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Accelerated Reader Program

Juniors' AR Ceremony

The AR ceremony for junior school in Term 3, highlighted non-fiction books to encourage students to read a variety of genres that are offered in the library. KG2 - Grade 6 students were awarded with certificates and were given an opportunity to watch a video about interesting experiments performed by Grade 5C students Musa Bin Asim and Ayaan Barque. Students learned how to create a Lava Lamp and watched a demonstration about a famous experiment called Walking Water. These activities opened the eyes of students to the benefits of reading about science. Hats off to all the winners. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Iman Farooq
Primary AR Coordinator



Seniors' AR Ceremony

The AR Ceremony has always been an event which participants anticipate with great enthusiasm. The theme of the event still remains an element of surprise for them. We began the year with Harry Potter, then Hunger Games, and ended with Greek gods and goddesses. Greek Mythology is a subject that fascinates many of us, and it was no different for our seniors at ISC-Lahore. There was havoc at Mount Olympus as the gods were arguing about being late to the AR Ceremony. Hades could not find his crown and was glaring at Poseidon with suspicion. Finally, his crown was found at the ceremony. Apparently it was left there by Persephone.

Students from grades 7-10 were among the participants. Their eyes glistened with excitement as the gods and goddesses, dressed in ancient Greek costumes, made their way to the center stage. To quote Rachel Anders, "The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page." That is the belief that inspires the AR program.

Mrs. Sabahat Khan
AR Coordinator



Art Exhibitions & Events

Art Certificate Distribution Ceremony

In recognition of our students' achievements in the field of Art, a ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2017. Our Director, Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz, awarded certificates to students who had participated in various art competitions and had won medals. The students took part in the following events:

1. Little Art: "Rang e Bahar"
2. Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital: "Birthday Card"
3. Toyota Car Competition: "My Dream Car"

In Little Art's 6th Art Beat: National Child Art Competition and Exhibition 2016-17, the topic was "Rang e Bahar" and many students from grades 2-8 participated. Haider Sajjad won 2nd place and received a prize of Rs. 5000 and a shield. The paintings selected for the exhibition were by Noor Fatima in Grade 4 and Raima Khalid in Grade 5.

Khadija Malik and Maham Rose participated in two competitions and received certificates. Moreover, Fatima Khan in Grade 9 has actively participated in all the competitions and is a member of the Tiger's Club (SKMCH).

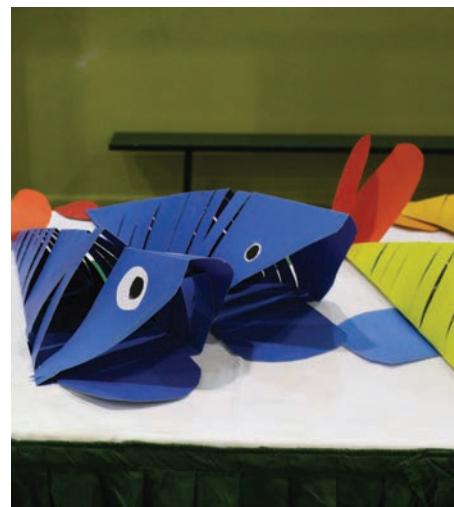
Testimonials by our budding artists:

"I believe that Little Art Competition was a brilliant experience for young and talented artists. The topic of Rang e Bahar (Colors of Spring) opened many doors for expressing our talents in art. I participated in another competition called "My Dream Car", in which we got to make our own car. There were no limits to one's imagination as to what the car should look like. I also took part in the "Birthday Card" competition held at SKMCH to help many cancer patients. We used art to show our gratitude and to express how you feel about it. The competition was about reflecting your thoughts and portraying how lucky you are to be healthy. All these competitions were amazing in their own ways and I am glad I had the opportunity to participate in them."

Meerab Zahid Bajwa - Grade 7C

"I had a really good time participating in the SKMCH "Birthday Card" Competition. It was a pleasure to see colorful cards made by other schools. Although I didn't win, it was still an awesome experience. I really enjoyed the event and the people I met."

