



# Al Ihsaan

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## AUCKLAND PARK ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

Assalaamualyikum, welcome to our second edition of Al Ihsaan. May you find this as informative as our previous edition. Happy reading.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- HADITH
- OUR FLOURISHING GARDENS
- TERM 2-PLANNER

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### IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST BENEFICIENT

#### **AL-QURAN - Sûrah 57. Al-Hadîd, Ayat 21**

“Race with one another in hastening towards forgiveness from your Lord (Allâh), and Paradise the width whereof is as the width of the heaven and the earth, prepared for those who believe in Allâh and His Messengers. That is the Grace of Allâh which He bestows on whom He is pleased with. And Allâh is the Owner of Great Bounty.”



#### **Our flourishing gardens by Muallima Amina Dollie**

Ever since our garden project began a few weeks ago, there has been an

excitement and vigour in each of our learners. Each day, we are approached by learners, who shriek with delight at the sight of a new leaf or shoot! It seems as if with each seed growing, our learners are growing. They are growing to love their environment and to take care of it. Such education is priceless and it has only been made possible by the generosity of our parents. We have been overwhelmed by our learners' contributions in the form of seeds, plants, compost, pebbles and even watering cans!

Connecting with creation leads to a renewed appreciation for one's Creator.

Shukran Jazeelan to all!

#### **Sale of Technology items .**

Alhamdulillah, we have raised a total of R1610 from the sale of our creative designs made from waste items! A big thank you to our headmistress, colleagues, parents and learners for all your support and hard work. The proceeds will go towards much needed gardening equipment and sprucing up of the front lawn. This task made me realise that even though some of us barely know each other, we share an amazing bond!



**FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMISTRESS-MRS HC MANJRA**

School will close at 11:00am on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 for the first term holidays. Reports will be issued to all learners on this day. We would like to appeal to all parents to ensure that your children arrive on time every morning. School starts promptly at 7.45am. Latecomers disrupt lessons and learners miss out on work. Late coming also causes a great deal of anxiety for the learners. We do realise that traffic is quite a challenge but at the same time we cannot allow late arrivals on a daily basis. **Latecomers will therefore receive demerits and will have to serve detention for late coming.** Please ensure that your children are also picked up on time after school. Our APAX educators will supervise learners for 15 minutes after school has dismissed. Our security guard and support staff cannot be responsible for taking care of the children.

**A pencil maker told the pencil 5 important lessons just before putting it in the box:**

- 1) Everything you do will always leave a mark.
- 2) You can always correct the mistakes you make.
- 3) What is important is what is inside of you.
- 4) In life, you will undergo painful sharpenings, which will only make you better.
- 5) To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God - given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you. **Submitted by Anon**

**Road Safety: By Muallima Maymoona Asmal**

The safety of our learners is of paramount importance to us. Richmond Avenue is a busy road especially during school dismissal times. We would therefore like parents to escort learners across the road. Teachers and support staff cannot be held accountable if a traffic incident occurs outside the school's premises while the learner is in the care of the parent. An appeal is made to please avoid parking on the opposite side of the school as well as in the school's drive way.



**PTA-By Muallima Aysha Haffejee**

A very hearty Thank You to all the parents who made the time on Saturday 5 March for attending the meeting that was arranged by the School Management Committee (SMC) to elect the first PTA Executive Committee. Fourteen members (consisting of two educators, nominated by SMC and twelve elected parents will form the first APAX PTA EXCO. Shukran for all the refreshments, it is a clear reflection of your dedication and commitment to our school. Saturday was certainly a great success and our hope is that by working together with the same enthusiasm we will be able to accomplish all our goals with ease. The PTA will meet again on the 12 March for the election of the office bearers. The names of the elected people will be given to you thereafter. I would like to re-emphasise the fact that every parent at APAX is already a member of our PTA. . May Allah grant us all the guidance, strength, knowledge, wisdom and all else required to making our school one that fulfils all its needs and expectations.

**Hadith for the Week**

Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam:

"Do not regard any good action as insignificant even though it may be meeting your brother with a smiling face." (Muslim)

**WELL DONE!!!:**

Muaaz Amod-grade 3 and Hammad Akoojee - grade 5 for their confident and informative interviews with Channel Islam.

