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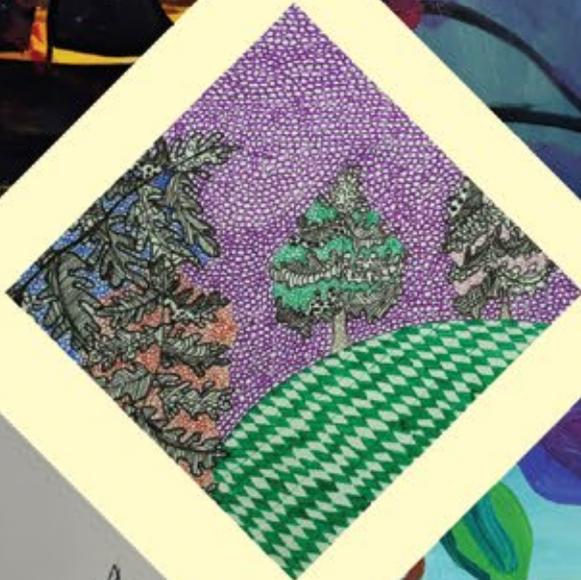


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FOREWORD



Children are more welcoming to the ripples in the ocean of their mind. The small, the trivial and the ordinary is often viewed with a fresh twinkle of fascination in their eyes. Which is why, the power of innocent imagination allows children to magnify and embellish even the most basic of things, making it into something, grand and extraordinary!

Hence, children are also more likely to think outside the box. But bless their ever-inquisitive souls; they are never satisfied with "just" outside the box. Children want to think around the box, on top of the box, below the box and even peek inside the box, twice or so!

This is exactly what you will find in each composition as penned by our young students. Their innocent imagination wrapped delicately yet firmly within the warm embrace of the two most important attributes of Islamic Faith: Ihsan (Cooperation) and Amanah (Care). For these two important qualities are the pearls of every Muslim and Muslimah's character.

Flip the pages to hear the laughter of our students as they animatedly share their sparkling colours, effervescent dreams, and acute observations along with stimulating opinions that The Intellect Family is working hard to inculcate in each student! Irrespective of their age bracket, reading these pieces makes one realise that success is truly hand-made, found in the simplest of things.

We at The Intellect School know the importance of each droplet and appreciate it duly. Lastly, a loud shout-out of appreciation to all our contributors for lending us their creativity and refreshing voice.

We hope and pray that these pieces refresh you with their luminosity as they did for us!

Jazakumullah Khairan



Message From The Principal

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

At the Intellect School, we believe that the role of a school is not only to enable academic excellence, but also to motivate and empower its students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and productive members of an ever-changing global society. As Muslims, this also includes the importance of trust, respect, innovation, and a sense of belonging to the Muslim Ummah.

Our curriculum emphasises active learning, understanding, critical thinking, and problem-solving capabilities. We endeavour to inculcate within each student the practice of taking ownership of one's own learning. It is our responsibility as educators to nurture and develop every pupil to prepare them for life. Students are continually encouraged to participate in diverse activities, enabling them to develop an awareness about global issues, and an active respect for the environment. A student should study hard to be successful in competitive examinations, but also play games and sports to experience the health and vigour of an active lifestyle. Hence, all students are actively encouraged to participate in various sports for physical education is an integral part of school life.



The Intellect School also emphasises collaboration between teachers, parents, and administrators, who are encouraged to communicate openly and frequently. We continuously develop tools for communication, such as giving parents access to our interactive website where they can retrieve pertinent information about their children's academic achievement. Parents are encouraged to regularly check our website and keep themselves apprised of academic and co-curricular activities.

It fills me with immense pleasure and pride to be at the threshold of The Intellect A' Level Programme. Through the exceptional dedication of the school and an active collaboration with parents, that we have been able to initiate this programme.

For the students, my advice is to examine candidly what you want out of life and set clear goals (in consultation with your parents). Once you have identified your summit of choice, you are ready to begin climbing. We are here for you, as guides and facilitators in this journey – one that is punctuated by challenges and opportunities.

Recall that, as Muslims, we derive our courage from trust in the Almighty:

"And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him."
[Al-Talaaq 65:3]

As you pursue your studies, it is hoped that the essence of the spiritual nurturing that you have gained from this institution, will soothe your soul and give direction to your capabilities. For everything is temporary, and only the reality of your own soul shall remain. For a student who has recognized this truth is ready to become a responsible, balanced and a mature adult, ready to shoulder the responsibilities of society.

Jazakumullah Khairan,
Mrs. M. Iqbal
Principal

Message from the Chairman, Board of Directors

Dear Readers,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

It is my immense pleasure to communicate directly with a much larger audience of The Intellect School – students, their respected parents and our respected faculty members.

The year 2018 has been quite eventful for The Intellect School as we achieved many successes. We were pleased with another year of impressive performance by our students in the O' Level Examinations. This was duly celebrated at the School with students and their proud parents. We encouraged the School Management to start A' Level classes, initially for our female students in the academic session 2018-19, to be followed by the Boys' Section, Insha'Allah.

The students of The Intellect School are now increasingly participating in various intra and inter-school competitions, which include numerous extra-curricular activities. Besides providing motivation to other students, this active participation and success achieved by our students in all such activities, also helps in showcasing the talent of The Intellect School to a much wider audience.

The Board of Directors have always been actively engaged with the School Management in ensuring that the school facilities and academics are constantly upgraded to international standards while being the best in class in Pakistan. The long-awaited Zainab Qasim Auditorium was finally commissioned in October 2018, making The Intellect, a unique school in terms of providing excellent academics and wide-ranging facilities, available only at a handful of schools in Karachi.

In addition to improvement in facilities, the School Management also remained focused on building a strong team through selective recruitment and more importantly, through professional development of staff, both on and off the job. We value the contribution of all our staff,



who are a critical success factor towards our mission of giving The Intellect students and their parents, a unique lifetime experience.

The Board is proud of the in-depth knowledge and professional commitment of our faculty, who continue to set new benchmarks of academic and extra-curricular performance. The Board also appreciates the interest and involvement of those parents, who actively engage with the School management in raising the academic, ethical and character-building standards of the school, which is the hallmark of this unique institution. I would like to stress to our students, to continue to work hard to maximise the benefit from the academic, extra-curricular and sports opportunities available at The Intellect School. I also wish that more parents get engaged with the School for the development of their children.

The Board members regularly interact with the School Management, including our teams at the Hifz Section, Boys' Section, Girls' Section, and the Non-teaching Staff, to ensure that the School keeps raising its performance standards. Our focus throughout the year, remained in ensuring that we give a comprehensive experience and exposure to students in building their character and making them a proud citizen of the country, with sound academic foundations along with high ethical and moral standards.

I am proud of my fellow Board members, who have individually and collectively worked extremely hard throughout the year to bring high-level professionalism and success to this noble institution. I would also like to thank Maulana Abdus Sattar Sahib, whose intense engagement and guidance throughout the year has been a motivation for all of us involved in the management and governance of the School.

In conclusion, we are together, in this journey of faith, growth and success for our institution and would welcome your suggestions and assistance as we move ahead.

With Best Wishes,

M. Abdul Aleem

Chairman

Board of Directors

The Intellect School



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Love In Its Purest Form Is Only For Allah (SWT)

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Love in its purest form is when we have this feeling for Allah (SWT)
Love that clashes with the love of our Rabb, Allah (SWT) is not love

It turns simply into satanic emotions

Love can remain pure,

Only if safeguarded and aligned with the love for our Rabb (SWT)

Love when impure, clashes with the love for the Creator.

It gets about jealousy, disobedience, n other satanic ways

It gets about keeping oneself,

away from the path that leads to the love of the Creator

For True Love is...

A pure feeling, free of self-centeredness,
It is about giving, compromising n adjusting,
Yet at the same time keeping oneself,
away from all selfishness

Love is a pure feeling, full of understanding,
It is about caring, valuing and sharing a lot.
Yet at the same time keeping oneself,
capable of withstanding

Love is a pure feeling, confined in certain limits,
It is about relaxing, smiling n even laughing,
Yet at the same time keeping oneself.
restricted from breaking those limits...

Love is a pure feeling, free of ill-human desires
It is about giving up, surrendering n sacrificing,
Yet at the same time keeping oneself,
limited to all humanly desires

Love is a pure feeling that takes you closer to the Creator
It is about repenting, seeking forgiveness n complete obedience.

Yet at the same time keeping oneself,
being confident of the love of the Creator

Dua: May Allah (SWT) fill our hearts with His true love.
Ameen.





Results Or Efforts?

Mr. Abdul Hameed
Islamic Coordinator - Senior Boys' Section

Did I ever notice that once in infancy, I was helpless, I cried out and my mother held me up lovingly to soothe me down but somebody sent my mother my way? Did I ever notice that as a child, although determined, my Lego still wasn't building up sideways like I wanted, but when my Uncle

joined in, our combined efforts paved the way *but somebody gave realisation to my uncle of my mood?*

Did I ever notice that I couldn't stop nail biting while the clock ticked away the time and the exam hour was forever coming near? Gradually but my confidence in my preparation for the exam overcame my fear and I did sail through the exam hour smoothly, somebody gave me that peace to drift in the rainbows of my confidence.

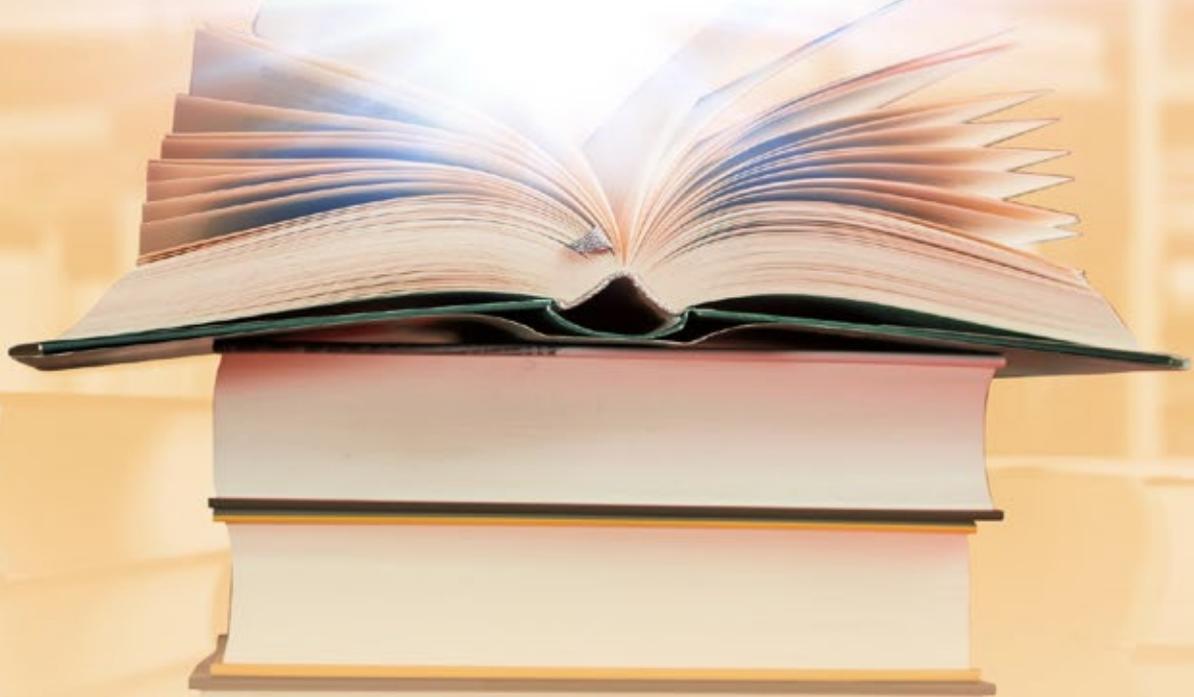
There is always someone... The unseen presence is so much visible to feel that I am always relieved. I try, I struggle, I tread at times on the most difficult paths to achieve my goals but my effort never goes unnoticed because I know I am being seen. I know that even if I fail, my true efforts will not dissipate. So who is this presence, this hope of hopes, this ruler from whom my seconds of life (that I must say almost always go unnoticed by me) do get noticed...? That is Allah.

I know that wherever I go and however I do, the *end* is decided, it is known by Allah. Should I try at all for any achievement in life? Because Allah has decided my result, should I work hard for the exams? Should I think up of what I want to be when I grow up, hasn't Allah decided that already and no matter what may happen, I know that His decision is the ultimate. Then why do I have to try... at all?

Yes I should. I must try. After all, didn't I put in the effort to cry out to my mother, didn't I show determination to build up the Lego, and didn't I prepare for my exam? Oh yes, I rightfully did. So the result isn't what matters; For Allah, it's my efforts that count; efforts that are purposeful, full of determination and finally full of trust in Allah SWT. And I must tell you dear reader, once we realize that Allah notices when we put in the efforts, we are always successful. Prophet Mohammed SAW has said: Allah SWT loves to see you do the efforts competently and accurately.

Notice if you are putting in the efforts, the rest will be taken care of.

Education: A Powerful Tool



Mrs. S. Sarfaraz,
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"A man gets what he strives for." ~ Surah An Najm Verse: 39

In the light of the above mentioned verse from the Quran, let me start off with the meaning of the word education. It is said by Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful tool which can be used to change the world." However, we often tend to overlook the meaning of the word education.

Education, through my perspective does not only possess academic content, but its realm goes far beyond. Education is to train a mind to take a right decision at the right time. Education is the way through which a person's potential increases with time and so does the awareness within a person about when and where to utilise his or her potential to its optimum level. Education is also to be kind, courteous, selfless, faithful,

optimistic and philanthropic, knowing if you do something for the sake of Allah SWT, Allah SWT will multiply it for you and also reward you abundantly. Most importantly, education means to have a beam of positivity when going through a dark tunnel of life, knowing you will eventually find light at the end of the tunnel.

According to Moulana Abdus Sattar Sahab, "Knowledge that brings you closer to Allah (SWT) is real education. We often hear that education prepares one for life but education is life itself." This means that a student should not be waiting for their graduation but start to apply learning. For example, an Economics student must proficiently be able to manage finances during his/her student life, later as a family maker and further in any professional capacity that she/he may choose for herself/himself.

It is imperative to understand that education is equally important whether a profession is opted or not. Those who have studied Biology or Food & Nutrition, may not be practicing doctors or nutritionists but their lifestyle and of their families must be on lines of good health. This in itself is a greater contribution to the society and the Ummah as good financial and health management of an individual results in a peaceful family unit which in turns contributes to a progressive society.

My dear students, through this article, let me give you an insight on practical life. Once you graduate with good grades and a decent GPA, Insha'Allah, many doors will open for you by the mercy of the Almighty SWT Himself. There will be times, when you are confused to choose among the various options you have on your plate - perhaps the doors that open for you wouldn't be the ones that you necessarily desire and that puts you off.

However, the real test of your education would be to choose the right door. So, how would you ever figure that one out and that too without any experience!?!

A person in his or her life often goes through such stages. This is when you have to ask Allah SWT for His guidance. Amidst the confusion you need to trust Him that only He can do wonders in your case. The next

step, which is very important step, is to not come under any kind of pressure. Be it peer pressure, or pressure from your parents or from the society.

If there is an option you love for yourself and you find it is not financially rewarding you at the moment or in the short run it does not bring you a lot monetary rewards, I will advise you to look at the bigger picture. We often tend to overlook in the glitz and the glamour of the proposal being offered to us at that particular time. Work on yourself, work on that prospect and try to connect the chains. Try to see how it would pay you off in the future. Do not get intimidated with the ones who are perhaps-apparently more successful than you are. You would never have a clear picture of their struggles or what they had to lose in order to gain!

Another important thing, is the ability to bounce back. An educated person is not defeated easily. You need to be a warrior. Many times in our practical life, we are often turned down or not motivated the way we expect to be. Many times we would feel that our work is not highlighted despite our relentless efforts, or we may feel that we are not accentuated as such. These are a few problems people do face when at work. Despite the turbulence, you need to tell yourself that you will not fall prey in the hands of people who make you feel worthless. You need to instil in your mind that motivation is not something constant and life will not always be fair. Know that it's a part of your test.

If you fail at something, get up stronger, rise above the failure. Taking the example of a child who when learns to walk, falls down so many times but never tell to his or herself. Maybe it's not for me. If there is something you truly desire. Seek it. Ask Allah SWT for His help - knowing that "your success is only dependent upon Allah." (Surah Hud verse: 88)

Work hard to achieve your passion and remember there will be times when people will not always have the same goals as you. That doesn't mean that you give up on your goals - feel intimidated and get demotivated. A fall is an inevitable part of your life but that's not what is going to define you. Work hard, strive in a peaceful manner, have the right intentions, don't be afraid of the cut throat competition and know "A man gets what he strives for."

Upbringing Is An Important Responsibility

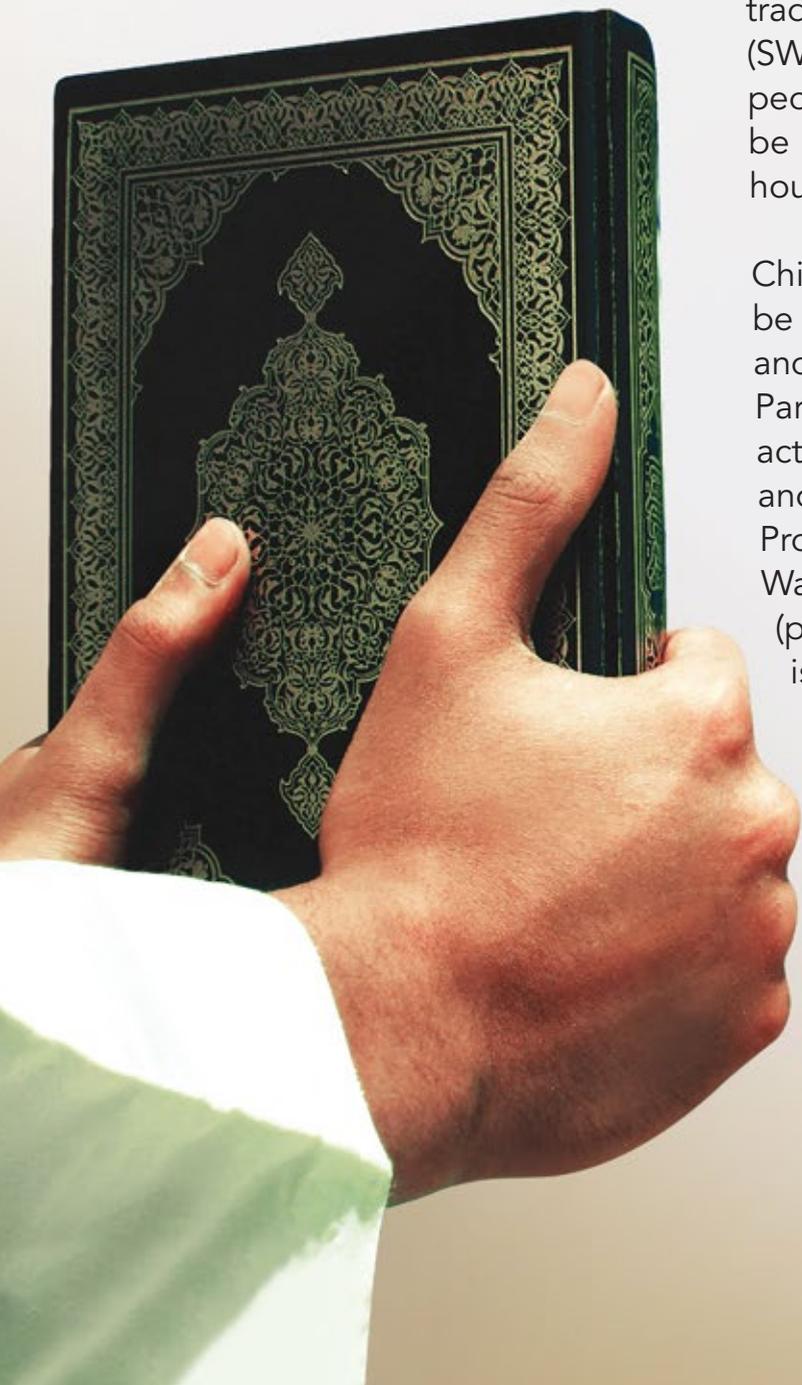
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Parents hold great leverage in terms of what they teach their children and accordingly how their children grow up as adults. Islam, therefore, hold parents responsible for steering their children's upbringing according to the guidelines of the Quran and the Prophet's (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam)

traditions. The Prophet (s) said: "Allah (SWT) will ask every caretaker about the people under his care, and the man will be asked about the people of his household" (Nasa'i, Abu Da'ud).

Children have the right, therefore, to be raised as responsible Muslim adults and parents must ensure that right. Parents must be conscious and take an active role in guiding their children and families on the path of truth. The Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said: "Every one of your (people) is responsible, and everyone is responsible for whatever falls under his responsibility. A man is like a shepherd of his own family, and he is responsible for them" (Bukhari and Muslim).

There are a few very critical guidelines to raise good practising Muslim children which parents must abide by, in order to raise and refine the generations ahead.



Spend appropriately on them

Parents, especially fathers, have the responsibility to spend on their children in ways that can help in their proper upbringing. In a hadith, the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), has clearly outlined this: "It is sufficient sin for a man if he neglects those on whom he is obliged to spend" (Narrated by Abu Dawood, 1692; classed as sahan by Shaykh al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Jaami', 4481).

Treat them fairly

Parents have an obligation to treat their children justly and fairly. Parents should not show undue preference to their children based on their gender or irrelevant criteria. Unfair treatment can arouse a feeling of jealousy and hatred in children that can continue for life and can also lead to bitterness in the child's heart towards the parents as well. This can be a seed for something unsettling in the future. With respect to inheritance that children are bound to receive from their parents, Allah (SWT) has made it clear that it does not depend on the parents' wishes but must be given according to the laws, as laid down in the Quran.

Treat them with love and mercy

Parents have the obligation to show love and mercy to their children. This will help children to develop normal and stable personalities and will also make it easier for children to love and respect their parents and elders when they grow up. The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) would show love and affection towards his children and is narrated to have said that "The one who has no compassion will not be treated mercifully" (Sahih Bukhari and At-Tirmidhi).

They deserve the right to proper education and upbringing

One of the most important facets of raising children is for the parents to provide them with the right training. According to Islamic traditions, the best gift that parents can provide to their children is training that can help them live as responsible Muslim adults fulfilling the rights of Allah and others. This, then, can lead them to succeed in the hereafter as well. The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "The best gift to children from parents is their correct training" (Tirmizi). Educating children in such a way that they can be successful both in this life and the hereafter should be the supreme responsibility of parents.

Give them knowledge of the Holy Quran

In addition to teaching your children recitation of the Quran, knowledge of the Quran will help your children to think beyond the mundane matters of this life. It will aid in developing elevated thinking that can enable them to ponder about critical issues which will further help in resolving the many confusing ideologies that the world will throw at them as they grow up. Getting them to start thinking about the reasons of their existence, their day to day struggles, and where the world is heading to will make them become more prudent in terms of their life's priorities.

Build their islamic morals and character

Besides teaching children the rituals of worship and the rights of individuals, they should also be taught Islamic morals, character, and etiquette from an early age so that it becomes part of their habits. Children should be taught the principles of humility, tolerance, patience, honesty and other such behavioural traits. These personality traits can help any individual tremendously in their lives. Parents must show in their practice also so that children can absorb such morals and values.

Parents should put in their best efforts to ensure that their children become true inheritors of Islam, and to keep Islam alive in their lives and their families' lives after their death. Parental efforts are, therefore, quite instrumental in inculcating the love of Islam and the desire to worship in the right manner. Parents should also recognise that raising good children can be a source of their salvation in the hereafter. This is because if parents raise good Allah-fearing children, those children can constantly pray to Allah for their parents after their death.

The Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said: "Upon death, man's deeds will stop except for three deeds, namely: a continuous charitable fund, endowment or goodwill; knowledge left for people to benefit from; and a pious, righteous and God-fearing child who continuously prays to Allah, for the souls of his parents" (Muslim).

We Are What We Read !

Zawjah Kashif,
Islamic Coordinator - Senior Girls' Section

"Why can't I read this book?"

"Why do we need Shariah review of the library books?"

"I have read this book, why have you rejected it?"

As the Islamic Coordinator, I often come across these queries. Sometimes they are addressed directly to me (which makes them easier to answer), but usually they reach me indirectly. I applaud those of you who thought about it or talked about it while searching for reading material. This shows that you want to learn, that you want to understand the system – the reason behind the process. In the proceeding lines, I will attempt to answer these concerns to explain why we are what we read!



The Intellectual Diet:

Just like the food we eat and drink affects our physical health, the content we read impacts our intellectual well-being. And both diets in their own ways impact our spiritual self. This should not come as a surprise because as readers and reciters of the Holy Quran we have experienced the spiritual connection. Of course, no content of the world can be compared to the effect of the Divine word of Allah ﷻ; but in their own way, every material we read either strengthens our spirit, or weakens it.

The importance of the company of pious people cannot be stressed enough for keeping us on the straight path. However, when one cannot personally attend such a gathering, the esteemed Mashaikh (spiritual mentors) advise us to read books written by and written about pious people. Since these books serve the same purpose of spiritual enlightenment that one gains from sitting with a Sheikh (spiritual mentor), they may be used as an excellent alternative in their absence. By now, I hope you will easily be able to relate to the fact that the reading content based on incorrect beliefs and immodest values will slowly and surely corrupt our spirit.

Eating French fries everyday may seem harmless on the outside, but the harm can still not be negated. Similarly, reading everything available on the market or popular in the media may seem justified at the time, but the repercussions could be far more reaching and dangerous to our faith. Let us look at the example of a moral based story. Amelia Jane, the naughty doll of Enid Blyton is cured of her lies by the rest of the toys fabricating a scenario to scare her 'into learning a lesson'. This is such a common theme that we do not even realise that lying and cheating are not appropriate tools for correcting someone's moral compass. Instead, it is through patience, love and reflective conversation that a person is motivated and inspired to mend his/her ways.

Visit any book store and you will find an abundance of books where the practitioners of good magic protect the world from evil, thus instilling the idea that magic used for good is okay, whereas Islam strictly prohibits magic of all sorts and considers it a danger to our faith. Detective stories of children show them peeking and prodding into private lodgings and affairs without any authority to do so. Due to the adventures being exciting the brave and wise detectives become our heroes and make us forget the Islamic injunction of not meddling into affairs of the other person. Similar caution is required while reading non-fiction. Historical accounts,

biographies, self-help and personal development books often contain such ideas and beliefs that go against our Islamic ideology in such a subtle manner that we do not even realise it.

The Reading Prescription:

The purpose of the above discussion is to make us aware of the hidden impact of the content we consume through reading so that in future our choices are more informed. You may now be wondering, "What do I do?"

My advice would first, be to make correct intention. Secondly consume a balanced reading diet, thirdly, adopt a reading mentor and finally become a writer.

i) The Intention to Read:

As Muslims, we are blessed because the correct intention has the power to make a simple act of eating, sleeping and reading an act of worship (Ibadah). Let us take a few moments to purify our reading intention. For e.g. I want to read so that I am intellectually strong and wise enough to fulfil the purpose of my life with excellence, i.e. to submit completely to Allah ﷻ out of extreme love for Him.

ii) The Balanced Reading Diet:

This means including a variety of genres in your reading. We must keep a track of the kind of content we are feeding our intellect. Fictitious and folklore ought to be balanced by stories of real-life events. A spoonful of fantasy and horror stories maybe okay but we do need a large size serving (on a regular basis) of the description of Paradise and Hell. We must read about the biographies and autobiographies of the real heroes; the Prophets ﷺ, Companions رضي الله عنهم, Tabieen, Taba Tabieen, Pious Scholars, Mathematicians, Scientists, Educationists, Leaders and innovators of the past and the present as our first course, and then snack on life stories of the famous people of other civilizations.

Explore the world of mystery and detective work (with a grain of salt), but do not forget to delve into the mysteries of the nature. Read about the miracles of the galaxy, the plants, the animals, the minerals, discover the depths of earth and water and see how the whole system is working to serve you – the beloved creation of Allah ﷻ.

Interested in self-improvement books? There is no dearth of literature by our learned scholars on this topic: Behshti Zewar, Behshti Gauhar, Islahi Khutbat, Uswa e Rasool Akram are only a few examples. One must be very cautious in reading self-improvement books by the

western, non-Muslim authors and only do so under supervision of a Reading Mentor. Taste the flavour of guides, handbooks, craft work and technical books that teach various skills and motivate us to create things on our own. Travelogues are yet another genre which must form part of our reading palate.

iii) **Adopt a Reading Mentor:**

As reading shapes our thoughts; beliefs and actions play an important role in shaping up our personality. It is important that both the old and the young amongst us select a mentor to guide our Intellectual diet (reading selection). S (he) should have a deep understanding of Deen, thirst of knowledge, awareness of contemporary issues and a love for reading.

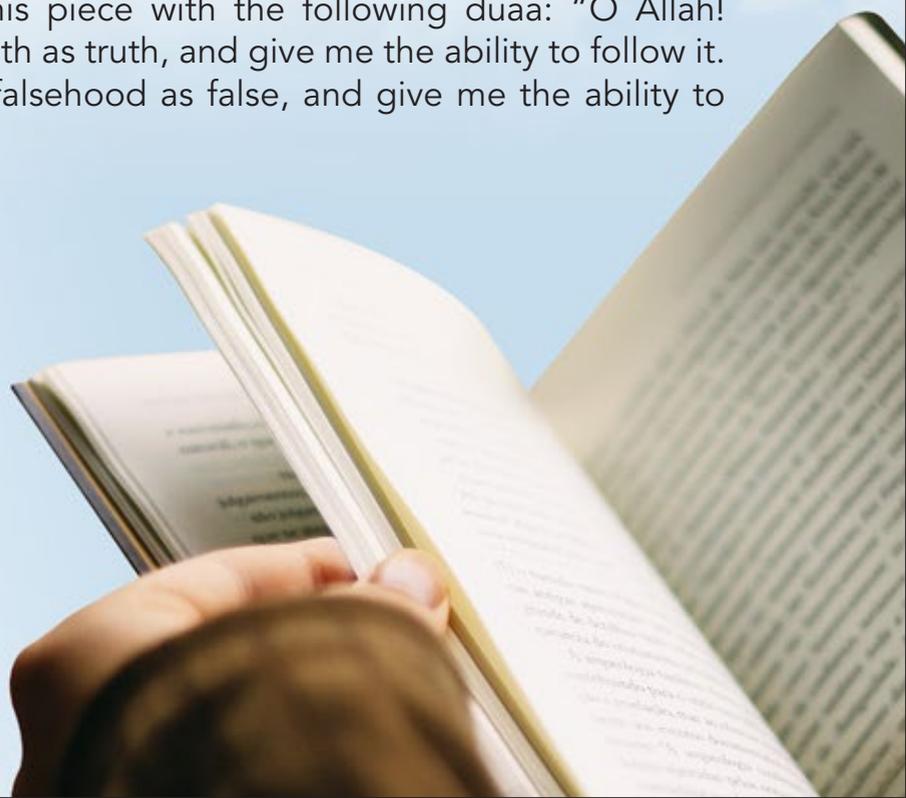
iv) **Be a Writer:**

Write book reviews for they help us to reflect and evaluate the content. They provide the opportunity to interact with the text and develop critical thinking skills amongst other benefits. Write articles, stories, biographies, travelogues and real-life experiences. Write what you want to read. Write so that the readers of tomorrow can benefit from your work.

It is very inspiring to see our budding young writers contributing to Intellectual while also getting published in other newspapers and magazines. Continue your journey of penmanship and invite your friends and family to be authors. The Ummah needs you – grab this opportunity of Sadqah e Jaria.

