

PETALS

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The Vibrant Colours of ICSK Junior

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Principal In-charge's Message

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL KUWAIT



"VISION WITHOUT ACTION IS JUST A DREAM ACTION WITHOUT VISION PASSES THE TIME BUT, VISION AND ACTION TOGETHER ... CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"

This is the second issue of Petals, a quarterly e-magazine that is also being released in printed version for you to read and understand. These are products of your hard work, imagination and creativity.

'Petals' gives you an insight to ones' thought and creativity with varied expressions. You have an opportunity to showcase your multi-faceted talents like writing, drawing and art skills.

Your parents as well as we, educators, have a mutual obligation-that is to help you, the students to prepare for a wonderful future. Share all your joys and worries with your parents. The parents may not visit our school each day, but their

support, compliments, quick response to our request for help and love for their children and school is unwavering.

We value individualism and try to inculcate creativity, innovation and confidence. Our junior school is a beautiful garden where children are encouraged to say "I see it, I get it and I can do it." We believe in understanding a child's strength and qualities. School is a temple of knowledge, where the students are nurtured to blossom into intelligent, socially affable and responsible personalities.

Schooling is not only about gaining good marks but also to gain knowledge, to know one self and surroundings.

Learn to make good friends and try to be independent. Never say I cannot. Each one is unique. The reflection of creative skills and positive approach of thoughts of our young minds are a reflection in the path of success.

All the children may not blossom at the same time. Our faculty continues to motivate the students, encourage their impressionable minds, blend their thoughts, nourish their spirits, pull and remove their flaws. So that, the light can stream in and the buds will soon bloom, grow and prosper.

I hope this creative effort of our minds will come as a stepping stone, towards the many milestones that we have to cover in pursuit of excellence.

Junior Spell Bee Champions



MARRS INTERNATIONAL held Spell bee competition recently in Kuwait. Master Gokul Srinivasan of VI G was declared winner in category IV and was awarded Gold Medal and has been chosen for Kuwait National Championship. Miss Evelyn Cisal Joechim of class VI E was the 2nd runner up in category IV and Miss Joanne Annette Jacob of class IV B was declared the 2nd runner up in category III. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the winners!!!

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Grand Parents Day	2	Assemblies	4,5	Art
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Juniors have done it again!! The students of ICSK Junior brought laurels to school by winning the Table Tennis and Chess Inter branch Tournament conducted on 22nd October 2016 in ICSK Amman. Kudos to the winners!!

Petals - The Vibrant Colours of ICSK Junior

Events and Happenings







On Wednesday 7th September 2016, ICSK Junior celebrated Grandparents' Day. It was a special day to honour the grandparents. Principal In charge, Mrs. Sherly Dennis, in her key note address expressed the vital role played by grandparents in the life of a child. Our tiny tots in colourful attires entertained the audience with foot tapping dances and a melodious group song. The event brought twinkle in the eyes of Grandparents. Vice Principal, Mrs. Gomathy Murthy, delivered heartiest vote of thanks for yet another success event in school. This was followed by a group photo.









On Saturday 24th of September 2016, a workshop with a difference was conducted for teachers of the Indian Community School Salmiya Junior. The convener of the workshop

Dr. V. Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK, through a unique presentation, at length, suggested strategy on planning, teaching and classroom management. The workshop titled 'Architects of Tomorrow' was highly informative and interactive with added humour. 81 faculty members in total attended the workshop that focused to encourage interactive teaching methods and reciprocal learning between students

A Farewell to Mrs. Gomathy Murthy

ICSK Junior witnessed an evening full of memories and sentiments as the staff bid a fitting farewell to their dear Vice Principal, Mrs. Gomathy Murthy on 13th October 2016 in the school premises. The event was well attended by the honourable board members,

Mr. Amer Mohammed - Hon. Secretary,

Mr. Agnello Fernandes – Hon. Joint Secretary, Dr. V Binumon – Principal and Senior Administrator, Branch Principals, Vice Principals and members of staff. Mrs. Sheeja, Vice Principal ICSK Junior welcomed the gathering. The Principal In-charge, Mrs. Sherly Dennis expressed that she will miss a mother figure and the greetings and the hugs that she received every morning in the school. Teachers expressed their love and affection through speeches, poems and songs. Mrs. Gomathy Murthy was felicitated by the management

with a memento.







and faculty.



