

# STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE!

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT BROUGHT TO YOU BY NEW MADINAH TIMES



## Jumu'a Mubarak!

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents & Carers,  
We are officially past the half way mark of term 3, tabarakallah this year is going by fast. During the next two weeks teachers will begin wrapping up class learning and begin preparing students for their end of term examinations. May Allah swt open our children's minds and chests and fill their hearts with knowledge that will benefit them in this life and the hereafter in shaa Allah.

We have some exciting events approaching including a Stage 1 fundraiser combined with Sunnah Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. This fundraising initiative will help raise funds to support students' extra curricula activities. So be sure to send any extra change lying around the house to support our lower primary students in their fundraising efforts. Healthy Harold will also be visiting the College on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. Notes for these events will be going home during the coming weeks.

Nearing the end of term 3 parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher in the Parent & Teacher Interviews. To discuss your child's progress during the first term of semester 2 be sure to return the note which will be sent home soon in shaa Allah. Jumu'a Mubarak!



## Principal's Message

All praises be to Allah SWT and peace be upon his noble messenger Muhammad PBUH.

Assalaamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Subhan Allah the end of week 6 already?! Where has the time gone? We must thank Allah SWT for all the blessed moments he has bestowed upon our College, Alhamdulillah Rab Al-'Aalameen.

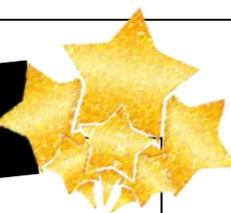
We are fast approaching the end of term 3 and Alhamdulillah it has been a very productive term. It gives us great joy that students have expressed they have thoroughly enjoyed their term 3 extra curricular sporting programs, these will go on for a few more weeks in shaa Allah before the completion of term 3.

I would like to remind students and parents of our school motto 'Striving for Excellence' and what it means to us. As Muslims our objective in life is to strive for excellence, striving for excellence in our relationships, our work, our studies but most importantly striving for excellence in our faith. To achieve this excellence we must take it seriously, believe in it and that we can achieve it, but most importantly we must work together, supporting each other in order to achieve the highest ranks of excellence in this life and the hereafter in shaa Allah.

Mouhamad Chmait - Principal

## Hadith

*The Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings be upon his) said: "Mention Allah's Name (say Bismillah before starting eating), eat with your right hand, and eat from what is near you."*


**ACHIEVERS**
**CONGRAU TLATIONS****MERITS**

Juwairiya Chmait  
 Zakariya El Sabsabi  
 Ayah Chmait  
 Khadijah Zahab  
 Hamza Abbas  
 Abdul Karim Chmait  
 Menna Al-Obaidi  
 Obayda Abbas  
 Maria Aguleh  
 Yasmin Alhasan  
 Qotaadah Al-Obaidi  
 Adam Chmait  
 Deema Chmait  
 Mohammed El Sabsabi  
 Lillian Lahlouh  
 Emaan Mohammad  
 Ali Salem  
 Youmna Mahfoud  
 Durra Al-Obaidi


**CLASS OF  
 THE WEEK**
**CONGRAU TLATIONS****Week 5****Emerald****Week 6****Pearl**

# CLASS LEARNING

## AN INSIGHT INTO OUR GEMS WEEK OF LEARNING



### K RUBY

Assalamu alaikum!! Lower primary has had a few very exciting weeks recently involving science week and our much-celebrated Book Week. During this week we have made stories for our story writing competition, completed our speeches, had a library visit where we got to learn all about the library and it's free services, explored various books and had our 'come as your favourite story book character' day. The dress up day especially was very exciting, and I could hardly contain my students all morning. Thank you to all the parents that put in that little bit of extra effort for your child's costumes they looked fantastic!!!!

Currently in our classroom we have been trying to move to a slightly more ICT friendly classroom. Obviously, we will not be taking out handwriting and other finer motor skills such as cutting and manipulating as these are crucial to your child's development. However, learning how to master multimedia devices from a young age will ensure the greatest success on your child as they become older. Also, kindergarten in general tend to find working on the iPad either in pairs or independently much more engaging, even if it is only a worksheet. It also allows them to cover more work as they are less distracted. You will probably see this transfer over into their homework a bit more as we try and form a mix of sheet work and ICT. Therefore, please hold tight as I work out a few bugs in order make this happen.