I would like to close this piece with the following dua: "O Allah! Enable me to see the truth as truth, and give me the ability to follow it. And enable me to see falsehood as false, and give me the ability to refrain from it."

(Ameen)



Developing Emotionally Mature Children

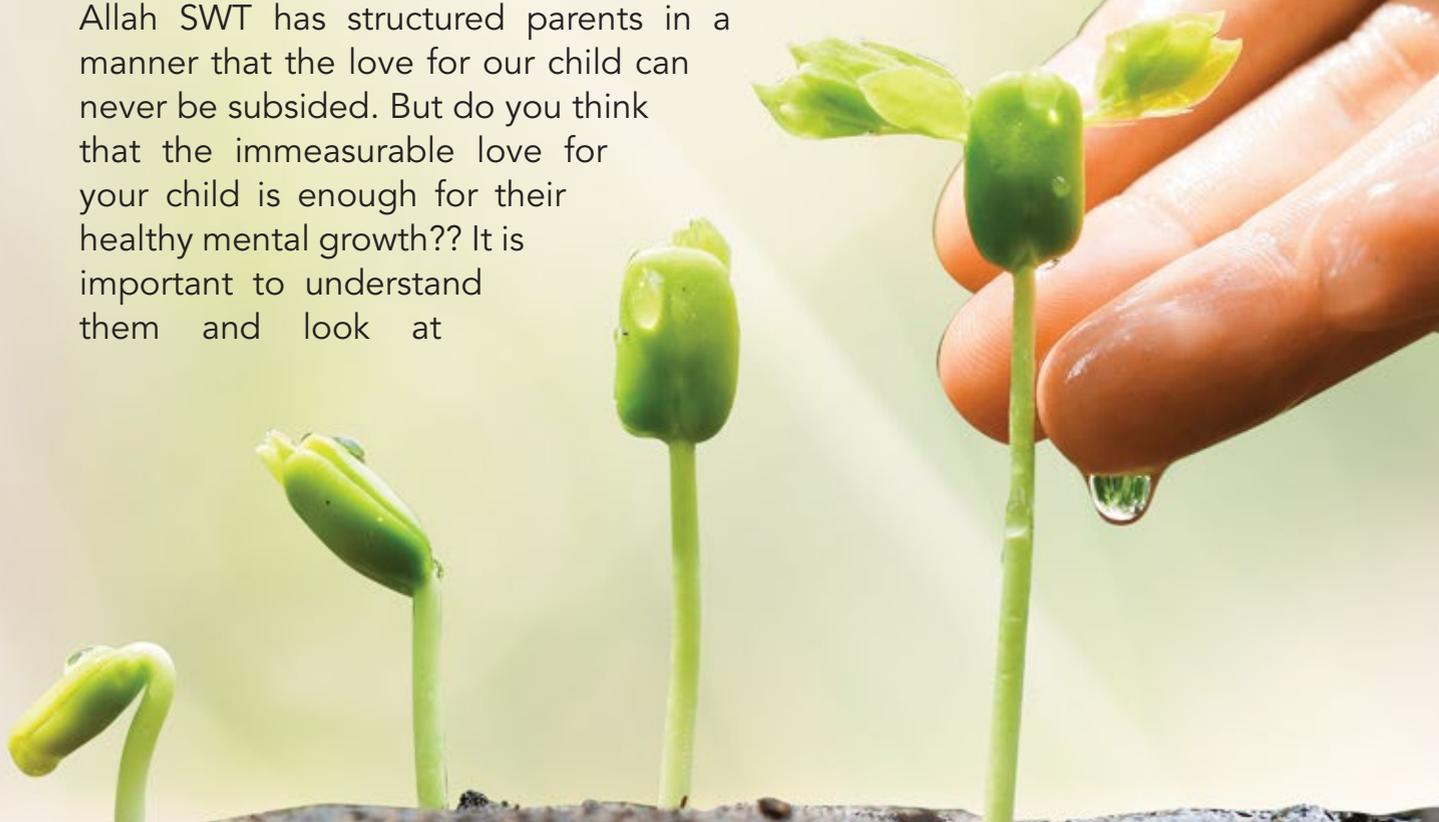
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Children are a blessing. The ultimate goal of every Muslim parent is to make their offspring *Sadqa-e-Jaria*. Yet parents too, are human beings, prone to mistakes and may miss out obvious red flags. That is when they should ask themselves these questions:

Does my child easily get angry?
Does my child easily get upset?
Does my child easily give up?

If all three questions are answered with a yes, then this is a clear sign that your child's emotional needs aren't being fulfilled. While it is very easy to notice the specks of dirt and dust on your child's clothes, it is far trickier to notice the root cause behind the signs of anger, frustration and depression. The reason is simple: cleaning up clothes is easier than our child's emotional starvation.

Allah SWT has structured parents in a manner that the love for our child can never be subsided. But do you think that the immeasurable love for your child is enough for their healthy mental growth?? It is important to understand them and look at



things from their perspective. Seeing things from your child's point of view can change everything. First, your child feels more understood and connected, which makes her more cooperative. When you see what's getting in the way of your child, you can give him the support he needs to feel, and act, better. That nips problem behaviour in the bud, because you solve the root of the behaviour. When you understand and listen to your child, a beautiful bond of TRUST is developed which is the key to Tarbiyah of a child. On the basis of the understanding of your child, realistic and positive expectations are anticipated from the child which do not upset parents in difficult situations easily.

Consider a plant that looks droopy. Do you yell at it to *"Straighten up and grow right!"*? Or do you figure out what it needs: more water, more sun, a bigger pot? Kids, like the rest of us, are just trying to get their needs met, and all of their behaviour, just like all adult behaviour, arises from the child trying to make herself feel better.

Want to try an experiment? It takes 30 days to create a new habit. If you start today, and keep trying to do this every day (don't worry; you don't have to do it perfectly) your parenting will be different by the end of the year. And I guarantee you will see a corresponding change in your child. Think of this as love in action.

Here's the experiment.

- 1. Acknowledge your child's feelings:** Whether a child is upset about an injury, a disagreement with another child or anger over a conflict with a parent, acknowledging to the child what has happened or that he is hurt, frustrated or angry can miraculously ease the pain. Feeling understood is a powerful thing. Children gain clarity about their feelings and desires when we verbally reflect upon them. Acknowledgement proves that we are paying attention and makes a child feel understood, accepted, deeply loved and supported.
- 2. Give unconditional respect:** Refrain from conditional respect. Children needs to be respected every time in every state. Unconditional respect is their right. If you want him/her to be an Aalim/Aalima or Scholar, the respect that I have for an Aalim I should treat my child with the same level of respect.
- 3. Make sure you connect warmly, physically with each child, every day:** Ask yourself how many times do I hug my child? When we give warmth to our child, he feels acknowledged. He feels he is accepted the way he has been created by the Almighty SWT Himself.

4. Whenever you start to get upset, STOP. Take a deep breath. Remind yourself that there's no emergency. Sure, you could have your own tantrum and yell and scream. You're perfectly justified. But consider that plant. Will yelling at it help? With your child, shouting sabotages all your attempts to build a good relationship. You don't have to respond right this moment, except if safety is at stake. Wait until you calm down. No matter how old your child is, your message will be more effective when you're calm.

Could there be any better reason to give it a try? That is the experiment. You don't have to do it perfectly. Just keep increasing the ratio of moments when you see things from your child's perspective. Expect to have some bad days. Forgive yourself and try again.

"People will forget what you said; People will forget what you did.

But people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

It is only our prayer and effort that Allah SWT always keep our children under His Shade, away from the evil eye and the wrongdoings in the world and guide us to right path to contribute in their *tarbiyah* in effective manner.

Ameen, Suma'Ameen!!

HUSTLE & BUSTLE



Academic Events and Competitions



Events

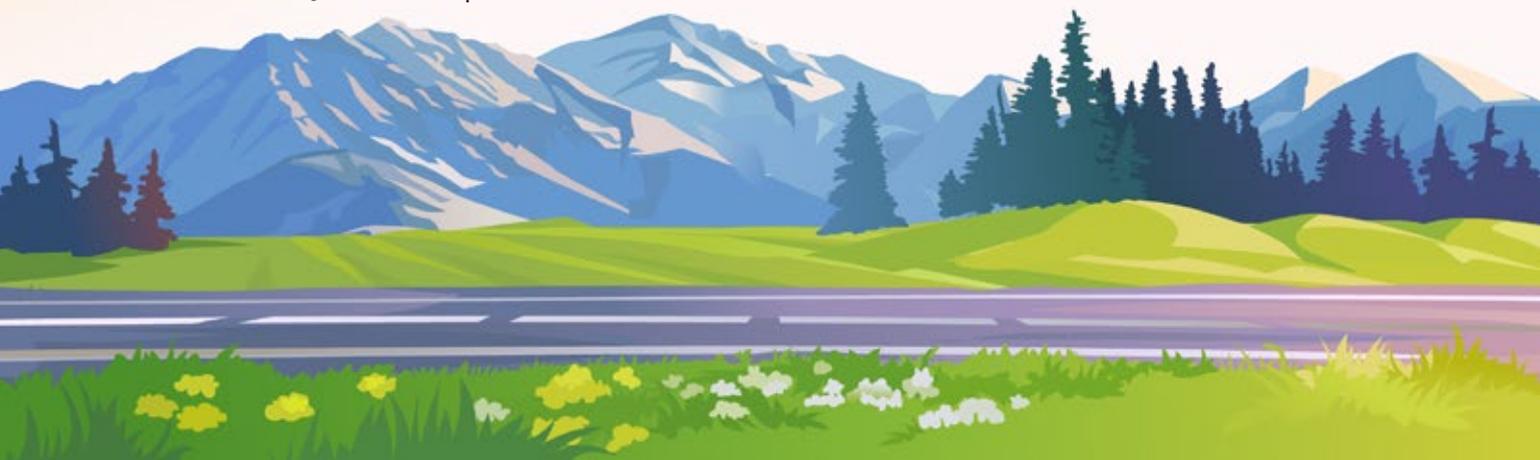
Combined Section

The New Academic Year Opens with Magnificent CAIE Results & Back-to-School Orientation for all levels



Masha' Allah, the new academic year 2018-19 opened with the excellent results of the CAIE Examinations! This would have been impossible without the Blessings of the Almighty Allah! Our heartiest congratulations to all our hardworking students, the entire O' Level faculty and parents who worked extremely hard for these exams. Insha'Allah, these students will prove to be a light for the Ummah! Ameen!

A student orientation was held where the idea was to acquaint new parents and students with the academic system of The Intellect School. To instil familiarity and comfort with the new environment, all students were given a tour of the new sections by their respective teachers.

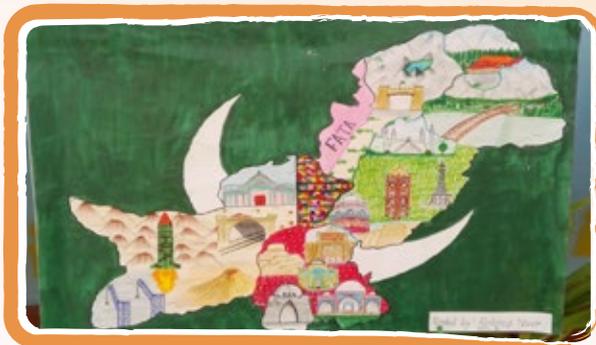


TIS Student Elections in Senior Sections



Masha' Allah, this will be the second year for student elections in both the Senior campuses. Students and teachers were both involved in the voting process. Alhamdulillah, the voting procedure is always a learning process and a successful endeavour for all parties involved. Mashallah!

Celebrating Patriotism: Independence Day & Defence Day



The Intellect School enthusiastically celebrates patriotic days. Whether it's the Independence Day of our beloved country Pakistan or Defence Day, students and teachers prepare skits, debates and sing national songs as per the regulations of Shariah Dept. thus showing their love and respect for the efforts and hard work of the Pakistani Armed Forces. Duas for the prosperity and success of the of the country and its people conclude these programmes.



Creative Captures: Essence of Hajj & Eid-ul-Adha



Arts and Crafts are a wonderful way to teach students about Hajj and the importance the fifth element of Muslim faith. The students of all three sections, Elementary, Junior, and Senior indulge in various creative activities to illustrate the theme of Hajj. This was followed by Eid Holidays.

The Intellect School Conducted Second O' Level Award Distribution Ceremony 2018



Masha 'Allah, The Intellect School celebrated its second O' Level Award Ceremony. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was presided by Moulana Abdus Sattar Sahab and the Intellect Board Members. It was attended by the Principal, Heads, Coordinators, and teachers. Students were awarded gold medals and shields as per their results. In the last section of the ceremony, speeches were delivered by Imam Sahab, Board Members and students who have joined A' Levels. The programme concluded with refreshments being served to all present.



Closing the First Term with The Winter Carnival 2018



The much-awaited Winter Carnival 2018 was the perfect way to close the First Term! The aim behind this carnival was to collect funds and donation for a Bread Plant and the School in Turkey for the Syrian Refugees. Spearheaded by the teams of Elementary, Junior and Senior Sections respectively, it was the icing on the cake!! Masha' Allah, all our students, young and teens, mothers, teachers, guests and visitors not only thoroughly enjoyed themselves but also participated with much zest and gusto in this fantabulous event. The winter carnival was arranged in sports field, which provided the perfect space to setup a variety of stalls. Food, clothing, games, art and craft activities were setup by teachers and mothers respectively. With much pride and honour, an impressive amount of Rs. 6 Lakhs PKR/- was collected. Masha' Allah! May Allah SWT accept all our efforts that we strive for the cause of Muslim Brotherhood!! Ameen!!

The Intellect School Enthusiastically Participates in Blood Donation Drive and Bayaan



A Bayaan by Maulana Abdul Sattar Hifzullah and a Blood Donation Drive in association with Indus Hospital was arranged for parents on Saturday, 30th March 2019. Parents were encouraged to actively engage and volunteer in this blood donation drive and to become the epitome of self-improvement, kindness and service to humanity. Hence, attendance and punctuality in this programme were made mandatory for all involved teaching and administrative staff, invited guests and attendees.



Senior Section Visits TDF Magnificience Children's Studio



Students from both Senior Girls and Senior Boys visited TDF Magnificience Children's Studio. This proved to be a very educational experience for our students as TDF Magnificience Children's Studio is the only science museum that we have in Karachi.

Even the teachers were left awe-struck with the numerous scientific wonders that they explored in this excellent fieldtrip. Hands-on experience on various aspects of science like light, reflection, logic, sound, refraction etc. Students were deeply involved in the activities with interactive smart boards. There were demonstrations like Bernoulli's Effect, Reflection, Sound, etc. Students also enjoyed observing and purchasing scientific games at the stall. There was learning at every quarter of this science showcase, as even the lunch tables were provided with puzzles.

Anticipating The Intellect Annual Book Fair



At the Intellect School, our aim is to develop a healthy reading habit in every student. Therefore, an annual book fair was organised by The Intellect Library for this purpose. Students and parents were invited to visit the book fair, getting the perfect opportunity to choose from a wide range of informative, educational and fiction books at reasonable prices. Teachers were also present at the book fair to help and guide the guests. Every year, different vendors are invited to setup and showcase their product while also providing quality books and related educational material. This year, Paramount, Master Books, Shahsons (stationers), Opah, Slime Kit by Mariam Asif, and STEM by Sanna were invited to participate in The Intellect Book Fair.



Junior Section and Senior Boys Participate in The Annual Sports Day



Sports are a crucial requisite for fitness. At The Intellect School, the objective behind any sporting event is to build confidence as well as to develop physical fitness. Therefore, an active sports' participation is always encouraged among all students. Furthermore, a spirit of sportsmanship is also developed among students of various age groups through various sporting activities at school.

Sports Day preparations soon begin as the new academic year opened. Alhamdulillah, for the Annual Junior Sports Day, the grand display along with the races and the walk past showcased enthusiasm and high-spirits of our young students front of guests and their mothers. The highlight of the Junior Sports Day was the indeed the formation in which our young students created various animals and shapes such as the peacock, the check board, etc. while their fellow students, sitting in the seats of the spectators, cheered and encouraged their teams during the competition.

Meanwhile, the Boys' Section were also not far behind. Inculcating the spirit of coordination and sportsmanship was seen in the way our boys conducted themselves on the field. Well done boys! Indeed, "Team Work" was the theme of this day. The aim, as always was to encourage participation of all students in this sporting event and instil qualities of self-confidence and fair behaviour! Kudos to the sports' instructors of both Junior and Senior Boys' Section for setting up such brilliant synchronisation on the field. This hard work and coordination of both our hardworking teachers and energetic young students indeed made this annual sports event a spectacular one! Masha ' Allah!!



Elementary & Junior Sections Prepare Coffee for Fathers

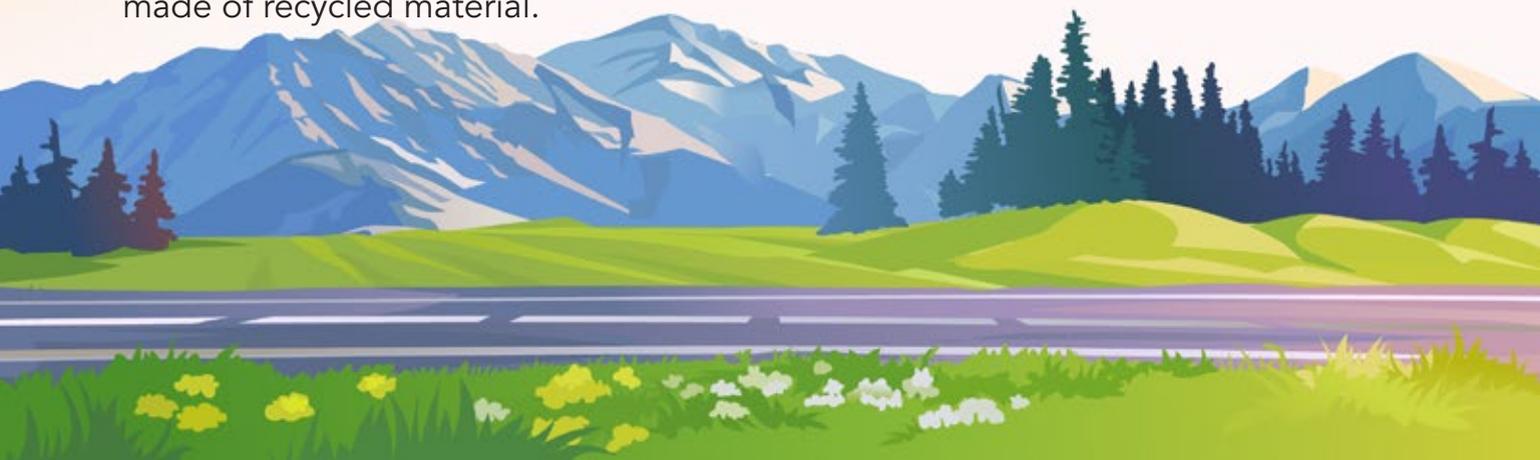


After much deliberation, the Elementary and Junior Section arranged a special Shariah-Compliant School Tour for all fathers titled Coffee for Fathers. The aim behind this social gathering was to give an inside view of the school architecture, class structure, curriculum display & classroom decor, with related school facilities such as day-care, playground, sports field, courtyard, and swimming pool to all guests. Our young enthusiastic student volunteers played the perfect hosts to their fathers as they showed around the courtyard and the corridors, explaining and showing everything with pride and gusto, all in the presence of our esteemed Board Members, who were also present in this special fathers' tour. Kudos to the Elementary and Junior Teams for their spectacular classroom display and the special handmade souvenirs that were prepared to mark this particular occasion! All invited fathers were very impressed and extremely happy to be associated with an educational institute like The Intellect School, where their children are safe and happy while also getting brilliant education under the expansive shade of the Allah SWT Himself!

Elementary & Junior Section Celebrate Earth Week



The Earth Week puts the focus on our environment, enhancing significance of all resources Allah (SWT) has bestowed upon us. It is our duty both as a human being and as a Muslim to cherish Planet Earth and work hard to protect it and make it a beautiful place. While regular discussion on environmental issues constantly take place in the classroom, teachers highlighted various ways of saving and protecting precious resources that make our daily life easy and comfortable. The Earth Week is all about the four R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Restore. Invited mothers and guests appreciated and applauded the creative writing as well as the art and craft made of recycled material.



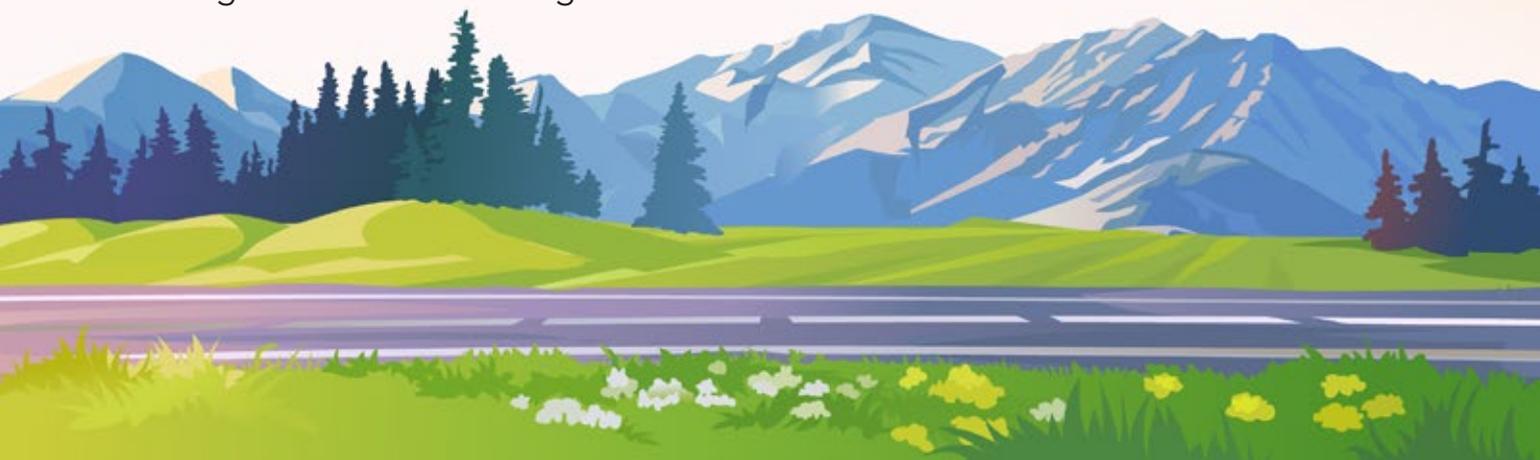
Senior Section Holds O' Level Farewell



Masha' Allah, time indeed flies! Our third O' Level batch was ready to bid farewell to the school and their teachers. Hence, an excellent event was organised by the students of Grade X's for their seniors. The programme began with recitation of the Holy Quran and then proceeded with a Hamd. Under the supervision of their teachers and the guidance of the Shariah Department, tributes were given, students spoke about their journey, titles and souvenirs were handed by teachers and Grade X to the graduating class, Grade XI's had to match wits with their juniors in mental games and riddles, funny skits were presented, teachers recited poems along with a speech by our esteemed Principal, Mrs. Iqbal. Masha' Allah, all invited guests and attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves for this fun programme concluded with a cake cutting ceremony. The students and teachers were then escorted to the main hall, where lunch was served. Overall, this fun affair ended on a joyous note with a dua for our departing batch, that may Allah (SWT) always guide and protect our students as they step into the practical world.

Awesome Activities Close a Fantastic Academic Year

With the month of Ramadan just around the corner, the academic session of 2018-19 ended with prayers and blessings for all!! Games and activities were prepared so that all students left with high spirits, taking happy memories to cherish forever. A class party was just the right way to close this academic year. Hence, making each moment unforgettable for all.



Events

Senior Section - Boys

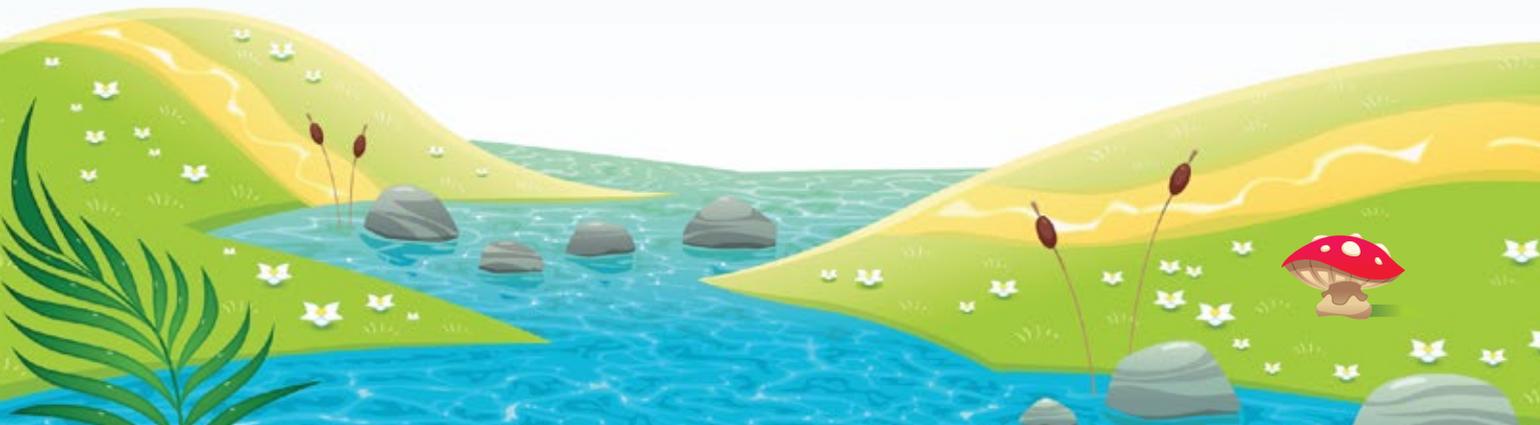
Senior Boys Participate in Intra-School Spelling Bee



Students, aged 9 till 17 of The Intellect Boys Section displayed great confidence in the Intellect Intra-School Spelling Bee Contest, held at the Boys Campus. The entire school took part in the competition. The event kicked off at around 9:00 am and continued till recess.

Junior Group	Grades, IV, V, VI and H-2
Middle Group	Grades VII, VIII, and SHU
Senior O' Level Stream	Grades IX, X, and XI

It was a great pleasure to see various teams' battle in the competition. The melodious nasheeds, as read by Humaid Rahmani and M. Suleman Kammal kept the audience spell bound at the interval. This event was graced by Sir Tahir Javed Sahib, who was the Chief Guest of the programme. All participating students were awarded certificates. The programme concluded with light refreshments for staff and students.



Senior Boys take a Fieldtrip to PAF Museum



In December 2018, students of the Boys' Section from Grades IV, V, H2 and SHU visited the PAF Museum. Students and teachers then walked through the lush green lawn and the area where the Air Defence equipment displayed in the field was a grand display of patriotism. After a stroll around, students were taken to the Huge Archives Gallery, where rare relics like Viking (Quaid-e-Azam's Aircraft) and an Indian Gnat aircraft which had been force-landed at Pasroor in the 1965 war along with many more were displayed. Students also learned about the history of aerial warfare through model aircraft and paintings, which included the "Shohada and heroes of the wars of 1965 war, the 1971 war. Soon, students were given some free time to have lunch and saunter nearby, under the supervision of teachers. After lunch, they returned to school. Overall, students and parents look forward to more educational fieldtrips!

Senior Boys Score Amazing at Dawn Spelling Bee

This year the DAWN spelling bee contest was held in October at The Arts Council, Karachi. The Intellect students participated enthusiastically this year. Three groups of students i.e. Primary, Middle and Secondary Sections participated in the spelling bee. Around fifteen schools from different districts of Karachi were contesting in this competition, out of which only two teams would to qualify for the regional rounds.

The Intellect Team, represented by Sulaiman Kamal (Grade VII), Muhammad Amin (Grade VII) and Amar Shafqat (Grade VIII) emerged victorious in the first round. Alhamdulillah, our team performed quite well in the regional round, but unfortunately lost at the end, after a tie breaker with the final winning team.

Kudos to the students for their commendable efforts and teachers, who prepared them for the competition.



Success in EDVON Robotics Competition

The main goal of making our students participate in inter-school competitions is to provide valuable learning experiences and exposure. Such experiences add to their confidence and motivate them to develop their skills further. Keeping this aim in mind, The Intellect Senior Boys' Section decided to participate in the Robotics Competition organized by Edvon. This competition was organized by EDVON Robotics at NED University. More than 90 teams from different schools participated in the event. Some of the reputable schools of the city included Generations, The City School, Reflections, etc. From The Intellect School, two teams participated in the competition: Team One was selected from Grade IX while Team Two were chosen from Grade X. For the competition, students were trained at school for two weeks by their teachers. Students were also taken to Usman University for further training on 13th and 14th October 2018.



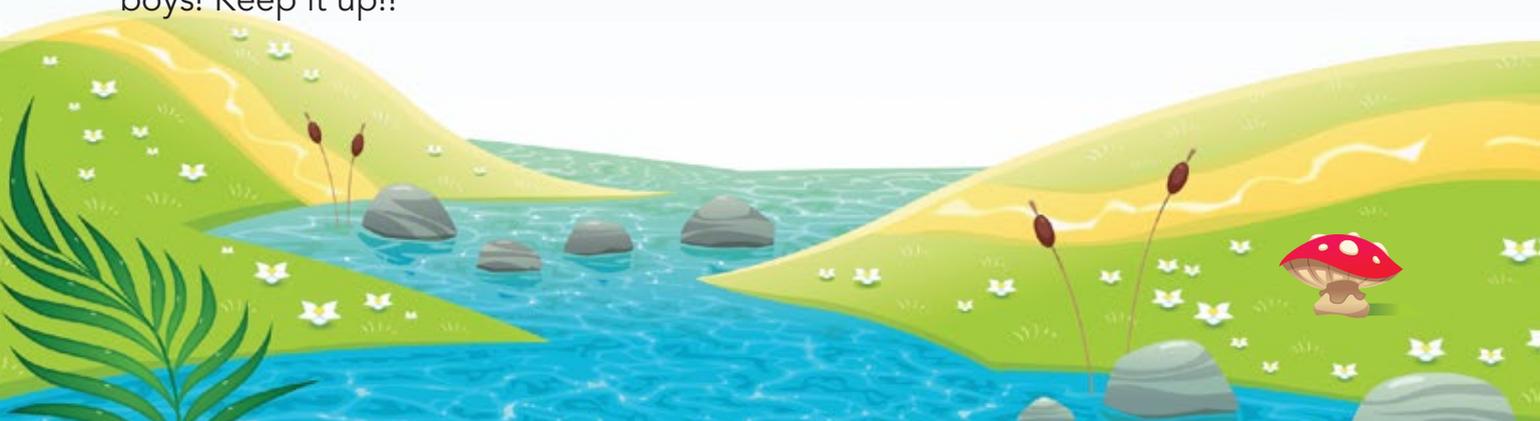
Team One (Grade IX)	Team Two (Grade X)
Sunain Mushtaq	Omer Bin Sabir
Sanaullah	Muhammad Zubair
Ebrahim Moin	Ahmed Khurram
Zakka	Ahmed Noorani

Alhamdulillah, Team One (Grade IX) reached the Semi-Final Round, where they secured 11th position in the competition.

Play Friendly Cricket Match at KN Academy



Students of Grades IX, X, XI played two friendly cricket matches on Saturday, 20th October 2018 at the home ground KN Academy. Students played very well and won one of the matches. Special mention of Huzaifa Adeel, Grade X, who performed well on the field and was an inspiration to his team mates. Masha' Allah boys! Keep it up!!