Maham Rose - Grade 8A



Annual Art Exhibition 2017

"Students from grades 2-8 participated with great enthusiasm in the annual Art Exhibition 2017. Students displayed their creativity through paintings and recycled material. The paintings showcased the passion and dexterity of the students. The art department had outdone itself this time."

Pencil drawings by Zoya Mir in Grade 9 and glass paintings done by Shaheer Sajjad in Grade 8 were highly appreciated by parents. Grade 4 students - Maria Khan, Reem Khan, and Khadija Malik - created the "Soothing Lamp" by using recycled material. Students also collected money for charity by selling some paintings."

Serena Goraya - Grade 8C

"The Art Exhibition took place on March 27, 2017. It was really fun to help Mrs. Asad. I was overwhelmed with excitement when I found out that all my paintings were sold. I couldn't have done this without Mrs. Asad's hard work and support."

Maya Omar - Grade 8B





Brave New World!

In a world that is in a constant state of flux, SABIS® offers state-of-the-art tools to impart "Education for a changing world.®". The final professional development workshop of the academic year 16/17 was held on May 13, 2017. Mrs. Iman Farooq and Mrs. Mariam Ahmed enlightened the audience about the efficacy of technology and media in the field of education.

The workshop consisted of entertainment and lively activities which gave teachers a first-hand experience in identifying the difference between E-books and traditional books. Technology is the collection of techniques, methods, and processes used in the production of goods or in the accomplishments of objectives. As evident in the schools across the globe, technology has revolutionized the learning experience. Interactive white boards have replaced chalk boards, E-books and tablets have replaced traditional paper books, and passive learning has become a thing of the past! The IWBs encourage collaborative interactive learning and enable personalized learning.

Such technology has much to offer considering the diversity in students' learning styles. Tablets, net-books, and portable laptops all provide extraordinary learning opportunities to young people whose careers will inevitably include the use of wireless technology. Highlighting the role of the media in teaching, the HR business partner for NEO news channel, Mr. Naveed Ahmed, encouraged the use of media in education. In his opinion, the media offers both cognitive and effective experiences within the classrooms making the learning experience more profound.

Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz
HOD English & History



Ongoing Collaboration With Door of Awareness

The academic year of 2016-17 has witnessed a stronger bond and collaboration between ISC-Lahore and the Door of Awareness organization through our continuous work with the children and the teachers at Center 9.

Our previous personal development workshop held in March again included 2 teachers from Center 9 learning new skills which they could take back to their own classrooms. In our upcoming personal development workshop next month, we plan to invite 2 more teachers to help them learn and develop their teaching skills.

During spring break, SLO® prefects organized brand new books and stationary for Center 9. This was kindly donated by the vendors from our last book fair in the school, which the children from Center 9 very much appreciated.

Our final event for Term 3 of this academic year brought together 60 kids from Center 9 who were invited to a cinema/fun day. The day was a major success. It was only made possible by the help of our wonderful SLO® prefects, Mrs. Shah from the Urdu department, and Mrs. Asad from the art department. We hope that such events continue to enrich the lives of these young learners of Center 9.

Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator





School Events

English Debate Club

The English Debate Club at ISC-Lahore organized another exciting debating contest on March 28, 2017. Thirteen finalists from grades 5 & 6 participated in the contest and expressed their opinion either in favor with or against a certain social, educational, or global issue.

Fahd Hosain Kazi in Grade 6C won 1st place while Affaan Munir in Grade 5B and Farhan Khalid in Grade 6C won 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Alizah Noor in Grade 5C was awarded the encouragement prize. The English Debate Club will continue providing such avenues to further groom and strengthen students' communication and public speaking skills.

Mrs. Sara Hussain
Primary School Academic Quality Controller

Testimonials:

"Being a part of the Debate Club event was an awesome opportunity. It is definitely NOT easy to stand in front of the crowd and speak! It is much more challenging than just playing video games and winning. It gave me a lot of confidence. I recommend all students to be part of such activities."

Azeen Shahid - Grade 5A

"The English debating contest on March 28 was my first experience in a debate. I was always reluctant to do it but Mrs. Sara Hussain convinced me to give it a try, and "Voila" I won third place! The debating experience helped me tremendously in identifying and rectifying my weaknesses and mistakes. Prior to this, I did not know what the experience would be like. Now, I can honestly say that debating is something I enjoyed, whether in the class or on the stage. I am just a beginner and have a lot to learn. The courage and confidence to speak up will push me to achieve better results next time."

