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From the Editor...Mrs Fazela Amod

As Salaamu Alaikum,

One of the best parts of the holiday season is the opportunity to take a break however brief from regular day to day affairs. I hope this year that we can use this time to reflect on items that are most important, rather than on what is most urgent. As the senior administrator of APAX I have grown to appreciate how easily the urgent can push aside the important, but I strive daily to focus on the important, our school!

I hope that, during the holiday break, you will also be able step back and focus on the important topics in your professional and personal lives. Best wishes for a peaceful and joyful holiday.

May Allah bless you all

From the Principal...

As Salaam U Alaikum Parents

It is hard to believe that another school year has come to an end so quickly. It is at times such as this that you take the opportunity to pause and reflect on the year that has gone before and set your thoughts on the possibilities which lay ahead. As I reflect I can't help but be proud of the wonderful efforts and achievements of our learners, staff and you the parents over the past year.

To the Board of Managers

Thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed in terms of taking APAX to new heights. We look forward to newness and greater success in 2015.

To the PTA...

Special thanks to our PTA for purchasing three new data projectors for us and for funding our Annual Awards Ceremony. You have worked tirelessly throughout the year and have assisted us in achieving many successes. May Allah reward all of you abundantly!

To all our parents...

Thank you for all your support and assistance throughout the year. Many parents have made donations and given off their time. Help us to build a school of excellence by being involved in all our activities!

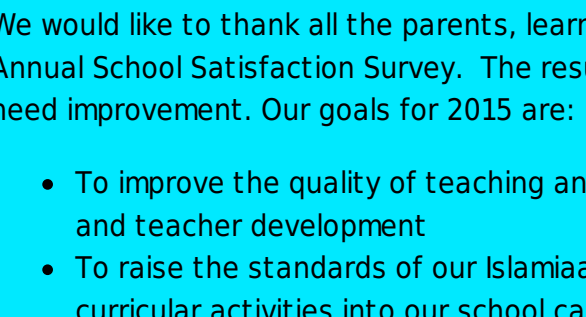
To all our learners....

Whatever your background or upbringing, whatever your ambition in life at the moment, you have the chance to achieve anything you want, and the opportunity to be the master of your own destiny. However it won't come easy and it won't happen overnight. You'll have to keep doing what you're doing; achieving good grades and attending school regularly. You'll have to undertake extra-curricular activities that you enjoy, and allow them to broaden your horizons. You'll have to show initiative and motivate yourself to work hard to complete projects, assignments and homework on time. And you'll have to start thinking about what you want to do later in life; the kind of lifestyle you want to lead, the type of job you want to have, and the subjects you want to study at university or college. As the year comes to an end and you start having a vision of 2015 remember to aim high and think big, be optimistic and dream the impossible. Most importantly of all, create for yourself a life of purpose, where you put love and hope ahead of fear and doubt. Have a fantastic holiday. Be safe and see you all in 2015 In Sha Allah

Muallima Nadia

APAX AGM

We had our Annual Apax AGM on 28th November. Reports were given by the Board of Managers, the PTA and the School. An AGM is an opportunity for parents to hear, first hand, about events, happenings and plans for the future. Many important issues were highlighted and it was disappointing to note that many parents chose to stay away. We urge parents to make attending school functions a priority.



APAX LEARNERS VISIT HOUGHTON MUSLIM ACADEMY

Our Grade 1 and 2 soccer teams played a friendly match against Houghton Muslim Academy on 4th December. It was an enjoyable morning...both staff and learners enjoyed making new friends.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Our Annual Awards Ceremony took place on 3rd December. Congratulations to all the learners who excelled in 2014. Special congratulations to the following learners who scooped the top awards for the evening:

MOHAMMED TROPHY FOR DUX AWARD
Yasmeen Kola (Grade 9)

FATIMA AND NAZIR TALIA TROPHY FOR SERVICE TO OTHERS
Abdullah DOLLIE (Grade 9)

GANGAT TROPHY FOR ESPRIT DE CORPS
Dahyah Saloojee (Grade 8)

We would like to thank Dr Ridwaan Mia, our Guest of Honour, for his inspirational message.