Lastly, Kindergarten will be doing a few exams in the next few weeks in order to prepare for the end of term please make sure you are practicing your child's reading as much as possible and I will let you know what is happening via seesaw, so please stay connected. Until next fortnight, Kindergarten Ruby



### 1/2 PEARL – MS ELLEN

Asalaamualaikum Pearl Class families, the mid-term assessments are all finished but it won't be long before we get back into assessments again so remind your children to keep up with homework tasks.

We had a great time with our first book week last week. We went to the library and many of the children showed good interest in learning more about libraries. If you have not already done so, then It's a good idea to pop in and get your child a library card so that you can start making trips to the library a part of their development. The children also enjoyed their dress up day and they all did well in their talks about their book characters.

We've been visiting PCYC on Fridays for gymnastics sessions which have been going well. It seems we have some very bendy children in Pearl class! In Geography and Science we've been looking at landscapes and changes. We planted some seeds and a few fig cuttings, which the children really enjoyed. With spring on the way it may be a good idea to encourage your children to take responsibility for a small garden bed or even just a potted plant at home.

The flu seems to have reached Young so keep an eye on your children's health. May Allah SWT keep us all safe and healthy. Regards, Ms Ellen

### MS SARAH

Assalamu alaykum parents, year 2 has had an awesome fortnight. Alhamdulillah, students have settled amazingly into our new classroom with a positive atmosphere. On Wednesday 21st year 2 visited the Young library, students had a blast during this excursion. In weeks 5 and 6 students have explored new content in both English and Maths. In English, there has been a focus on Imaginative texts. Students have created their own imaginative character as well as a setting for their story to take place. Students have really enjoyed this approach to writing as it has allowed them to draw out their creativity and produce something wonderful work. In maths, there has been a focus on mass. Students have been exploring volume of shapes using connectable blocks and finding the capacity of different containers using cups of water. These activities have been quite pleasant for the students. I feel students have really connected to these concepts of mass through hands on experiences. Alhamdulillah, students have been working hard and productively during lessons. This has allowed me to notice a real change in their quality of work. I have seen a major improvement in their reading skills where they have jumped up a level for guided reading. In Shaa Allah, I hope to post weekly updates and images on Seesaw for the parents of students in year 2 who are able to see what awesomeness we have gotten up to. Regards, Ms Sarah



## 3/4 EMERALD

Assalamu Alaikum! Here we are in Week 6 and what a great two weeks it has been since our last newsletter! Our most exciting piece of news is that we won Class of the Week last week! The students and I were very excited! They had worked extra hard and were on their best behaviour so it was a nice reward for them. There have been a few other interesting things that have been happening lately. The students have just completed their Mid Term Exams for English and Maths. Their results were very good and they continue to impress me with the work they are putting into these subjects and into the others.

They have also been enjoying their time at sport lately. We have been going up to the PCYC over the past few weeks and learning a range of skills for different sports. We have just completed our basketball lessons and have moved on to parkour. Students have been walking on balance beams, jumping on trampolines and climbing over small padded walls. It has been very fun and exciting to watch! I hope that they enjoy the last couple of lessons of parkour before we move on to boxing.

Students have been getting their hands a little dirty in art. They have been creating fish out of a range of mediums and on Wednesday this week, they coloured a piece of paper with crayons and painted over it with black paint. After that, they etched an image onto the paper and the creation came through in colour because of the crayon. I admit that it was quite messy but they managed to get it cleaned up in time. However, next time, I do hope they work a little faster. It was difficult to give directions because I have been losing my voice this week. The students have been finding this funny as I have been sounding like a little old grandma! Inshallah I make a speedy recovery and am back to my regular self soon!