Farhan Khalid - Grade 6C



"The grade 5-6 debating competition was a lot of fun for the participants and the audience. The crowd was very encouraging. I remember discussing a topic titled "Artists are more important and useful than scientists". I enjoyed talking on this topic very much. I had a bit more experience as this was my second debating competition. My experience in debates had many ups and downs. In my preparation time, I was scared and thought I would pass out due to stage fright but with the support of my family, friends, and teachers, I felt more confident. During my time on the stage, I was a bit hesitant but gained confidence and received the runner-up prize. Without our Regional Director Mr. Ayche, our Director Mrs. Margo, our SLC Mr. Nathan, our primary AQC Mrs. Sara Hussain, and let's not forget our judges Ms. Dimitra and Ms. Fozia, this would not have been possible."

Alizah Noor - Grade 5C

"When I participated in the debate contest, it changed my views. It gave me a lot of confidence. At the beginning of my speech, I made a tiny mistake, but the audience and Mrs. Margo started clapping for me and I gained a lot of self-assurance which helped me complete the hosting for the debating event. I am truly grateful to everyone involved for all the support."

Henry - Grade 6B

The English debate was a fun and interesting experience. I was helping the judges by timing the participants. In the beginning I was a little tense, but once it was underway I realized my job was simple. After the judges decided the positions, I had to separate the position holders' certificates and prizes and pass them to the judges to be awarded to the students. Once the prizes had been distributed, the judges presented certificates to the other participants. Everyone left the stage with smiles on their faces.

Saad Malik - Grade 5A



Infants' Department Session on Basic Personal Hygiene – March 2017

Following the successful session on healthy food choices conducted in Term 2, the school doctor, in coordination with the Infants' Department, talked to the KG1 and KG2 students about personal hygiene. Dr. Neelofur Malik explained to the children the correct procedure for brushing teeth and washing hands, and stressed the importance of taking a bath daily in order to stay healthy. The little ones enjoyed watching relevant videos and had the chance to practice in the presence of their teachers and our Director, Ms. Margo. They also learned about foods that help our teeth stay strong and tasted some cheese at the end of the session.

Dimitra Dimakopoulou
Academic Quality Controller - Infants' School



Professional Development Workshop

Following the tradition of thought-provoking and interactive Professional Development Workshops at ISC-Lahore, the one presented on March 11, 2017, was a great success. It was prepared by the teachers of the Infants Department and comprised of two parts:

1. Differentiated Instruction and Assessment
2. Holistic Teaching Practices

Its aim was to discuss topics that resonate with the world of education and to engage the staff in various activities.

Differentiated Instruction is based on the fact that the individuals in a class have different learning styles or combinations of them. During the workshop, all departments practiced presenting a concept to address a certain type of intelligence. The "Run and Sketch" activity proved the importance of the visual aspect in effective teaching.

The holistic approach to education seeks to address and nurture all aspects of the child's development. This approach is central to the philosophy of certain educational systems but, in the last 30 years, has influenced education in general around the globe. Participants had the chance to explore some of the main features of a holistic approach through videos and activities which were both engaging and fun. For example, they learned how to incorporate more senses into the learning process and saw the importance of learning through practical activities. Helping students make connections in order to consolidate their knowledge, was also discussed. In the end, we realized that the SABIS® Educational System™ actually offers us many tools that help us handle students as individuals and nourish all areas of their development.

Mrs. Dimitra Dimakopoulou
Infants' AQC

Shadow Teachers®

ISC-Lahore held its second Shadow Teachers® Day in Term 2. This day, as always, was a great learning experience for students and Shadow Teachers® who learn many skills such as public speaking and leadership skills. Shadow Teaching® is an effective way to assist and evolve the learning dynamics in a classroom. With the new procedure that allows all Shadow Teachers® to teach at least ten minutes per week, students are becoming more adept at Shadow Teaching®. After getting constructive feedback from the teacher on how to improve their classroom management and interact with the class, Shadow Teachers® have become very effective in classrooms. We have witnessed more and more accomplished and competent Shadow Teachers® this term and very much welcome new and returning Shadow Teachers® in Term 3.