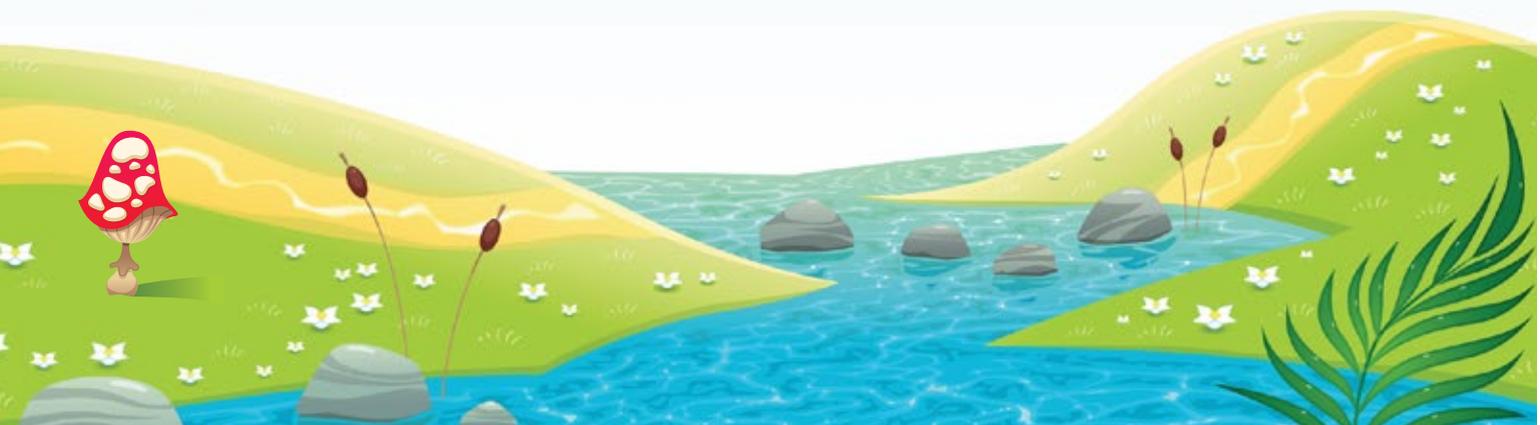
Participate in The All Karachi Inter-School KN Football Gold Cup



The All Karachi Inter-School KN Football Gold Cup (Under-16) was a mega sporting tournament, which was held from 7th November' 2018 till 14th November' 2018 at KN Academy, Home Ground (Malir Cantt). Along with The Intellect School, sixteen schools also participated in this mega sports event. Students from Grades VIII to IX enthusiastically participated in the tournament. Masha' Allah, our boys sports team qualified for the Quarter Final, selected through the league system. Though, our team could not make it in the end but this proved to be a memorable experience, for our sports team performed well and gained tremendous experience.

Senior Boys Invites Brother Saeed Anwar For A Motivational Talk

Respectable Brother Saeed Anwar was invited to deliver a talk to the students in Senior Boys' Section. Teachers and pupils from Grade VIII to Grade XI gathered in the Zainab Qasim Auditorium after the assembly where they greeted and warmly welcomed Brother Saeed Anwar. The session started at 8 o'clock. The students attentively listened to this talk, which was educational and inspiring for all the listeners. Brother Saeed emphasised on the endeavour to acquire Allah's Pleasure, for that is where real success truly lies. He also quoted many anecdotes to prove that Allah's Blessings come with sincere consistency in A'maal. He further shared his vast experience of Tableegh and how a person's status is elevated when he serves only for Allah's path. Having such a prominent figure in school was a privilege and an honour, that hopefully left great impact on both the students and the staff. Masha' Allah!



Events

Senior Section - Girls

Senior Girls Section Opens Sports Season at TIS

The first sports event of the season in the Senior Girls Section was the inter-class basketball match between the girls of Grades X and XI. The match took place in August. Though, Grade XI were the victor but what an awesome basketball game was seen on the court as a fiery competition was observed between the students! Masha Allah!

Organised The Annual Qirat Competition



The Annual Qirat Competition 2018 was a heart-warming programme in which students heartily participated. Alhamdulillah, the programme was quite a success! The credit behind such an excellent event goes to the Tarbiyah Department. Masha' Allah!!

English & Urdu Inter-School Declamation Competition

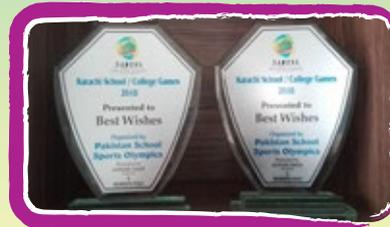
Masha' Allah, our students, Azka Atif won the Second Position in English Declamation in the Inter-School Declamation Competition 2018, held at Hira Foundation School (HFS). Meanwhile on the other hand, Ashna Salman won the Third Position in Urdu Declamation in The Inter-School Declamation Competition 2018, held at Reflections. It is only by the Grace of Allah SWT that we are achieving one victory after another!



Grand Success in Swimming Championships

Senior Girls' participated in two swimming competitions and Alhamdulillah, were grandly successful in both!! Masha' Allah!! They are as follows:

The 2nd PSSO Inter School/College (A-levels) Swimming Championship 2018 (Girls)



The next inter-school swimming competition was held at The City School, PAF Chapter, where The Intellect Girls Swimming Team again participated and Alhamdulillah, returned home with glorious victory! We secured the Second Position, winning 1 Gold Medal, 12 Silver Medals & 17 Bronze Medals. This event took place on Saturday, 20th October 2018, from 8 am to 4 pm. The results are as follows:

Under 10 Group (10-U)

25m Freestyle	Rabea Sheikh	2nd Position
25m Butterfly	Noor ul Harmain	3rd Position
4x25m Freestyle Relay	Rabea, Hafsa, Nudrat, & Zainab	2nd Position

Under 12 Group (12-U)

50m Freestyle	Khadija Waqas	3rd Position
50m Backstroke	Khadija Waqas	1st Position
4x25 Freestyle Relay	Khadija, Umm ul Baneen, Fatima & Hafsa	

Under 14 Group (14-U)

50m Freestyle	Hajra	3rd Position
50m Backstroke	Uswa Faraz	3rd Position
50m Butterfly	Maria Armoghan	3rd Position
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Maria, Hajra, Uswa, Musfira	2nd Position

Under 16 Group (16-U)

50M Breaststroke	Rafia Khalid	2nd Position
50m Breaststroke	Rabea Sheikh	3rd Position
50m Backstroke	Musfira	3rd Position
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Musfira, Khadija, Hajra, Uswah	2nd Position

Open Group

100m Backstroke	Khadija Waqas	3rd Position
4x50m Freestyle Relay	Uswa, Umm ul Baneen, Hajra, Maria	2nd Position



The 26th Palmolive Sindh Women's Swimming Championship



Alhamdulillah, our student, Rabea Sheikh grabbed the 1st Position and Noor ul Harmain took the 2nd Position in the 50M Freestyle at the 26th Palmolive Sindh Women's Swimming Championship, held at The Karachi Annex Club. The real achievement was that our The Intellect Team was clad in their niqab and abaya during the march-past and took good care of their Pardah. The participation of our school was highly appreciated by the organisers. All participants were awarded a T-shirt, certificate(s) and goody boxes respectively. It is only our prayer that may Allah SWT accept all our efforts in grooming and preparing the generation of tomorrow!! Ameen, Suma' Ameen!!

The Inter-School Arabic Declamation Competition

The Inter-School Arabic Declamation 2018 took place at the revamped Zainab Qasim Auditorium. Along with The Intellect School, Reflections, Al-Kahaf School, and Education Bay, participated in this declamation contest. There were eight participants altogether. The participants were judged on the basis of clarity, memorisation, time, delivery expression and confidence. The results were deliberated by esteemed guest judges from Madarsa Ayesha Siddiqua. A note of thanks for being a part of this programme. The results are as follows:

Results

1st Position	Al-Kahaf School
2nd Position	Reflections
3rd Position	The Intellect School

Kudos to the Arabic Department for such a splendid programme! Masha' Allah!!



Senior Girls Stand Victorious at the CAIE 2018



It is only by the Grace of the Almighty Allah SWT that our very own Aiman Abuzar topped Biology, CAIE 2018 in the region, Sindh & Balochistan. Congratulations Aiman!! Aiman is currently enrolled in the new A' Levels Programme for Girls, offered by the The Intellect School. We hope and pray that each student of The Intellect School brings success to the school and becomes a source of light, faith and inspiration to the country and the Ummah!! Ameen! Suma' Ameen!!

The 4TH International Essay Writing Competition

GFTE, certified by Microsoft Educators was launched in 2014 as a human rights initiative. It was proud to launch "The 4TH INTERNATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION, 2018". The primary objective was to provide a platform for young learners to showcase their writing skills and to encourage them to express their desire for global peace and humanity through the medium of writing. A significant amount of proceeding was to be used for holding competitions for children battling with cancer. Whereas the designed cards would be put up for sale in the near future, and the collected money will be used to pay a school fee of an orphan for few months (subject to the amount collected the from the selling of card). Alhamdulillah, the result for the Global Forum for Teacher Educators (GFTE) 4th International Essay Writing Competition has been announced. Approximately 35 schools across Pakistan participated in this writing competition, in which The Intellect School received victory in 2 categories:



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Category 1

Amna Zeeshan of Grade II-B designed a friendship card, which has been selected for a special certificate in Category-1.

Category 2

Aisha Sajid of Grade V-C secured 2nd Position in Pakistan in Category-2.

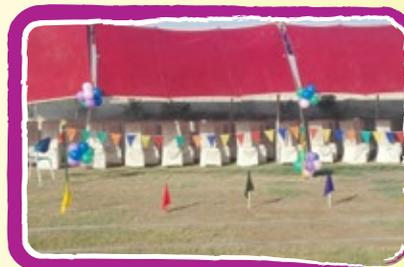
Masha' Allah, may the students of The Intellect School always shine in the world and the Hereafter! Ameen' Suma Ameen!



Senior Girls Hold a Special Tour: Coffee for Fathers

After the grand success of COFFEE FOR FATHERS in the Elementary and the Junior Section, Senior Girls' Section also arranged a special Shariah-Compliant School Tour for all fathers. The aim behind this social gathering was to give an inside view of Senior Girls with respect to school architecture, classroom display & overall décor. Our guests also got an inside view of the various facilities such as the sports field, courtyard, and swimming pool as per TIS's Shariah Policy. The Senior Boys were quite kind to lend a hand as student volunteer(s) from Senior Boys enthusiastically played the perfect hosts to fathers showing around and explaining everything with much gusto. Our esteemed Board Members also took some of their precious time and were also present in this special fathers' tour. Kudos to the teachers and the administrative staff for preparing a variety of souvenirs, prepared specially for this occasion! All invited fathers were extremely happy to be associated with an educational institute like The Intellect School, where their girls educated and groomed under the expansive shade of the Allah SWT Himself!

Senior Girls Participate in Annual Sports Day



The objective behind any sports' event is development of physical fitness along with building confidence. Thus, active participation in sports among girls is highly encouraged, promoted and developed through various sporting events and regular activities at The Intellect School. Thus, developing sportsmanship as students learn the importance of courage and confidence on the field. The highlight of the event was the formation in which our girls created various animals and shapes such as the peacock, the check board, etc. Students cheered and encouraged their teams during the competition. Kudos to the Senior Girls' Sports Teacher for setting up such brilliant synchronisation on the field.



An Awareness Session on Childhood Cancer

An Awareness Session on Childhood Cancer was conducted by The Indus Hospital for Senior Girls Section at The Zainab Qasim Auditorium. The focus of this awareness session was on the following queries:

- 1) Is Cancer curable if it is timely and correctly diagnosed?
- 2) Is Cancer really not contagious?
- 3) What are the common signs / symptoms to look out for and taking medical aid promptly?
- 4) The importance of empathy when dealing with people / children affected by the disease.

We hope and pray that whoever is affected by this life-threatening illness, may Allah SWT give them Shifa and protection. Ameen summa Ameen!!



A' Level Girls Visit The Indus Hospital



The Intellect School A' Level Girls visited the Paediatric Ward of The Indus Hospital to serve a portion of their time for community service. The hospital staff warmly welcomed the young girls, first giving them a tour of the OPDs, critical wards and the oncology day care along with other wards. The tour overwhelmed the students for the importance of good health in one's life is more than often underestimated. It was a brilliant opportunity to send a prayer of thanks to the Mighty Lord SWT for His mercy against all kinds of diseases. The girls dealt with children, who could move and play around but were under observation. Some children were confined to their beds, due to the tubes and IV drips attached to them. Several activities were conducted in which all kids enthusiastically participated. Games such as UNO, Ludo, jigsaw puzzles, story books and cardboard-ball maze games were a part of this fun activity session. Our girls also taught various origami tricks and techniques, which the children enjoyed. This two-hour session was concluded with happy giveaways, consisting of colouring books and colour boxes, which were distributed amongst all the kids. Hence, our young girls returned to TIS with an instant reward of their service – bright smiles and twinkle in the eyes of the children of the paediatric ward.



Dr. Humera Holds A Special Health Talk



The School Doctor, Dr. Humera regularly holds morning presentations both in the Junior and the Senior Sections regarding healthy food and snacks which can easily be consumed early morning, on way to school, within school hours and otherwise. She was deeply anxious over the distressing health of girls in the senior section as accordingly to her, a student of Grade IV looked old enough to be called a student of Grade VIII and students were constantly visiting her clinic because of a constant complain of headaches. Hence, a special presentation was prepared in which mothers were also invited. The aim behind this Health Talk was to educate mothers regarding the importance of diet, nutrition and maintaining & managing a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Humera's practical tips on health were deeply appreciated by the mothers in attendance who felt that merely educating students is not enough and grooming the future generation in the light of Islam is extremely important. Masha' Allah!!

Bake Sale Competition Held at Senior Girls



The Intellect School took the prerogative to develop healthy eating habits among students via an interesting bake sale competition. Therefore, the students ate and voted for the best food item. Interested students presented a sample of the food item, which covered essentials such as nutritional value, presentation, taste and cost by the school management and doctor. The recipe of the most voted food item along with brand name(s) and proportions of all used ingredients would be submitted to the cafeteria management, who would then include the food item in the cafeteria menu. It was a great initiative as healthy food equals a healthy life and is extremely important for all.



Senior Girls Holds The Inter-School Maths Meet Competition



Every year, The Intellect Maths Team of the Senior Girls' Section invites a number of schools in an inter-school event titled Maths Meet 2019. The aim behind this event is to remove apprehensions in young students regarding the subject of Maths while also promoting inter-school harmony and brotherhood. The results are as follows:

Participating Schools

Nakhlah Manhal Academy
St. Michael's Hira Foundation Bahria College
Reflections The Intellect School

Category: Blossoms (Grade VI)

1st Position	Nakhlah
2nd Position	Bahria
3rd Position	Hira Foundation

Category: Dexters (Grade IX)

1st Position	Nakhlah
2nd Position	St. Michaels
3rd Position	Reflections

As per our tradition, The Intellect School secured 1st Position in the Dexters Category (Grade IX) but granted it to the next winning school, Nakhlah at the Annual Maths Meet 2019.



Triumphs at Talents & Thrills Competition



Students of the Senior Girls' Section participated in the Talents & Thrills Competition 2019 organised by the Youth Club of Fehmedeen. This was not an inter school event but a competition for individual teenagers. Regardless, our students entered the competition and Alhamdulillah brought victory home. A number of competitions were held under the banner, to give students complete freedom to test their potential and capabilities. Our students, Maria Armoghaan won prizes in the following categories: Scrabble Competition, Creative Writing, English Declamation, and Painting while Hafsa Faisal also won in the English Declamation Competition! Masha' Allah, may more success come our way!!

An Exclusive Initiative by Senior Girls: Clubs & Societies



Clubs & Societies is a recently established initiative to promote creativity, critical thinking skills and innovation among the students of the Senior Girls' Section. The aim behind these C & S sessions is to provide time and space to let our students' imagination breathe and to allow them to explore thinking-out-of-the-box!! So far, students have signed up for the English Club, Art Club, Urdu Club, Sports Club and the Food Club and really let their mind's eye wander through the field of imagination and wonder. Not only does the C & S sessions provide students to be creative but also polishes and disciplines the artist within them. Well done!!



Events

Junior Section

The Annual Inter-Class Spelling Bee Competition



Spelling Bees are a great way to enhance a student's vocabulary and confidence. The much-awaited Junior Spelling Bee 2018 invited mothers and was quite a success.

Masha' Allah!

Name	Section	Position
Grade - I		
Muhammad Bin Haris	F	1st
Maryam Ali	A	2nd
Muhammad Zuhad Abdullah	F	3rd
Grade - II		
Munfirah Faheem	D	1st
Shanzeh Khan	B	2nd
Amna Zeeshan	B	3rd
Grade - III		
Fatima Wazir	A	1st
Zainab Wazir	C	1st
Muhammad Hussain Tariq	D	1st



Fieldtrips: To California Pizza (Grades I & II) and The Governor House (Grade III)



The Junior Section of The Intellect School (Grades I, II, III) went on fieldtrips. Grade I's and II's visited California Pizza while Grade III's took a trip down history: they visited the Governor House. Alhamdulillah, it was a fun-tastic trip for all! Grades I's and II's enjoyed making their own pizza with favourite toppings, generally having a good time with their friends at California Pizza. Meanwhile, Grade III's strolled through rooms and corridors that transported them to the era of Independence. The history behind the architecture and each possession that was placed on display was seen with much awe and fascination. Overall, both trips proved to be an interesting educative experience for the Junior Section. Masha' Allah, the organisers at California Pizza and the Governor House were also quite impressed by the discipline and the good manners of our young students.

Junior Section's Amazing Annual Art Exhibition



Masha' Allah, The Junior Art Exhibition was a sight to see! Creative pieces lit up the Junior Section building. While crafts are always the highlight of the exhibition, a collection of sketches in colour, black and white also held much captivation for invited guests. This is a fantastic way of inculcating constructive use of available material. Teaching the concepts of recycling through art techniques further improve a student's observation skills. Pencils and crayons were still one of the most popular mediums used by the students of the junior section and they livened up all areas. On the other hand, various painting techniques displayed new control on their gross motor skills and patience. Overall, kudos to the Junior Art Team for putting a gorgeous display of colour and creativity.



Junior Section Hold The Annual Speech Contest



Speech competitions are a great way to perfect the art of public speaking, simultaneously encouraging creative critical thinking among our young students as well! Students from Grade IIs and Grade IIIs participated in this event. Masha' Allah, our youngsters gave some thought-provoking speeches! A big congratulations to the teams of Grades II's and III's for a great time! Masha' Allah! Results of the Annual Speech Contest 2018 - Grades II & III are as follows:

Results of Grade II – English

Muhammad Usman	Grade II-E	1st Position
Khadija Al Kubra	Grade II-A	2nd Position
Muhammad Ali	Grade II-G	2nd Position

Results of Grade II – Urdu

Ayesha Haroon	Grade II-D	1st Position
Hiba Rehan Makki	Grade II-A	2nd Position
Yazdan Ahmed	Grade II-G	3rd Position

Results of Grade III – English

Khadijah Fatimah Khan	Grade III-A	1st Position
Zahra Sheikh	Grade III-C	2nd Position
Muhammad Ali Syed	Grade III-F	2nd Position

Results of Grade III – Urdu

Fatima Wazir	Grade III-A	1st Position
Muhammad Ali Yousuf	Grade III-E	2nd Position
Mariam Imran	Grade III-B	3rd Position



The Annual Elocution Competition



The highly anticipated Annual Elocution Contest 2018 was held among all sections of Grade I's. This is a good way to remove inhibitions and reservations regarding public speaking among young students! Masha' Allah, our youngsters put quite an eloquent show on the big stage! Kudos to the Grade I team for such an amazing event!

The results for the Annual Elocution Contest 2018 (Grade – I) are as follows:

For English Elocution

Grade I – D	1st Position
Grade I-H	2nd Position
Grade I-C	3rd Position

For Urdu Elocution

Grades I-B & I-C	1st Position
Grades I-A & I-D	2nd Position
Grades I-G & I-H	2nd Position

Junior Section Holds Annual Qirat Competition

The Annual Qirat Competition took place in the Zainab Qasim Auditorium. Students from Grades I, II and III participated in this event. The objective behind this quiz was to develop a healthy love for Qirat of the Holy Quran amongst our young generation. This is only possible when they are encouraged to read and memorise verses with devotion and passion. Alhamdulillah, this was a successful event. May Allah give success to our students both in the world and the Hereafter!! Ameen!!



Events

Elementary Section

Elementary Section celebrates Grandmother's Day & Yellow Day



At the K-12 level, toddlers learn best through Play, which is why familial connections, senses and the world around them are often displayed through show and tell sessions. A Grandmother's Day is held, where our little learners invite their respective grandmothers to visit their class, narrate funny yet inspiring stories to their friends and teachers and socialise. Masha' Allah, this year like before, our teachers received a positive response as many grandmothers were quite keen to visit their grandchild's school. Giveaways and special tokens are always specially prepared by our young tots for this fun session with their Grandmothers.

While, colour days such as The Yellow Day are a great way to teach young kids various concepts (like colour) and basic language and sensorial skills like names of colours, objects of the colour, etc. Activities such as show and tell provide opportunities for developing public speaking, confidence and build grammar and vocabulary in young children. Alhamdulillah, all activities receive a positive response as both children and parents always look forward to such creative activities in the future!



Elementary Section Holds Annual Sports Day



Sports Day preparations begin soon after the new academic year opens. Inculcating the spirit of coordination and sportsmanship in our young tots is extremely important. Hence, "Team Work" was the theme of our sports day. The aim was to encourage the participation of students in this sporting event and instil qualities of self-confidence and fair behaviour! Alhamdulillah, the grand display and all the sporting elements such as the races and walk past showcased enthusiasm and high-spirits of our tots in front of guests and their mothers. The hard work and coordination of our teachers and our young students must be noted, that made this annual event a spectacular one!

Elementary Section Holds The Annual Pet Show



Like every other year, the Elementary team organised an impeccable pet show, which was displayed in the courtyard. Students enthusiastically participated as they brought their beloved pets for the outdoor showcase. It was a well-put show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all students and invited guests. Our young tots spoke confidently about their pet in the show and tell session and had their exuberant moments in the pet show. Masha' Allah, the elementary team must be commended for such a well-planned show.



Elementary Section Celebrates Themes of the Month: Professions

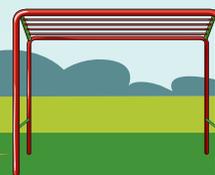


Monthly themes are celebrated enthusiastically in the elementary section. The objective behind exposing our young students to a variety of professions early in life, is to stimulate interest in these careers. The second is obviously, to inculcate in the student to pick a career which results in Halal earning and includes the name and Blessings of Allah SWT in it. Hence, a special morning assembly is prepared in which students display their professions through various short presentations. Activities and artwork were prepared in classes, which further encouraged learning of various professions and their descriptions; show-and-tell in which students dressed up as their favourite profession and spoke a few words on it. Lastly, a professions parade took place in which students walk in their fancy attire around the corridors and the courtyard.

Elementary Section – Annual Day Function 2019



For the Annual Day Function, The Zainab Qasim Auditorium buzzed with enthusiasm as our young tots took centre stage. The fresh talent of our young performers was a beautiful sight as one by one the performances went onstage. Students enthralled all invited mothers and guests as they confidently put brilliant performances whether presenting a poem or drama or skit or were a part of the choir. Overall, the event was a huge success and the elementary team must be congratulated for putting up a fantastic show.





International Competitions !

Intellect's Humungous Success in The International Kangaroo Science Competition

Alhamdulillah, every year our students achieve humungous success in The International Kangaroo Science Competition. It is quite encouraging to see a vast number of students taking an interest in this competition. IKSC comprises of three levels, Ecolier, Benjamin and Cadet, according to age group. This year at the IKSC event, our students scored exceptionally well, bringing home four gold medals and eight bronze medals! The results are as follows:

Gold Medals & Power Bank

Junior Section

Hafsa Khan	Grade II
Marium Kamran	Grade II
Muhammad Hamza Ansari	Grade II
Muhammad Saad	Grade II

Bronze Medals & USB Data Cable

Junior Section

Fatima Saeed	Grade III
Zainab Zaheer	Grade III
Zunera Wasif	Grade III

Senior Girls

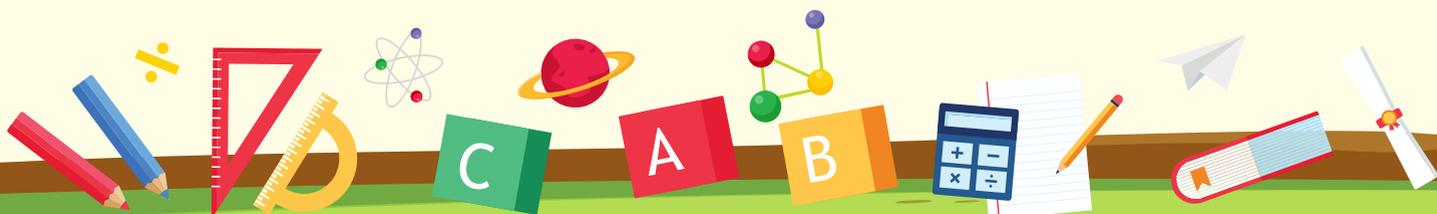
Fatima Idrees	Grade IV
Heba Junaid Vaid	Grade IV
Javeria Junaid	Grade IV
Zainab Abu Bakar Shaikh	Grade IV

Senior Boys

Hashir Ahmed	Grade IV
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Well Done Students! May you bring more accolades and greater success to the school and our country! May Allah SWT make these children the light of Islam in the world, Ameen!



The Intellect Students' Gain Tremendous Victory at The International Kangaroo Linguistic Competition

Masha' Allah, The Intellect School gained tremendous victory at the IKLC 2019. Altogether, we secured 30 medals in this linguistic competition. The Intellect School is forever grateful to the Almighty Allah SWT and hope and pray that He SWT accepts all our hard work. The names of the winning students are as follows:



Gold Medals & Power Bank Winners (1st Position in Pakistan) Junior Section

M. Zohad Abdullah	Grade I-F
Sara Kamran	Grade I-C
Abdul Kabeer	Grade II-F
Khadijah Al Kubra Ansari	Grade II-A
Dania Zeeshan	Grade III-A
Hafsa Khan	Grade III-A
Muhammad Ali Syed	Grade III-F

Silver Medal Winner (Senior Girls)

Lina Siddiqui	Grade VI-B
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Bronze Medals' Winners (Senior Girls)

Maneha Maryam Khan	Grade IV-A
Zunaira Ovais	Grade IV-A
Amna Fatima	Grade V-B
Heba Junaid Vaid	Grade V-A
Inaya Sharif	Grade V-B
Syeda Mahdiya Waqas	Grade V-C
Fatima Harris	Grade VII-A
Hufsa Hussain	Grade VII-B
Khadija Waqas	Grade VII-C
Misbah Shahid	Grade VII-C
Ayesha Junaid	Grade VIII-B
Laiba Adnan	Grade VIII-B
Hafsa Qasim Chottani	Grade IX-A
Mominah Faisal	Grade XI-A

Bronze Medals' Winners (Senior Boys)

Ali Hassan Jafrani	Grade IV-F
Usman Khalil Shaikh	Grade VI-D
Suleman Kamal	Grade VII-D
Tahir Ali	Grade XI-B



Wonderful Success in the International Kangaroo Mathematics Competition 2019

Our students gave a wonderful performance at the International Kangaroo Mathematics Competition 2019. The results are as follows:



Gold Medal Winner

Senior Girls' Section

Aamna A. Lodhikawala	Grade IV-B
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Bronze Medal Winners

Senior Girls' Section

Fatima Idrees	Grade V-B
Anaya Khurram	Grade V-C
Yusra Bilal	Grade VI-B
Ayesha Ghazi	Grade VII-B
Musfirah Rizwan	Grade VIII-A

Junior Section

M. Bin Harris	Grade I-F
M. Qaseem Younus	Grade II-H
Hamdan Sulaiman	Grade III-E
M. Hamza Ansari	Grade III-D

Masha' Allah! May each student shine bright both in this world and the Hereafter!
Ameen!



Senior Boys' Grand Success in The Bait-us-Salam Olympiad 2019

The Bait-us-Salam Olympiad'19 opened with a BANG!! After receiving an excellent response from majority of schools and educational institutes of Karachi, The Bait-us-Salam Olympiad 2019 was a much-anticipated inter-school event.



The Bait-us-Salam Olympiad 2019 opened from 9th Jan 2019 and closed on 19th Jan 2019. Around 130+ schools in which 2500+ students competed in some 30+ academic and sporting events. The Intellect School was humbled to be the Official Hosting Partner of The Bait-us-Salam Olympiad 2019. Special thanks to Mr Alamgir Khan, MNA from Karachi for being the Chief Guest and to Mr. Hunaid Lakhani and Mr. Uzair Zavari for also attending the Opening Ceremony. Our students secured top positions in the following events:

Presentation Contest (Junior)

The Intellect School Secured 1st Position

Sana ullah Shaikh	Grade VIII-D
Sunain Mushtaq	Grade IX-C

Spelling Bee (Junior)

The Intellect School Secured 3rd Position

Mohadis Qazi	Grade IX-C
Suleman Kamal	Grade VII-D

Physical Fitness (Junior)

The Intellect School Secured 3rd Position

Ubaidullah Bin Imadullah	SHU-B
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Bait Baazi (Junior)

The Intellect School Secured 2nd Position

Ammar Shafqat	Grade VIII-C
Usman Khalil	Grade VI-D

Spelling Bee (Senior)

The Intellect School Secured 1st Position

Ammar Irfan	Grade IX-C
M. Amin Chhotani	Grade VII-E



Naat / Patriotic Songs (Senior) The Intellect School Secured 3rd Position

Safwan Imran

Grade IX-C

Volley Ball (Senior) The Intellect School Secured 3rd Position

Hasan Salman

Grade X-B

Fahim ullah Khan

Grade XI-B

Wadood Ahmed

Grade XI-B

Suleman Khan

Grade VIII-D

Huzaifa Zaheer

Grade XI-B

Abdullah Salman

Grade X-B

Science Exhibition The Intellect School Secured 1st Position

Ammar Shafqat

Grade VIII-C

Muhammad Moosa Munir

Grade VIII-C

Intellect Students' Amazing Achievement at The Inter-School Maths Olympiad (ISMO) 2018

The Intellect School always encourages its students to participate both in intra and inter school math competitions. Beyond encouraging an interest in Maths, such contests also help students to prepare for stress management and pressure in a healthy constructive manner. Such competitions help train student(s) to deal with success and failure, instilling in them that for an effective performance consistent, unwavering practice is required. A hearty congratulations to all our students, who participated in The Inter-School Maths Olympiad (ISMO) 2018. This Maths contest was held at Pak Turk School (Gulshan-e-Iqbal Campus) on 24th of November, 2018. Students from Grades V to VIII participated in this competition.