ICSK JUNIOR ARTS FEST PEARLS 2016

The much awaited calendar event of the year, ICSK Junior Arts Fest Pearls 2016 was conducted from 24th October 2016 to 12th November 2016 in the Junior school premises. Over 3000 participants took part in various competitions under 3 categories. A glittering Valedictory Function was held on 12th November.

Here are some glimpses from the Art fest.



Special Days for Kindergarten





Assemblies

A DAY TO THANK TEACHERS - TEACHER'S DAY

The students of ICSK Junior held series of assemblies to mark one of the most important days in the lives of teachers and students - 'Teacher's day'. Students rendered wonderful songs thanking their teachers. A foot tapping dance performance dedicated to their teachers stole the show. An informative speech about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan was given.





In her speech, Principal In-charge, Mrs. Sherly Dennis spoke about the importance of teachers in our society. She reminded that every teacher should strive to bring a positive change in the lives of their students. On this day of significance, students showed their love and respect and also felicitated the teachers by giving cards, book marks and bouquets.







The students of ICSK junior celebrated Eid Al-Adha by conducting a series of special assemblies incorporating all classes on 19th, 20th and 21st of September with much enthusiasm and fervor. A short poem about Eid was recited. Children enacted the rituals during Hajj, portraying the spirit of universal brotherhood and the festivities associated with Eid Al Adha. The wonderful dance and melodious Qawwali song performances by the vibrant children added charm to the festive atmosphere. The assembly dispersed with the singing of Kuwait National Anthem.













Mahathma Gandhiji's life and teachings have inspired generations all over the world and continue to inspire. The students of ICSK Junior marked the birthday of the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi by conducting a series of special assemblies on the occasion. The students dressed up as Mahatma Gandhi and spoke about the Principles –Truth and Ahimsa. The skit presented by the children was a glimpse of his simplicity and depicted how an old little man clad in simple dhoti overpowered the British using his principle of Ahimsa and how he made his life his message. On this day, meritorious certificates were also distributed to the winners of CCA competition for the month of September 2016.







World Peace Day









HOMAGE TO MARTYRS

On Sunday 25th September 2016, the school conducted two special assemblies to pay homage to the 18 brave hearts of India who lost their precious life in the recent URI attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. Principal in charge Mrs. Sherly Dennis in her address, in a serene atmosphere, inculcated the feelings of nationalism and patriotism in children and all staff members by administering the pledge to all the students. She further informed the students on the fund initiated by Indian Government for the families of the Indian Military and Para-Military forces and encouraged the students to contribute towards the fund. A touching three minute silence was observed.







FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - DIWALI

The students of ICSK, Junior held special assemblies to mark the festival of lights-Diwali. The tiny tots celebrated the festival of lights in a joyous way in their morning assemblies held on 24th Oct, 31st Oct and 2nd of November 2016.

The children explained the significance of Diwali through speeches and skits and dances. The stage was lit with many "Diyas" to bring more joy to the celebration. Mrs. Sheeja Ravi, Vice-Principal in her speech spoke about the necessity of removing the darkness of evil from our minds with the light of goodness. Principal in-charge Mrs. Sherly Dennis congratulated the participants and advised them to be the light of the world with their good deeds and thoughts.