Nathan Deeney
Student Life Coordinator





Spelling Bee

Students in grades 3 & 4 participated in the much awaited Spelling Bee Contest towards the end of Term 2. After many days of practice and hard work, ten contestants were chosen for the grand contest. Mrs. Mahnaz Hussain conducted the contest for Grade 3 and Mrs. Barque for Grade 4. After several intense and exciting rounds, we had 3 winners from each grade. Yuchen Wang in Grade 3A won first place, Umama Usman in Grade 3B was a runner-up, and Rania Asif came in third. Similarly, Usharab Faheem in Grade 4C came in first, Hashim Mukhtar in Grade 4A won second place, whereas Alishba Mehran in Grade 4B came in third. All six winners received a special prize from Ms. Margo and a certificate of appreciation. It was a remarkable and impressive event as the students displayed their prowess at spelling. Kudos to all the participants, their parents, and the teachers who helped the bees!

Ms. Fariyal Barque
Coordinator for grades 2-4



Opt-Out Policy

Outstanding Results in Opt-Out Exam

Congratulations to Haroon Irfan and Henry (Grade 6B) on their phenomenal results in the Social Studies opt-out exam!

Throughout the academic year of 2016-2017, ISC-Lahore has introduced the 'Opt-Out Policy'. The policy states that students will be given an opportunity to opt-out of any course that is listed on the opt-out sheet. In order to successfully opt-out of a course, the student must score a minimum of 90% in the opt-out exam. If the student manages to receive this score or higher, then it will be considered as the final score in that subject. In addition, the student won't have to attend classes for that subject until the end of the respective academic year.

In Primary School, Haroon Irfan in Grade 6B was the first to sit for an opt-out exam and scored 99%. Inspired by Haroon, Henry Kerui Hu in Grade 6B took the opt-out exam in the same subject and scored 95%.

Now these 2 students have different tasks to fulfill during Social Studies lessons:

- Become Shadow Teachers® and support classroom activities
- Support a failing or a struggling student
- Work on developing projects assigned by the Regional Director
- Study an additional course on their own

Just like a diamond is a worthless rock until it is polished, intelligence is useless if it is not put to good use. These students have used their intelligence to shine like diamonds. The achievement they have today is the result of their talent and knowledge.

Such brilliant students are a source of inspiration for their peers, and also a source of pride for their families.

Mrs. Nabila Zeeshan
Teacher Primary



ISC-Lahore Links With the Pink Ribbon Organization

Pink Ribbon is a non-funded, self-sustained organization which aims to raise awareness about breast cancer in addition to raising funds for building the first ever Breast Cancer Hospital in Pakistan. This charity is driven by a large number of volunteers all over the country and they need every bit of help and support they can get.

Last month, the Pink Ribbon headed by Mrs. Nighat Parveen addressed the female staff and students from grades 9 upwards about what the charity does and how to detect breast cancer at an early stage. This talk was very meaningful for all involved as the participants can now spread the word to their families and friends.

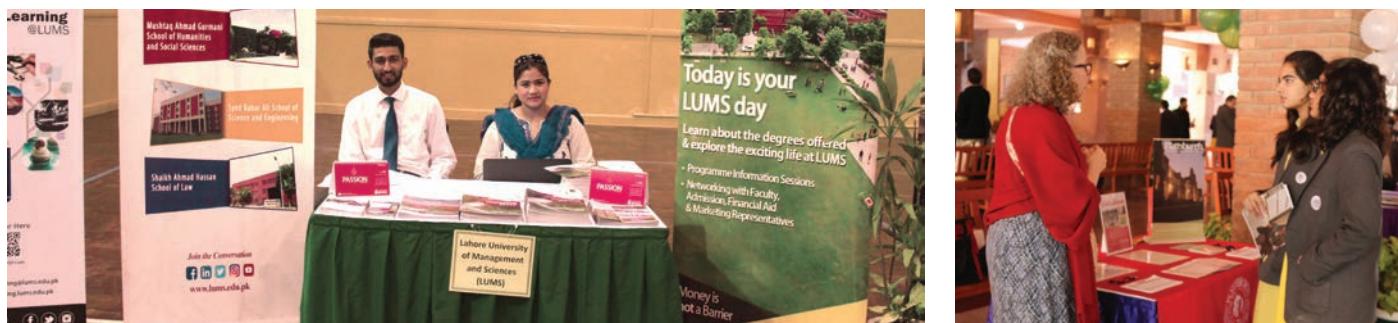
Pakistan has the highest rate of breast cancer in Asia. One out of every 9 women is at a high risk of developing breast cancer at some point in her life. Every year, 40,000 women are killed due to breast cancer in Pakistan and approximately 90,000 new cases are diagnosed. However, the number of unreported cases is expected to be much more.