The results are as follows:

Boys' Section

Hassaan Imran

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Usman Khalil

Grade VI

Muhammad Khan

Grade VIII

Girls' Section

Tehreem Zubair

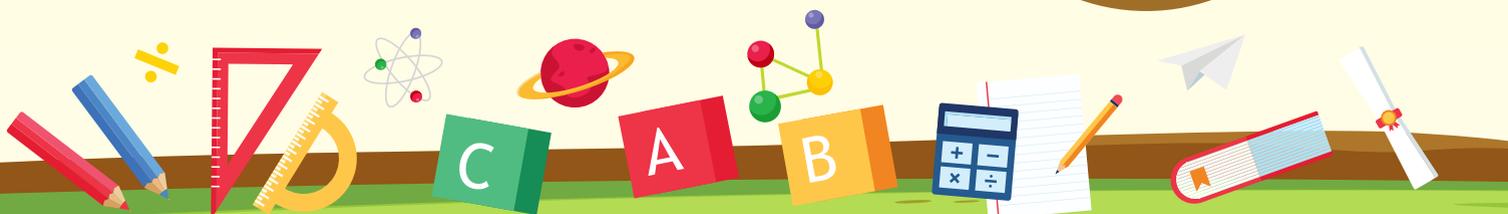
Grade VI

Amna Tariq

Grade VII

Ayesha Amir

Grade VII



Whale of a TALE

Creative Writing



Creative Writing

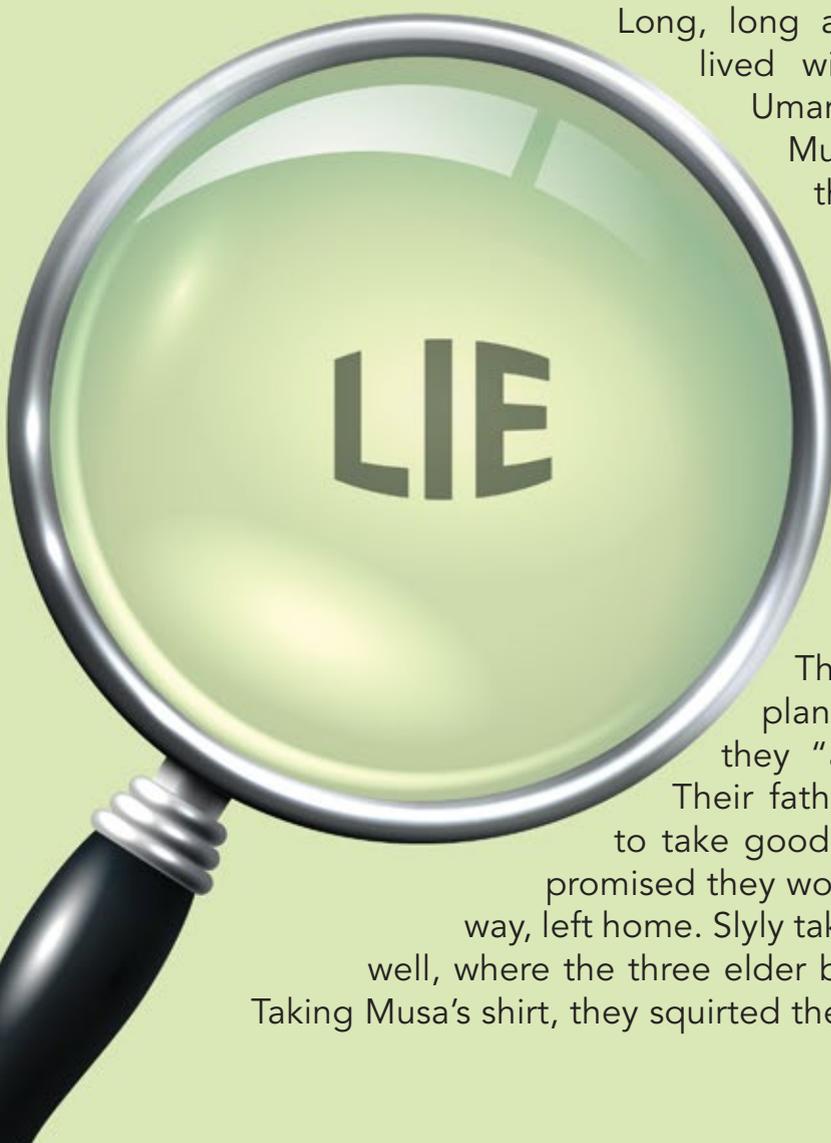
Senior Section – Boys

A Lie Will Always Get Caught!

Jarir Khalil Sheikh, Grade IV-F

Doing things secretly, away from the eyes of the world, doesn't mean Allah doesn't know.

Even when no one is there, Allah is All-Present, All-Watching, All-Knowing.



Long, long ago, a man called Ahmed lived with his four sons, named Umar, Abdullah, Ibrahim and Musa. They all lived happily in their house, situated in a small village. One day, the three elder brothers had an epiphany. They realised that their father loved the youngest, Musa, much much more than he loved them.

So they plotted a scheme to kill Musa.

The next day, as part of their plan, they asked their father if they "all" could go out to play. Their father agreed and asked them to take good care of young Musa. They promised they would and in their normal jolly way, left home. Slyly taking the route to the nearest well, where the three elder brothers had killed a sheep. Taking Musa's shirt, they squirted the blood of the sheep onto it,

and then threw poor little Musa into the well.

Coming home earlier than usual, they lied to Ahmed that the youngest, Musa had been eaten by a wolf. Though they expressed false grief and sorrow over their loss, but their father suspected that something was wrong.

On the other hand, little Musa sat in the well where he was dreadfully hungry and just wanted to go home to his father. Praying to Allah SWT for help, help soon came his way. Next morning, a thirsty beggar walked to the well. Throwing his bucket down into the well he got quite a shock, when a child came up long with the bucket. The beggar immediately took off for the main city, where he sold him to the King.

There Musa worked hard for many months, first as a servant and then some time later, he was recommended as one of the King's adviser and with time, Musa became one of the trusted ones. The King was worried about his Kingdom for he knew that his youth and health would slowly fade away and he would one day also be old and ill. This worried him a lot. He did not have a son and wanted a loyal heart to take care of his kingdom after his death.

As death approached the King, he knew he had to take a decision for the security of his Kingdom. Calling Musa to his deathbed, the King announced to his advisory council that after his death, Musa will be the new King.

Sometime later, the old king died and Musa became the King. To celebrate the appointment of the new King, a feast was thrown. Musa specially invited his family. His father felt a certain familiarity in the face of the new King. Then as he was going around the halls, he overheard one of the senior advisors, who thought that it was sheer good luck for a street boy to be made a King. As Musa approached his father in the grand hall where the feast was laid out, his father looked at him. He might be the new King but this was his son. Allah had listened to his prayers. After all these years, his youngest was alive!

His father asked the permission of the new King to speak and told him a story, of how years ago, his youngest, most beloved son had been snatched away. And how Allah rewarded him today, how his prayers had been heard. Musa knew his father had recognised him and both father son embraced each other. Musa told the whole story to his father and how his elder brothers had thrown him in the well. His father asked him to forgive his brothers for Allah punished each and every one of them in His own way.

After that, they lived happily ever after.

No Running Around the Swimming Pool

Zaid Bin Abid, Grade IV

Every Sunday I used to go to Karachi Club (annexé) for swimming. The swimming pool is quite large with a depth of 10 feet. My trainer, Sir Ramiz, is a tall well-built man. He is also a retired navy officer and knows swimming very well. So regular pool sessions at the club excited me. Though I had to follow some rules strictly but as long as I was at the pool, I didn't mind!

However, most kids didn't abide by them. One day, Sir Ramiz was recalling the rules before the regular session. As he turned his back, my friends, Salman and Ahmed started joking around. With Salman running in front and Ahmed chasing him, they didn't see the slight puddle of water by the side of the swimming pool. Unfortunately, Salman slipped his foot and ended falling with a loud thud.

We were momentarily stunned but immediately an ambulance was called who rushed Salman to the nearest emergency room. Luckily, he was in his senses but was still sprawled on the wet floor. From that day onwards, everybody was extra extra careful about the rules. Posters of the swimming pool rules were posted everywhere on the walls, around the building.

After this incident, an extra lifeguard was also appointed for the pool area. Unfortunately, Salman stopped visiting the pool.



Helping the Aliens

Rayyan Uddin Siddiqui, Grade IV-F

Once upon a time, Mr. Rat and his three friends Mr. Owl, Mr. Fox and Mr. Giraffe were enjoying a dinner party near the pond in the woods. When suddenly, there was loud burst of light on the inky black sky and the four saw smoke coming out from the centre of the woods. The four friends became frightened and dashed to the nearest house. Peeking from their windows, they saw a gigantic ball that was slowly coming down on the ground.

That's when Mr. Owl remembered reading about such gigantic balls and their travellers; "It was a spaceship, a vehicle from from another world and it's normally owned by people or person(s) called aliens," He explained to the others. Just then, they heard a loud sound as the gates of the spaceship opened and out came two weird looking gentlemen who did not look like the average human being.

The two aliens looked around and saw no one, for every animal had hidden in fear. But they saw the four friends peeking and so, the two aliens moved towards the owl's house. "The enemy has destroyed our spaceship. We cannot fly." The Aliens' announced in their loud robotic voice. So the four, Mr. Owl, Mr. Fox, Mr. Rat and Mr. Giraffe slowly came out in front of them.

"You can stay at my house until your spaceship is ready to fly," Mr. Giraffe told them. We don't want to stay. We just want to fix our spaceship." All four friends decided to help the aliens and spent all night in repairing the spaceship. The next morning, all their hard work paid off as their spaceship was finally ready to fly. The four friends and the two aliens were very happy as they could now return home.

The aliens were grateful for all the hard Fwork involved. "We are extremely thankful to you four for repairing our spaceship." Don't thank us. Thank Allah SWT for in Islam, helping the distressed is a sign of faith. Take care and Good luck!"

The Aliens were super impressed and left with happy thoughts for the people of Planet Earth and their faith. As the Aliens left, the four friends decided to take a slightly long nap for they were very tired.

Our Fun Trip to the Farmhouse

Muhammad Suleman Kamal, Grade VII

We were bored with studying. Giving one test after another, one assessment after another, our brains had turned mush. Luckily, for a break and also because a field trip was due, our school planned a trip to a farmhouse, located on the outskirts of the city.

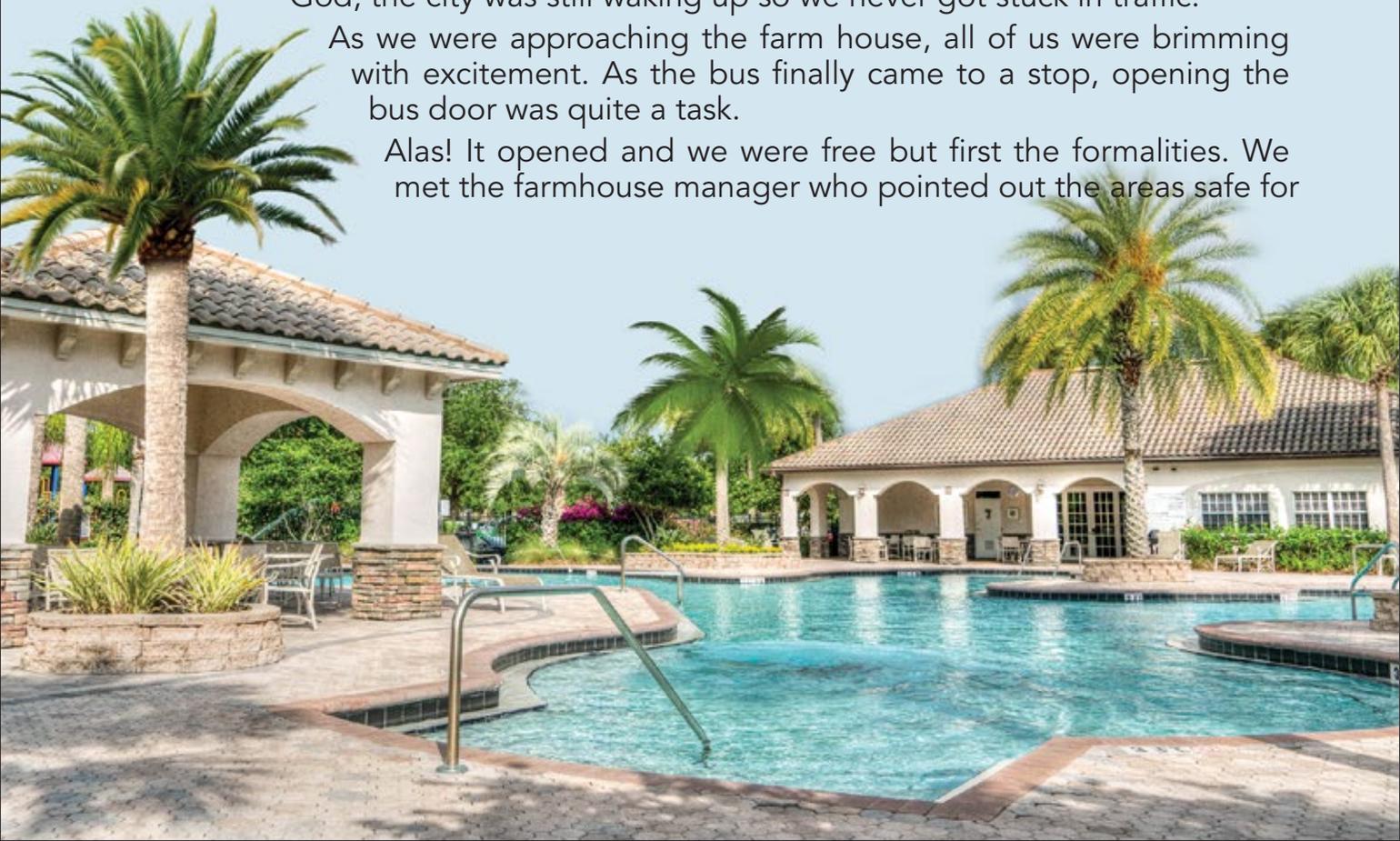
Normally, students aren't allowed to bring items of any kind, from their homes. But on the day of the fieldtrip, the teachers were slightly lenient. Reaching school way earlier than usual, I had brought a ball to play catch with my friends before assembly. For the fieldtrip, the timings were shifted a little. When the assembly bell rang, I shoved the ball into my pocket and went to stand at my position in the class line. The assembly began with the recitation of a Surah, followed by the Daily Ahadith and the National Anthem.

Announcements were made for students to submit any electronic item such as cell phones that were brought from home. Then teachers took attendance followed by our regular uniform, nails and shoes check. Duty teachers also checked ID cards that students were supposed to wear to the farmhouse.

Finally, after all formalities were cross-checked and double checked, students were asked to queue up. Me and my friends were super excited. Three humongous buses were standing in the parking lot. Our class climbed into a fanta-orange bus. Students of fourth, fifth and sixth graders shared our bus. Our bus ride began with recitation from the Holy Quran. Sitting next to my friends and classmates on the bus was so exciting! We crossed major areas of our bustling city. Thank God, the city was still waking up so we never got stuck in traffic.

As we were approaching the farm house, all of us were brimming with excitement. As the bus finally came to a stop, opening the bus door was quite a task.

Alas! It opened and we were free but first the formalities. We met the farmhouse manager who pointed out the areas safe for



all students. He also informed us that the swimming pools were being prepared and so filling them with clean, sparkling water might take some time. There was a large field, which was away from the main area. Attached to the farmhouse was the swimming pool that looked large enough to fit fifty people.

Our teachers informed us to keep all personal belongings inside the hut. Then instead of going to the pool first, we headed to the field. So we took our games stuff and decided to play first. Some students were playing cricket, some had setup volley ball some were waiting for their turns, while some were simply running and racing around.

Soon we were called by our teachers to change into our swimming costumes as the pools were ready. Our teachers wanted everybody to have a fair and equal chance at the pool so students were given a certain time period to spend at the pool.

One was only a little deep and one was very shallow. In the former the water was up to my shoulders and in the latter the water was upto my waist. There were two slides which were made of stone. They were in the very shallow one. They were slippery because there were pipes of water at the highest point of the slides. I had plenty of fun, sliding again and again. Once, I did upside down. We sloshed and splashed water at each other, jumping in, diving into the cool water! Soon it was one o' clock and we heard the call of prayer from the nearby mosque where everybody gathered up to perform Namaz-e-Zuhr.

After everybody prayed, lunch-boxes prepared by the school were distributed among the students. I ate lunch with my friends. After lunch we were not allowed back into the pool but we could go into the field. So I played catch with my friends. After an hour or so, our teachers informed all classes to pack up everything as we were going to leave. We all groaned! We didn't want to leave so soon!

But we had to leave before Asr and reach school before it became dark. So, everybody started to pack up their stuff, checked that all their belongings were kept safely and the trash was properly disposed of.

All the students and teachers thanked the farmhouse management for their hospitality and efficiency. The teacher once again counted the number of students and double checked that all personal possessions were taken. We lined outside the buses, which were ready to move.

Our way back to school was bumpy. The city was hustling and bustling, brimming with energy and activity. We got stuck in traffic where regular cars resembled toy cars while our school coasters appeared like monster trucks next to them. While sometimes the buses had to halt because a number of cows and bulls had to cross the road. Tired with all the fun I had, I fell asleep on the way.

Finally, we reached school. All students were tired but our parents were waiting for us. The students were first asked to assemble in the courtyard where their cards would come for picking them up.

My father had arrived fifteen minutes before, so my card arrived quickly as well. On our way, we heard Asr and stopped to pray in the mosque. All in all, I had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Alhamdulillah, we safely reached our destination spot and safely came back as well, all praise to Allah SWT!!

True or False: Money = Happiness?

Umar Mustafa, Grade VII

“Money is equal to Happiness” is a common misconception. And a huge one. Some people believe that when a person has money in his pocket, it will bring happiness in his life. While others believe that when money is present in a person’s life, it sucks the happiness out of their existence. Unfortunately both are extreme mind-sets and need a thorough revision.

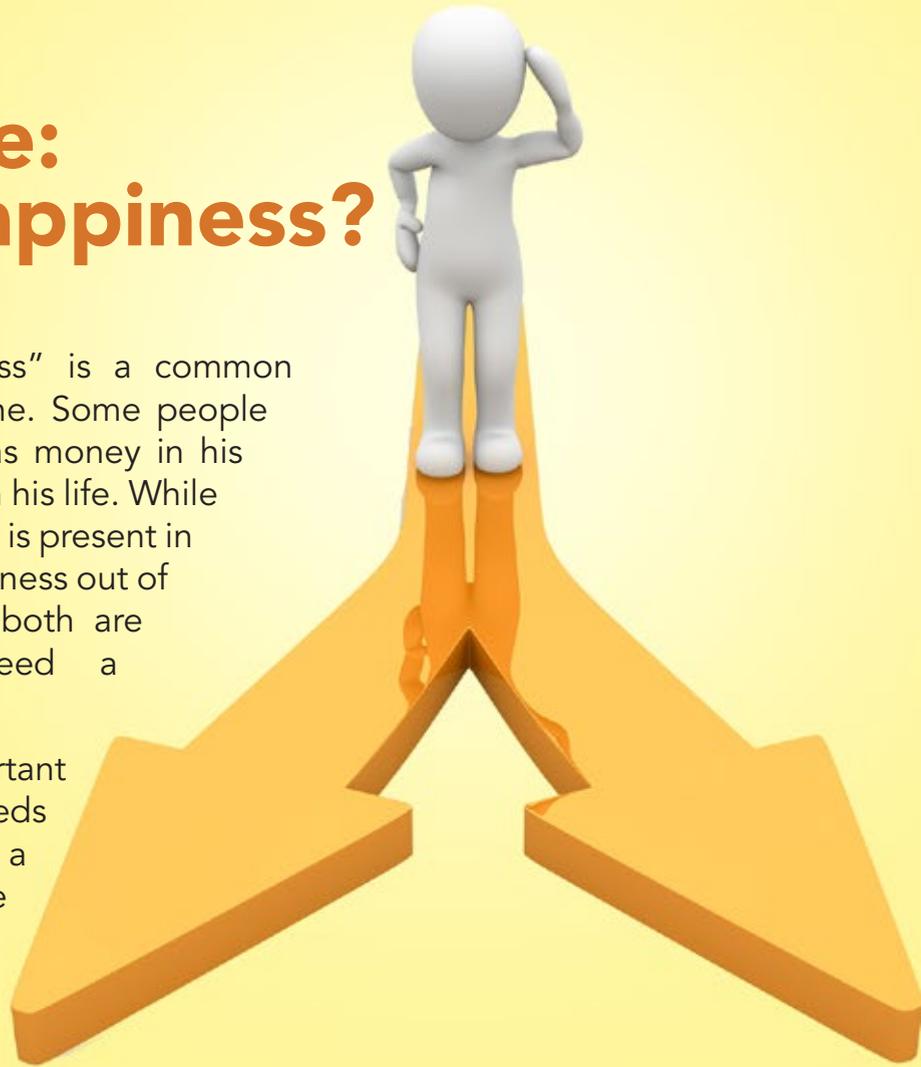
Earning money is important because the basic of human needs require money, even if it’s just a little of it. For example, if we concentrate only - on a place to live, food to eat and clothes to wear, that requires a certain amount of money, even if it’s a small one.

However, to simplify matters of this world, one should always turn to the pages of Islamic History for it is rich in lessons of worldly affairs, especially those of money and financial matters.

No one could have been more serving to the cause of Islam than the Sahabah who were esteemed business men of their time. Their monetary status, besides their honesty of character, was a huge consolation to spreading Islam. It is also not easy to forget the fiscal help that the Ansar bestowed upon the Muhajirin when they migrated to Madina!

Irrespective of what era Man is a part of, too much of anything is always harmful for his physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual health. Hence, a man should earn enough that his needs are fulfilled, enough that he can take Zakat and sadaqah regularly from his stipend, enough that he can help fellow Muslims stuck in war-zones.

If we as Muslims, are not monetarily fit and strong, then we would have not been able to send in large amounts for their help! Which is why I think that every believing Muslim should try to keep a balance and at the end of the day, have faith in the Mercy of Allah SWT that he may not plant love of the world for when materialism grows in the heart of the believing men and women, evil is not far away!



Oh Dad..

Saad Ameen, Grade VII

Oh Dad...I just miss you

For you always stood

Beside me, behind me

I knew you were always there with me

I remember your words ringing in my ear

All I know

That your love was to build me up

Now that you are gone

All your things remind me of you

I never feel alone

For you are forever in my thoughts

Your name would always be in my heart,

Oh Dad, I miss you so very much!

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover

Ammar Irfan, Grade IX



Just like other boys of his age group, Shahmeer loved playing X-Box and was a diehard fan of Star Wars. But he was no ordinary kid, for his face had about a gazillion surgeries, just to make him look better after that frightful accident. Yet other people were apprehensive in approaching Shahmeer. "Have you ever met a kid who made other children run away because of their looks?" He often mused to himself.

Worst of all, was his mother's wish to start school. "I can't homeschool you forever, Shahmeer!" Mom was exasperated. "Anyways, Junior High

will soon start and everyone and everything is going to be new. It's going to be alright," She gently added, knowing about her son's insecurity with his looks.

Both his parents knew that the only way for Shahmeer to have a normal childhood was to enroll in regular school. So the trio decided to pay a visit to the school and meet Mr. Ahmed, the Principal of the School. It was popularly known that Mr. Ahmed was a kind-hearted and an open-minded person. He agreed that initially Shahmeer's school year might have a few hiccups but they were very important for his personality development. And so, as Shahmeer's parents sat and chatted with Mr. Ahmed, Shahmeer was taken on a tour of the school by students, Abdul Wasif and Shahbaz. He agreed to start school as the new session opened.

Shahmeer prayed fervently for the new school to be a place of peace and joy. Though he was anxious and terrified on the first day of school but he controlled his facial expressions as he didn't want the other boys to make fun of him. Entering the school premises on the first day, the morning assembly was about to begin. He felt hundreds of eyes, staring at him, whispering about him behind his back.

Soon Shahmeer walked to his class with the others, where he took a seat in the last row, to avoid being scrutinized or stared at. The desks near him were all empty and only Abdul Wasif sat on a seat that was nearest to Shahmeer. No one bothered asking him anything. Shahmeer imagined people staying away because "they would catch the plague". But when Abdul Wasif turned around to share a laugh over a common class joke, Shahmeer also cracked a rusty smile. Soon, the others saw that Abdul Wasif at ease with Shahmeer, they too started talking to him.

Though, initially it was a tough start for Shahmeer but as dismissal time arrived, Shahmeer realised he wanted to come to school. Learning all these facts and figures alone was so boring! Studies were fun when they were shared by friends and were filled with jokes and funny stories. Shahmeer thanked Allah SWT that the decision taken by the grown-ups was perfect! They had been right all along. School wasn't just about grades and studies, it was about friendships, playing sports, and a lot of fun stuff that you could only do with people your age!

A Lovely Memory: My Grandfather

Hammadullah Khan, Grade IX

I had never thought that one day, my affectionate Dada Jaan would leave us. But everything happens by the Will of Allah SWT and grandpa's time had come. The time to say his final good bye to everyone.

I remember, how every morning, Dada Jaan be up at the breakfast table reciting duas on his tasbeeh while we gobbled our breakfast. As we huffed and puffed with our school bags, bumping into each other, he

would stand aside and watch our childish selves fussing over irrelevant things. Smiling, he would shut the door tight and wave us good bye, reciting Ayat-ul-Kursi on all of us, as we drove to school.

When we were little, we had this tuckshop near our house and like every other kid, I wanted to buy all the yummy goodies from that tuckshop. So every Wednesday, we would go shopping with him and from that miniature-size shop, my siblings and I would buy a variety of delectables.

Friday was always a special day. He was always ready for the Jummah Prayer would patiently wait for us to get ready for the Friday Prayer. We would then drive together to the mosque, nearby our house. I still have the gram seeds that he we used to buy on our way back from Friday prayer.

One Wednesday, like any other ordinary day of the week, he was waiting for us at the breakfast table, reciting duas on his tasbeeh. We said our Allah Hafiz



to him, the same way we did every other day, noisily and boisterously, probably waking the entire neighbourhood. Never occurring to us, that this might be the last time we see his peaceful smiling face.

It was during one of our classes that our mental alarm bells started ringing loudly in our heads. My class teacher was informed by the school management that my driver would be picking us all earlier today. The reason being, there was an emergency at home. Though we quickly wrapped up everything, goose bumps on my arms were not a good sign.

I silently prayed for everything to be well at home.

When the driver came, there was a grim expression on his face. Without our usual fuss and banter, we quietly sat in the car and drove home.

Reaching our street, I saw a large white tent pitched outside our main gate with many gentlemen standing outside. A slight tremor ran up my spine. This was not a good sign. Entering the house, the lounge was covered with stark white sheets.

Hunched in a corner, was my Dadi Jaan, reading the Holy Quran, tears streaming down her cheeks. I had never ever seen my Dadi Jaan tear up like this. Just then, my Nano came up to us and gave us the heart breaking news: Dada Jaan had passed away.

This shocking news numbed all of us to our core. My mum, who had just finished her namaz, told us to change for the burial would soon happen. We were in a daze, but we hurriedly changed into shalwar kameez.

Going back in the main room, my Dada's body wrapped in white burial garment, was placed in the middle of the room. Everybody around him was quietly reciting Quran, praying for him and discussing his bright smile, his virtues and humble nature.

Our relatives were coming in, all looking sad and shocked at his sudden death. As Asr came, it was time to take a last look at him. Then we would take him to the mosque for his the final namaz: his funeral prayer.

Only a week ago, I had learned the funeral prayer for my Tarbiyah assessment, never knowing that I would soon apply that knowledge at my own Dada Jaan's funeral.

By Maghrib, we reached the graveyard where it was dark, with only torches lighting the way. We, along the elders, gently laid down Dada Jaan, down in his grave. Then my father recited the first ruku of Surah Baqarah with the Imam Sahib reciting the rest. The rest of us quietly prayed for his forgiveness.

It was after the shock of my grandpa's death, the unpredictability of life dawned over me. I realised the importance and the correct value of time.

May Allah SWT grant all Muslims, the understanding that time is indeed precious and one day, we all have to return to Our Lord SWT. We will have to give an account of how we spend our time.

I pray that all Muslims make intelligent use of their time and spend it in abundance, in the remembrance and worship of the Almighty Allah SWT. Ameen!

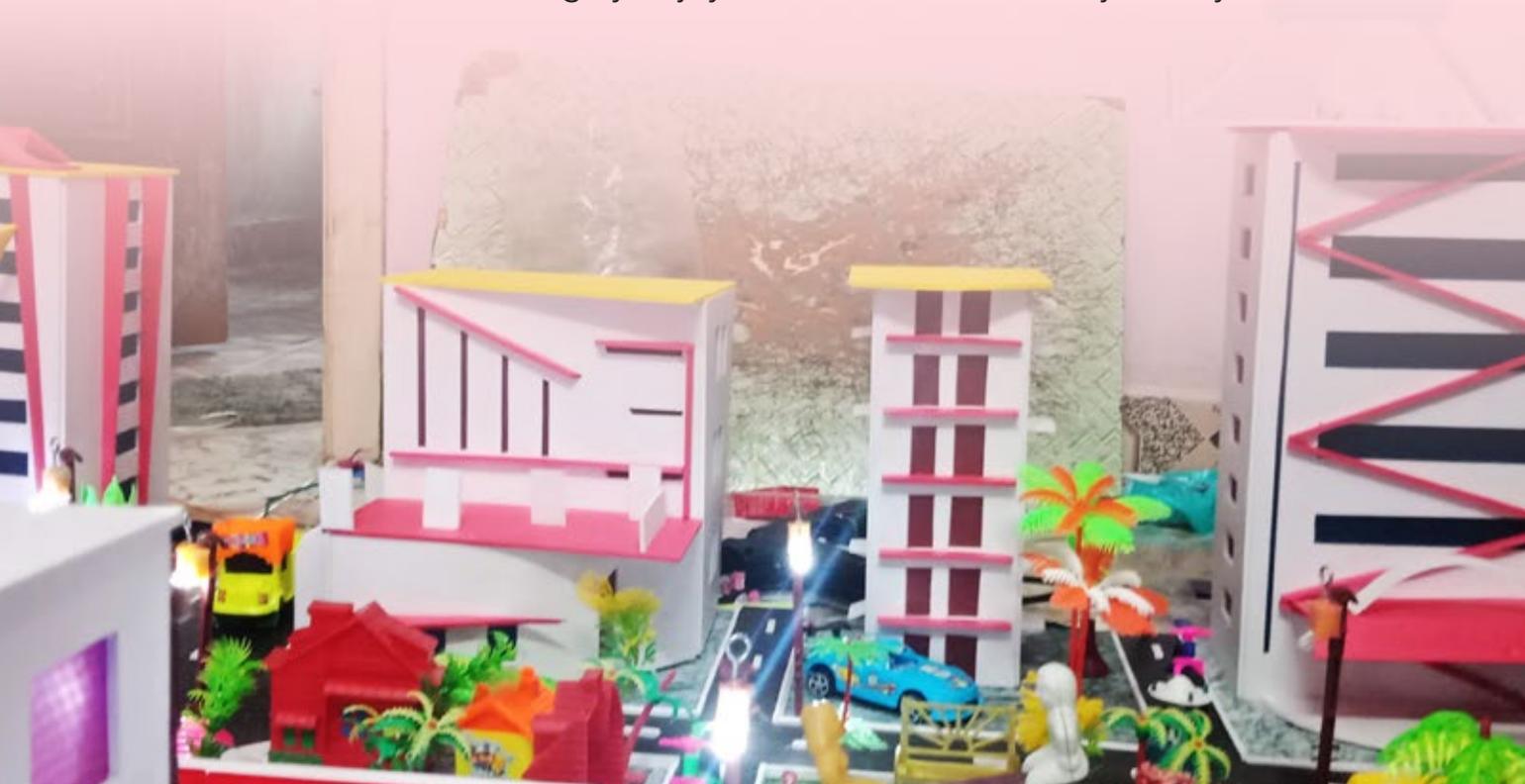
Creative Writing

Senior Section - Girls

Project Day of My School

Ayesha Yousuf, Grade IV-B

In December, Senior Girls' Annual Project Day took place. I enthusiastically participated in this school event. Students from all classes made ample of projects on a number of subjects. Most of the projects were gigantic but they were all quite interesting. Some projects had curved and become crooked. Mothers were invited to view projects to encourage and motivate all students. All my teachers, friends and classmates were as busy as ants. Unfortunately, my mother couldn't come. We also invited students from the Junior Campus. The young kids were fascinated by our projects. But they were also naughty and touched the displayed material. One of the senior classes had built a project in which chemicals were used. The sharp smell from the chemicals stung my eyes, making them water. I made a social studies one in which using the shape of a tree, my classmates and I showcased the three branches of the government: Legislative, Executive and Judiciary. Alhumdulillah, the weather was pleasant that day. Overall, all of us were very tired by the end of the event, but all of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves on our Project Day.





