



# In Touch

THE MONTHLY JOURNAL OF THE SCHOLARS



## From the Principal's Desk...

infrastructural facilities are second to none. I am sure that the whole-hearted support of a team of dedicated directors, talented and highly committed teaching and support staff and eminent parent community will pave the way for making a difference in the lives of children.

To be in touch is one of the most exquisite experiences of all when it concerns people who matter the most to us. In Touch, our monthly journal, aims to keep you in touch with all the major activities and developments of the school. The first issue of In Touch brings to light the most important activities prior to and after the smooth and successful opening of the school on 9th September, 2012. It is impossible to tell you all about the school in a few pages, but as you read In Touch, you will understand that there are tremendous ranges of opportunities on offer at The Scholars.

History is in the making when a new school opens. So, great care is taken to plan and execute traditions that will help to lay a solid foundation for the future. One thousand and one details of starting a new school have been handled. There remains one important task....the task of moulding The Scholars into a community of people whose inspiration is a passionate love for God, compassionate concern for fellow human beings, commitment to creativity, unflinching foundation in moral and ethical values and an ever widening love for learning.

I am very much excited about the start and together, we can make a great impact in the educational space of Qatar through hard work, dedication and determination. Looking forward to your good will and co-operation in this journey towards excellence.

Anand Victor  
Principal

I am greatly honoured to serve The Scholars' International School as its first Principal. As I pen this message, I acknowledge the grace of God Almighty, more than anything else, which helped us realize our dream of a new Indian school in Qatar. In fact, we have attained much more than we had dreamt. It is grace that brought us thus far and I believe that grace will lead us on.

My gratitude is due to all the parents who chose Scholars to be the right school for the education and good grooming of their children. It is with great hopes and expectations that each of you have entrusted your dear children to us. This is a journey that we are embarking on hand in hand. I am confident that your ward will have a great learning experience at Scholars, where every child is valued. It is our aim to mould each child entrusted to our care to be the leaders of the morrow, who will live with honour.

We are committed to maintaining excellent academic standards and we look forward to using every opportunity to improve the quality of learning experiences and to creating the best environment for the holistic development of each child. The school will create the ambience for the blooming of the child's inherent potential but the nurturing must be supplemented at home. The home has an equal and important role in the grooming of the child as the school, and together we will scale great heights.

Our campus is conducive to learning and our

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# Logo Launching Ceremony

Dr R Seetharaman, Group CEO of Doha bank, unveiled the logo of the school at a grand function held at Hotel Ramada at 6.30 pm on 5th July. The logo of the Scholars is a pictorial representation of a scholar cap on a bright and brilliant star, along with the school name, the motto ( Honour first, Honours next) and the tagline (Where scholars discover themselves) inscribed on it.

Dr Seetharaman appreciated the Scholars family

for pitching in at the right moment responding to the need of the Indian community for a new Indian school in Doha. Dr Wandoor Aboobacker, Chairman, presided over the meeting. Mr Ashraf Mukkam, Managing Director, gave the welcome address and Mr Anand Victor, briefed the audience about the hallmarks of the school. The meeting was attended by the Directors, prospective investors and well-wishers of the Scholars family.



## Inauguration of Administrative Block

The Inaugural ceremony of the school Administrative Block was held on 21st January, 2012. Panakkat Munawar Ali Shihab Thangal, a prominent leader of the IUML, inaugurated the spacious, well-equipped and well-furnished Administrative Block with a separate room for guests and a room for official meetings. In his inaugural address, Shri Munawar Thangal, appreciated the efforts of the management in providing the staff with the latest technologically advanced working environment.

# Student Exchange Programme



A delegation of students and teachers from France under the competent leadership of Ms Ilana Nadia Bennaiche, a passionate teacher and a prominent entrepreneur, visited the school in order to learn more about the prospect of working together as a team for the betterment of the children.

Ms Nadia expressed her dream of exchanging teaching- learning materials and ideas initially and later move on to student and faculty exchange programmes with the Scholars and a few leading schools in France.



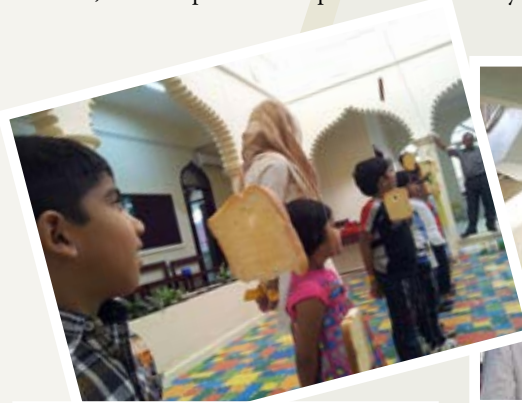
## Iftar Dinner

The first Iftar dinner for the Scholars family was hosted by the management at the school campus after the sunset of 18th August, 2012. The Directors, investors, members of the staff and well-wishers took part in the party.



## Onam Celebration

Onam, the spectacular festival of the Keralites, was celebrated in high spirits with great gaiety and fervour at the school campus on 1st September, 2012. Mr Abdul Razak Devadiyal, Academic Director, delivered the Onam message. Dr Hussain Parappil, Mr Abdul Hameed, Mr K.C. Abdulla Savad and Mr Anand Victor delivered felicitations. In addition to the sumptuous 'Sadya', prepared by the management and staff together, there were a lot of 'Onakkalikal' (fun games) in which the students, staff and parents took part whole-heartedly reliving the fond memories of yore.