The ISC-Lahore staff and students see the need to raise awareness and money for this cause. It is our social responsibility to help. Omer Aftab, the CEO of Pink Ribbon came to the school in late March to collect our first donation. We also plan to donate money that is collected from the Urdu department's Art Expo sales, thanks to Mr. Shah.

Over the next academic year, we hope to strengthen this link with the Pink Ribbon. For more information, please visit pinkribbon.org.pk.

Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator





Pakistani and U.S. Education Expos

As part of the university preparation for grades 9-12, the University Advising Department was proud to organize 2 more mini education expos in spring term. The first took place on February 8, 2017. As part of the Education USA and the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) South Asia Tour, ISC-Lahore was happy to host 25 universities from the U.S. ranging from small liberal arts universities to large comprehensive research universities. The representatives shared information on undergraduate programs, scholarships, financial aid, work-study opportunities, campus life, and visa applications.

The following universities from the U.S. participated in this event.

1	University of Colorado Boulder
2	Old Dominion University
3	Furman University
4	Troy University
5	Hiram College
6	DePaul University
7	Stony Brook University
8	SUNY Plattsburgh
9	Berkeley College
10	Luther College
11	University of Bridgeport
12	Arkansas Tech University
13	Northern Arizona University
14	Colorado State University
15	Minerva School at KGI
16	Ohio Wesleyan University
17	Savannah College of Art and Design
18	University of Buffalo
19	Northern Kentucky University
20	St. Cloud State University
21	Siena College
22	Central Washington University
23	Wichita State University
24	Valparaiso University
25	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott Campus



The long awaited Pakistani Universities Expo took place on April 6, 2017. As the majority of our students apply to universities in Pakistan as first choices or back up options, they are keen to find out more about the courses available and the entrance requirements.

It was our pleasure to welcome the following institutes from Pakistan:

1. Forman Christian College (FC College)
2. School of Culinary and Finishing Arts (SCAFA)
3. Institute of Chartered Accountant of Pakistan (ICAP)
4. University College Lahore (UCL)
5. Pakistan College of Law (PCL)
6. Lahore School of Economics (LSE)
7. Information Technology University (ITU)
8. Riphah International University
9. University of Management and Technology (UMT)
10. Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
11. Beaconhouse National University (BNU)
12. Nur Foundation, Fatima Memorial Hospital



Students and parents who wish to find out more about study opportunities in the United States, Pakistan, or any other country, are welcome to visit the University Advising Office.

The first of these mini expos took place on October 6, 2016, where we invited a range of U.K. universities to our school to share with students invaluable information about course options, scholarships, and campus life, work-study options, and postgraduate opportunities. There were over 20 universities represented spanning the length and breadth of the U.K. and offering courses as diverse as Medicine, astrology, engineering, hospitality management, media, law, business, and IT.

We were happy to welcome the following institutes from the U.K. for this event:



Wales

Bangor University
Cardiff University
Swansea University



England

Anglia Ruskin University
Birmingham City University
Brunel University London
De Montfort University, Leicester
Goldsmiths, University of London
King's College London
Kingston University London
Lancaster University
Plymouth University
Queen Mary University of London
Regents University, London
Royal Holloway, University of London

SOAS University of London
University of Bristol
University of East Anglia
University of Exeter
University of Hertfordshire
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