WE'RE SORRY....

We would like to apologise to Muhammad Kola and Faheem Ayob for the slip up made at prize giving and would like to thank their parents for understanding... Muhammed receives a Merit Badge and Faheem Academic Colours. These awards will be presented at the first school assembly in 2015.

BOOK PACKS

These have been issued to all learners from Grade 4-9. Books must be neatly covered and ready for work on the first day of school. Book covers have been included in your pack. Kindly use the correct covers on the books issued.

SURVEY

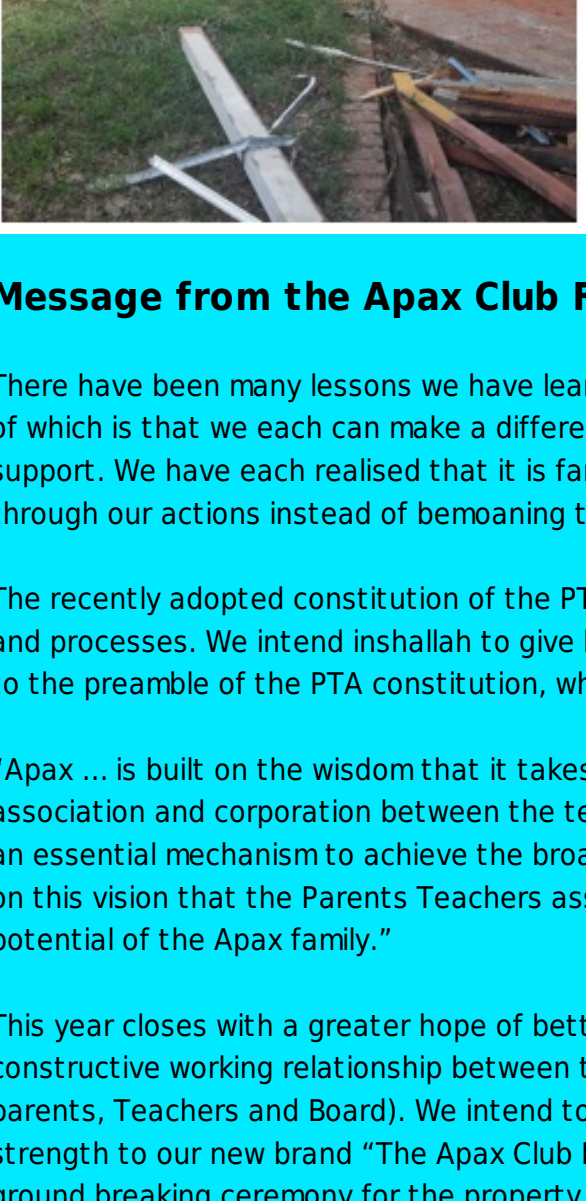
We would like to thank all the parents, learners and teachers who participated in our Annual School Satisfaction Survey. The results gave us valuable input about areas that need improvement. Our goals for 2015 are:

- To improve the quality of teaching and learning by focussing on classroom practice and teacher development
- To raise the standards of our Islamiyat teaching by including more Islamic co-curricular activities into our school calendar
- To strengthen home school relationships by working together with our PTA
- To extend our existing extra mural programme by including additional sport and cultural activities

CURRICULUM

Our learners wrote the International Conquesta Olympiads - at most schools only the highest academic achievers are chosen to enter. At APAX, we entered all our learners from Grade 4-7. We were very pleased with our results. The following learners did us proud by achieving Platinum Certificates:

Grade	Name of Learner	Subject/s
1	Muhammed Budruddin	Mathematics
	Mohammed Ilyas Bhyat	Mathematics
	Muhammad Bilal Ebrahim	Mathematics
	Jafer Patel	English
	Yusuf Sadek	Mathematics
	Sanaa Arbee	Mathematics
	Rania Dawood	Mathematics
	Shahana Gangat	Mathematics
	Yaqeen Loonat	Mathematics/English
	Rayyaan Rayman	Mathematics
	Yahya Sader	English
	Nabiha Amod	Mathematics
	Kareema Cassim	Mathematics/English
	Safiyya Vawda	Mathematics/English
2	Yusuf Dadoo	Mathematics/English
	Yusuf Muhammad Ameer	Mathematics
	Iman badat	Mathematics/English
	Yusaira Daya	Mathematics
	Asmaa Gangat	Mathematics/English
	Toufiqah Khan	Mathematics/English
	Naseeha Majam	Mathematics/English
	Rumaysa Muhammad	Mathematics/English
	Maryam Patel	Mathematics
	Asma Ravat	Mathematics
	Razaan Goolam	English
	Muhammad Daanyaal	Mathematics/English
	Musabbihah Areff	English
	Hanaa Schuster	English
3	Moosa Ballim	Mathematics
	Abdurrahman Gangat	Mathematics
	Tameez Jassat	Mathematics
	Sameehah Essa	Mathematics
	Mahdiya Patel	Mathematics
	Luqmaan Barmania	Mathematics
	Zainab Talia	Mathematics
	Amirah Vawda	Mathematics
4	Mueen Dawood	English
	Yaseen Motara	Mathematics
	Zahra Sader	Mathematics
5	Muhammad Akoodie	Natural Sciences
	Zahrah Ayob	English/Natural Sciences
	Ameera Badat	English/Natural Sciences
	Fatimah Kapadiya	Natural Sciences
	Mariam Loonat	English/Natural Sciences
	Yasmeen Vawda	English
6	Yousha Sader	English
	Faatimah Areff	English
	Razeena Adam	English
7	Yusuf Coovadia	Mathematics
	Aneesa Randeree	Natural Sciences
	Tasneem Matthews	Natural Sciences
	Lubna Dildar	Mathematics/Natural Sciences
	Aisha Kola	Mathematics/Natural Sciences



BUILDING ON CAMPUS 3

We are very excited to report that building on Campus 3 has commenced. Your sincere Duas are needed as we start our building project. More pics available on our facebook page

Message from the Apax Club Family (PTA)

There have been many lessons we have learnt as Apax Club Family this year. The biggest of which is that we each can make a difference through effective involvement and support. We have each realised that it is far more productive to contribute to real change through our actions instead of bemoaning the many wrong things that we see.

The recently adopted constitution of the PTA brings with it a clearer structure, objectives and processes. We intend inshallah to give life through our conduct and real contributions to the preamble of the PTA constitution, which states:

"Apax ... is built on the wisdom that it takes a village to raise a child. As such the association and corporation between the teachers and parents of the school is valued as an essential mechanism to achieve the broader development of our children. It is based on this vision that the Parents Teachers association is formed to harness the true potential of the Apax family."

This year closes with a greater hope of better communication, growing respect and a constructive working relationship between the three facets of the Apax family (The parents, Teachers and Board). We intend to harness this as we go forward and give strength to our new brand "The Apax Club Family". On 8 December 2014 we attended a ground breaking ceremony for the property behind campus 2 and we are positive that we will have the beginnings of a new campus early 2015.

We thank all parents who have participated through their time, efforts, resources, criticisms, concern, opinion and generally positive support of the Apax family. It is through your support that we have life as an association. We have always been amazed at the amount of positive energy that parents bring to support the school and it initiatives. We also thank the teachers, management and board of Apax for your positive contributions you provide.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We warmly welcome the following new teachers who will join our APAX family from January 2015:

- Mrs Amrina Kola (Afrikaans)
- Mrs Aamena Mia (Grade 4)
- Mrs Zuraya Dalvi (Mathematics/Natural Science)
- Moulana Enver Mentoor (Islamiyat)
- Mrs Sophia Saib (English/Accountancy)



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015:

TERM ONE:	14TH JANUARY 2015	25TH MARCH 2015
TERM TWO:	13TH APRIL 2015	26TH JUNE 2015
TERM THREE:	20TH JULY 2015	02ND OCTOBER 2015
TERM FOUR:	12TH OCTOBER 2015	09TH DECEMBER 2015

And Finally.....

Congratulations to our webmaster, Mohammed Sayanvala. Mohammed has completed his degree in Chemical Engineering and will be graduating with honours. Well done Mohammed!