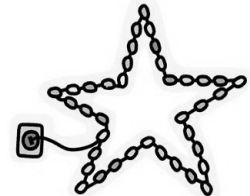
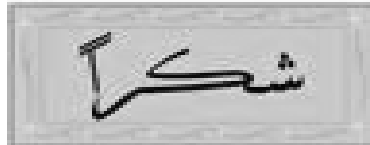
### Why we should send our Children to a Muslim School-By Mrs Fazela Amod

At state or secular schools in the West today Muslim children do not receive a proper grounding in the knowledge of Islam. Moreover, both in the classroom and in the playground they are often exposed to ideas, influences and behaviour which can both pressurize and tempt them away from the straight path of Islam and its moral code. Alhamdulillah more, Islamic schools are being set up to cater for the educational and spiritual needs of our young children. Where possible we should do all we can to strengthen and support these schools. Muslim schools are good for our community and our children because:

- The basics of Islam are taught and practiced in the school.
- Almost all the teachers are Muslim and thus maintain an Islamic atmosphere in the classroom.
- Students are expected to wear Islamic attire and maintain a proper Islamic manner which is hopefully reflected in the rest of their lives.
- There is less peer pressure to indulge in any un-Islamic behavior.
- Topics covered in classes are presented from an Islamic perspective, thus enabling the students to relate to the world from an Islamic point of view.

### To parents who have contributed to the following:

Bateman Engineered Technologies- for computers  
Missing Link Education- Books for our library.  
Microwave, Clocks  
Garden pebbles, sanitary supplies. May Allah reward you well!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE MONTH-FEBRUARY

Grade 1

Safiyya Mayet

"Our Budding young Artist"

Grade 2

Zaid Dollie

"Our Time Tables Whizz"

Grade 3

Zainab Sayanvala

"Consistent Hard Work"

Grade 4

Muhammed Patel

"Excellent Work"

Grade 5

Hammad Akoojee

"Creativity in Technology"

Grade 6

Juwayriya Dicrat

"Perseverance and Hard Work"

### SPORTS BY Muallima Aarefah Vally

As salaam u alaikum...I can positively report that our sports programme at Esperanza has given our children a drive that speaks for itself through the smiles on their faces at 3pm on a Thursday afternoon. We are also in the process of planning our Sports Day which Insha Allah will take place on Saturday 16th April

2011 from 8:30 - 12:00 at Esperanza School.

Immediate and extended families are invited to share in this fun day with us. Please carry along your picnic chairs and umbrellas. Food and drinks will be

available at our food stall. We are still looking for team names that are meaningful to APAX. All suggestions are welcome...



# My Nabi My Hero

He was born clean  
As no eye ever seen  
He was keen  
To propagate deen  
He inspires  
Me to be pious  
He's so humble  
And didn't tumble  
He was amazing  
We praise him  
He made dua for his ummah  
For those who recite the kalimah  
He was merciful to those who didn't deserve it. That's how he spread Islam, we must preserve it.  
My Nabi My Hero!



Grade 5-learners

## TERM 2- PLANNER 2011

11 April: School re-opens  
16 April: Sports Day  
21 April: World Book Day  
26 April: School Holiday  
**28 and 29 April: APAX SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED however, we will make up a day by being open on Monday, 8 August**  
23-27 May: Child Protection Week  
25 May: Africa Day  
28 May: Parent/Teacher Meeting  
6 June: World Environment Day  
7 June: Evacuation Drill  
9 June to 21 June: **Intermediate Phase EXAMS**  
ALL learners grades 1-6 will dismiss at 14h00 during the examination period To END of term. 24 June school will dismiss at 11h00 for mid-year break. Reports will be issued

## Cape 2 Gaza By Muallima Fatima Badat

We are pleased to inform you of our participation in the Cape 2 Gaza, School Bag Project, organised by the Al-Quds Foundation SA.

We have given our learners pamphlets as well as a talk on the project. The project requires our learners to collect funds, school bags, stationery or money. The collected items will be given to the learners of Gaza or monies will be used to purchase stationery from the neighbouring middle eastern countries which will be specifically given to the children of Gaza.

The convoy will be travelling via land and sea, the land convoy will be travelling throughout South Africa and Africa, informing cities and towns of the plight of the Palestinian people. The convoy will have 30 to 40 vehicles that will be left in Gaza, these vehicles will be left behind and be converted into ambulances, school buses and any other required vehicles that the people of Gaza will need.

We are proud to be able to contribute towards such a noble mission. We are encouraging the learners that it does not matter how much is given but rather the sincerity you give it with.

"Actions are judged by intentions." Hadith.

## Rights Of Parents

It is stated in the quraan that it is compulsory for every child to treat his parents with goodness and mercy. You must speak to them gently and respectfully. "Paradise lies under the feet of the mother." "He who wishes to enter Paradise through its best door must please his parents." "If a person looks with love at his parents, Allah writes in his favour the reward equal to the performance of one Hajj." It is re-

lated that a man came to Nabi ﷺ and asked him to whom he should render kindness. The prophet told him to be kind to his mother. Three times he put the same question to the prophet, and three times he got the same answer. When he asked the question the fourth time, he was told to be kind to his father, indicating that the mother's right took over the right of the father. Nabi Muhammed (SAW) said that it is a major sin to disobey your parents.

Eesa Sader grade 6 (edited version)

