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In Memoriam

Mr. Mounir Geha:

ISC-Lahore's faculty, alumni, and students are grieved by the sad demise of Mr. Mounir Geha, as well as everyone who knew him. Mr. Geha was Director of ISC-Lahore. He passed away on May 24, 2016. We are thankful that he considered ISC-Lahore his home and in many ways treated us all like family. He was a great man. May God grant him a place in heaven, and give strength and patience to his family.

Musa Bin Asim:

On behalf of the teachers of ISC-Lahore, we would like to express our deepest sorrow at the sad demise of one of our students, Musa bin Asim, a student in Grade 10B who passed away on May 11, 2016.

Musa joined the school in the spring of 2004. He was a wonderful young man, respected by his peers and admired by avid football fans in the junior school. His penchant for football led him to coach many young players who benefited from his presence on the field.

He will be missed dearly by all who shared in his life. May he rest in peace.

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Visit to the City of The Oriental Pearl

Learning a language becomes more gratifying when one actually visits the country where it is spoken. Students at ISC-Lahore discovered the Chinese culture and traditions during their Educational Trip to China from March 18 to 25, 2016. The fun-filled trip was both entertaining and informative. On a guided tour, students visited three cities Shanghai, Zhou hung, and Hangzhou which had many interesting things to offer to the inquisitive tourists. The students were not only introduced to Chinese cuisine, but also observed both modern and traditional ways of life in China. They indulged their senses as they savored the sights and sounds of these cities.

Shanghai is a modern city with state-of-the-art museums, shopping malls, and high ways. It is called a “Vertical City” because of the high rise apartments everywhere. In the past, Shanghai was a fishing village and was known for catching oysters. However, modern Shanghai has much to engage the avid visitor. The Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall provides a sneak-peak into what the city will look like in 2020.

The Shanghai Science and Technology Museum captivated the students’ imagination. From life-sized stuffed wild animals to real butterflies and iguanas that were kept in specially controlled habitats, the museum provided ample information for zoo lovers. The robots garnered much interest and students watched a theatrical performance purely put up by the robots.

In Changzhou, children thoroughly enjoyed the rides at the Changzhou China Dinosaur Park. The entire area was inspired by pre-historic days when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Tyrannosaurus Rexes and Pterodactyls swooped from the sky and the children screamed with delight when they flew with the pre-historic birds on the rides. Every imaginable ride that could delight the thrill-seekers was there, and our students took full advantage of taking every ride.

In addition to the Suzhou Ferris Wheel, students visited Zhouzhuang, which is called “Little Venice of the East”. There, children explored an old Chinese noble man’s house and the gardens which had been preserved for posterity. The city of Suzhou lies in the southeast of China and has 2,500 years of history. It is a beautiful city full of scenic gardens and parks. The Humble Administrator’s Garden is an example of



natural beauty that has been preserved with carefully planted trees along winding pathways that lead to pagodas and lakes. The colorful blossoms everywhere add to the scenic panorama in addition to the bonsai gardens which captivate visitors from visit.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to the Song Dynasty Town which features the cultural characteristics of the Song Dynasty (960 - 1279 AD) and is the largest theme park in Hangzhou. Antique shops sold ethnic Chinese goods while the air was filled with the aroma of delectable delights that tempted the visitor. Every street corner showcased a drama or a theatrical performance that entertained the passersby with song and dance. Warriors dressed in traditional Chinese garb roamed the streets and Chinese women dressed in Cheongsam, a traditional one-piece Chinese outfit, offered flowers to the visitors.

Hangzhou is another famous Chinese tourist destination. It is among the seven ancient capitals of China. Marco Polo visited this city in the 13th century and was amazed at its size and economic prosperity. Students visited the China National Silk Museum as well as a silk factory. They their first were given a guided tour of how a silk worm feeds on mulberry leaves for 25 days, and then makes a cocoon out of silk thread. Children watched in awe as the cocoon was washed in warm water and the silk thread was rolled onto spools.



Did you know that it takes 300 cocoons to make one silk necktie? It takes 5000 cocoons to make a small quilt. Another amazing fact is that pure silk is cool in summer and warm in winter.

Here, the students bought gifts for family and friends, for it was an opportunity not to be missed. The visit to the tea village in Hangzhou was a pleasant experience as well. Terrace upon terrace of undulating hills covered in tea bushes, was a spectacular scene. The pleasant weather, fresh air, and lush green hills were a perfect combination for relaxation. Children enjoyed cups of green tea while being briefed about the benefits of drinking tea, which included detoxification, lowering of high blood pressure, and prevention of cancer.

Whether it was a boat ride across the West Lake, the visit to the Feilai Feng Lingyin Temple, or the shopping spree along the famous Nanjing Road, students appraised the Chinese culture and traditions in a new light. They now appreciate the language and the great nation that nurtures it. With its meticulously shaped gardens, its penchant for preserving the heritage, and its

devotion to hard work, no wonder China has become an economic force to reckon with!

Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz
Head of English Department

Annual English Drama

ISC-LAHORE ENGLISH DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

Grades 5 & 6 . May 2016



On May 12, 2016, grades 5 and 6 students performed the play "Bully." The musical drama intended to highlight bullying issues and give students the opportunity to try out anti-bullying strategies for themselves. It also enabled students to explore their opinions and understand others' attitude towards bullying. It was a wonderful display of talent which was not only admired by the school faculty, but by parents as well. The long awaited play "Bully" was worth the effort, determination, and hard work put in by the students of the Drama Club.

Fariyal Barque
Coordinator G2-G4



For the Love of Art!

Creativity is an essential part of a child's mental faculties. Through expressing himself artistically, a child learns to communicate visually. Life is an adventure for a child and creativity encourages him/her to discover, invent, explore, and express through different mediums. Whether it is dabbling with paint, creating collages with torn paper or recycling old newspapers to make new forms of art, children delight in exploring and creating with art materials.

The annual Art and Craft Exhibition at ISC-Lahore is a platform to highlight the artistic talent and creative prowess of its students. Throughout the exhibition, amateur artists, ranging from grades 1 to 8, expressed their artistic skill and dexterity through canvas painting, fabric painting, embroidery and cutting, and pasting techniques.



The budding artists of Grade 5 charmed the visitors with their handcrafted photo frames and newspaper baskets. The paper ducks made by Grade 1 were like a splash of bright yellow color that added to the festive mood. Paintings of two students garnered great interest among the visitors: Fatima Ahmed, student in Grade 8C and Maya Chaudhry, student in Grade 7B captivated the audience with their acrylic panels and abstract landscapes. It was an event that nurtured team spirit among the students. Grade 2 artists were assisted by students from Grade 5 in setting up their work. Both grades took pride in their collective effort and the end product was truly a "labor of love".

This year the DIY Club and the Origami Club were also part of the exhibition. The Origami Club dazzled the visitors with its carefully crafted multicolored peacock which became the cynosure of attention. The recycled items made by DIY Club garnered great interest among the students and there was a huge demand on tissue boxes made from recyclable material.

The art display was like a rainbow of colors that bore witness to the innate talent harbored by the students of ISC-Lahore. Encouraged by their teachers, acknowledged by their peers, and appreciated by their parents, these novice artists continue to nurture their creative spirit for years to come.



Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz
Head of English Department

Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year Celebrations were held on February 10, 2016. This year, we had the pleasure of having our Regional Director, Mr. Salah Ayche, along with parents of our Chinese students, who attended the event to express their exuberance in celebrating this special occasion with the school community. Students from grades 2 to 12 took part in the Carnival where they explored various aspects of the Chinese culture through learning about the Chinese Zodiac signs, answering a quiz, writing Chinese calligraphy, mastering the art of using chopsticks, while enjoying Chinese cuisine. The event came to a grand finale with a parade of students dressed in traditional Chinese costumes, heralding the blessings of a new year!

