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NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear parents,

This week, we will finish the first month of school. The children have done baseline assessments and you already have the targets that the children have to work towards. I hope that the weekly emails by teachers are keeping you updated about all that is happening in school. I also hope that every parent has subscribed to Dojo, as this is also a source of information of your child.

Our school is moving towards achieving the **National Agenda** targets and as a result the children in certain year groups are participating in various international tests. We are now analysing the results of the CAT4 tests. Every year, we raise the bar for ourselves and our students. We believe that parents have a big role to play in your child's education. We want you to be aware of what your child is studying, so you can guide them to be independent learners. We also want our children to be compassionate human beings, who will always reach out to help others. Here is a great opportunity.....

Principal's Challenge: How to make Dubai and Star Altwar, a safe and 'disabled-friendly' place.

This challenge will last for a month. You need to research how other countries are disabled-friendly; then see if Dubai has the same or similar facilities. If not, can Dubai implement them? So, you don't actually have to do any big acts. You need to let me know (bullet points only) how Dubai can become more safe and more disabled-friendly. I put this challenge to our Board of Governors and have received the suggestion that we need to have a ramp at the front stairs of the school; as well as for the steps to the hall. It's a great suggestion for our school and management is planning to get this done during the Winter holidays

Islamic New Year Holiday is expected to be on Sunday, the 2nd of October; but we shall wait for the Government directive.

Special assembly on Thurs. 29th Sept. 2016. (Years 1 to 9 only)

Start time is 7.40 am. Parents are welcome to attend, but must be seated by 7.35 am.
Agenda: Islamic New Year + Investiture Ceremony + Introduction of Frentors + Certificates for the Cambridge YLE assessments (plus goodie bags).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

There are two rules that I would like ALL star Parents to observe:

1. NO LARGE BIRTHDAY CAKE LOADED WITH CREAM! Please send only small muffins or small donuts - no cream and NO NUTS please.
2. Please send one or two Birthday books for your Child's Class Library. Ms. Wendy will put a sticker in the book with your child's name and date of birth. This book will stay on in the school as a happy memory of your child's birthday. Please check with your child's class teacher as to which books would be suitable for the class library.

Book Drive begins on Monday, 3rd Oct. and will continue till Thurs. 6th Oct. Remember to send in as many books as your child has finished reading, so it can be kept in your child's Class Library.

National Poetry day: 6th Oct. Poetry Recitation Competition.

PINK OCTOBER (Breast Cancer Awareness): The school will observe Thurs. 13th Oct as Pink Day. Details to follow.

Healthy eating market: Star Entrepreneur day. Details to follow.

Parent-teacher Meeting: 24th and 25th Oct. Details to follow.

With warm regards from
Ma'am Dolly

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows"