

Term 2, 2016

AllSpeak



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A Quarterly Newsletter of
AiU-IRSYAD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
'FOR GOD, FOR HUMANITY'

From the Principal's Office

Dear AIIS Parents,

As we dive into the second quarter of the year and into yet another busy but exciting term, let me introduce you to 'AllSpeak', our quarterly school bulletin. We conceptualised the name so as to highlight meanings at two levels. The first literally tells us that the publication is a projection of the 'voice' of the school. It is a vehicle for the school to share with its readers on exciting events that have come to past or will be happening in the near future.

But at a deeper level, 'AllSpeak' is meant to be more than just a simple tool for communication.

As a product of an international school, our vision is for each AllSian to be groomed into a 'Khalifah Fil Ard' - a Leader of International Standing. This encompasses a person of stature who exudes confidence not just in the way he or she practices his or her beliefs but also in the way he or she walks and talks. AllSpeak is therefore a play on the phrase 'I Speak'. It symbolises our mission to develop our students into confident articulators of the English language. And so the publication will serve as a platform from which each of our students will proudly declare to the public, 'I SPEAK!'.

In this edition for instance, we will share with you some highlights involving our students which took place in the previous term.

As you read on, we hope that your hearts will be filled with pride and joy on these students' achievements despite their still very short time with us. We definitely know that ours are.

Last but not least, as all parents are already aware, the phenomena of El-Nino has resulted in the heat wave at times reaching 37°C. Schools in Kedah have been advised to close down by the Ministry of Education on certain days. In such instances, the School wishes to reassure all parents that lessons are still carried out via exercises disseminated through the Class Dojo. Thus, our students' learning continues to take place. I appreciate the kind cooperation and understanding of all parents in this matter.

Thank you.

Dr Shamsuri Juhari

Flash Back

Activities carried out in Term 1
(January - March, 2016)

AIIS OFFICIAL OPENING - On 5th March, 2016, AIIS witnessed the official opening of the School. We had the privilege of our Guest-of-Honour, Puan Sri Hapsah gracing the event. We started the morning with a welcome speech by the COO of Yayasan Albukhary, Dr Shamsiah Abdul Karim.

The day was filled with performances by students of AIIS and residents of the Yayasan' Asrama Anak Yatim. Our AIIS students performed the "Asmaul Husna" and a choral recitation of "Bismillah". We also witnessed our four students receiving the Yayasan Albukhary scholarship award.

In addition to the performances, guests also had the opportunity to tour the school and explore facilities such as the library, classrooms and the computer lab. The guests witnessed the demonstrations using the iPad, the Interactive Projector as well as a chance to try out the IQuiz portal. The children also had fun with activities such as archery and the jumping castle. It was indeed a memorable day for all our visitors.

Scholarship Award

The four scholarship recipients are:

Aleesya Sofiyah Binti Azman, Muhammad Daiyan Hakim Bin Hamiza, Muhammad Isyraf Atif Bin Mohammad Aminudden and Wan Saiful Aidil Bin Wan Azmy

Reading Programme

To inculcate the love of reading, the English Language Department recently launched the Reading Programme. At the end of each term, students who read the most number of books will be rewarded.

Congratulations to Sharifah Nur Zahirah (Primary 1A) and Syed Danial Shahbudin (Primary 2A) for consistently demonstrating a love for books and reading at AiU- Irsyad International School for T1.

What To Expect In Term 2

Day	Date	Happening
Monday	21 st Mar 2016	School resumes for Term 2
Sunday	1 st May 2016	Labour day - Public Holiday
Monday	2 nd May 2016	School Closed (in-lieu of weekend public holiday)
Mon - Wed	16 th May - 18 th May	Semestral Examination 1
Thu - Fri	19 th May - 20 th May	Examination paper review
Friday	20 th May 2016	Teachers Day Celebration
Monday	23 rd & 24 th May 2016	Post-Exam Activity - Educational trip
Wednesday	25 th May 2016	Post Exam Activity - Amazing Race
Friday	27 th May 2016	Parent-Teacher Conference
Saturday	28 th May 2016	Coloring Contest for kindergartens in Kedah
Monday - Friday	30 th May - 10 th June 2016	Term 2 Break - School Holiday
Saturday	4 th June 2016	Agong's Birthday - P.H.
Monday	6 th June 2016	Beginning of Ramadhan - Public Holiday (P.H.)
Monday	13 th June 2016	School resumes for Term 3

Side News

Congratulations to our gymnast - Azra Layia Binti Yusri.

She attained multiple achievements in the recent "Kejohanan Gimnastik Artistik Majlis Sukan Sekolah-Sekolah Kedah (MSSK)" held in Kuala Lumpur from 4th - 5th March 2016. Azra obtained medals in the following categories:

- ❖ Uneven Bars - Gold
- ❖ Floor Exercise - Silver
- ❖ Vault - Bronze
- ❖ Gymnastrada - Bronze

Each month, AIIS teachers nominate a student who demonstrates positive moral values towards their friends and others. In T1, three deserving students received the awards.

The Punctuality award for the month of January and February goes to Isyraf and Daiyan respectively.

Syed Ahmad Khalish received the award for demonstrating the value of Respect (for January), while Faiz received the award for demonstrating the value of Honesty (for February).

Co- Curricular Activity

Completed CCA Programme for Term 1 - ARCHERY

We started off Term 1 with Archery as a CCA for the students. The CCA is a modular 'Whitespace' program that is integrated into the core curriculum to develop the students holistically. It's conducted every Tuesday from 1.00 - 2.00 pm. Listed are some of the upcoming CCAs for Academic Year 2016.

CCA Programme Planned for Term 3 - ARTS & CRAFTS

Physiologically, the human brain consists of 2 parts, the left and the right hemisphere. The left brain is used in logical thinking and analytical processes. This is typically activated during the study of subjects such as math, languages and science. The right brain however, is used in emotional perception, intuition and creativity. This part of the brain is thus utilised and developed when a person is involved in creative endeavours such as arts and crafts.

Current CCA Programme for Term 2 - ROBOTICS

Introducing a new activity to inspire your child. **Three words:** Robotics for Kids! Robotics for Kids uses fun, hands-on projects to get your child's creative juices flowing. Your child will learn how to build and program robots with LEGO® bricks and software, all while making friends, developing new skills and having a great time with STEM. For many of our AIIS students, robotics class is now the highlight of their week.

CCA Programme Planned for Term 4 - WATER CONFIDENCE COURSE

Teaching a child to swim is a lot easier once he/she builds up his/her confidence in the water. People are actually quite buoyant. It's easy to float if you relax.

However, a fear of the water has the opposite effect. You therefore need to build confidence in children when in water. And some of the best ways to do so is through games.