Ms. Ezel Riaz
Head of Chinese Mandarin Department



Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital - Peshawar

ISC-Lahore collaborated with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital this year to raise money for the new hospital that is being built in Peshawar. Our school was provided with 100 booklets each costing PKR 1000. Students from grades 9 to 11 advertised the campaign and managed to sell most of the tickets. They accumulated a large sum of money that was then handed over to Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital towards the end of the academic year.

Sarah Arsahd, 12A
Deputy Head of Social Responsibility

SABIS® STARS 2016



SABIS® STARS 2016 was held in Dubai with 28 schools participating in various events. This year the competition was advertised as being BIGGER and BETTER and they certainly did not fail to impress. ISC-Lahore was participating for the second time and our students showed an incredible amount of enthusiasm, patience, and commitment to their work. Their hard work definitely shone through as we won:

- . 1st place in Advertising
- . 1st place in Public Speaking
- . Final Round in the Spelling Bee

However, there was so much more to the competition than trophies and medals. It was a brilliant opportunity for students from all over the region to interact, gain exposure, and work on team building. Every one of the 17 students who represented ISC- Lahore came back having learnt something new; it was an event to be cherished forever.

“For me, SABIS® STARS 2016 was an extremely exciting, valuable, and unforgettable experience. Being with ISC-Lahore Team, provided me with a unique opportunity to witness our students’ unbeatable energy, talent, and competency which they displayed throughout the course of this highly competitive, two-day international event. ISC-Lahore performed brilliantly in all categories and bagged away first place status in Public Speaking & Advertising. The young Spelling Bee participants made it all the way to the final stage. Apart from winning, each and every student of ISC-Lahore exhibited an unrelenting spirit of competition and faced their opponents with a spirit of sportsmanship. I also enjoyed watching them sing, dance, laugh, and cry with their teammates. Senior students cared for the little ones and the little ones enjoyed all the love and attention they could receive! Ms. Margo’s presence was an added delight for us, and everyone benefitted from her advice, leadership, love, and wisdom. Mr. Abdullah’s constant support from home kept everyone in line and his endless hard work in preparing the team finally paid off in the most exciting, heart-winning colors! ISC-Lahore Team proved themselves as true SABIS® STARS and made us all proud of them. I don’t think I will ever be able to forget this wonderful experience!”

Sara Hussain
English teacher - Junior school

“SABIS® STARS was an important event for me and so was the Spelling Bee competition. I learned a lot from the Spelling Bee and now I know what my talent is. Participating in this competition which featured 68 spellers from 28 schools, was the best day of my life”

Kafeel Rashid, 6C

“SABIS® STARS was a truly exceptional experience. What made it so, was not just the competition, but also the people. Witnessing SABIS® network teachings in practice left me with a greater respect and appreciation for the SABIS® system, and most definitely had a positive impact on me.”

Rehan Hafeez, 12A



“Competing with 68 top spellers from 28 different schools for two consecutive days was surely not easy but our team did so quite bravely and enthusiastically! Everything about being in SABIS® STARS ISC-Lahore Team was awesome and I encourage my fellow students to be part of this great learning experience. I am grateful to my teachers, school management, and my parents for believing in me and sending me to Dubai where I experienced a whole new world full of diverse students. I now feel more confident as a student and as an individual and look forward to participating in the next SABIS® STARS contest!”

Ahmed Hussain, 6A



AR Ceremony



We welcomed spring this year with the AR Ceremony for senior students which was held on April 19, 2016. The theme of the ceremony was "Mystery" and the surprise guest of honor was Sherlock Holmes. His first task was to find Ms. Margo with the help of the magnifying glass. He lived up to his reputation by escorting her to the venue.

Upon entering the library which was decorated as Holmes Headquarters, mysterious footprints could be seen leading to the scene and then suddenly disappearing. Thirty-three (33) participants had to solve the mystery of the missing candy bar. Within minutes they started looking for the clues. In the end, they were successful in their mission.

The students spent a lovely afternoon full of smiles and laughter.

