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From the Principal's Desk...

The month of October was indeed illustrious for the Scholars' family. During the course of this month, we were able to fulfill many of the desires of our hearts. But for the grace of God Almighty, the hard work of the management and the staff wouldn't have found its fruition.

One of the most memorable days of the month was 10/10/ 2012. The gates of the Scholars' Kindergarten were opened to admit the little scholars on that lovely day. Our joy knew no bounds as we witnessed the rush for admission in the Kindergarten section. For us, it was a great testimony to the fact that our hard work has been recognized by the community of scholars from different nations and that we have found a right place in their hearts.

Keeping an undivided focus on the vision of our school, we were able to give the best and memorable learning experiences for our students this month also. Apart from engaging the students in activity-oriented class room situations, they were assessed

regularly to check their progress in academic pursuits. They were also given ample exposure in co-curricular activities. The pages of this journal will vouch for our sincere efforts to bring out the best from each child.

In fact, our teachers are playing a vital role in developing the head, heart and hands of each child entrusted to our care. In order to equip the teachers in the best possible manner, opportunities were provided for them to interact with expert educationists yet again.

With the blessings of God Almighty, we are moving ahead in a remarkable pace. As we cross new milestones in our journey towards excellence, we solicit the valuable support, guidance and encouragement of our parent community. Let us stand shoulder-to-shoulder and do our best to build a community of genuine scholars who will make the world a better place to live in.

Anand Victor
Principal

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Gandhi Jayanti celebration

Gandhi Jayanti celebration, the first public function of the school, was conducted in an elegant manner at the school campus at 6 p.m. on 2nd October, 2012. Mr P.S. Sasi Kumar, First Secretary and HOC, Embassy of India, was the chief guest of the day. Dr Wandoor Aboobacker, chairman, presided over the function and Mr Anand Victor, principal, delivered the welcome speech.

The first monthly school journal, *In Touch*, was released at the function by the school sponsor, Mr Salim Ismail Salem Mubarak Al Adsani. The first copy of the journal was handed over to the First Secretary, Mr P.S. Sasi Kumar. Mr Ashraf Mukkam, managing director, proposed the vote of thanks.

The official meeting was followed by variety entertainment performed by the little scholars. The highlight of

the entertainment programme was that all the students of the school took part in it. The programmes included heart-touching patriotic songs, graceful dances, powerful declamations and a thought-provoking mime. A highly informative docudrama narrating the milestones in the life of Gandhi was one of the most memorable programmes of the day.

The entertainment programme was indeed a feast for the senses and it was well-appreciated by all who attended.

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School Council Elections

The little scholars of the school queued up at the school campus on 14th October, 2012, to cast their votes in favour of their leaders contesting in the School Council elections 2012-2013.

The official announcement of the date of election was made well in advance and an election committee under the leadership of the Social Studies teacher, Mr Jobin Jose, was created to monitor the process of election. The members of the committee sensitized the students regarding the election procedures and the responsibilities of the Student Council members.

Nominations were collected and the selection of the final candidates was based on the performance of the pupils both in their curricular and co-curricular activities. Their attitude towards the teachers, peers and school was also other criterion for selection.

After publishing the final list of candidates along with their symbols, platform was given for the candidates to address the school at the 'Meet the Candidate' session. Individual as well as group campaigning which followed heightened the involvement and interest of the pupils in the process.

The Scholars campus was turned into a polling station on 14th October. Polling booth was set up with ballot boxes and polling counters supervised by the presiding officer, polling officers and polling agents. For almost all the students, it was their first experience of using their right to vote. The presence of the principal and the staff members at the polling counters added significance and seriousness to the whole process.

The counting began immediately after the casting of votes. The pupils were kept in suspense for a day and then the results were announced by the principal on 15th October, 2012. In his address, he congratulated the elected leaders and reminded all the students about their electoral participation and its significance in life.

The elected School Council members are:

Head Boy	Kavish Singh
Head Girl	Ekshitha Pothula
Cultural Secretary	Mahmood Abdul Razak
Sports Captain	Saif Ali Khan
Magazine Editor	Fathima Ayisha

The students were greatly excited about getting involved in the election process too early in life. They enjoyed all aspects of the election and are eagerly waiting for the next year's election.

Weekly Assessment



In order to assess the progress of each individual in attaining academic excellence, weekly tests are conducted every Tuesday. Value building and holistic development are also considered as important as achieving academic excellence.

The school envisions moulding life-long scholars who will live with honour in a world where values are slowly on their ebb. Pupils of the school are taught to strike a perfect balance between academics and co-curricular activities at a very young age, thus gaining confidence to face the world with a smile.



Investiture

The leaders of the student council for the academic year 2012-13, were sworn into office at a grand ceremony held at the school campus on 24th October, 2012.

The auspicious ceremony began at 7.30 a.m. with a recital from the Quran by Master Abdulla of Grade 1. Shahil Sha of Grade 4 delivered the welcome speech. After the flag hoisting, the principal addressed the gathering. He motivated the student leaders to lead the change by setting an example in character and in academic excellence.