The Verdict on Junk Food

Junk Food is popularly demonised by health food enthusiasts. Here's what the young lot from Grade V-C have to say regarding the matter.

Here's what Shiza Fayyaz says:

Eating junk food is not good for our health for a number of reasons. Junk food can become a deadly bad habit because it can decay our teeth and we would end up having a lot of pain in our mouth. Junk food is also bad for us because it makes us obese and then we can't perform our religious tasks as simple as namaz. Junk food also makes us artificially active because of the high sugar intake found in fast food, fizzy drinks and artificial juices. If a person consumes only junk food and does not eat fruits and vegetables, then that can also result in serious health issues such as heart blockage, diabetes, cholesterol, sugar and hyper-tension.

Here's what Ayesha Noor says:

Everybody knows that junk food is not good for health but many people don't really pay serious attention to it. If we only eat junk food, fat would get stored in various parts of our body, making us lazy. It would be very difficult to get rid of the excess fat. This excess fat would further make more fatigued. Consumption of fizzy drinks and artificial juices also weaken our natural immunity system. However, I believe that eating junk food, once in a blue moon is fine. Junk food only becomes dangerous for our health when it becomes a daily habit.

Here's what Mariam Mushtaq says:

Junk food is yummy, no doubt about that. Lamb broast, zinger burger, French fries, chocolate pastries, artificial juices, fizzy drinks etc. all make my mouth water. But all this yummy food stuff also contains a lot of fats. Eating junk food everyday can make us chubby, fat and worse, downright lazy. We would lose our beautiful teeth because regular consumption of sweets would result in cavity. Instead of having a normal eating schedule, this untimely consumption would harm us eventually in the long run. So much as we can, we should try to follow the diet of the Holy Prophet SAWS, who believed in balance and equilibrium.



Letters to the Seasons

Handwritten letters will never lose their charm, no matter what day or age we live in. Four students write a heartfelt letter to their favourite seasons: Summer, Spring, Autumn and Winter.

A Letter to Dear Princess Winter

Lina Siddiqui, Grade V-A

East Wing

The Palace in a Galaxy

31st August 2018

Assalam-u-Alaikum Dear Princess Winter,

I hope you are enjoying your free time. I am sure wandering around your palace must be quite peaceful for you since it's not your season's time to come. Anyways, I am writing because I eagerly look forward to your season. I find it to be the most enjoyable time of the year!

During your season, I drink hot chocolate, chicken corn soup and enjoy cuddling inside warm quilts. I love eating dry fruits because they make me nice and warm. I even love the silence of the night while everybody is in deep slumber!

But the best part of your season are the warm clothes and the long boots which I think are so cool!

I love how even the wind whistles at night through the window pane. Sometimes, my family goes for an outing or two in winter and I have a lot of fun. This year though, I hope we have a huge bonfire and my mum buys that coffee machine, we saw at Dolmen Mall.

I hope you try to come soon, if not sooner!

Wishing you luck, love and duas

Sincerely Yours,

Lina

A Letter to Dear Princess Summer

Ruwae Ajmal, Grade V-A

East Wing

Cloud's Palace

The Queen's Ball in a Galaxy

31st August 2018

Salam My Dearie,

How are you doing? I hope it's all going well for you. Life is good to me too. Anyways, I am writing because I am waiting for you to come quickly to Planet Earth.

Okay so I want you to know that I thoroughly enjoy your season. I enjoy deliciously cold yummy ice creams, so for me, the more the merrier! Then I make lots and lots of pink lemonade, which everyone loves. My family takes us all to the beach as the weather is great and I get to collect seashells and make sand castles. With your season, I visit water parks and farm houses, where I get to swim in the cold water all the more!

Oh, did I tell you, that my favourite fruit, mango also comes when your season arrives! It is rightly juicy, rightly pulpy, taking me to Mango Land, yum!

But that's not all.

Because when Princess Summer, you are around, the dark's not that scary. And also because when you come, sunlight falls on my face, which is the best feeling in the whole wide world (after eating ice cream and running like the wind in the park, of course!)

This year for your season, I bought so many light clothes for myself! I hope you get time to write back.

I can't wait to meet you!

Yours Truly,

Ruwae

A Letter to Dear Princess Spring

Rahima Yasir, Grade V-B

Royal Palace of Seasons

High Above The Skies

31st August 2018

Dear Princess Spring,

Assalam-u-Alaikum

By the Grace of Allah SWT, I hope you are doing fine and well. Alhumdulillah, I am fine too. I am writing this letter to you because I wanted to ask, is it possible if your season could quickly hop onto our planet!?

I know it is not your season's turn to come but I miss your colourful flowers that bloomed everywhere around me and all the juicy fruits that came during your season.

My dear Princess Spring, I love the presents that came with you. But I also miss the gentle cool breeze that refreshed us all around. When you came, everything around me looked amazing and gorgeous. Please come soon!

This year, I decided to buy a special gift for you. I brought seeds of various fruits so that they bloom and blossom and I get to eat and enjoy all my favourite fruits. I hope that the Almighty nourishes you so that our planet smiles in flowers, fruit and light rainy showers.

With Smiles and Love,
Rahima

A Letter to Dear Princess Autumn

Laiba Imran, Grade V-B

Royal Palace Of Seasons
High in the Skies
31st August 2018

Dear Princess Autumn,
Assalam-u-Alaikum!

I hope you are doing well. Well, what can I say except that I am missing you so very much! Though your beauty captivates me, I really enjoy your season so much!

You know why? Because I get to have so much fun. I play hide n seek in the park, hide behind the trees, run around and have an awesome time with my friends.

I also get to dive under those heaps of autumn leaves. Though whenever I go out, I can feel a slight change in the weather as it does become mildly cold. During your season, my mom makes delicious hot coffee for me.

I love crushing dry leaves under my shoes. But what I really love the most are the colours and the smell of your season, Dear Princess Autumn. They give off warmth with their beautiful colours like maroons, oranges, yellows and gold. I love how the chirping of the birds add a melodious fantasy to the aromatic scent of leaves that surrounds me.

I wish you visit me soon.

With lots of love and duas,
Laiba

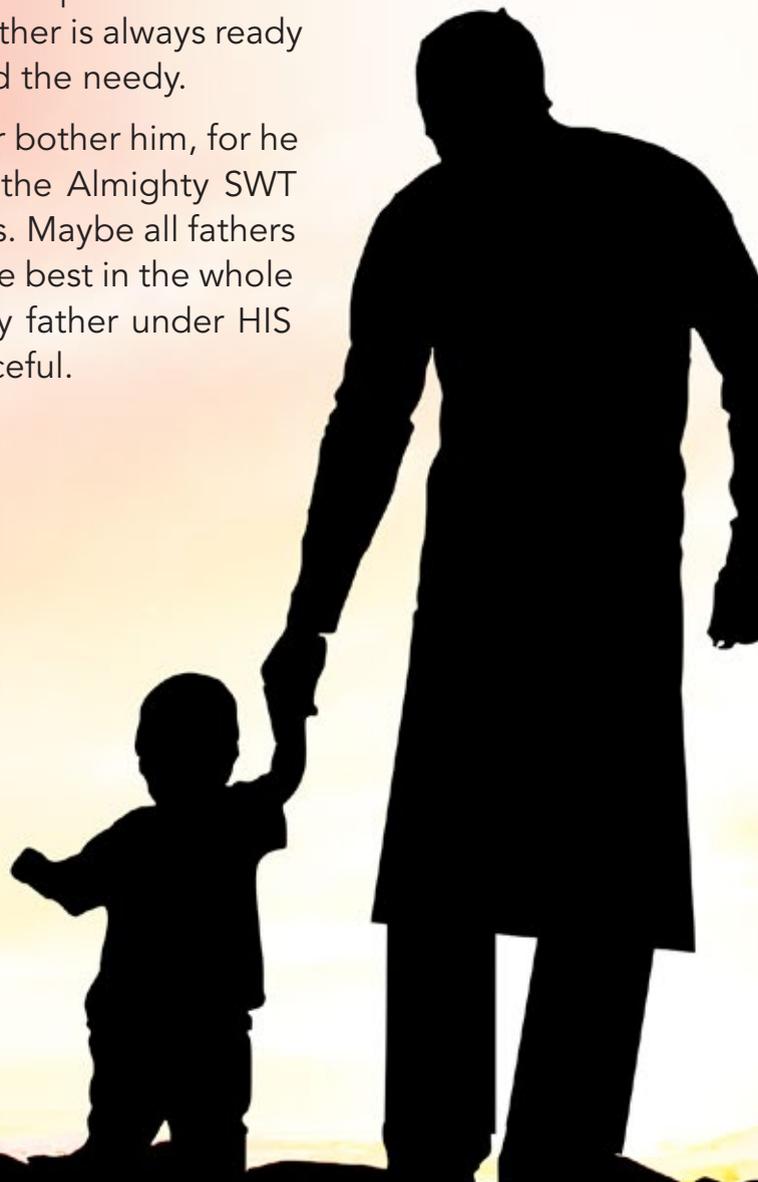
Father – My Favourite Personality

Fatima Haris, Grade VI-A

Everyone has a favourite personality who they admire for a variety of reasons but my father is a source of inspiration for me. He is a kind, hardworking, and a noble gentleman. My father spends his free time, laughing and talking with us. He loves playing scrabble with us. I always take help from him in my studies, for he is forever motivating us. My father celebrates all our small and big victories.

He also tries his best to fulfil all our needs and our wishes. My father often takes us out on trips and outings. He tries to keep his business trips as short as possible and doesn't go anywhere without us. I also look up to my father because he always speaks softly with his parents and he also treats my mom like a queen! My father is always ready to help the less fortunate, the poor and the needy.

Masha'Allah, troubles of daily life never bother him, for he believes that prayer and true faith in the Almighty SWT take care of all our tensions and worries. Maybe all fathers are like this but I believe my father is the best in the whole world. May Allah SWT always keep my father under HIS Security and keep him happy and peaceful.



An Amazing View of My Neighbourhood

Mahnour Khan, Grade VI-B

As I was standing on the rooftop of my house in the morning, waiting for my school van, the view and the cool breeze relaxed me. On a nearby branch, the soft chirrup of the bulbul was so soothing!

I thanked Allah SWT to be blessed with such a peaceful neighbourhood! A neighbourhood is the surrounding area where you live. It is called Mohalla in Urdu. Islam ordains us to treat our neighbours as we would like to be treated. It is our duty that we should care for them and be present in their time of need. The Holy Prophet SAWS has said "Your neighbour has the right over you."

Well, my neighbourhood and all its inhabitants are as perfect as anyone wishing it to be! Alhumdulillah, my neighbourhood is neat, clean and everybody I have met, is really nice. Nearby, there is a community centre where social, cultural and sports activities take place. Though it looks dull during the day but since most events usually take place in the evenings, the centre sparkles at night. I can always smell a floral fragrance in our neighbourhood because of the beautiful nursery, which is located just across the road. Every month, I can see a truck full of flowers and potted plants arrive at the nursery. It is updated as per the season.

In the evenings, I sit and have tea with my family on our rooftop. A cool breeze gently blows from the sea, refreshing the atmosphere around me! I am thoroughly grateful that Allah SWT brought me to such a wonderful neighbourhood.



My First Day at the New School

Bushra Amin, Grade VII-A

I never wanted to leave my first school, where I had been studying since Kindergarten. Primarily, because I knew everyone and was comfortable with the campus which felt more like home. So saying goodbye to my old school made me very sad and upset.

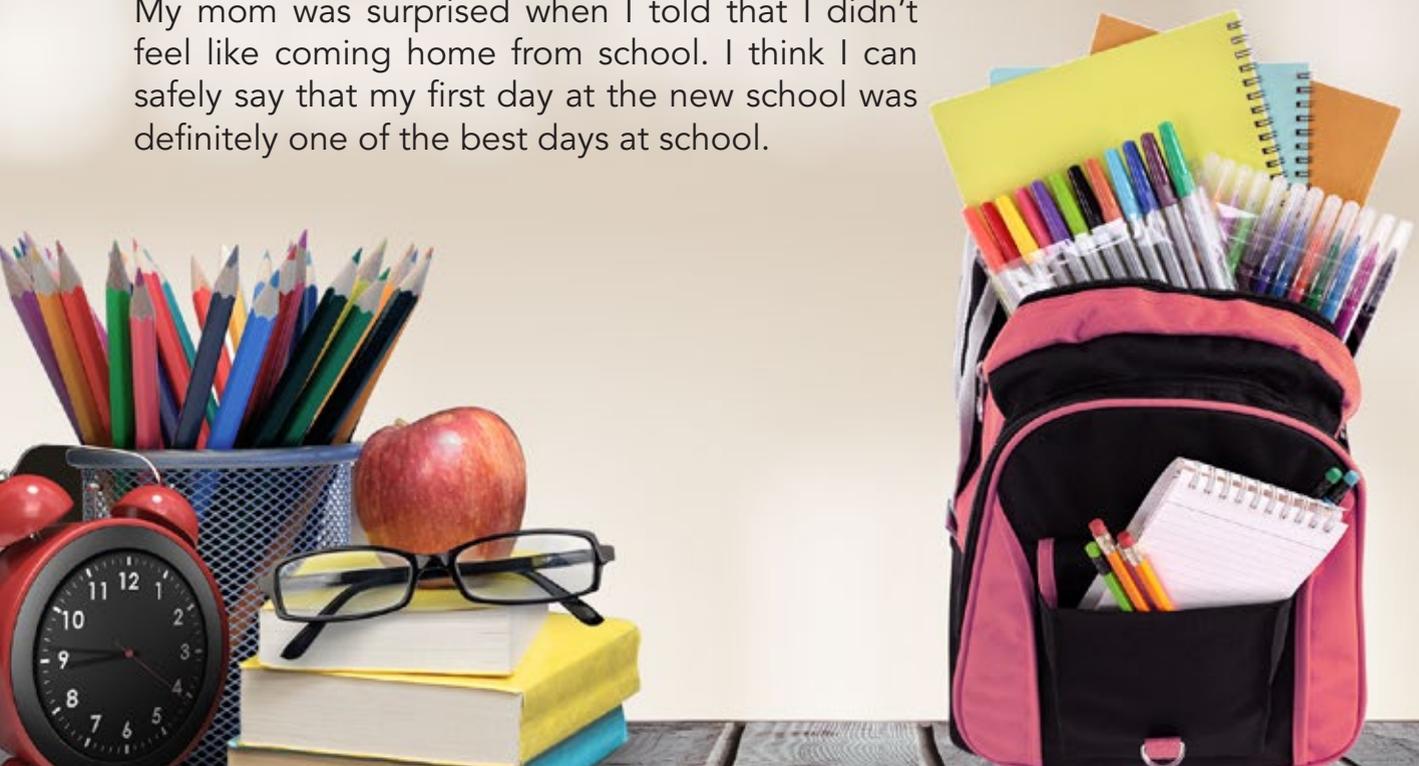
On my first day at the new school, I was terribly nervous. Walking into my new classroom, everything felt alien to me and I suddenly felt homesick for my old school. I was called to the front by my new class teacher so that I could introduce myself. My class teacher was very kind for she immediately noticed that I was extremely nervous. After four consecutive classes, I had my recess, which lasted for fifteen minutes!

Running quickly to the courtyard, I played with my classmate, who had quickly become friends with me. She later became my best friend. I was so happy, playing, that I forgot all about my school lunch!!

Luckily after break, it was the art class. My art teacher told me to draw an abstract illustration on the white board. After much hesitation, I drew and showed it to her. She was very pleased with my image and praised me. I was very happy that my day was slowly becoming better.

Next was the English block. My English teacher, called me out, asked my name and the name of my old school. She looked stern but I liked the way she taught in class. I thoroughly enjoyed English with her! Four classes later, it was dismissal time and I couldn't believe how fast my first day at the new school flew!!

My mom was surprised when I told that I didn't feel like coming home from school. I think I can safely say that my first day at the new school was definitely one of the best days at school.



The Damage that Took Place During the Pakistan & Sri Lanka T-20 Series

Abeer Akbar, Grade VII-B

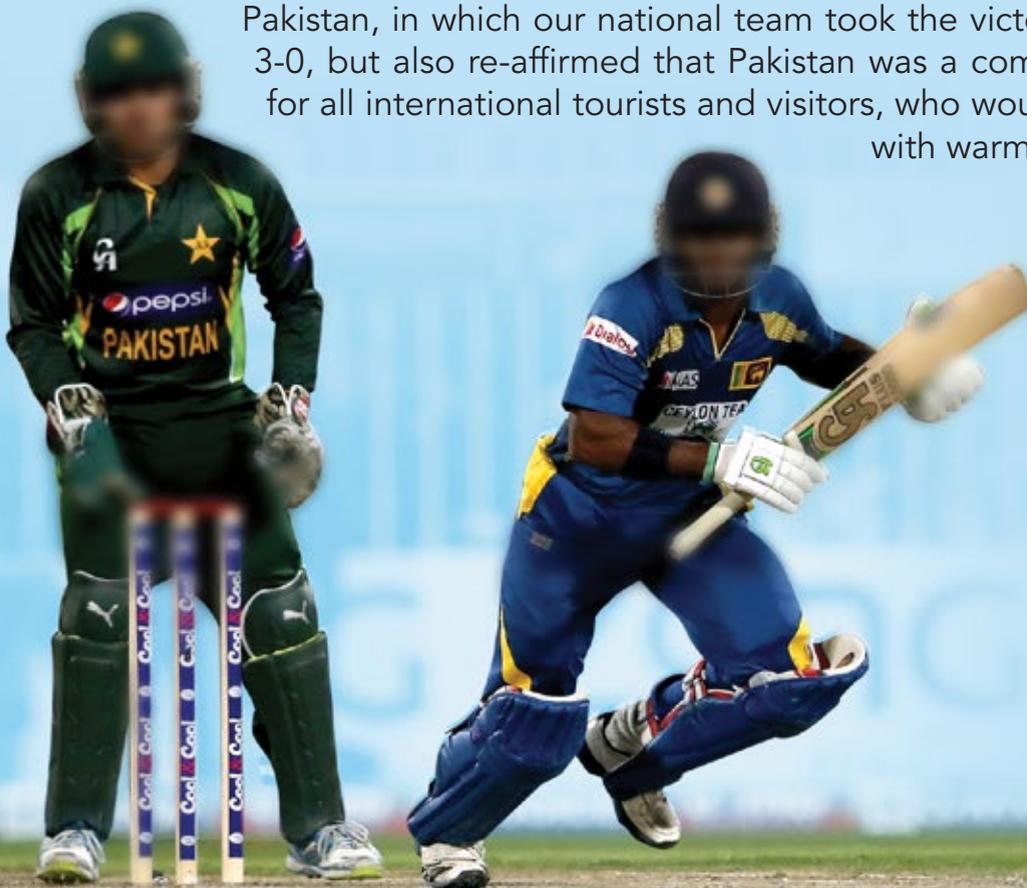
One of the worst days in the history of Pakistani Cricket was when the Sri Lankan cricket team was attacked in Lahore, hence closing gates of international cricket and damaging Pakistan's image and reputation as a peaceful progressive nation in the world.

Let me start from the beginning. It was a perfectly fine morning where the sun nice and bright and the birds chirped angelically.

The date was 3rd March 2009 and my clock showed 8:40 a.m. The Sri Lankan cricket team was on way to Ghaddafi Stadium in Lahore. The bus carried cricketers, who were part of a large convoy, when they were suddenly attacked by twelve gunmen near the stadium.

Unfortunately for us, six Sri Lankan cricket players also got injured while six Pakistani policemen and two civilians got killed in the attack. The attack was believed to have been carried out by a supposedly orthodox political group. Hence, after this March 2009 attack on an international cricket team, all future cricket play was suspended in Pakistan.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah and by the strong efforts of the PCB, the Sri Lankan Cricket team was back in Pakistan, after a hiatus of 8 years. Alhumdulillah, not only was the cricket match, a major victory for Pakistan, in which our national team took the victory with a score of 3-0, but also re-affirmed that Pakistan was a completely safe place for all international tourists and visitors, who would only be treated with warmth and hospitality.



A Day without the Maid ... is a Day without Rain

Areeba Asif, Grade VII-B

“Put your clothes in the laundry basket quickly. Then come here and make your bed” my mum instructed me. I hastily dumped my clothes in the laundry basket and rushed towards my mother when suddenly, my foot slipped because of the surface cleaner which my brother accidentally spilled on the floor. He was trying to mop with the same intensity one uses in a dodging car but that apparently wasn't working with him. Tears rolled down my cheeks but my mom being super mom came to the rescue, consoled me, cleaned the soapy mess and continued with clearing up the kids' room. With the maid gone, this wasn't the only room that resembled a junkyard.

Our whole house was upside down.

The dustbins were piled with a mountain of trash and scraps. While our kitchen sink was filled with plates, glasses, pots and pans of every material, size and shape. No dusting had taken place in the last two days and so a nice brown layer suddenly covered my normally tidy bookshelf. Though my mom was awesome with organisation and cleanliness but she became flustered with all this mess. We never realised that we had become so dependent on the maid. It is only in her absence, I learned the basics of cleaning. So when my mom handed me a broom to sweep my bedroom floor, I found out why cleanliness is half of faith. Indeed, a day without the maid is like a day without rain.



Residents in Dumps!

Rabia Imran, Grade VIII-A

The start of the New Year brought much misfortune for the residents of Lyari, an underprivileged suburb situated in Karachi. Approximately fifteen children had died because the streets of the suburb is littered with garbage dumps and infested rubbish.

These dumps, filled with toxic waste material, is disposed of, without any care or supervision, thus, resulting in diseases, such as malaria and dengue, which spread easily and widely. The residents of Lyari, being a humble community with meagre resources, cannot afford expensive doctors or costly medical services. Which is why, most of the time, they resort to homemade antidotes and herbal cures.

In most extreme cases, negligence of health further leads to death. A lot of complaints have been received by the civic authorities on this issue but no concrete action has yet been taken.

The residents complain that just because they are impoverished, industrial waste is seen lying in the streets. Mixing with gutter water and regular garbage, the result have been deadly to the younger generation, whose fragile health is severely affected. The residents have sent multiple requests to the authorities and the local governmental bodies to look into this matter before it becomes deadlier for citizens, young and old alike.

Government health officials have issued statements on the topic of garbage problem and and promised to take strict action against irregular waste disposal as soon as possible.



Planting a Tree in Anyway can Save the Earth Anyday!!

Fatima Abdul Mateen, Grade VIII-A

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, but is regarded as a charitable gift for him."

A scary prediction floating around these days is that Pakistan will soon face an acute water shortage. While the major reasons for such a distressing update include, improper storage of water, minor ones such as speedy deforestation, ill-chosen planting of shrubs and trees have also contributed to this loss.

Which is why, it is important for both governmental authorities and Pakistani citizens to preserve nature and put in our fair share. Start small, simply by planting trees. Here's why planting trees is beneficial for us humans:

As Muslims, plants and trees hold much significance for us. These are a creation of Allah SWT and must be treated with respect, gentleness and care.

Nature is an excellent healer, bringing people of all backgrounds together. Tree plantings offer the perfect opportunity for a community to work together. Trees, called the lungs of the Earth, clear up the air and provide oxygen. Additionally, they also provide shade and cool the temperature.

The young generation can learn much from nature. When children are provided a plant under their care, they indirectly learn attributes of responsibility, patience and gentleness. It is believed that when one speaks gently to a plant, the plant blooms and blossoms.

Planting trees also opens new economic opportunities such as green waste management, landscaping, etc. In addition to this, those residential and commercial real estate properties are usually preferred where surroundings look well-groomed and naturally beautiful with greenery and flowers. But most importantly...

Trees resist climate change. Over the past few years, climate change has increased drastically because of constant deforestation, planting ill-chosen trees for various areas, commercialising green spaces such as playgrounds and parks into housing society, etc. Now with an acute water shortadditiage hanging on our heads, Pakistan is finally coming to terms with its lack of environmental law.

Insha'Allah, an active green law and order in our city and our country will make this acute problem melt away. Ameen!



"Student Life is Golden Life"

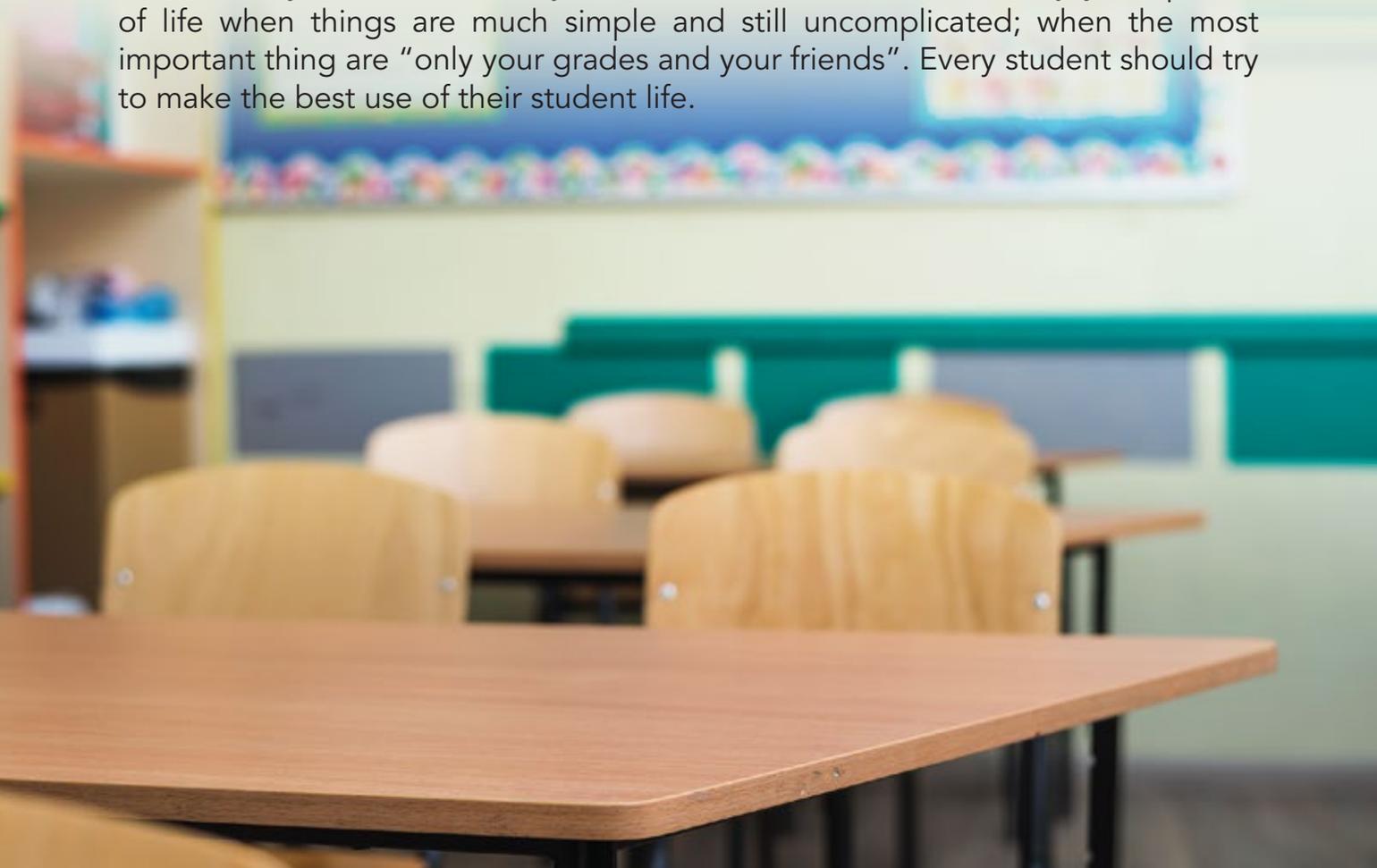
Ayesha Ghori, Grade VIII-A

Student life is believed to be a golden period of our life for it is a period of pure happiness and joy. A student's mind is free from worry and stress that plague a grown-up. A formative period, student life is that time during which a child's character is setup and built for the future.

Studying hard is the prime responsibility of a student, who must learn and acquire knowledge while also building character through traits of discipline and punctuality. Investing time and energy in reading, learning, and writing school material along with recreational reading is extremely important for the positive growth of a student.

However, students often just study and are careless about their health. Indulging in sports and games is crucial to his/her wellbeing as well. However, textbook lessons are not the only giveaways for a student. Qualities such as obedience, respect for elders, objectivity, equality, sportsmanship, whether on the field or in the classroom are also some traits that students absorb when they are at school. This is indirect education, taught with human interaction and regular contact with peers, friends, classmates, teachers, coordinators, the Principal, subject teachers, and the administrative staff. Even the support staff (maids, janitors or school guards) indirectly shape the character of each student they come across.

Hence, every student should try to strike a balance and learn to enjoy this period of life when things are much simple and still uncomplicated; when the most important thing are "only your grades and your friends". Every student should try to make the best use of their student life.



A Busy Food Street

Areej Rauf, Grade X-A

“Order up! One chicken tikka, one cold drink!” are some sounds heard in any busy food street. Karachi, the City of Lights, has a number of such places among which Boat Basin is the most popular one. The reputable street is set in Clifton, a popular locality of Karachi. It is my favourite eating place that offers a wide palate of food from around the world, one may have a pizza from a shop while having biryani from its neighbour.