Ms. Sabahat Khan
AR Coordinator



Bake Sale



During the Academic Year 2015-2016, ISC-Lahore organized numerous bake sales to raise money for various causes. These bake sales were organized by the SLO[®] with the help of students from all grades who participated in the baking, buying, and selling of food items. All the money raised by the students was donated to a good cause. This year, donations were collected for the Earthquake Relief Campaign and were handed over to the Edhi Foundation. The senior bake sale donation was given to the victims of the bomb blast in Lahore. Bake Sales are an excellent way to involve students in an activity and instill in them a sense of responsibility to help those in need.

Sarah Arsahd, 12A



ISC-Lahore Playgroup 2016 - Graduation Ceremony

ISC-Lahore celebrated the end of the Playgroup 2016 session in a grand graduation ceremony held on May 24, 2016, in the school's Library Hall. The Director, Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz, AQCs, teachers, and parents received, with pride, the class of 2030! The youngest members of our community entered the hall in their formal graduation gowns and took their seats in front of the audience. Ms. Margo addressed the children and their parents congratulating them on their accomplishments this year and giving them advice for the future. Then the parents had the opportunity to watch a slideshow of some of the activities that the students were involved in during this time. The ceremony continued with the distribution of certificates and the cake cutting at the end. The little ones are now ready to start their formal education in KG1. This marks the beginning of a wonderful journey of life-long learning. Best of luck to all!



Dimitra Dimakopoulou
AQC (KG1-G1)

Staff Appreciation Dinner AY 2015-16



ISC-Lahore celebrated the annual staff appreciation dinner on May 18, 2016. The event coincided with the 130th anniversary of the SABIS® Network.

Regional Director, Mr. Salah Ayche graced the occasion with his presence. The Activities Hall was decorated for the festive occasion and female staff were elegantly dressed in colorful, traditional saris. Our Director, Ms. Margo Abdel-Aziz, who was dressed in

an exquisite Indian sari, acknowledged the hard work and diligence of her team in her opening speech. As for Mr. Ayche, he also commended the ISC-Lahore team for their commitment and dedication.

As a token of appreciation, awards were given out to staff members who had served at ISC-Lahore for eighteen years or more. Each of the staff members who attended received monogrammed SABIS® bags and personal diaries as souvenirs.

The guests savored the sumptuous food, prepared by Chef Salauddin and his culinary team of food wizards. The evening ended amidst acknowledgements and warm wishes for the year ahead.

Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz
Head of English Department





Urdu Literary Festival

This year ISC-Lahore held its first Urdu Literary Festival. The week-long event was comprised of 7 activities in total: Handwriting, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, Bait Bazi, a Quiz, and recitation of Poetry and Prose. All participants from grades 7 to 12 (around 70 in total) were divided into 5 different houses: Iqbal, Jinnah, Farz, Ghalib, and Faiz. During this event, I was fortunate enough to announce the commencement of the event and participate in the poetry reciting competition, which meant that I got to witness, first hand, all the commitment, effort, and emotion that the students and teachers put into this competition. The preparation that had been going on for weeks finally paid off and each student performed to the best of their ability. In the end, Jinnah House was successful in taking home the trophy for their team. All in

all, the Urdu Literary Festival was an excellent learning experience for all those who participated and we look forward to this becoming an annual event.

Sarah Arshad, 11A
Deputy Head - Social
Responsibility

SABIS® E-books



In keeping up with the SABIS® tradition of using cutting edge technology to enhance learning in classrooms, ISC-Lahore introduced tablet computers in grades 4, 5, and 6 classrooms during the 2015-16 academic year.

Towards the end of Term 2, students stopped bringing heavy bags to school and proudly carried their tablets. SABIS® E-books were downloaded onto the tablets and students, along with their parents and teachers attended training sessions led by the IT Department.

It is a great delight to visit classes and witness the smooth implementation of the E-book project. Teachers are teaching English, Mathematics, and Science more effectively through the E-books in addition to the SABIS Point System® of Teaching. Charts, maps, graphs, slide-shows, and audio visual aids all appear on the tablets which have created faster, more exciting and more interactive lessons. We are proud to say that our students are showing full confidence in using and managing the tablets.

We appreciate the parents' full support on the project and we look forward to introducing E-books in other grades in the 2016/2017 Academic Year.

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