

# ISLQ Primary News

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in the Primary School this week. We had a lovely assembly presentation today from our French Department in Years 1 and 2, well done to them. Our Professional Development days were excellent and very worthwhile spent with our two presenters. We spent two very productive days in discussion and collaborative learning. Many thanks to the teachers for giving up their time. Tomorrow we welcome Mr. John Barnstable from ECIS who will be visiting our school as the first step towards accreditation. Next week I will be travelling to the UK to visit ISL London as well as interview some teachers. MS. Beatson and Mr. Spragg will also be away in the UK working on strategic planning for the ISL group. For urgent matters from Thursday to Monday please contact the school office or Ms. Laubscher.

## Arabic Programme

As part of our ongoing development of the Primary school, this term we are focusing on the Arabic programme. We have created an action plan that encompasses a range of strategies to both the teaching and learning of the Arabic language. We have identified the following general aims of the Arabic programme:

The overall goal of the Arabic programme is to offer a rigorous and engaging Arabic programme that is appropriately differentiated to meet the needs of all the students at ISLQ.

Outlined below are the main areas we will be focusing on:

- Transition at the beginning / end of lesson: Ensuring that the students transit from and two language classes in an appropriate manner
- Student Behaviour: Implementing strategies that ensure students are behaving and learning in an appropriate way.
- Teaching methodology: Critically examining the way Arabic is currently taught and providing support to teachers in methodology and lesson delivery.
- Curriculum: Reviewing our current curriculum in lines with local and global standards. Seeking support and approval from the SEC. Exploring ways of integrating Arabic more into the PYP philosophy and units of inquiry.
- Resources: Ordering a wider range of resources to support the teaching and learning of Arabic.
- Communication: Ensuring that we implement clear lines of communication between home and school.

We have received some feedback from parents but would welcome your views and ideas. If you would like to provide us with your views please stop by the Primary office or email on the address below.

## Student-Led Conferences

On June 1st we will be holding our student-led conferences. These are an important part of the students learning and we encourage all parents to participate. On this day the normal lessons are suspended and students come to school with their parents to share their learning from the year. A key part to this day is the portfolios that the teachers and students have been creating during the year. The portfolios are aimed as a reflection of student learning. In addition to the portfolios the students will demonstrate a variety of learning and will take you to a variety of locations around the school. We will be contacting you with more details soon but please keep this date available if possible.

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## Preparations for our Y4-6 Show The X-Press Fest!!!



Date: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 shows: 10:00 and a 18:00

## Dates for the Calendar

29th April	Yrs 4 - 6 sharing assembly
29th April	CIS visit to school
2nd - 4th May	School photographs
4th May	Yrs 4 - 6 book swap
18th May	Yr 4 - 6 Concert
1st June	Parent Conferences
10th June	EC2 / Yr 1 Con

From Sunday next week, 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, the students in years 1 – 6 will be taking part in the “Middle East Maths Challenge”. This will be run on the “Mathletics” website and be similar to the “World Maths Day” competition run earlier this year. The challenge will run for one week from Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. World Maths Day was a huge success and we hope the “Middle East Maths Challenge” will generate a similar level of engagement. Your child should be receiving their log in details in the next couple of days. Get those fingers and computation brains warmed up and ready to go.