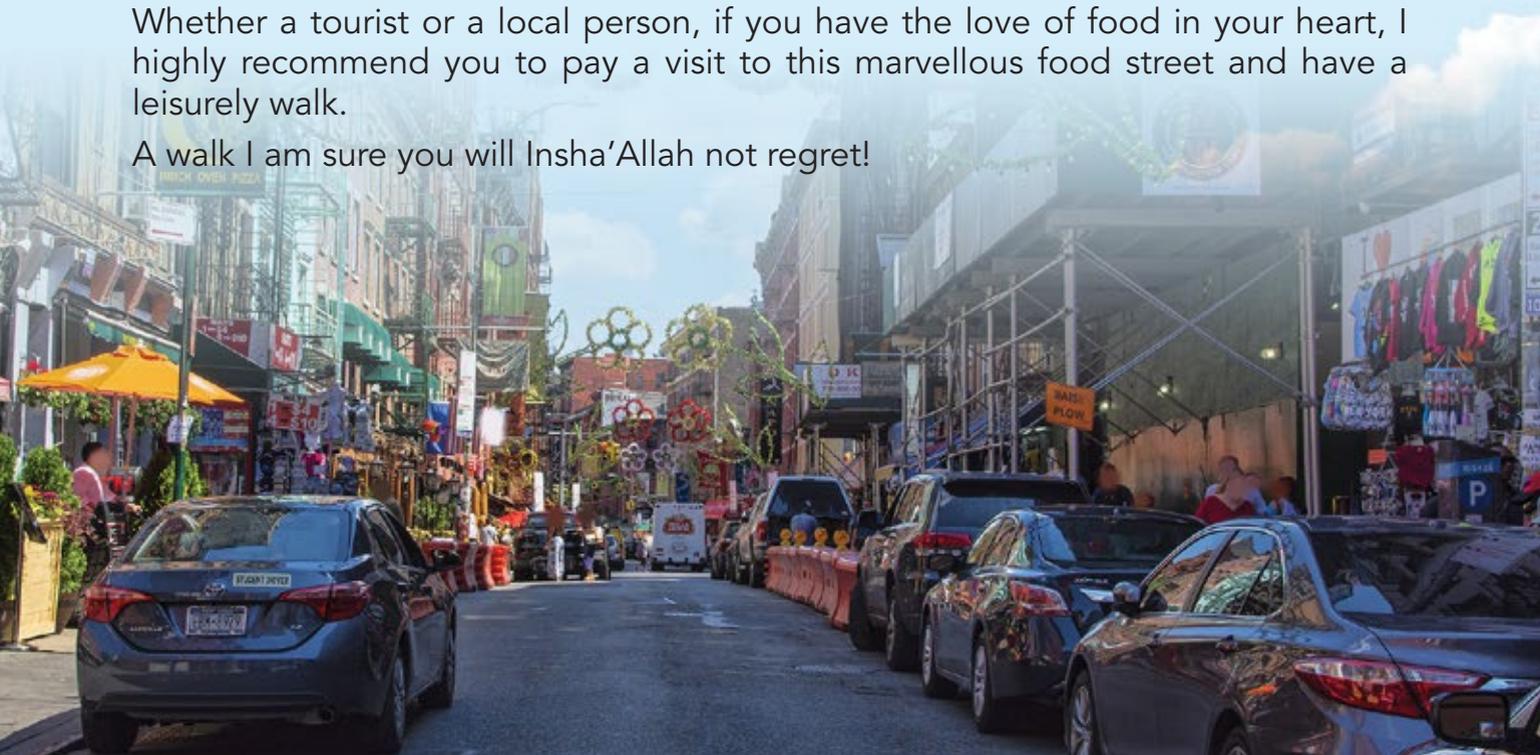
Winter evenings are my favourite time to come to Boat Basin. My chilly winter vacations are accompanied with cold winds and fuzzy sweaters to calm goose bumps. The main food street is lit up with glimmer and glow of the overhead lights that shine brightly. Long queues are normally observed, as families wait patiently for tables to empty, so that they can be seated. While some people are also seen waiting patiently in their cars and vehicles, scrolling through an extensive list of BBQ and curry delights so they can order a variety that would calm their rumbling stomachs and turn off their hangry mode.

Whether it's honking of the passing cars or the ones lining to the sides of the street, all add their own tadhka to such an atmosphere. Add the lingering aroma of the ashen smoke rising in columns along with the crackle of the burning coal, altogether combine to give a celebratory taste to the food that's already a winner.

Among such hustle and bustle, a spectator will often find the unfortunate trying to earn a buck. Whether it's a group of young boys trying to sell some colouring books or small girls selling roses, beggars praying to earn a roti or young men trying to sell plastic containers, buying a meal for these people will only make the day's closing easy for them. For He (SWT) thought you were worthy, which is why a little act of silent kindness came to you and not another. Such small acts of charity can definitely bring a bigger positive change in our little world.

Whether a tourist or a local person, if you have the love of food in your heart, I highly recommend you to pay a visit to this marvellous food street and have a leisurely walk.

A walk I am sure you will Insha'Allah not regret!



My Lovely Teachers

Musfirah Rizwan, Grade VII-A

Brilliant and smart,

Elegant yet nice,

Ambitious to teach

Never thinking twice!

Despite the challenges they face

Yet fulfil all their promises with grace

The shining hopes for their students

Encouraging them

Even sometimes reprimanding them

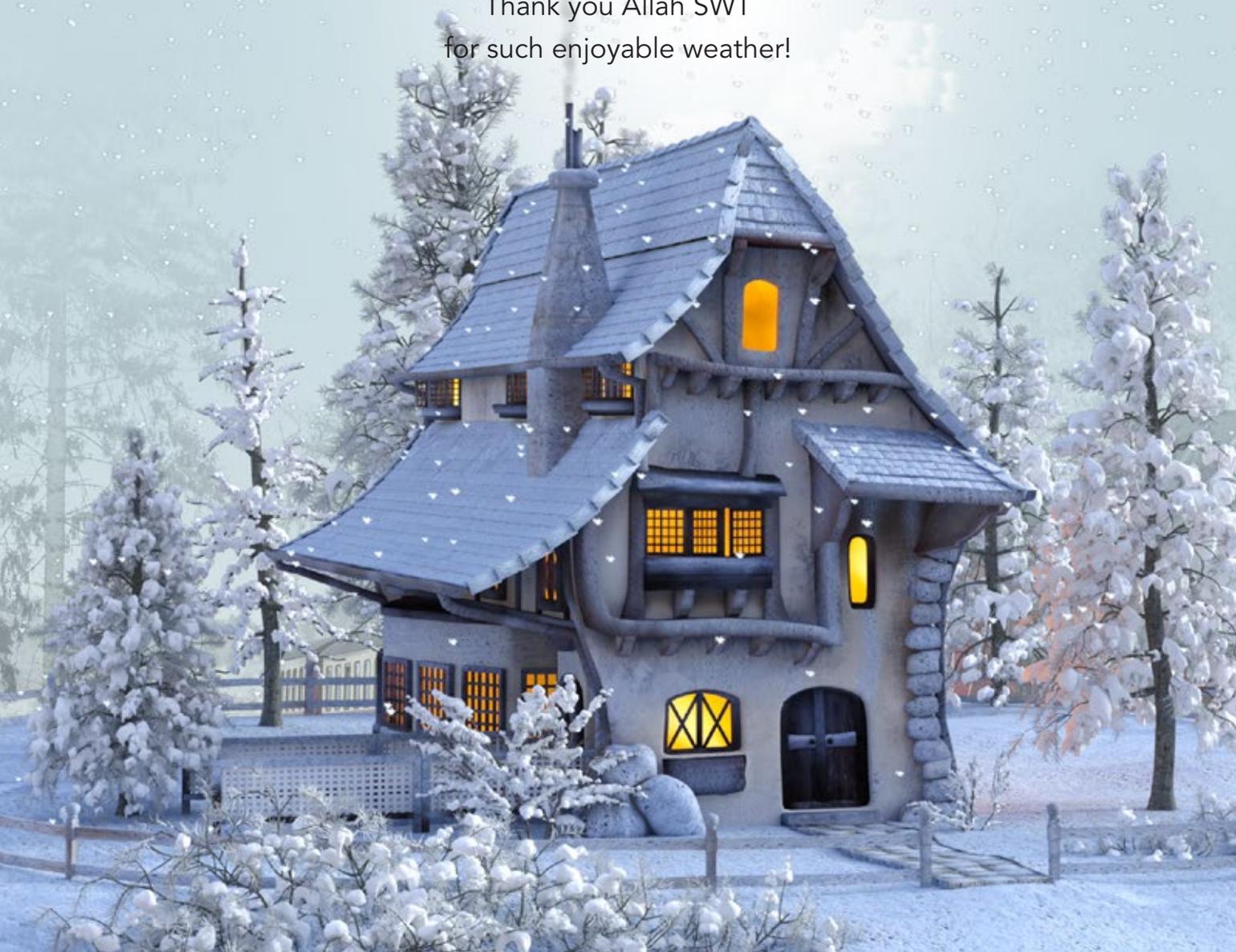
Our teachers are people

You always speak courteously with!

And Winter Comes In..

Hira Arshad, Grade VII-B

Oh, Look! Winter is here
Please do care
The cold air that's blowing out there
Out, come the warm sweaters
And the cozy comforters
Don't forget the gloves
Or the thick long socks!
Keeping safe from
Coughs and illness
So we don't sneeze winter away!
Don't forget winter fun
The extensive nights or the short daylights!
Thank you Allah SWT
for such enjoyable weather!



Never Have I Ever!

Bushra Amin, Grade VII-A

Never have I ever

Dined just to dash

Or taken food out of the trash!

Never have I ever

Stuffed my pockets with food from a buffet

Or sold my lunch to a class fellow!

Never have I ever

Left home with unbrushed teeth

Or changed a baby's dirty nappy!

Never have I ever

Given someone a fake phone number

Or eaten food, stuck on my teeth!

Never have I ever

Blown bubbles in my juice

For I have been a good girl

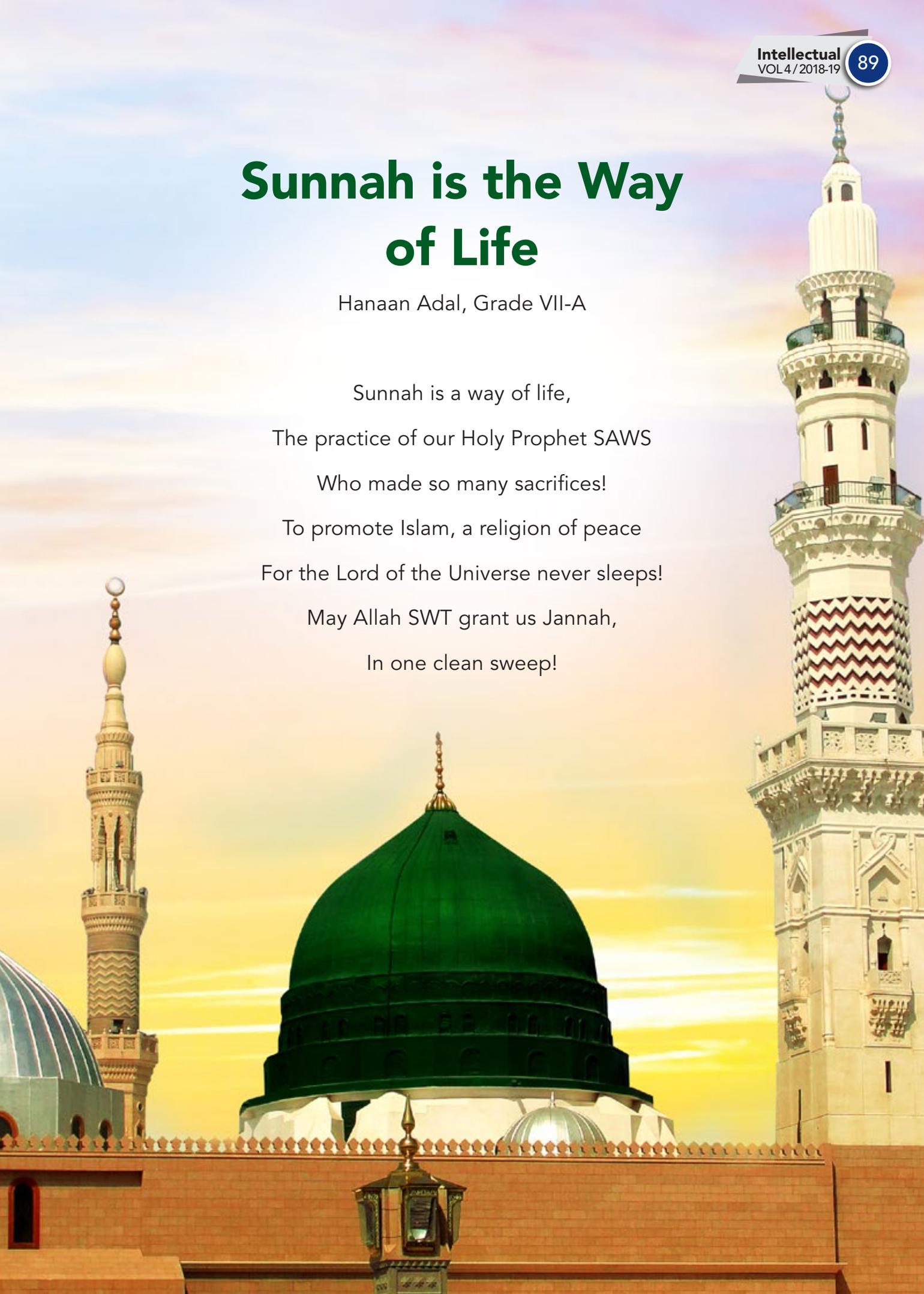
Since forever!



Sunnah is the Way of Life

Hanaan Adal, Grade VII-A

Sunnah is a way of life,
The practice of our Holy Prophet SAWS
Who made so many sacrifices!
To promote Islam, a religion of peace
For the Lord of the Universe never sleeps!
May Allah SWT grant us Jannah,
In one clean sweep!



I am Free

Hadia Tufail, Grade VII-A

I am free,
Free as a kite,
Ready to fly up,
To the highest height!
But I am not that free to fight
Because that's just not right!
I am not free to lie
Even if it's a small white lie!
For Allah SWT will ask me why?
I am not free to abuse
For I feel it's of no use!
But I am free!
Free to share
For there's a heaven up there!
I am free
Free to pray
And free to obey
Obey the King of the Heavens and the Earth!
The One Who made us all free
Free for all the good
And will fine us for all the bad!!

The Closest Person after My Family

Hira Arshad, Grade VII-B

Here's a person I know
Who's a source of a lot of fun!
Helping me always
Never being difficult
Nor giving me any troublesome worry!
A soul that always mends
If anything breaks or ends!
This person is none other than my best friend!



The Time to Go

Rabia Imran, Grade VIII-A

The clouds drift along the sky's edge,
Down to the horizon, like a thick black wedge.

Never in my life, have I felt so alone,

But the time has come,

At last to go,

So I gather my bags and look around,

Memorising here and there,

Though it rained all day,

Now I am going but I wish I could stay,

But at last,

The time has come to go!

Praise for the Almighty Allah SWT!

Suzanna Khan, Grade IX

I always praise Allah SWT
For He is my Creator, my Sustainer,
The Only One who has granted all my wishes true!
No matter how much I praise,
I know it will never be enough
For no words can ever fully describe the Almighty,
The King of the Heavens and the Earth!
He is the One I need,
The Guide of my life,
The Protector always on my side
He is the Only One
Who hears all my silent cries, day and night!
He is the One I know,
Who will always be on my side!
He is the Only One who illuminated me with hope
I pray my life goes in glorifying Him
I hope and wish that I shall never leave Your Way
For I know You will always stand by my side!



Creative Writing

Junior Section

Enjoying A Rainy Day

Hadiyah Fatima, Grade I-B

Today, the weather is rainy. I can see grey clouds up in the sky. All the kids are playing outside in the garden. It is lightly drizzling. Kids are holding umbrellas. All the beautiful flowers of the garden are also wet. Colourful paper boats are floating in the tiny puddles. I love jumping in the puddles and splashing water everywhere. It is so much fun! Rain is a huge blessing from Allah SWT because it washes away all the dirt and the dust and makes everything neat, clean and colourful again. I thank Allah SWT for the blessing of rain.



My Cute Dollhouse

Azka Saad, Grade I-C

My favourite toy is a dollhouse. My father bought it for me. There are so many things in my dollhouse. It is made of plastic. It is pink and purple in colour. My dollhouse looks like a castle of a princess. I keep it in my playroom and always play after I have finished my school work. I always clean my doll house. I want to keep it with me till I grow up. I also try to share my doll house with my siblings and cousins. Alhumdulillah, Allah SWT has blessed me with such a lovely dollhouse.



Red Planet - A Book Review

Juweriya Aleem, Grade I-D

This is a review about a book that I recently read in my class. The name of this book is The Red Planet. It has been written by Roderick Hunt and illustrated by Alex Brychta. The main characters are Chip, Nadim, Wilf and Floppy. Its story takes place on a Red Planet. This story is about children who go on a magic adventure. My favourite part is when Floppy floated in the rocket ship. He looked so funny! I would certainly recommend this book to everyone.



Sunday at the Beach!

Saad Bin Sohail, Grade I-E

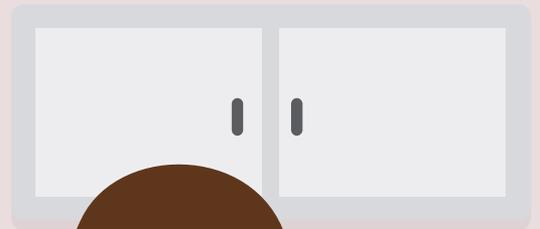
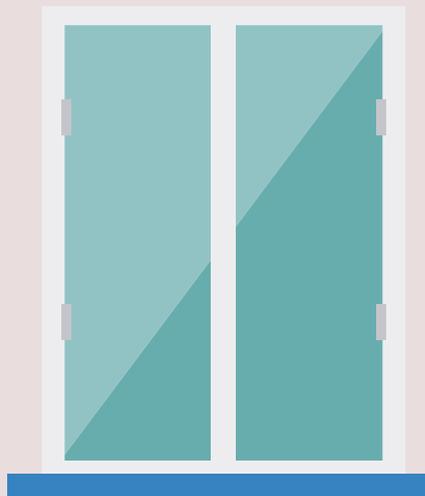
Last Sunday, my family and I went to the beach. We packed food items like sandwiches, orange juice, chicken tikka, chicken biryani and snacks for a picnic. At the beach, my siblings and I had a lot of fun. We made sandcastles, took camel rides, did horseback riding, picked up sea shells, played cricket and volley ball. We even saw crabs, star fish, and turtles. As the day closed with a beautiful sunset, we decided to go home after Maghrib prayer. I was very tired but very happy because all of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



A Visit to the Doctor

Mohammad Emaad Sohail, Grade I-F

Last night, my parents took me to Medicare Hospital. I went because I had hurt my leg. I waited in the waiting room which smelled of Dettol. The doctor was polite and I liked him. He took an x-ray. The doctor then put a red medicine and bandage on my wound and asked me not to run. He told my parents that my leg was fine and they had to change my bandage daily.



Why am I Special?

Zahra Sheikh, Grade II-A

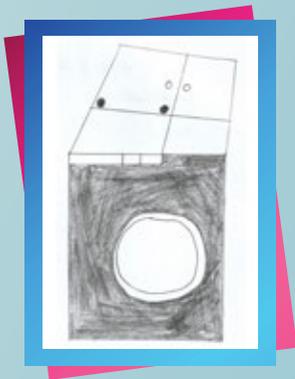
Assalam-o-Alaikum! My name is Zahra Sheikh. I am grateful to Allah SWT because He has made me very special. I am special because I make people around me smile and laugh. They find me very funny and enjoy my company. I am special because I also try to keep everything neat and clean. I help my mom in cleaning up my room and hers. I also keep my teachers and my parents happy because I read books daily and am also good at comprehension. I have also started practicing cursive handwriting because I really want my handwriting to look neat and pretty.



I Am a Washing Machine

Khadija Fatima Khan, Grade II-B

Assalam-u-Alaikum! My name is Khadija Fatima Khan and I am an automatic washing machine. My body is made of iron and steel. Different parts of my body are compiled in a factory and then sent to an electronics market, where many people come to buy things. One day, a family came to buy me. They took me to their house because they liked my colour and design. They were also happy that I came with a number of features. They put me in their laundry room and Masha'Allah, till today they use me very nicely.



Around the World in Three Days

Hafsa Khan, Grade II-C

If I ever got a chance to go around the world in 3 days, there are three places that I wish to visit. The first place I would visit is China because I want to see how people use chopsticks and I want to see one of the Seven Wonders of the World, The Great Wall of China.

Next, I would visit Switzerland, because it has some amazing amusement parks and it is also famous for its delicious chocolates. I would buy lots and lots of yummy Swiss chocolates for my family and all my friends. Third, I would visit Paris because it is known for its exquisite fragrances and also because the Eiffel Tower, which is also one of the Seven Wonders of the World. I would bring home exquisite perfumes for my mother and my friends.

I hope and pray that Allah SWT grants me my wish and I get to see these three beautiful places of the world.





My Awesome School Library

Abdul Wahab, Grade II-D

My school library is a place where we read and have fun. I have heard that books are our best friends. For they give us information and enhance our knowledge. That is why I love going to the library. There are 26 chairs, 14 fans, 6 tables, 2 computers, 30 shelves, 1 big clock, and 7 wide windows in our school library. There are a total of 7000+ books in my school library. These include both fiction and non-fiction books. I can also see the courtyard and the garden swings from my school library. I love reading books in my school library.



The Story of the Bird and the Lizard

Humayl Bin Farrukh Grade II-G

One fine day I was playing with toys in my garden. When I saw a small nest on one of the tall trees. There were chicks in the nest. Suddenly I saw a lizard moving towards the chicks but there was no one to help them. Just then, the mother bird flew over the lizard and shooed it away by angrily flapping her wings. This scared the lizard and it rushed down the tree, away from the bird and her nest. After that, the bird lived happily ever after with her chicks. I thank Allah SWT that He kept the chicks safe by sending the mother bird right on time.



I Love My Parents So Much!

Ibrahim Jahangir, Grade II-G

My parents are the most special gift to me from Allah SWT. I am thoroughly grateful to Allah SWT that he has given me such loving parents who care so much about me. They give me everything I want. My mother cooks all my favourite dishes. My father buys my favourite toys for me and plays with me as well. I pray to Allah SWT that I may take good care of my parents.



Picnic At The Beach

Aamna Aamir, Grade III-A

"We are going on a picnic!?!"

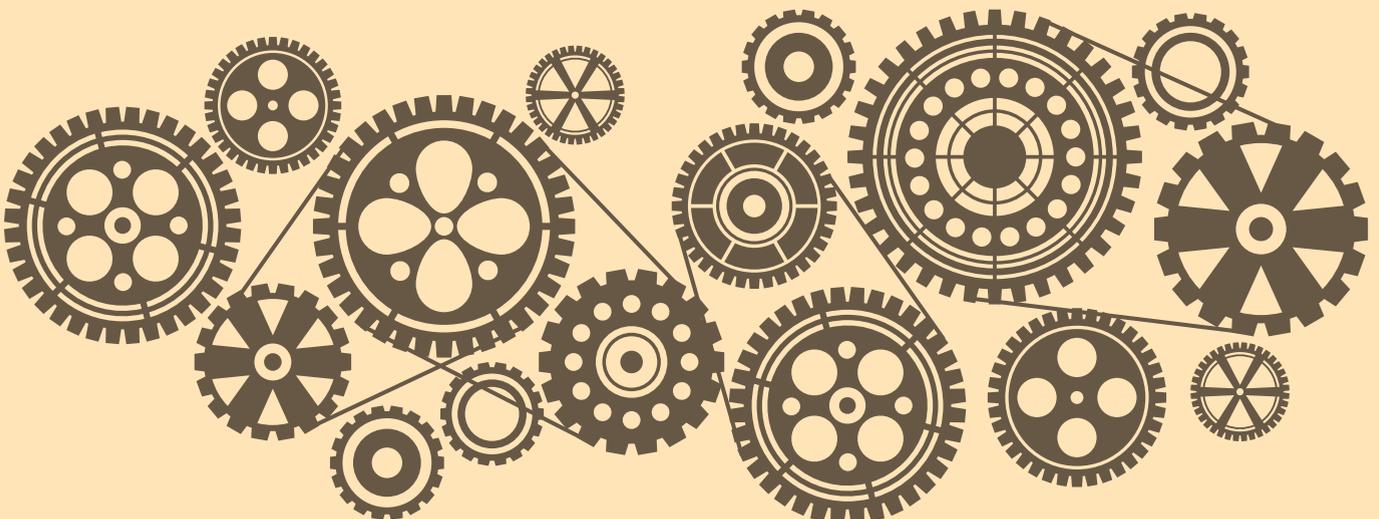
I really got excited when I heard that we were going for a picnic. I got ready and packed lunch for the sea side. I ran to the car and sat with the lunch. On our way, we stopped to take fruits and then continued. When I stepped out of the car my feet submerged in the glittery sand of the sea shore. The sun shone brightly on the water and sand. I ran and splashed in the water. For half an hour, I played in it. When I was hungry, I came out to eat lunch. After that, I made sand castle with my family. We came back took ice cream and biryani for dinner. I enjoyed a lot because it was my trip to the beach after a really long time.



The Strange Machine

Zunerah Wasif, Grade III-A

My phupho is an inventor. One day, I went to her house. My mother and father were talking to her. I was in her room playing Ludo with my sister. Then I saw a strange machine. I went closer to it. There were so many buttons I pressed the on button. Just then the machine spoke: Put your finger on the finger scanner it said. You and your phuphos fingers only. I was scared. I put my finger on it. Brrr the machine said. What's going on? Phupho asked. I quickly hid it under the bed and pretended to read a book. Phupho went out phew! And I pressed the book button which title? It said flowers. I said fiction or non-fiction? Non-fiction. After a click, I was amazed. Time to go home. Mum said I quickly turned it off but it was too late. My mum asked me why I played with it. Phupho heard the conversation. Take it home for a month. Can you feed your mother's finger print into it? Of course! I had a wonderful day with the strangest machine!



A Fantastic Balloon Ride

Bareera Fahad, Grade III-C

One summer morning I saw a colourful hot air balloon that landed in my garden. I was overjoyed to see it and made my way towards it. Oh! But first I dashed towards the kitchen to pack my bag for some snacks. I plunged into the hot air balloon while asking the man if I could get in it. He answered quickly. As soon as I was in it, it took off! Yay we were floating in the air. I peeked down I saw that everything miniature. People cars, animals, plants, trees looked like small ants and cute Lego pieces moving on their own. It was a marvellous view. I got dizzy so I decided to eat. I ate snacks and drank the juice I had packed. Suddenly the fuel finished. It shook! Oh and I fell down from my bed with a thud. The alarm went off like a bang on my head what a great dream!



A Letter to My Cousin, Safa

Zainab Fatima Khan, Grade III-C

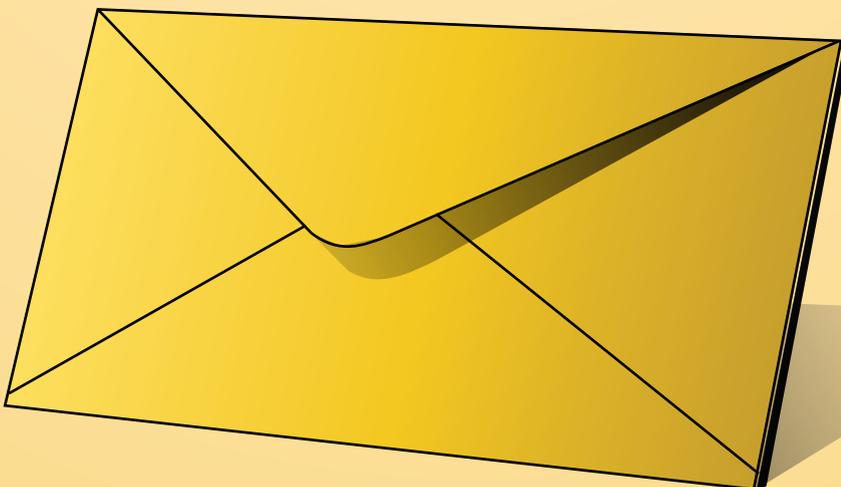
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My Dearest Safa,
Assalam-u-Alaikum!

How are you? Alhamdulillah, I am fine. I hope my letter brings a smile on your face and I hope you are enjoying in Dubai. Today I am going to tell you about the annual function. It was on 1st March 2018. I was one of the season's spy. Our play was about how the seasons change.

I introduced seasons and recited poems. I was the one who started the play. It was held at the Zainab Qasim auditorium. We prepared a lot for it. I wish you were there. It was exciting and took a lot of effort. It took a month to prepare just a play. Please visit me when you return to Karachi.

Best wishes,
Zainab

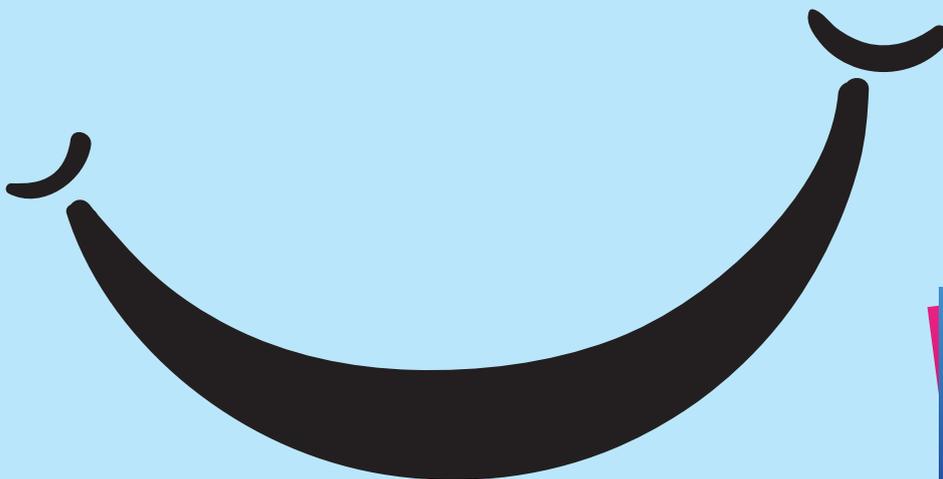


Smile because ...

Armin Haq, Grade III-C

What is more beautiful than a blooming flower? Yes, your smile! So let's make it a habit to smile and make others smile too. One can think of many reasons to smile on a daily basis. Let me help you with some too. Smile because you are alive. Smile because you are a Muslim. Smile because you have a family that loves you and cares for you. Smile because we live in an independent country. Imagine people of Syria, Palestine, Burma, and Kashmir who are being killed or driven out of their homeland. Pray for them and thank Allah SWT for keeping you safe. Smile that you get to live with your parents. Because there are so many children who are deprived of their parents back of the war. Thank Allah for it every day. Smile because Allah loves us and made us Ashraf ul Makhloqat. We have been blessed with five senses and we and we have to control them and use them in an appropriate manner. Smile and thank Allah. Trust me smiling makes the whole world a much better place to live. It even makes trouble seem small. It gives us the strength to reject the urge to show anger, disgust, and frustration. Smiling hides pain, grief and drowns our tears. This makes us stronger. In the end, I would advise you all to adopt this contagious habit of smiling because our Prophet Muhammad SAWS also used to smile a lot.

So smile because it's Sunnah and once Mother Teresa said: Peace begins with a smile. So let's make smiles to make peace.