CCA

ICSK Junior conducts CCA competitions on a regular basis to engage learners in useful and creative activities in the comfort of their classrooms. The activities planned for the month of September included clay modeling for class I, English handwriting for class II, and 'Wealth from waste' for class III. The students of class IV and V were engaged in the activity of 'Slogan writing'. For LKG, the theme of fancy dress was on social helpers. UKG students were dressed up in their beautiful, exciting and very interesting costumes depicting renowned personalities. During the month of October, Class I had Bookmark competition and Class II and III students had elocution competition. The subject being, "Protect our animals". Students of IV to VI were engaged in the activity of lantern making. Pre-primary UKG sections conducted a competition in enactment of nursery rhymes. On the same day, ICSK Junior Pre-primary LKG sections conducted finger printing competition.

















SUPW - Socially Useful Productive Work





Poem - Funny Bunny

Honey, money, bunny, Walking so funny. Eating honey, spending money, Wasting your precious time!

Eat and eat, spend and spend Honey and money.
Honey, money, bunny
Walking so funny



Story - Friendship is not for breaking

Once upon a time there lived a boy named Jack. He lived in a house with his parents and a little brother named Harry. The first day when Jack went to school he was trying to make friends with the children out there. A boy named Sam was quite friendly. During the free period, Sam went to Jack's place and gave him a handshake and said in a kind tone, "My name is Sam, would you like to be my friend? Jack was very happy as no one in the class had talked to him except the teacher.

One day when they were returning from school, they lost their way in middle of the jungle. Sam was angry and said that they lost their way because of Jack. But Jack was innocent. They decided to split and go different ways. Jack was sad that he lost the only friend he had. On the way Jack felt something wrong is going to happen to Sam. Jack ran back the way following Sam's foot prints. He saw that Sam had fallen into a pit! Jack was so worried. He saw an old dusty cabin nearby. He ran inside and searched for a rope. Jack took a rope that was lying on a table. He ran towards the pit and saved Sam and from that day



they both became best friends.

Reyhaan Riyas - IV C

Story - The Plan of the Shiny Milk Container

A new milk container, a shiny one, was waiting at the shop to be sold. Soon, a milk man came and bought it from the shop. He kept it at home and went to feed his cows.

The new container saw many containers and said shyly, "Hello Friends." Other containers also said hello to him.

Soon the milkman came, took the containers and started pouring the milk. He only filled a half of each container with milk. The new container was surprised at his behaviour. Then, he poured water to fill the rest of the half containers.

The new container said, "Why is this milkman cheating the people?" The other old containers said, "He always does this, we can't do anything to stop him." The new container said, "We must stop this cheating practice of the milkman at once."

So, they toppled over and all the milk was spilt. The milk man saw this and was very sad. Next day, when he added water, the same thing happened and all the milk was lost. It continued for a few days. One day, the milkman forgot to add water, so no milk was wasted. Each time, he added water, the milk was spilt. So, finally, after many days, the milkman understood his mistake and felt ashamed and started to be true to himself and started living an honest life. Now, all the containers served their purpose with happiness.

Moral:

Never try to cheat others. By the way, you can only cheat yourself if you cheat others like the milkman did.



Poem - Nature

The clear blue sky Oh! So high
The sea so deep and full of peace
The many gardens Oh! So green
The chirping birds make sounds so sweet
Tall, short and fat Oh! So many trees
Fruits so sour, sweet and juicy
Oh they are so tasty
The mountains so big and huge
The wind is blowing
Yes that is nature, I am nature
Yes that is me.



Asra Siraj -V C

Story - The Five Kittens

Once upon a time, there were five kittens that lived in a palace.

They lived a very luxurious and royal Life. They had good place for living, nice food and were loved by everyone at the palace.

They played inside the palace only. They were longing to go outside. So one day they escaped from the palace. When they went outside everything was different for them. They admired the new world and enjoyed a lot. They ran here and there. After some hours they felt hungry, struggled without a shelter, got wet in heavy rain and were tortured by naughty children.

