



E-News Links

Dear Parents,

The end of Term One offers us the opportunity to look back and celebrate the work and achievements of our students since August: moments to remember, which reflect their creative energy, their passion and their perseverance. In the wake of the terrible tragedy that befell young children and their teachers in Newtown, Connecticut last week, we are reminded of how precious the lives of our young ones are and grateful for every moment we can spend with them.



FROM PRE-SCHOOL

GRANDPARENTS DAY - 19TH DECEMBER, 2012

As a token of appreciation and love, the children at Links Pre-School honoured their wonderful grandparents by making pretty gifts and baking delicious things to eat. A special thanks to Daliah Ashraf, Ziyaad Hasan, Celina and Zeina Kazmi for sharing their wonderful grandparents, who went on to entertain our students with stories and songs.



An enjoyable morning for all of us - grandparents, teachers

FROM LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

PREP ART EXHIBITION

We at the Lower Primary School just had our Prep Art Exhibition on the 7th December, 2012 and we are still hearing rave reviews from parents about the beautiful artwork and how magnificently it was displayed. The look of pride on the children's faces and the surprised look of awe on the parents' faces when they first took a glimpse of their children's artwork was priceless and made for some very wonderful childhood memories.

The event demonstrated the power of art in the development of our students, both academically and emotionally. Students invested a tremendous amount of effort in creating something that was a little extra special from each of the continents. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to shine as artists. With the amazing assistance from the teachers and flawless organization, the event was a complete success.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas décor put up at school by mid-December set the mood for good cheer. For the majority of people, December 25th is associated with has all the glitter, tinsel and razzmatazz. Christmas Party, Christmas Candle, Christmas Ornaments, Christmas Recipes, Christmas Gifts and Christmas Cards are some of the major aspects of modern day celebrations. We could not let the young enthusiasts at the Lower Primary School not enjoy the festive season, so they all had a party with fun, games, music and delicious goodies to share on the last day at school. The students took home the wonderful message that the tradition of Christmas blossoms with fun and celebration and carries along with it faith, hope and love.



FROM UPPER PRIMARY & SECONDARY

End of term at UPS is preceded by the first major examinations of the school year. For many days before the examinations, teachers work closely with students to ensure that the syllabus is covered, concepts are understood and skills are practiced. Diligent students press their teachers for extra questions, or to revisit a topic that is not well understood. Tension builds and the sense of competition grows. We are convinced that it is the close sense of partnership between home and school that provides the platform for secure, sustained and successful teaching and learning at Links. Most will agree that learning and fun are not mutually exclusive. In fact quite the opposite: children learn quicker and more effectively when they are happy. We believe too that the joy of discovery is not confined to just small children. The O-Level student delving into the depths of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," or understanding for the first time how atmospheric pressure is measured, will experience that same sense of enlightenment that will feed a lifelong love of learning.



SPORTS DAY

Of course, Term One would not be complete without Sports Day. Due to early rain, our Jnr. Sports Day was postponed to Saturday December 15th. That certainly did not dampen the enthusiasm of our little ones who thoroughly enjoyed the day! The Sr. Sports Day went ahead as planned on Thursday December 20th in lovely winter sunshine, followed by a Carnival with games, food and plenty of fun.

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WINTER BREAK

The sense of satisfaction and relief that comes when we have finished something well is always rewarding. We wish to thank our students, teachers and parents for all that they have contributed this term.

AND NOW ... ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!



SEE YOU JANUARY 8!