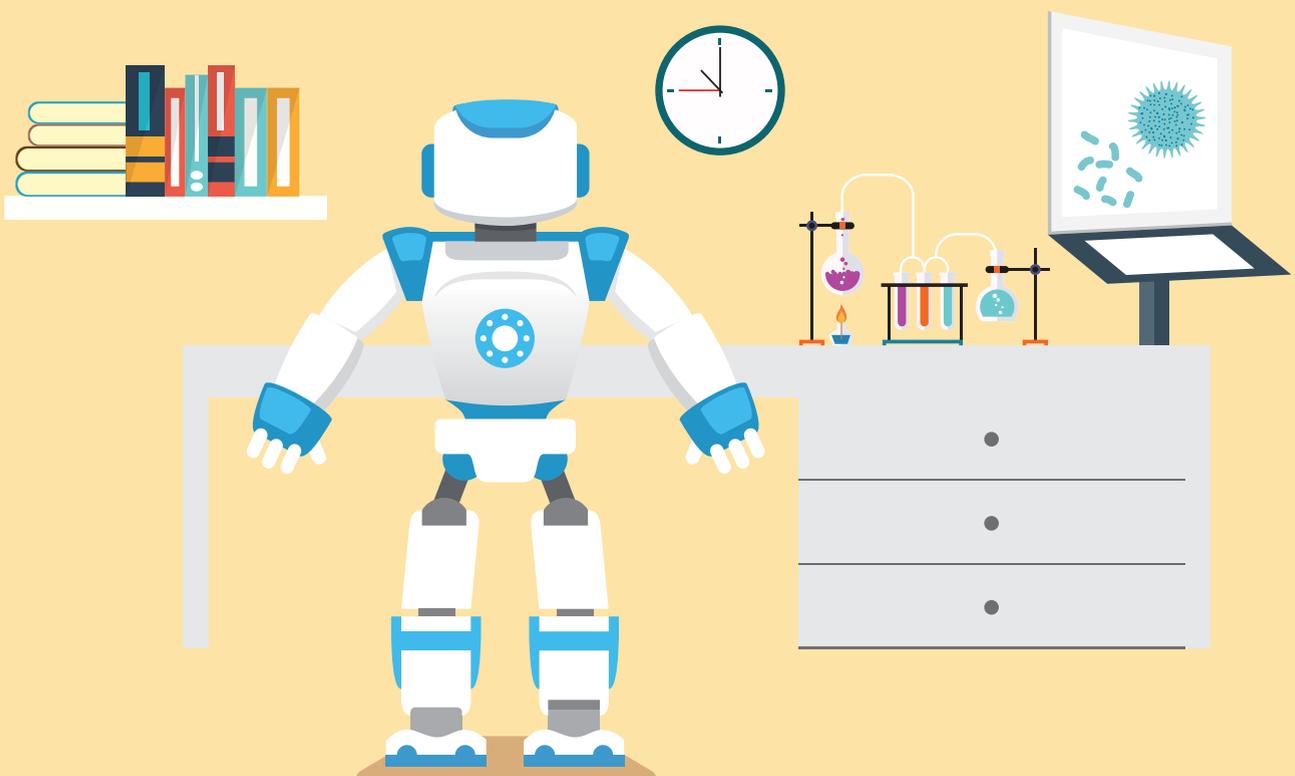


My Fieldtrip to the Robotics Lab

Fatima Al-Zahra Ansaari, Grade III-D

Like every academic year, this year our school took us to an informational and educational trip to the Robotics Lab. Before we left for our journey our teachers told us to be on our best behaviour as we were representing our school, The Intellect School. As we sat in the bus we recited our duas and Ayat ul Kursi. After a while, we felt hungry so we ate food and drank water. On our arrival we were divided into six groups three of which were taken to one lab and the others to another. First they asked us what a robot is and we all thought it was a machine but it wasn't. So they explained. Next they told us about children who made magnificent robots. One was named Robert. They also showed some pictures to make our own robots. Once we finished they told us that our robot was called Leopard.

At last, we said goodbye to Leopard who was kept with other robots called Peter and Sami. They were his new best friends, our trip back to school was rather quick. I told my dad all about it and he was quite happy because he is an engineer himself. Insha'Allah, I hope we go on other exciting trips like this one! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!



A Sleepless Night

Eshaal Huzaifa, Grade III-D

There was a stormy night and Bilal was alone reading a scary book. His mother and siblings were sleeping upstairs. He was the only one down. It was a stormy night for the rain was pouring heavily. He was already bored after reading half of the book. So he quietly slipped outside. Since he had gone out without a jacket, he started coughing and so dashed back inside. He was hungry so he started making a sandwich without washing his hands and ate it. He felt sleepy but couldn't lie still because of the scary things he had read in the book. So he tossed and turned but couldn't get a good night sleep. Finally after a few restless minutes, he closed his eyes and dozed off, and woke up with a start, screaming at the top of his lungs. His mother came running to his room and touched his forehead. He was sweating and his face was burning. He told her about his sleeplessness. His mother gently scolded him for going out alone at night. Though he had crossed mother, she gave him medicine and took good care. Finally he felt calm and felt asleep. The next night he slept with his mom because he was scared he might have the same bad dream again.



Creative Writing

Elementary Section

My Favourite Fruit

My Favourite Fruit Wears a Crown!

Maryam Ali, KG II-C

My favourite fruit is pomegranate. It is red in colour and round in shape. It is sweet and sometimes sour in taste. It comes in the autumn season. It has many seeds. It is a hard fruit. I like it a lot. It comes in big and small sizes. It is a fruit of the Jannah. Its upper part looks like a king's crown.



My Favourite Fruit

M. Ammar Khan, KG II-D

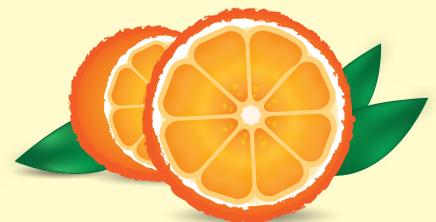
My favourite fruit is Mango. It is yellow in colour. It is oval in shape. It is a very yummy fruit. It has one hard seed. It is very juicy. I like to drink mango shake. Mango comes in summer. We love mango!



I Love Oranges!

Omer Shahzad, KG II-F

My favourite fruit is orange. I peel oranges and then eat them. It has lots of seeds in it. It is pulpy and juicy. It is sweet and sour. Oranges come in the winter season. I love to eat oranges. I go to the supermarket and buy many juicy oranges with my mother. When I eat oranges I don't throw the seeds. I plant them in my little garden and then pray that Allah SWT may make them grow into a huge tree.

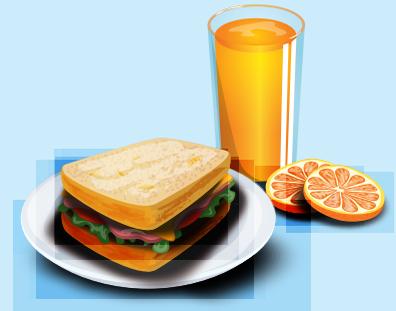


My Healthy Breakfast

The Most Important Meal of the Day

Sara Kamran, KG II-B

I had breakfast in my class. My friend and I helped the teacher to set the table. I brought apples for the activity. We all shared breakfast. I had dates and cereal as well. We learned that breakfast is the most important meal of the day.



Breakfast with Friends

Abyan Malik, KG II-C

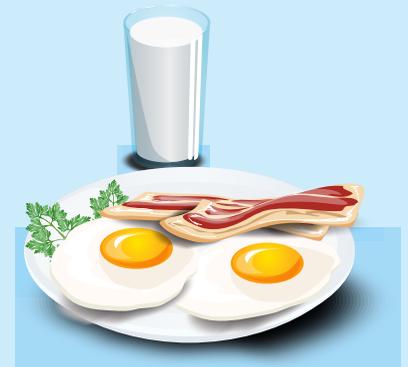
I had a breakfast activity in my class. I brought omelette and paratha. The teachers arranged the mat. We washed our hands and sat around the mat. Then we recited dua and ate the breakfast. We shared our breakfast with our teachers. I had cornflakes and omelette. It was a lot of fun!



My Healthy Breakfast

Akhtar, KG II-G

We had a breakfast activity in our class. We arranged the table. I drank milk in the class with my friends. We shared healthy food and learned that sharing is caring. I had brought boiled eggs, dates, and jam. I also drank juice. I enjoyed a lot. I eat almonds every day on my way to school. They give me energy. I also drink milk. Milk gives me calcium, makes my bones stronger. Eating figs, dates and olives is Sunnah. We should eat healthy every day!



My School

The Best School in the World

Maryam Ali, KG II-C

The name of my school is The Intellect School. My school building is brown in colour. It has an auditorium. It has many classes. It has a library. I get books from the library. It has a big garden and there is a play area as well. I go for my PE on Fridays. I go for assembly every day. I love my school. I come to school with my mother. My brother also studies here.



My School

Hania, KG II-D

The name of my school is The Intellect School. It is neat and clean. There are excellent teachers. There are so many buildings. There is a library too. There are many children in the library. I grow plants in the school garden. I learn new things and enjoy. I love my school.



I Love My School!

Ayesha Osama, KG II-F

My school is called The Intellect School. My class has shelves and lots of books. My school has a masjid. My school has a swimming pool and a big library. My school has many children. I like my school a lot.



The Park

Fun at the Park

Ayesha, KG II-C

This is a park. The boys are playing with a ball. The children are having fun. The girls are taking swings. The children are enjoying. There are flowers blooming everywhere. The boys are playing with a football.



Going to the Park

Mussab KG II-F

I like to go to the park in the evening with my mother and my daddy. I see beautiful flowers growing in the spring season. I like to play football on the grass. I also jog and run with my father in the park and have lots of fun there.



Fun Time At The Park

Zara Jeewa KG II-G

This is a park. There are flowers in the park. The girl is swinging. The boy is climbing the slide. The children are happy. There is a ball under the slide. They are having fun.

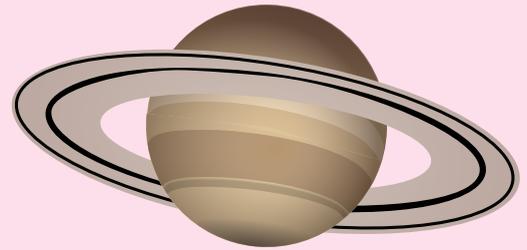


My Promise to Dear Earth

Our Beautiful Planet

Urooj, KG II-C

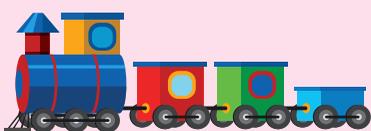
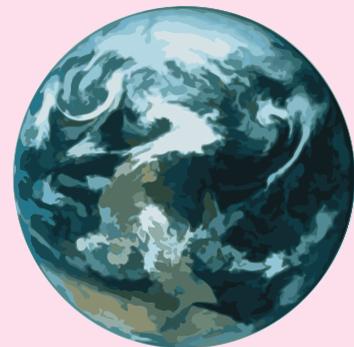
We live on planet Earth. It is a beautiful planet. Allah created Earth for us. It has 7 continents and 5 oceans. We should not throw trash on land or in water. We should plant trees and make daily dua for our lovely planet.



Earth: Allah's Gift to Us

Ibrahim Wazir, KG II-D

I live on the planet Earth. Earth is beautiful. It is very big. It has seven continents and five oceans. The blue part shows water and the green part shows land. My promise to Planet Earth is to keep it neat, by not throwing trash on the ground, and by planting more trees and flowers.



My Pet

The Pet Show

Aiman, KG II-B

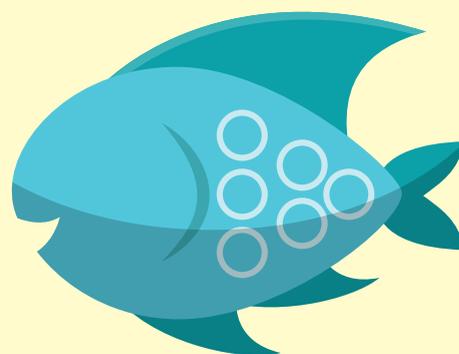
There was a pet show at my school. The children brought their pets from home. I also brought two parrots. They were in a cage. All pets and their cages were kept in the assembly ground. Me and my friends had a lot of fun at the pet show.



My Pet

Khadija, KG II-C

I have a pet fish. It is red and yellow in colour. It lives in the water and eats bread. I like to play with my beautiful fish. It is very beautiful. I love my fish. It swims in water with the help of her fins. It lives in an aquarium. I keep it in my room.



Me & Myself

My Best Friend

Murtaza, KG II-C

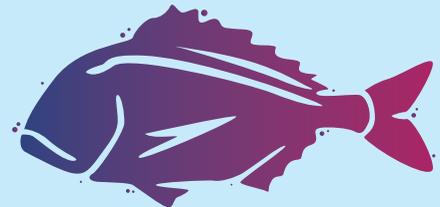
The name of my best friend is Ayan Ali. He likes to share lunch with me. We study in the same class and we both like to play. He is six years old. He makes me smile every day. I love my best friend very much.



My Favourite Story Character - Kipper

Ibrahim Wazir, KG II-D

My favourite story character is Kipper. He is a very smart boy. He plays with his toys. He has a pet dog, Floppy. He likes to play with friends.



All About Me

Muhammad Taqi Younis, KG II E

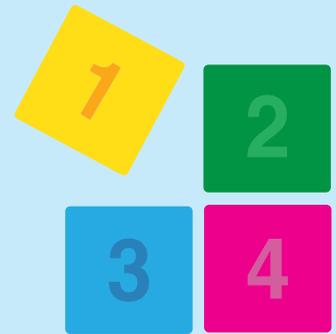
My name is Muhammad Taqi Younis. I study in KG II E. I like to play football. I am a good Muslim. I like to eat buns. I have a brother and a sister. I am a boy. Blue is my favourite colour. I help my mom and dad. I love both of them. I like giving water to my mom and taking good care of both of them.



My Favourite Toy

Noorulain, KG II-F

My favourite toys are blocks. My Khala brought a set for me. I love to play with blocks. I played with my friends. The blocks are pink, yellow and brown in colour. They are very pretty. I can make beds, tables, and chairs with it.



My Family

Alishba, KG II G

There are six people in my family. My mom, my dad and my sisters. We go for shopping together. My father comes from his shop at night. We have dinner together. I love my family.



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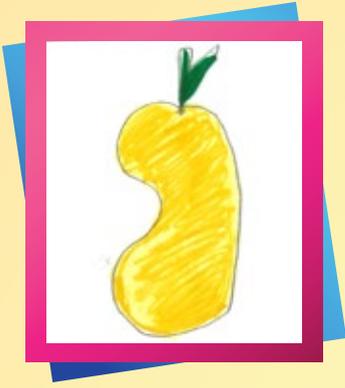
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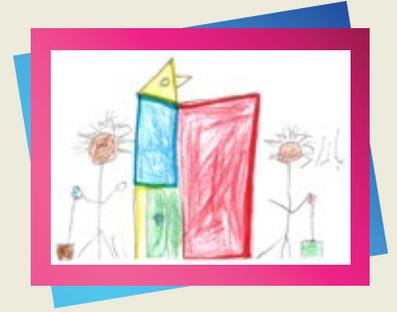
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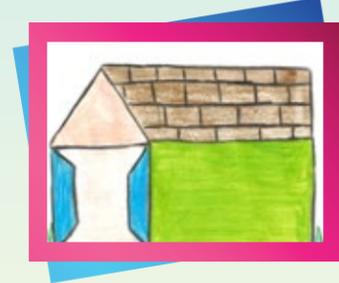
میری امی بہت پیاری ہیں۔ میری امی میرا بہت خیال رکھتی ہیں۔ میں اپنی امی کی ہر کام میں مدد کرتی ہوں۔ میں اپنی امی کے ساتھ بازار جاتی ہوں۔

جنیۃ امتیاز
کے جی دوم (ڈی)



میرا گھر

یہ میرا گھر ہے۔ اس کا رنگ ہر اور نیلا ہے۔ اس میں چار کمرے ہیں۔ گھر میں میرے ساتھ ابو، امی، دادا اور دادی رہتے ہیں۔ میرے گھر میں ایک باغ بھی ہے۔ مجھے اپنا گھر بہت پسند ہے۔



محمد افضل
کے جی دوم (ایف)



میری گاڑی

یہ میری گاڑی ہے۔ اس کا رنگ لال اور کالا ہے۔ یہ گاڑی ابو بازار سے لائے تھے۔ گاڑی چابی سے چلتی ہے۔ میں اور میرا بھائی اس گاڑی کے ساتھ کھیلتے ہیں۔ مجھے یہ گاڑی بہت پسند ہے۔



فضا نعمان
کے جی دوم (جی)



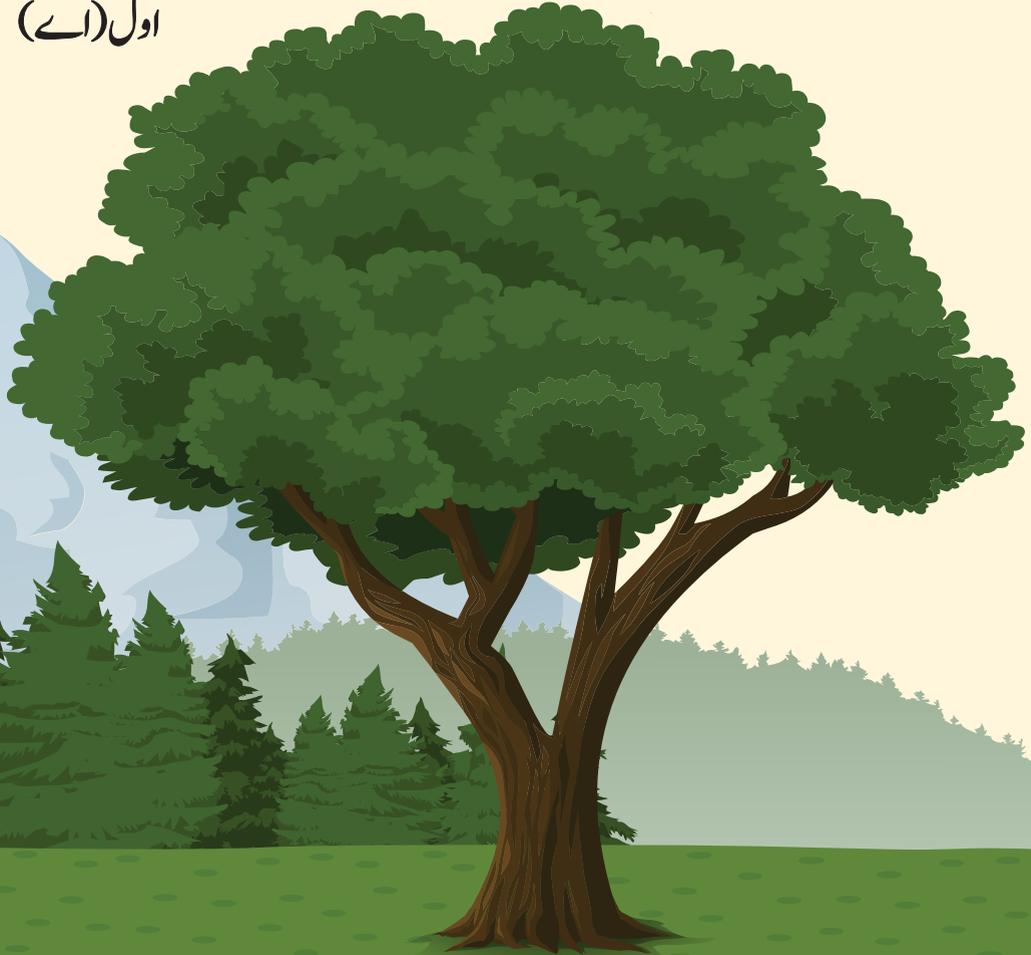
میں ایک درخت ہوں!

پیارے بچو!

میں ایک درخت ہوں۔ میں بہت خوبصورت ہوں۔ میرے اوپر نیچے ہر طرف پتے ہی پتے اور پھول ہیں۔ اسی لیے میں بہت خوبصورت لگتا ہوں۔ مجھ پر پرندے گھونسلے بناتے ہیں۔ بچوں کو میرے آس پاس کھیلنا اچھا لگتا ہے۔ میں آپ سب کو ٹھنڈی ہوا بھی دیتا ہوں۔ میری وجہ سے صاف آب و ہوا ملتی ہے۔ مجھ پر سارا سال پھول کھلتے ہیں۔ مجھ سے بہت اچھی خوشبو بھی آتی ہے۔ لیکن میں آپ سے ایک بات کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ میرے پتے اور پھول کاٹا نہ کریں ورنہ میں مر جاؤں گا۔ درخت لگانا سنتِ نبی صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم ہے۔ درخت لگانے سے اللہ تعالیٰ خوش ہوتے ہیں۔ اس طرح آپ سے اللہ تعالیٰ راضی ہوں گے اور لوگ بھی خوش رہیں گے۔

عائشہ ہارون

اول (اے)



میرا پیارا گھر

میرا گھر بہت بڑا ہے۔ میرے گھر کا رنگ سرمئی اور سفید ہے۔ اس میں دو بڑے کمرے اور ایک چھوٹا سا مطالعہ کا کمرہ ہے۔ میرے گھر میں ایک باورچی خانہ ہے اور اس کے ساتھ ایک چتر ہے جس سے ٹنڈری ٹھنڈی ہو آتی ہے۔ میرے گھر میں بہت ساری سیڑھیاں بھی ہیں۔ جس سے میں اوپر اور نیچے آ جا سکتی ہوں۔ میرے گھر میں ایک باغ بھی ہے جس میں بہت پیارے پیارے پھول ہیں۔ میں اپنے گھر میں اپنے والدین اور بہن بانیوں کے ساتھ رہتی ہوں۔ میرا گھر بہت صاف ستھرا ہے۔ مجھے اپنا گھر بہت پسند ہے اور میں اللہ تعالیٰ کا بہت شکر ادا کرتی ہوں کیوں کہ اتنا پیارا گھر مجھے اللہ تعالیٰ نے دیا ہے۔ الحمد للہ!



منقرہ
اول (سی)



باغ کی سیر

آج میں آپ کو باغ کی سیر کے بارے میں بتاؤں گی۔ میں اور میری سہیلی روزانہ باغ میں کھیلتے ہیں اور جھولا جھولتے ہیں۔ ہم لوگ پودوں کو پانی بھی دیتے ہیں۔ میں باغ میں ہوم ورک کرتی ہوں اور پھل بھی کھاتی ہوں۔ باغ میں بہت سارے پھل اور رنگ برنگ پھول بھی ہوتے ہیں۔ باغ میں بہت سارے درخت بھی ہیں۔ درختوں سے ہمیں آکسیجن ملتی ہے۔ درختوں کی چھاؤں میں لوگ آرام کرتے ہیں۔ درختوں پر چڑیا اور پرندوں کے گھونسلے بھی بنے ہوتے ہیں۔ پورا باغ بہت صاف ستھرا ہے۔ مجھے باغ میں جانا بہت اچھا لگتا ہے۔

سارا منیب
اول (ڈی)



میرا اسکول

میرے اسکول کا نام دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول ہے۔ یہاں پر جدید تعلیم دینی ماحول میں دی جاتی ہے۔ میرے اسکول میں کھیل کے میدان کشادہ اور ہوادار جماعتیں، کتب خانہ، سوئمنگ پول، آڈیٹوریم اور مسجدِ قاسم ہے۔ میرے اسکول میں ناظرہ اور حفظِ قرآن کی تعلیم دی جاتی ہے۔ میرے اسکول میں عربی تعلیم بھی دی جاتی ہے۔ میرے اسکول کی اساتذہ بہت ہی شفیق ہیں جو بچوں کو محبت اور محنت کے ساتھ پڑھاتی ہیں۔ میری دعا ہے کہ اللہ تعالیٰ میرے اسکول کو ہر طرح کی ترقی سے نوازیں۔ آمین!

عثمان بن وامق
اول (اتچ)



جمعہ کا دن

جمعہ کا دن تمام دنوں کا سردار ہے۔ جمعہ کا دن ہمارے نبی صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کو بہت پسند تھا۔ میرے دادا جان اور ابو جمعہ کے دن مسجد جلدی جاتے ہیں۔ جمعہ کی کچھ سنتیں ہیں۔ جن میں غسل کرنا، مسواک کرنا، ناخن کاٹنا، عطر لگانا، سرمہ لگانا، صاف کپڑے پہننا، درود شریف اور سورہ کہف پڑھنا شامل ہیں۔ جمعہ کے دن آدم علیہ السلام کی تخلیق ہوئی تھی اور اسی دن قیامت بھی قائم ہوگی۔ فرعون اپنی فوج کے ساتھ اسی دن غرق ہوا۔ مسلمانوں کا ہفتہ جمعہ سے شروع ہوتا ہے۔ اور جمعرات پر ختم ہوتا ہے۔ جمعہ کا دن مسلمانوں کے لیے سب سے افضل دن ہے۔

مسفرہ عرفان

دوم (بی)



میری بہن عزہ

میری بہن کا نام عزہ ہے۔ وہ ایک سال کی ہے۔ وہ بہت پیاری ہے۔ وہ میرے ساتھ کھیلتی ہے ہے۔ عزہ مجھے بہت اچھی لگتی ہے۔ وہ مجھے پیار سے آپا کہتی ہے۔ میری بہن پیاری پیاری شکلیں بناتی ہے جسے دیکھ کر مجھے ہنسی آتی ہے۔ میں اپنی بہن کو جھولا جھلاتی ہوں۔ مجھے اپنی بہن سے بہت محبت ہے۔



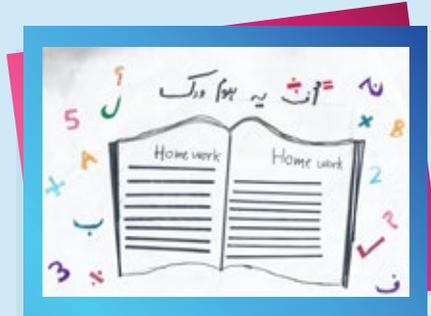
منال نبیل
دوم (بی)



اُف! یہ ہوم ورک!

میں باہر کھیلنے جانے کے لیے اپنے گھر کا دروازہ کھول رہی تھی کہ اُسی وقت امی نے آواز دی اور کہا، "ہوم ورک کرو!"۔ میں نے سوچا کہ صرف اُردو کا ہی تو کام ہو گا۔ لیکن جب میں نے دیکھا تو اتنا سارا کام تھا! یہ ہوم ورک تو مجھے کھیلنے بھی نہیں دیتا۔ میرے خیال میں ہوم ورک دماغ تیز نہیں کرتا بلکہ ایک انسان کو بے حد بور کرتا ہے۔ ہم بچوں کو اتنی محنت کیوں کرنی پڑتی ہے؟ بڑے ہو کر ہمیں سب کچھ آسانی سے سمجھ آ جائے گا۔ جب میں نے امی کے سامنے اپنا نظریہ پیش کیا تو امی نے سمجھایا کہ اگر ابھی محنت نہیں کرو گی تو بڑے ہو کر ہر چیز مشکل لگے گی۔ اور جو کام اِس وقت مشکل لگ رہا ہے وہ بعد میں اور بھی مشکل لگے گا۔ تب مجھے سمجھ میں آیا کہ ہوم ورک ہمارے لیے کیوں ضروری ہے! ہمیں مشکل تو ہوتی ہے لیکن اِس طرح ہم جماعت میں کام آسانی سے کر سکتے ہیں۔

خدیجہ فاطمہ خان
دوم (بی)



میرا گھر

گھر تھا اُس کا پیارا
دیکھ کر گندا گھر بہت گھبرائی
لیکن گندا کیوں پڑا ہے سارا؟
کیوں کہ گھر تھا واقعی بہت گندا
بولی چلو کرتے ہیں گھر کی صفائی
تو اچھی بچی کہلائی جاو گی!

ایک بچی تھی سارا
ایک دن سہیلی جو آئی
بولی! گھر تو ہے بڑا پیارا
اس بات پر سارا ہوئی شرمندہ
مگر سہیلی نے آج جو دوستی نبھائی
صفائی کی عادت اپناو گی



ماسیکہ کامران
دوم (بی)



ایک خوبصورت منظر

یہ ایک خوبصورت منظر ہے۔ ہر طرف ہریالی ہی ہریالی ہے۔ یہاں ایک نہر ہے۔ جس کے اوپر ایک پل ہے اس پر لوگ چڑھ کر نہر پار کرتے ہیں۔ یہاں پہاڑ بہت اونچے ہیں اور ہرے بھرے ہیں۔

یہاں پر جھاڑیاں اور بہت سارے درخت بھی ہیں۔ یہ تصویر دیکھ کر میرا دل خوش ہو جاتا ہے۔ میرا دل چاہتا ہے کہ میں یہ نظارہ ہر وقت اپنی آنکھوں سے دیکھتا رہوں اور اس کا لطف اٹھاؤں۔ ٹھنڈی اور تازہ ہوا کے مزہ لوں۔ نہر کا ٹھنڈا پانی پیوں۔ واہ! کیا نظارہ ہے! اللہ کی بنائی ہوئی ہر چیز بے مثال ہے!



سعد
دوم (ای)

ہمارے اسکول کا میلہ

ہمارے اسکول کا میلہ اسکول کے میدان میں منعقد ہوا تھا۔ اس میلے کی سب سے خاص بات یہ تھی کہ اس سے جمع کی جانی والی رقم برما کے مسلمانوں کی مدد کے لیے تھی۔ اس میلے میں طرح طرح کے کھیل تھے اور مزے مزے کی کھانے پینے کی چیزیں تھیں۔ میں نے بریانی کھائی جو کہ بہت لذیذ تھی۔ مجھے میلے میں بہت مزہ آیا۔ مجھے اپنے اسکول اور اس کی انتظامیہ پر بہت فخر محسوس ہوا جنہوں نے بے گھر اور مظلوم مسلمانوں کی مدد کے لیے یہ میلہ منعقد کیا۔

حرا عدنان
سوم (اے)





میں کیا چاہتی ہوں؟



میں کیا چاہتی ہوں؟

تتلی کی طرح اڑنا!

جگنو کی طرح روشنی پھیلانا

ہر ایک کے کام آنا

اور اللہ کا پیغام پھیلانا!



ودرہ علی
سوم (بی)



میرے اسکول کی کینٹین

میرے اسکول کی کینٹین بچوں کو پڑھائی کی تھکن کے بعد تروتازگی فراہم کرتی ہے۔ میرے اسکول کی کینٹین بہت بڑی اور عمدہ ہے۔ یہاں مختلف قسم کی اشیاء کم قیمت میں فروخت کی جاتی ہیں۔ مثلاً رول، سموسے، فرنیچ فرانس، چکن تکہ، سینڈویچ جو بہت لذیذ ہوتے ہیں۔ ہمیں ہفتے میں ایک بار بریانی بھی ملتی ہے۔ یہ اشیاء صاف ستھرے ماحول میں تیار کی جاتی ہیں۔



سب سے الگ
سب سے جدا
ہماری کینٹین
واہ بھئی واہ

عقیقہ شرجیل
سوم (بی)



دوست وہی جو کام کے وقت کام آئے!

دو کبوتر آپس میں گہرے دوست تھے۔ ایک دن وہ دونوں دانہ ڈھونڈنے نکلے مگر کچھ نہ ملا۔ وہ تھک ہار کر ایک درخت کی شاخ پر بیٹھے ہی تھے کہ دونوں کی نظر ایک چیل پر پڑی۔ جو تیزی سے ان کی طرف آرہی تھی۔ وہ دونوں بہت تھکے ہوئے تھے اس لیے اڑ بھی نہیں سکے اور چیل بہت تیزی سے ان کی طرف آرہی تھی۔ ان دونوں نے بھاگنے کی کوئی ترکیب نکالی لیکن چیل نے انھیں اپنے پنجنوں سے پکڑ لیا۔ وہ انہیں اپنے گھونسلے میں لے گئی وہ دونوں بہت پریشان ہو گئے۔ تھکن سے وہ اڑ بھی نہیں پارہے تھے۔ چیل انھیں گھونسلے میں چھوڑ کے کہیں چلی گئی۔

اچانک انہوں نے دیکھا کہ ان کے کچھ دوست ان کی جان بچانے کے لیے اپنے ساتھ پوری فوج لے کر آرہے ہیں۔ سارے کبوتر دونوں دوستوں کو اپنے ساتھ لے گئے۔ وہ دونوں خوش ہو گئے اور دونوں کبوتروں نے اللہ کا شکر ادا کیا۔

محمد عمر نوید
سوم (سی)



چڑیا

چڑیا رانی! چڑیا رانی!
 صبح سویرے اٹھ جاتی ہو
 تم پرندوں کی رانی
 ذکر اللہ کا خوب کرتی ہو
 اپنی سریلی آواز میں
 خوب چہچہاتی ہو
 تم سب سے ہو پیاری!
 چڑیا رانی! چڑیا رانی!

مریم سلمان
 سوم (ڈی)



پھول سے پیاری میری امی جان

میری پیاری امی جان
آپ ہیں میری پہچان!