Another bit of news I have is in regards to homework. Quite a few students in my class have been neglecting to complete and hand in their homework on Fridays. Students are reminded to bring in completed homework and place it into the blue box so they do not have to attend homework detention. I encourage them to approach me for assistance if they are having difficulty with the work so we can hopefully work something out. Lastly, students should be attending some excursions lately to consolidate their learning in English and Geography. I am making arrangements for a trip to the local library and to Chinese Tribute Garden in the upcoming weeks. Please keep your eye out for permission notes so that your child may attend! Ms. Amanda



## 5/6 SAPPHIRE & 7/8 DIAMOND



### MR ADRIAN

Assalamu Alaikum parents and families,

Students of Stage 3 and Stage 4 have had a positive couple of weeks. Stage 3 completed their English mid-term examination, which focused on informative writing. It took the students a couple more lessons than expected to understand this form of writing, but I have confidence that they all produced quality pieces of work. They are also enjoying reading Wonder, this term's novel. It is quite unique in that it tells a story from the perspective of multiple characters. I have never seen a book like it, and I doubt the students have either. Stage 4 students have spent most of the past two weeks doing their assignments in class. Some have also stayed after school, showing a high level of motivation to their studies. Let's hope their efforts are rewarded. Finally, both sets of students appeared to enjoy basketball at the PCYC and are now participating in parkour. Some of the tasks are challenging but also fun. It is a good way to build character in one's self, especially if someone who believes they are not good at something manages to do it. We had some of these successes last week, long may it continue. Photos to come on Seesaw. Yours Sincerely, Mr. Adrian

### MS SHIEMA

Assalamu alaikom, stage 3 have been working very hard during maths where they have been doing extensive practice on division, decimals and fractions. During science they have been involved in inquiry-based learning to explore types of technologies used to study space.

In arts they have been enjoying working with Sunset Silhouettes and op art. I look forward to working with them for the rest of the term InshaaAllah. Regards, Ms Shiema



**8 WAYS TO  
ENCOURAGE  
YOUR CHILD TO  
TAKE PRIDE IN  
THEIR WORK**

## #1 Be an Example

If you want your children to take pride in their work, then you need to take pride in your work. This can be quite demanding at times because we as adults are generally so much busier than our children, but you will find if you let your work ethic slide, your children do, too. In order for our children to take great pride in their work, we must consistently do the same.

## #2 Train Them

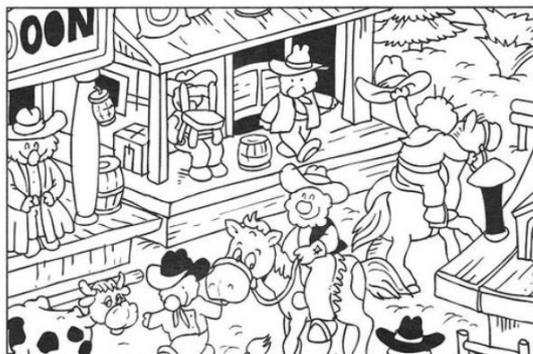
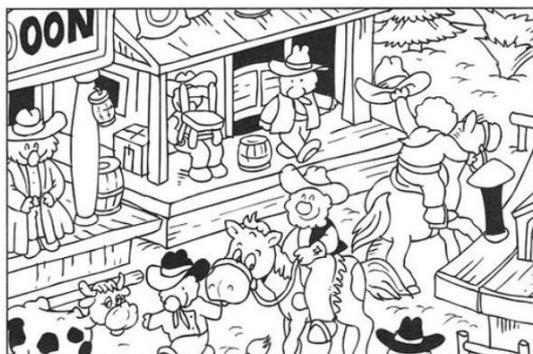
Children have to know what we expect in order to be able to do the work we expect. We all, adults included, need to be trained in what we are expected to do. For this reason, train your children so they can meet your expectations while taking pride in their work.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sunnah Day & Stage 1 Fundraiser
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Healthy Harold Visit – Years K to 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent/Teacher Interviews

## Spot the Difference

There are 6 differences in these images, can you find them all?



# YOUNG SALAAT TIMES

**FORTNIGHTLY**

DAY	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHAA
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SAT	05:05 AM	12:09 PM	03:21 PM	05:49 PM	07:08 PM
SUN	05:03 AM	12:08 PM	03:22 PM	05:49 PM	07:08 PM
MON	05:02 AM	12:08 PM	03:22 PM	05:50 PM	07:09 PM
TUE	05:01 AM	12:08 PM	03:23 PM	05:51 PM	07:10 PM
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## GALLERY