The school leaders and house captains then marched to the stage escorted by the cadets. They were formally vested with their power and position by placing a scholar cap and pinning a

badge of honour, reminding them to be life-long learners living with honour. House flags were handed over to the house captains. The student leaders took their oath promising to do their duties faithfully, impartially and to the best of their abilities.

The formal meeting concluded with a press meet called by the student council members. The council members responded to the questions asked by the representatives from the press club of the school. The press meet was a novel, yet rich experience for the council members and the press club members.

The Head Girl, Ekshitha, proposed the vote of thanks and the function concluded with the singing of the Qatar and Indian national anthems.



Teacher Empowerment Programme



As part of the ongoing Teacher Empowerment Programme a seminar on Neuro-Linguistic Programming was conducted on 13th October, 2012. Mrs Bensha Ashraf, a teacher-trainer and an expert in NLP, from India led the seminar. The seminar provided innovative ideas for the teachers to create better learning experiences for the students.

The next session of Teacher Empowerment Programme will be held from 31st October to 3rd November.



Kindergarten Admission

The primary section of the school started on 9/9/2012 and the Kindergarten admissions started on 10/10/2012. Despite the fact that the Kindergarten started after a month since the commencement of the second term, there has been a great rush for seats in the K.G.section. Admissions have been restricted to four divisions this academic year and all the seats have almost been filled up within a short period of two weeks.

The little scholars initiated their admission process by interacting with the teachers, who will soon lead them to the wonderful world of wisdom and the ever-widening horizon of knowledge. After the confirmation of the admission by the principal, the students proceeded to try their new uniforms and to procure their study materials. After equipping themselves with all the required materials to face the brave new world, the little scholars walked home holding their heads high expressing their joy and pride of being part of the scholars family.

Kindergarten Opening Day

The little scholars of the Kindergarten section stepped into the wonderful world of wisdom at 7 a.m. on 21st October, 2012. The school campus which was decorated with balloons and multi-coloured flags set a perfect ambience for the students to enter the new world with great enthusiasm and inexpressible joy.

The pupils of the primary section were also equally excited to welcome the little ones and they did a commendable job to make the day a memorable one. As the tiny tots entered the school campus holding the hands of their parents, they were welcomed at the gates by the students of the primary section who transformed themselves into cartoon characters and cheer group members.

Saif Ali Khan of Grade 3 welcomed the tiny tots officially to the new campus. Dr Wandoor, chairman, delivered the presidential address. In his address, he told that the Scholars' Kindergarten will truly live by the expectation of the parents and that it will really be a garden for the little scholars. Mr. Victor, principal, spoke about the vision of the Scholars' Kindergarten and the hard work put in for the realization of yet another dream of the Scholars' family.

Ms Biva Bhattacharya, the representative of the Kindergarten teachers, briefed the parents regarding the activities of the Kindergarten and the role of parents in moulding of real scholars.

Dr Wandoor, Mr Victor and the directors Abdulla Savad and Harshad K.C. welcomed the little scholars with a scholar cap and a scholar badge. It was a symbolic representation of the vision of the



My first impression



school that these little ones will soon be transformed to real scholars who will live with honour.

The little ones then made their first impression on a large white canvas, as a symbolic representation of making a lasting impression in the large canvas of life. It was indeed a memorable experience for the little ones and also for the senior students, parents and teachers who witnessed the event.

After making impressions, each tiny tot walked into their respective classrooms holding the hands of the senior boys and girls. This again spoke loud and clear about the school's vision of providing a right ambience for the scholars to discover themselves.

As the parents left the campus entrusting their children to the safe hands of their teachers, they failed not to appreciate the efforts of the school to provide a great and memorable start for the little scholars.



Campus news

1001 Inventions and Arabic Roots School Outreach programme

Students were taken to two exciting educational exhibitions on 22nd October, 2012, in order to have a learning experience outside their class rooms. The exhibition was designed to bring life and excitement through dozens of experiences and games that focus on inventions. It also revealed the rich and surprising connections between scientific pioneers of Muslim civilization and Europe's greatest scientists.

Both exhibitions provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to comprehend the roots of science and many of the modern day inventions.



Vision Check

Ms Melanie, the school nurse, checking the vision of the students as part of the Vision Check Campaign in schools.



Chief Editor in Campus

Mr V.K. Hamzah Abbas, chief editor of Gulf Madhyamam and a great educationist, interacting with the principal and the director.

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The School Flag

Flags are symbols that represent ownership, pride, oneness etc. The Scholar's flag with the school logo placed on a white background proclaims loud and clear that The Scholars' International School is a serene and peaceful place where the scholars discover themselves. The Scholars' flag unites the seekers of knowledge from different nations for a common cause of building a community of scholars whose inspiration is love for God, love for one's neighbour and love for life-long learning.

Truly International

The Scholars' International School has emerged as a truly international school within a short period of two months since its inception. At present, there are scholars from India, Qatar, Pakistan, Sudan, Egypt, Srilanka, Palestine, Algeria, Philippines, Great Britain, Australia, Yeman, Eritria, Iran, Nepal and Tunisia. Let the banners of The Scholars' International School fly higher and win the gaze of the world.