آپ ہیں میری جان!

روشن میرا جہاں!

گھر میرا سنسان

آپ کی مسکراہٹ سے

آپ کے بغیر

آپ کی خدمت کرنا ہے میرا ارمان

پھول سے پیاری میری امی جان
سب سے پیاری میری امی جان

حوریہ شیراز
سوم (ڈی)



دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول

یہ ہمارا گلشن اور ہم ہیں اس کے پھول
 دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول
 دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول
 سکھاتے ہیں ہم کو یہاں ٹیچرز ہمارے
 اچھی اچھی باتیں اور اخلاق سارے
 سمجھاتے ہیں یہ ہم کو جب ہو جاتی ہے بھول
 دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول
 دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول

احمد رنجیلا
 سوم (ای)



ابتدائی جماعتیں

ہمارے اسکول کا میلہ

ہمارے اسکول کے باغ میں ایک میلہ لگا۔ وہ میلہ ہفتے کو ہوا۔ اس میں بیس اسٹال تھے۔ میں نے سب اسٹالوں پر کھیل کھیلے۔ میں نے میلے سے کپڑے بھی لیے۔ میں نے بریانی اور براؤنی بھی کھائی میلے میں بہت بھیر اور گرمی تھی۔ ان میں سے ایک اسٹال پر پلے ڈول رہا تھا۔ میں نے اپنے دوست عیسیٰ اور عبداللہ عالم خان کے ساتھ میلے میں خوب لطف اٹھایا۔ میں اور میرے دوستوں نے فیس پینٹنگ بھی کروائی۔ جب میں نے یہ سنا کہ اس میلے سے پیسے جمع کر کے برما کے مسلمانوں کی مدد کی جائیگی تو میں نے اور بھی کھیل کھیلے اور بہت ساری چیزیں خریدیں۔ میرا دل چاہتا ہے کہ اس طرح کا میلہ ہر سال ہو۔



یوسف موسیٰ
سوم (اتچ)



میرا اسکول

میرا نام سلوئی احمد ہے۔ میں دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول میں چہارم بی کی طالبہ ہوں۔ پہلے میں ریفلکشنز اسکول میں پڑھتی تھی۔ اپنے پرانے اسکول سے میری بہت سی یادیں وابستہ ہیں۔ میں نے وہاں جماعت اول اور جماعت دوم تک تعلیم حاصل کی ہے۔ تیسری جماعت میں اُس اسکول میں نہیں پڑھ سکی کیونکہ گھر شفٹ کرنے کی وجہ سے اسکول بہت دور ہو گیا تھا۔ میرے پرانے اسکول میں ایک کینیٹین تھی جہاں ہمیں خود کھانا دیا جاتا تھا۔

وہ اسکول بہت بڑا اور خوب صورت تھا۔ اساتذہ بہت محنتی تھے۔ وہاں بھی اسلامی ماحول تھا۔ دی انٹیلیکٹ اسکول میں چار عمارتیں ہیں۔ لڑکوں اور لڑکیوں کے لیے الگ الگ عمارتیں ہیں۔ جو نیئر اور سینئر سیکشن بھی الگ الگ ہیں۔ بہت بڑی کینیٹین ہے۔ جہاں پر صحت کے اصولوں کے مطابق کھانے پینے کی اشیاء ملتی ہیں۔ اساتذہ کے لیے لفٹ بھی ہے۔ بہت بڑا کھیل کا میدان ہے۔ جہاں ہر طرف ہریالی ہی ہریالی ہے۔ سب سے بڑی بات یہ ہے کہ ہم ظہر کی نماز پڑھ کے گھر جاتے ہیں۔

الحمد للہ! میں خود کو خوش نصیب سمجھتی ہوں کہ میں اتنے اچھے اسکول میں پڑھتی ہوں۔

میری دُعا ہے کہ میرا اسکول اسی طرح ترقی کرتا رہے اور اسے دین و دنیا کی بھلائی نصیب ہو۔ (آمین)

سلوئی احمد
چہارم (بی)



شیلف اور الماری کی دلچسپ گفتگو

ابھی بریک کی گھنٹی بجی ہی تھی کہ جماعت کی تمام طلباء باہر بھاگنے لگے۔ اکثر تو بھاگتے بھاگتے ایک دوسرے کو دھکا دے رہے تھے اور چند ایک نے تو کرسی کو اور کسی نے میز کو لات رسید کر دی اور یہ سب کرنا ان کا معمول تھا۔ بہر حال جب سب بچے باہر چلے گئے اور کوئی بچہ بھی جماعت میں نہ رہا تو اچانک جماعت میں رکھے کتابوں کے شیلف اور الماری میں یوں گفتگو شروع ہوئی!

شیلف: (افسردہ لہجے میں) الماری بہن کیسی ہیں آپ؟

الماری: میں تو ٹھیک ہوں لیکن آپ اتنی افسردہ کیوں ہیں؟

شیلف: بس آپ کو کیا بتاؤں؟ میں تو ان بچوں کے رویہ سے تنگ آ گیا ہوں۔

الماری: (حیرانی سے) کیا یہ مسئلہ آپ کے ساتھ بھی ہے؟

شیلف: ہاں نا! یہ بچے مجھ میں اتنی بے دردی سے کتابیں

رکھتے ہیں کہ میں بہت پریشان ہو جاتا ہوں۔

الماری: اچھا! بالکل یہ مسئلہ تو میرے ساتھ بھی ہے۔

شیلف: (غصہ کرتے ہوئے) میں دیکھتا ہوں کہ ان

کے اساتذہ ان کو بہت سمجھاتے ہیں مگر ان کے کانوں پر

جوں تک نہیں ریٹکتی، وہی ڈھاک کے تین پات..... میں

بھی ان کو بول بول کے تھک گیا ہوں اب تو!

الماری: کیا آپ نہیں جانتے کہ یہ ہماری آواز نہیں سن

سکتے؟ ان کے سامنے دہائی دینا تو بھینس کے آگے بین

بجانے کے مترادف ہے۔

شیلف: اور تو اور یہ لوگ میری صفائی کا بالکل خیال نہیں

رکھتے، گرد و غبار سے تو میرا دم گھٹتا ہے...

الماری: ہاں آپ صحیح کہہ رہے ہیں، یہ بچے میرے ساتھ

بھی ایسا ہی سلوک کرتے ہیں، یہ بچے کاغذ اور کپڑے کے

گو لے بنا بنا کر مجھے مارتے ہیں۔

شیلف: اب کیا کر سکتے ہیں؟ اب تو بس ان کے لیے ہم

دعا ہی کر سکتے ہیں کہ اللہ ان بچوں کو ہدایت دے اور ہم

جیسی نعمتوں کی قدر کرنے کی توفیق عطا فرمائے۔ آمین

عبداللہ مظہر

ششم



حالاتِ حاضرہ

کیا میں تمہیں ایک درد سے آگاہ کروں
اپنے دکھ اور اپنے کرب سے آگاہ کروں

ہے کراچی کی گلیوں میں عجب وحشت چھائی
ہر طرف تاریکی و ظلمت چھائی

لوگو! مجھے بتاؤ میں کیا کروں؟ ہم کیا کریں؟
کیسے مل کر ترقی کی منازل ہم طے کریں؟

آرزو ہے سب کی، ہو شہر میں امن
آئے نہ کہیں نظر چوری، ڈکیتی و غبن

ہر گلی میں فائرنگ سے کچھ آدمی زخمی
ساتھ ہی اُن کے پیاروں کے دل زخمی

ہائے افسوس! کیسے ان لوگوں کو سبق سکھائیں
کیسے ان کو علم کا زیور پہنائیں

خدارا اس شہر کو پھر سے گلزار کر دے
اپنی رحمتوں کی بارش کو تو بے شمار کر دے!

طہ فیصل

ہفتم (ڈی)

میں ہوں بستہ اسکول کا

پیارے دوستو! ابھی میں آپ کے سامنے ایک بے چارے بستے کی بہت ہی دلچسپ اور چٹ پٹی روداد پیش کر رہا ہوں، جس کو پڑھ کر آپ سب کی باچھیں کھل جائیں گی۔

تو ساتھیو! ایک بستہ صبح صبح یوں گویا ہوتا ہے!

ارے بند کرو یہ روشنی! صبح صبح مجھے جگا دیا... اچھا بھلا کتابوں کی الماری میں پڑا سو رہا تھا۔ صبح تڑکے ہی مجھے اٹھا کر اس میں حد سے زیادہ بھاری کتابیں بھر دی جاتی ہیں.... نہ صرف یہ کہ کتابیں بلکہ قینچی، اسٹپلر، رنگ، دوات، کھانا پینا اور نہ جانے کیا کیا بھر دیا جاتا ہے.... مجھ غریب کی بساط کہاں کہ میں اتنا وزن اٹھاسکوں اور جو ٹھونسا ٹھانسی میرے ساتھ دودن پہلے ہوئی، اجی کیا بتاؤں! دو طرف سے سلائی نکل گئی میری... آج مجھے موچی کے حوالے کر کے بخیے لگوائے گئے وہ الگ تکلیف!

دوستو! سامان ٹھونسے سے مجھے اتنی تکلیف نہیں ہوتی جتنی اپنی بے عزتی کرنے پر ہوتی ہے جناب! اور تو اور چھٹی کے وقت کچھ آوارہ لڑکوں نے مجھے خوب لائیں ماریں اور میں درد سے کراہتا رہا مگر میری کسی نے ایک نہ سنی۔

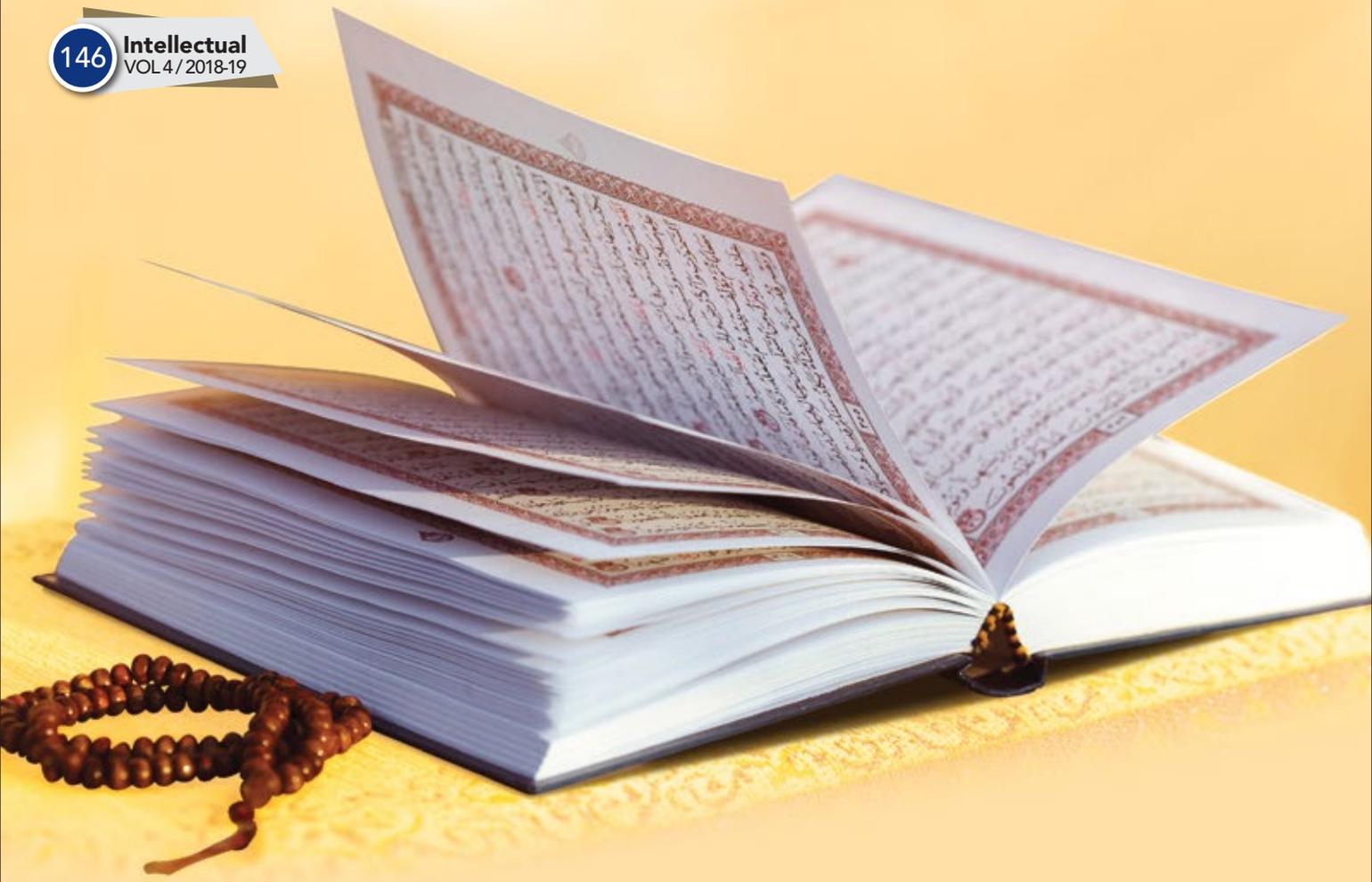
سوال یہ ہے کہ میرے اندر رکھی ہوئی جن کتابوں کو پڑھ کر انسان عظیم بنتا ہے، ان کی بے عزتی مجھ سے بھلا کیسے برداشت ہو سکتی ہے؟ اگر میں نہیں ہوتا تو کتابیں کس میں رکھتے آپ لوگ؟ کبھی سوچا ہے! کل تو عامر نے حد ہی کر دی، ٹفن باکس تو میرے اندر ٹھونسا ہی تھا، پانی کی بوتل بھی گھسیڑ دی وہ بھی کھلی ہوئی... بس پھر کیا تھا کچھ ہی دیر میں میرا پورا وجود جل تھل ہو گیا، کتابیں بھی ناحق گیلی ہو گئیں۔ اب سردی سے میں کانپ رہا تھا... وہ تو بھلا ہو اس کی امی کا کہ گھر پہنچتے ہی انہوں نے مجھے دھوپ میں رکھا، تو لیے سے سکھایا تو مجھے قرار آیا۔

نو نہالو! کبھی جیب میں رکھی ہوئی کمپاس کی نوک چھتی ہے تو کبھی گرم گرم ٹفن کی گرمی کھلتی ہے، کبھی ٹھنڈے پانی میں بھیگ جاتا ہوں تو کبھی حد سے زیادہ وزن سے گھبراتا ہوں، کبھی لڑکوں کی ٹھوکریں کھاتا ہوں تو کبھی پھینک دیا جاتا ہوں، مجھ میں رکھی ہوئی کتابوں کو پڑھ کر ہی تو انسان قابل بنتا ہے اور میری ہی ناقدری کرتا ہے... کاش ہمارے منہ میں بھی زبان ہوتی

ہم بھی منہ میں زبان رکھتے ہیں
کاش پوچھو کہ مدعا کیا ہے

محمد امین
ہفتم (ای)





قرآن مجید پڑھنے میں دل لگانے کا طریقہ

قاعدہ یہ ہے کہ اگر کوئی تم سے کہے کہ ”ہمیں تھوڑا سا قرآن سناؤ دیکھیں کیسا پڑھتے ہو“ تو اس وقت جہاں تک ہو سکتا ہے خوب بنا سنوار کر پڑھتے ہو، اب یوں کیا کرو کہ جب قرآن مجید پڑھنے کا ارادہ کرو، پہلے دل میں یہ سوچ لو کہ گویا اللہ تعالیٰ نے ہم سے فرمائش کی ہے کہ ہم کو سناؤ کیسا پڑھتے ہو اور یوں سمجھو کہ اللہ تعالیٰ خود سن رہا ہے اور یوں خیال کرو کہ جب آدمی کے کہنے سے بنا سنوار کر پڑھتے ہیں تو اللہ تعالیٰ کے فرمانے سے جو پڑھیں گے اس کو تو خوب سنبھال سنبھال کر پڑھنا چاہیے، چنانچہ اللہ تعالیٰ فرماتا ہے:

وَرَقِلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيْلًا (سورة المزمل)

ترجمہ: اور قرآن کو خوب ٹھہر ٹھہر کر پڑھو

یہ سب باتیں سوچ کر پڑھنا شروع کرو اور جب پڑھتے رہو یہی باتیں دھیان میں رکھو اور جب پڑھنے میں بگاڑ ہونے لگے یا دل ادھر ادھر بٹنے لگے تو تھوڑی دیر کے لیے پڑھنا بند کر کے ان باتوں کی سوچ کو دوبارہ تازہ کر لو، ان شاء اللہ تعالیٰ اس طریقے سے صحیح اور صاف بھی پڑھا جائے گا اور دل بھی متوجہ رہے گا۔ اگر اس طرح پڑھتے رہو گے تو آسانی سے دل لگنے لگے گا۔ ان شاء اللہ!

حافظ عبداللہ بن زبیر
الیس ایچ یو (اے)

میری پسندیدہ شخصیت، میری دادی جان!

ہر شخص کی کوئی نہ کوئی پسندیدہ شخصیت ہوتی ہے اور وہ انہیں اُن کی اچھائیوں کی وجہ سے پسند کرتا ہے اور خواہش کرتا ہے کہ اُن جیسے نیک کام کرے۔

میری پسندیدہ شخصیت میری رحم دل دادی ہیں۔ وہ گوری ہیں۔ اُن کے بال کالے اور سفید ہیں وہ محنتی، خوبصورت اور مددگار ہیں۔ انہیں لوگوں کی مدد کرنے سے بہت خوشی ہوتی ہے۔

میں اُن کے ساتھ بہت باتیں کرتی ہوں اور اُن سے نئی باتیں سیکھتی ہوں۔ وہ مجھے شوق سے کہانیاں سناتی ہیں اور دُعا میں دیتی ہیں۔ وہ مجھے اسکول بھی لینے آتی ہیں اور میرے ساتھ مدرسے جاتی ہیں۔

وہ ہر وقت اذکار کرتی رہتی ہیں۔ میری دادی اماں الحمد للہ! پانچ وقت نماز کی پابند ہیں۔ وہ ناظرہ کی جماعت میں جاتی ہیں وہاں تفسیر بھی سیکھتی ہیں۔

میں اُن سے پہیلیاں پوچھتی ہوں اور اُن کے ساتھ بیٹھ کر انہیں لطفی سناتی ہوں۔

دادی اماں میرے لیے لذیذ کھانے بناتی ہیں۔ وہ شام کو میرے ساتھ باغ میں جاتی ہیں اور کبھی کبھار میرے ساتھ کھیلتی ہیں۔

اللہ تعالیٰ میری دادی جان کو جنت الفردوس میں جگہ عطا فرمائے اور اُن کے درجات کو بلند کرے۔ (آمین)

ہبہ جنید
چہارم (اے)





میری پسندیدہ شخصیت، میری امی جان!

پسندیدہ شخصیت اُسے کہتے ہیں جس کی طرح آپ بننا چاہتے ہوں اور آپ اُس سے بہت پیار کرتے ہوں۔
میری پسندیدہ شخصیت میری امی جان ہیں! میری امی جان کا نام حنا ہے۔ اُن کی عمر چونتیس سال ہے۔ میری امی میں
بہت سی اچھی عادتیں ہیں۔ ان کی ہمیشہ سے یہ خواہش ہے کہ میں بڑی ہو کر ایک اعلیٰ ڈاکٹر بنوں۔ غریبوں کا مفت علاج
کروں اور اُن کی دعائیں حاصل کروں۔

میری امی اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ خاتون ہیں اور گھرداری میں بھی بہت اچھی ہیں۔ وہ بہت خوش مزاج اور دلی پتلی سی ہیں۔ میری
امی کی جب کوئی تعریف کرتا ہے تو میں نہال ہو جاتی ہوں۔ میری امی خوش لباس ہیں اور جب بھی بات کرتی ہیں تو ایسا لگتا
ہے کہ ان کے منہ سے پھول جھڑ رہے ہوں۔ میں بھی اپنی امی جیسی بننا چاہتی ہوں!

میں اللہ سے یہ دعا مانگتی ہوں کہ وہ میرے خاندان اور میرے امی ابو کو لمبی زندگی عطا فرمائے اور انھیں کوئی نقصان نہ پہنچے۔

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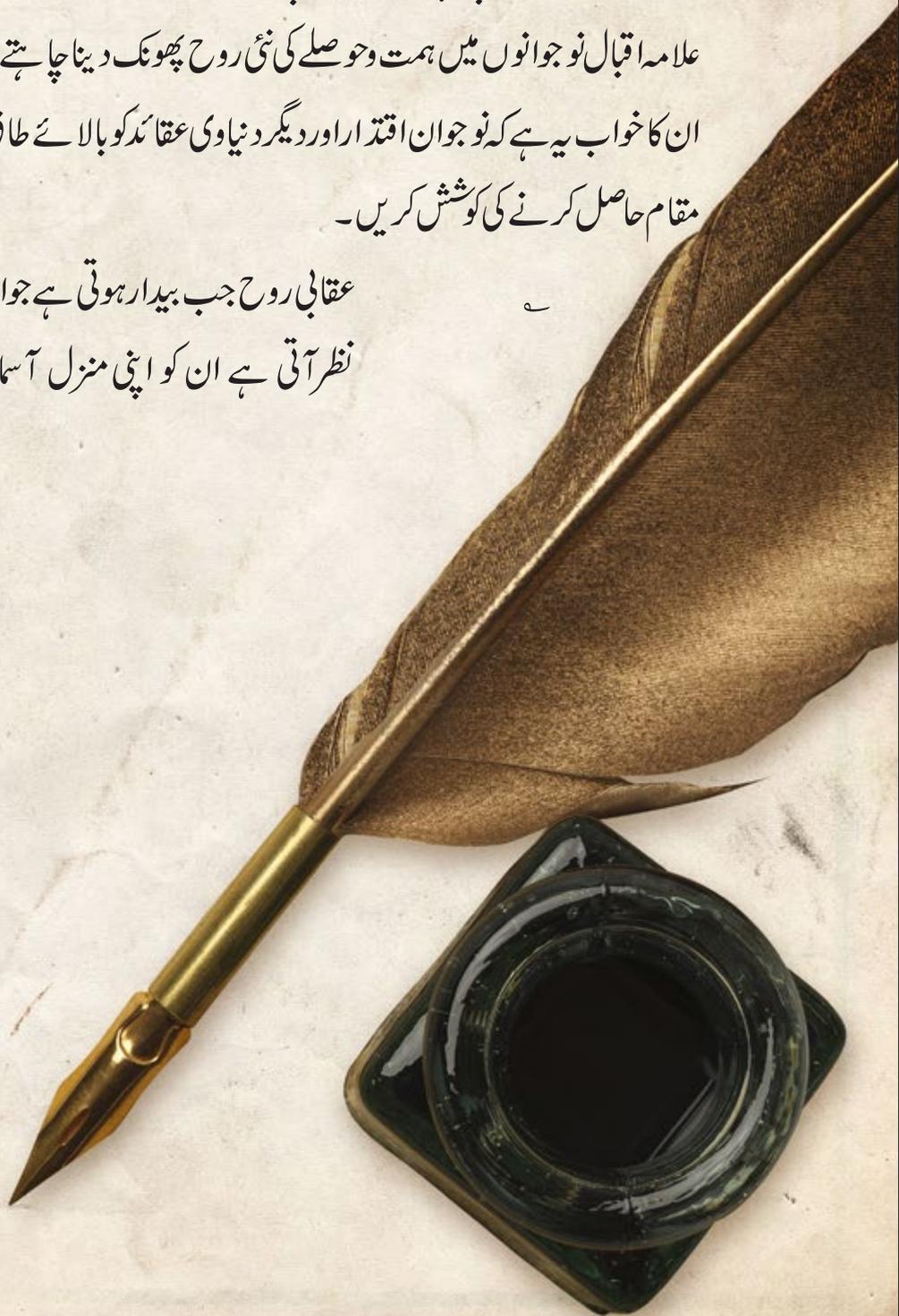
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چہارم (سی)

اقبال کا مثالی نوجوان

کسی بھی قوم کی ترقی میں اس کے نوجوان کلیدی کردار ادا کرتے ہیں!
یہی وجہ ہے کہ علامہ اقبال اپنی زیادہ تر نظموں میں نوجوانوں سے مخاطب ہیں۔
وہ مسلمان نوجوانوں میں ولولے اور جوش کا طوفان دیکھنا چاہتے ہیں۔
ان کو یہ احساس دلانا چاہتے ہیں کہ وہ اپنے زور بازو اور صلاحیتوں سے کائنات کو تسخیر کر سکتے ہیں۔
علامہ اقبال نوجوانوں میں ہمت و حوصلے کی نئی روح پھونک دینا چاہتے ہیں۔
ان کا خواب یہ ہے کہ نوجوان اقتدار اور دیگر دنیاوی عقائد کو بالائے طاق رکھ کر اپنا کھویا ہوا حقیقی
مقام حاصل کرنے کی کوشش کریں۔

عقابی روح جب بیدار ہوتی ہے جوانوں میں
نظر آتی ہے ان کو اپنی منزل آسمانوں میں

فاطمہ مظہر
ہشتم (اے)



چڑیا گھر کا کردار

سیر کے کئی فوائد ہیں!

ایک تفریح گاہ جو لوگوں میں عام ہے وہ چڑیا گھر ہے۔

جن لوگوں کو جانوروں سے پیار ہے۔ وہ اکثر یہاں اپنے ذہن کو تروتازہ رکھنے کے لیے آتے

ہیں۔ چڑیا گھر کی سیر کرنے سے ہماری قدرت سے پہچان بڑھتی ہے کہ دنیا میں کتنے مختلف

جانور پائے جاتے ہیں اور انکے بارے میں معلومات بھی حاصل کی جاسکتی ہیں۔

لیکن اس کے کئی نقصانات بھی ہیں مثلاً جانوروں کو ان کے فطری ماحول سے دور رکھا جاتا ہے اور

پنجروں میں قید کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ چڑیا گھر انتظامیہ ان کی صفائی ستھرائی کا خیال نہیں رکھتی اور

جانوروں کی خوراک کی جانب لاپرواہی بھی غلط ہے!

سرکاری سطح پر اس میں بہتری لانے کی کوشش کرنی چاہیے کہ کم قیمت میں ٹکٹ فروخت کریں تاکہ

کم آمدنی والے لوگ بھی یہ تفریح حاصل کر سکیں۔ چڑیا گھر کی صفائی ستھرائی کا خاص خیال رکھا

جائے، جانوروں کا ہر طرح سے خیال رکھا جائے اور انہیں قدرتی ماحول فراہم کرنے کی

کوشش ضرور کی جائے۔

الشہ یعقوب

ہشتم (اے)



کمپیوٹر

موجودہ دور میں سائنس روز بروز ترقی کر رہی ہے۔
 ابھی تک کی 90 فیصد ایجادات کا بنیادی مقصد وقت کو کارآمد بنانا اور کام آسان کرنا ہے۔
 ٹیکنالوجی کا استعمال کرتے ہوئے کوئی کام کرنا ہو تو ہر بچہ راضی ہو جاتا ہے۔
 دلچسپی کی وجہ سے اس سے ہمارا ہر کام آسان ہو جاتا ہے۔ اپنا علم دوسروں تک پہنچانا اور سیکھنا
 صرف اس ٹیکنالوجی کی بدولت بہت آسانی سے ہو جاتا ہے۔
 ٹیکنالوجی کی ایک شاخ کمپیوٹر ہے۔
 کمپیوٹر معلومات کا ایسا سمندر ہے جس کا کوئی ساحل نہیں۔
 اس کے ذریعے ہر کام نہایت آسانی سے ہو سکتا ہے۔ اب تو کالج اور یونیورسٹیوں میں بڑے
 بڑے نوٹس لکھنے کی بھی ضرورت نہیں پڑتی بلکہ ٹیبلٹ لے جا کر صرف ایک تصویر کھینچی یا
 وائس ریکارڈر سے ریکارڈ کر لیا اور گھنٹوں کا کام سیکنڈوں میں ہو گیا۔
 کمپیوٹر کے ذریعے تعلیم بہت آسانی سے حاصل کی جاسکتی ہے۔
 اب تو ہر اسکول میں کمپیوٹر بحیثیت مضمون پڑھایا جا رہا ہے۔
 ہر اسکول میں بہت سے کمپیوٹر مہیا ہیں تاکہ اس کا استعمال کرنا ہر بچے کو آجائے۔
 آج کل کی عملی زندگی میں کمپیوٹر لازم و ملزوم ہے اور اس کے بغیر درجنوں کام ناممکن ہیں لیکن اس
 کا زیادہ اور نامناسب استعمال باعث نقصان ہوتا ہے۔

عائشہ غوری

ہشتم (اے)



ثانوی جماعتیں

جنگل کے جانوروں کا تحفظ

جانور بھی اللہ تعالیٰ کی مخلوق ہیں! چاہے وہ پالتو ہوں یا جنگل میں رہتے ہوں۔

جنگل کے جانوروں کو بے شمار خطرات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ ان کا غیر قانونی شکار کیا جاتا ہے۔ ان معصوم جانوروں کو چڑیا گھر یا سرکس کی وجہ سے قید کیا جاتا ہے۔ ان رنگ برنگے جانوروں کو ماحولیاتی تبدیلی اور تحقیق کا نشانہ بنایا جاتا ہے۔ جس سے ان کے مرنے کا اندیشہ بڑھ جاتا ہے۔

اسی لیے جنگل کے جانوروں کا تحفظ بہت ضروری ہے۔ ان کی نسل بڑھانے اور ماحول کو برقرار رکھنے کے لیے، ان کا خیال رکھنا ضروری ہے۔ لوگوں کو یہ بات ذہن نشین کر لینی چاہیے کہ یہ جاندار ہیں اور انکی تخلیق کا بھی مقصد ہے چنانچہ ان کو بے جا مارنا نہیں چاہیے۔ ان کے تحفظ کے لیے ضروری ہے کہ دنیا کو ان کی اہمیت سے روشناس کرایا جائے۔

بحیثیت طالبہ، میں اس سلسلے میں اپنا کردار ادا کرنے کے لیے اپنے اسکول میں رول پلے کے ذریعے تمام طالبات اور والدات کو جنگل کے جانوروں کی اہمیت کا احساس دلانے کی کوشش کر سکتی ہوں۔ ان کے بارے میں بے شمار آرٹیکل اور مراسلے وغیرہ اخبارات و رسائل میں شائع کر سکتی ہوں تاکہ یہ نسل کشی کا شکار نہ ہوں۔

اس کے علاوہ میں نیشنل جیوگرافک سے رابطہ کر سکتی ہوں تاکہ لوگوں کی عقل سے پردہ ہٹانے میں وہ میری مدد کریں۔

عشنا سلمان

دہم (اے)



تخلیق جگاری



اداریہ

السلام علیکم ورحمۃ اللہ وبرکاتہ

الحمد للہ! آپ سب کے ذوقِ مطالعہ کی تقویت کے لیے ”انٹیلیکچوئل“ کا تیسرا شمارہ حاضر خدمت ہے!

خیالات کی وسیع و عریض دنیا کو الفاظ کا روپ دینے سے قبل ہمیں فکر و نظر کی کہکشاؤں سے ایسے اُجالے مستعار لینے کی ضرورت ہے جو ہماری مذہبی اور سماجی اقدار سے مطابقت رکھتے ہوں۔ طلبہ کی تخلیقی صلاحیتوں کی اشاعت، دراصل ان کے معاون و مددگار اساتذہ کی تگ و دو اور پُر خلوص کاوشوں کی مرہونِ منت ہے!

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