful Eid clothes and brought eatables to share with their friends at the Eid Milan party.

An Eid Card Competition was also held in the primary and secondary sections and winners were awarded certificates. ♦

Eid Celebrations

It reduces the risk of onset of diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's & gallstone disease. It contains the compound methylpyridinium, a known anti-cancer compound.

Benefits of Coffee



People who consume 2-3 cups of coffee every day are more productive at work and remember things better. It regulates blood pressure and intestinal functions in the body.

The word *coffee* derives from the Ottoman Turkish *kahve*, via the Italian *caffè*. The Turkish word in turn was borrowed from the Arabic *qahwah*.



Qirat Competition was held in the primary and secondary sections for students from grade II – VII in school on 25th October. Ms.Ruqaiyya, Ms.Shahnaz, Ms.Shakila and Ms.Nagina prepared the students for short skits and presentations as well.

Winners were awarded certificates of achievement by outside judges. Children from Arctic house won this competition. ♦

Qirat Competition

The Six Mistakes of Man

- ✓ The illusion that personal gain is made up of crushing others.
- ✓ The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
- ✓ Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
- ✓ Neglecting refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.
- ✓ Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
- ✓ Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do.

Preprimary News

The little ones in the preprimary sections have been actively engaged in various academic activities.

Montessori students came all dressed up on Universal Children's Day and had fun playing games and running races. These little ones also celebrated Fruit Day with an exciting Fruit Puppet show by Ms. Huma Zahidi. The children were taught about different tastes, textures, colours and names of fruits.

Lower & Upper Nursery children had their share of fun with their teachers Ms Shazia Khan, Ms. Sarwat Ali and Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain. Lower Nursery children had fun pasting cotton on paper to make rabbits. They also decorated empty jars in beautiful colours.

Upper Nursery children went for a walk in the school to explore their surroundings and experience four different senses. Later they expressed their feelings and thoughts through drawings.

Two mothers, who are doctors, volunteered to do a general check-up of the pre-primary children. The school appreciates the gesture very much. ♦



Dates for your diary

- PTM will be held on 14th Jan '12 for all classes.
- The first Assessment tests for 2nd Term will begin in February. Project work/ Presentation, Quiz and Orals for grades I-VIII will be taken in the month of Jan/Feb before the Assessments.

Reading Corner!

Children

Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea

By Jules Verne

Great Expectations

By Charles Dickens

Parents

Aleph

By Paulo Coelho

Pakistan – A Personal History

By Imran Khan

Primary News

The students of primary section came up with colourful class projects before the October Assessments. Grade V students brought pots to school and planted tomato, chilli, lady finger and marigold seeds during their Social Studies class with Ms. Aisha Loya.

Children of class III-B presented a **short skit** in the morning assembly highlighting the importance of education.

Creative Writing competitions were held in the primary & secondary sections and winners were awarded certificates.

The primary and secondary students also celebrated **International School Library Day** in November by writing book reports and designing book covers and bookmarks for the books they had read. Students came up with some very unique designs for bookmarks. Six best entries were awarded certificates. ♦

Secondary News



The academics were in full swing in the secondary section.

Grade IX-XI girls participated in **Inter-School Essay Writing** and Arts competition arranged by PACC, Pakistan American Cultural Center in October. Amal Humayoun of grade X won the consolation prize and trophy for the school.

Education Bay also sent delegates from Grade IX-XI to attend the Inter-School **Model United Nations (MUN) Conference** at the ShoreMUN Invitational conference organised by Southshore in September. The experience helped students develop a greater understanding of global issues, meet peers from other schools and learn to express their views publicly.



Grade X and XI A girls also visited the **National Institute of Child Health** as part of their Community Service Club programme. The students collected and distributed colour pencils, colouring books, toys, bangles and snacks among children at the institute before Eid –ul-Azha to share the joys of Eid with them.

Tea Party Competition

Secondary girls from classes IX-XI took part in Inter House **Tea party Competition** under the supervision of Ms. Sohna on 20th October. Students were required to prepare finger food and tea and set everything on the table. The participants displayed great creativity and enthusiasm in presenting tea. It was difficult for judges to pick a winner. Points were awarded for nutrition, cleanliness and presentation. Arctic House won the competition. ♦



Sports in Spotlight

The **Annual Track Event** for all girls and boys (Montessori-III) was held in the school premises on 4th November. Students participated zealously in various sporting events and races. Winners were awarded gold and silver medals by Ms. Peggy Archer. Athlete of the Year award was given to Aimen Kamran from grade X.

Girls Inter-house basketball match was also held in school between two houses Arctic and Atlantic. Arctic bagged the trophy!

Boys from classes IV-XI had their Sports Day on 5th November. Athlete of the Year award was given to Ammar Ali, Head Boy, of grade XI B. Arctic house won the trophy on Sports Day.

Boys' football and basketball teams also participated in inter-school matches held at Bay View Academy. ♦

Bake Sale



Boys of Grade VIII - XI held a booming bake sale in October!

Students brought scrumptious food items from homes and sold them during breaktime to an enthusiastic group of teachers and student body.

The amount generated was donated to Kashana e Atfal.

Counsellor's Corner

Upcoming Events

- Preprimary: Stage Show
- Primary: Project Day
- Secondary: Inter-school Elocution Competition
- Salad-making Competition

- ✓ Set up high expectations and be committed to them.
- ✓ Make reading of good books a part of your home life – an after-dinner 30 minutes reading and discussion session.
- ✓ Teach a child that every action has a consequence.
- ✓ Be firm and consistent with the rules you have set.
- ✓ Above all, follow an organised structure for your child and keep to it firmly.