# Teachers' Day

## Teacher Empowerment Programme

A Teacher Empowerment programme was conducted in the school to equip the teachers to impart quality education to the students. The training which lasted for ten days had its focus on classroom innovations integrating technology to provide enriching learning experiences for students. Classes were handled by renowned educationists and experienced professionals from India, Dubai and Kuwait.

Professionalism in teaching, Inculcating values in children, Learning styles, Theatre in Education, Health issues among children, Modern

methodology of teaching, Education to Home (ETH), Effective integration of Smart boards in classroom etc. were some of the main sessions included in the training.

Mrs Asha Sharma (Kuwait), Dr. Nazeeb, Mr Renjith, Mr Rajilan (India), Mr Naveen Sethi, Mr Vipul and Mr Datta (Dubai) led the training sessions. Classes were also handled by Mr Anand Victor, Principal, Mr Sreekumar V.S., Academic Co-ordinator and Directors, Mr Abdul Razak Devadiyal, Mr Rinith K.T. and Dr Hussain Parappil.



In order to commemorate the birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan, a teacher par excellence, and to honour the members of the teaching faculty, Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September, 2012.

Mr V.S. Sreekumar, the Academic Co-ordinator, highlighted the importance of the day. All the members of the teaching staff shared their joy of being part of a mission that guides children of the rising generation from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge. The principal, in his address, challenged the teachers to continue the good work of transforming individuals, families and nation despite all odds, as there is no limit to what a teacher can do to shape a better tomorrow.

# Press Meet



A Press Meet was conducted at the Holiday Villa hotel at 12 noon on 8th September, 2012, to announce the opening of The Scholars International School, the first Indian school in Muaither. The Chairman, Advisor, Managing Director, Principal, Administrative Director and Facilities Director addressed the media. All the leading Indian media personnel from the prominent print and visual media attended the meet. The presence of the representative of a Nepali newspaper was an added attraction. The meet was followed by lunch at the same premises.





# An evening with the School Advisor

In the evening of 8th September, all the members of the teaching faculty, along with the representatives of the management, had a fruitful time of interaction with the school Advisor, Mrs Asha Sharma, a leading educationist and the Principal and Manager of Indian Learners Own Academy, the pilot school of cbse-i curriculum in Kuwait.

In her motivational speech, Mrs Sharma encouraged the teachers to create learning experiences that will inspire the students to be life-long learners and to create wonders in classrooms. She stressed the importance of the teacher's role in building the reputation of the school by stating that the quality of the school can never rise above the quality of its teachers and the minds that lead it. Mrs Sharma also challenged the teachers to work hard 24/7 for the development of each individual child entrusted to their care, as each child is the ambassador of the school.





# Opening Day

The Scholars' International School, the first Indian school in Muaiter and the ninth one in Doha, welcomed its first batch of little scholars on 9/9/2012. The opening day witnessed the excitement and enthusiasm of the children and their parents to be part of a new institution which promises a world of opportunity for the scholars to discover themselves.

The official meeting was presided over by Dr Wandoor Aboobacker, Chairman. Mr Ashraf Mulkam, Managing Director, proposed the felicitation. Mr Anand Victor briefed on the vision, mission and goals of the Scholars. The students were given sweets and gifts. Then they were asked to exchange the same with their new friends, thus initiating the inculcation of values in children from the very first day itself. Parents were also given opportunity to express their expectations and dreams of the school in which their children are entrusted.







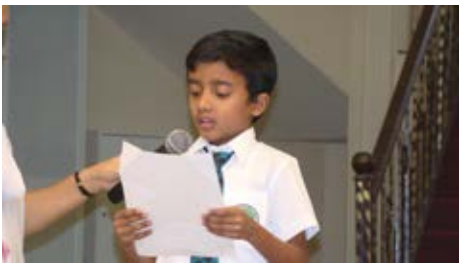
# First Assembly



First period of every Thursday is set apart for assembly programmes. The main objectives of the assembly programme are to encourage student initiative and participation in the school functions, to break the fear of the stage and to build leadership qualities in them. The assemblies will be held both class-wise and house-wise. Special focus will be given to build values in students through the programmes showcased in the assemblies.



The first assembly of the academic year 2012-13 was conducted on 13th September. All the children were given opportunity to participate in the first assembly. 'Smile and the world smiles with you' was the thought for the day. The other programmes included a few literary and cultural items.



# Co-curricular Activities

Two periods per week are set apart for co-curricular activities to nourish the innate, God-given talents of the students. The teachers, after identifying the child's area of interest impart training during the co-curricular periods. Training in public speaking, creative writing, art, craft, sports, dance and dramatics will commence from October second week onwards.



# Seminar for Teachers



A seminar was conducted at the school to familiarize the teachers about the latest and recent developments in teaching, learning and assessment on 20th September, 2012. Mr Cecil McNab, a leading educationist from Los Angeles, gave the keynote address. In his presentation, Mr McNab brought to light the present situation in educational institutions where the learning needs of students are starved because of the lack of trained teachers. Through practical illustrations he encouraged the staff to have a different worldview and to create a safe, positive learning atmosphere where learning becomes an exciting experience for the learner.

Mr Anand Victor sensitised the teachers to respond fervently to the unheard cry of the children who yearn for a change from the traditional school system. Mr V.S. Sreekumar expressed the gratitude of the school to Mr McNab and Dr Wandoor presented a memento to him on behalf of the Scholars family. Mr Ashraf Mukkam, Managing Director, Mr Abdulla Savaad, Administrative Director, and all the faculty members of the school attended the seminar, which indeed helped all attendees to have a different outlook to the needs of the learner.





# Eminent Personalities at The Scholars...



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