They suffered due to unstable weather and lack of food. After suffering they started missing the comfort of palace life and so they decided to go back to the palace. Palace people were very happy to receive the Kittens. The Kittens realized their mistake. They admired the lovely people. They lived happily ever after.

MORAL: BE HAPPY AT YOUR OWN PLACE



Akshaya Jeyakumar -IV F



Riddle

- 1. What kind of tree lives in your hands?
- 2. What kind of room has no door or window?
- 3. What building has the most stories?
- 4. What table can you eat?
- 5. It is very easy to get into but it is hard to come out?
- 6. What house can fly?

Compiled by Sreelekshmi Binumon - V E



Answers 1. Palm, 2. Mushroom, 3. Library, 4. Vegetable, 5. Trouble, 6. Housefly

My Ambition

My ambition is to become a chef. I want to be a chef in Australia, because I think all the best chefs work in Australia like Matt Moran, Shannon Bennett, and George Columbaris etc. I want to become one of the best chefs in the world. I love to cook and in my house I have cooked pastas, pizzas, cakes, fried rice etc.

Cooking for me, is my way of expressing myself. It gives me a chance as a person to show my friends and family what I am good at and what I love to do. I have not always enjoyed the art of cooking. With cooking, I have learned to prepare different types of meals using different methods and ingredients. I have decided to do my hotel management course after I grow up and will go abroad for my further studies. I will work hard to fulfill my dreams.

Faizaan Fayaz Shaik - V A

My Dream Vacation

My friend Jisha, had been to Egypt two years back. Since then, she had been describing the fun and beauty of that trip. Listening to her enthusiastic stories, I became more and more passionate about visiting a new place during the holidays. I shared my passion with my brother and both of us began to long for a beautiful vacation.

As things were moving fine and normal, on one fine day of last August, my father surprised us by declaring that he was planning a family trip to Dubai during the Eid holidays. We were so happy. The fact that we were supposed to travel with some of our family friends was the cherry on the cake.

"Wow! I've got my friends with me on my dream trip."

After an episode of exciting shopping and packing, we were off to Dubai on 21st September. Many famous spots in Dubai, which we had come across in internet and television, had been charted for site visits .We visited The Grand Mosque, The Burj Khalifa, The Dubai Mall, The Wild Wadi Water theme park, The Ferrari World and many more touristic attractions. Each and every place we enjoyed as if in a dream.

Among all those wonderful sites, an evening spent in a cruise turned out to be my favourite. It was almost 7pm on that fine evening. We gathered near the sea side. A few cruises stood there all decorated and majestic .We were directed towards ours. I ran in enthusiastically with my friends and occupied a very beautiful dining table positioned at its centre. The inside of the cruise liner was beautifully lit and there were several other tables all around. Our parents comfortably occupied all those tables. A variety of entertainment programs were conducted there. A very delicious dinner was served soon .We sang and danced together. We, the kids enjoyed the grand magic show performed there and right after the dinner a beautiful snowy white cake was arranged on the table. We were surprised to know that it was for my brother's birthday celebration. He cut the cake and we all celebrated together.

That was indeed a very memorable experience....

Nidhi Mythily Girish -VI B

My Ambition

My ambition is to become an army officer. The interest to become army officer came from my Grandfather. He told me a lot of stories about his life. He is a retired Major. I am greatly influenced by him because of his disciplined life. Everything what he does is like a rule book. I have made great plans to make this ambition successful. After completion of my standard 12th, I want to go for NDA (National Defence Academy). Another reason for becoming army officer is to serve my mother land. Now a days everybody is running for the professional job like Engineering, Doctor etc.

Army life is very challenging and interesting but my choice is not limited to army, even if I get opportunity in Navy or Air force I am keen to take that profession, because motive of all 3 services is same - that is to serve our country. In the end I like to tell my friends to think about this career.

Nikhil Stalin Joseph - V A

अगर मैं डॉक्टर होता

- 1 अगर मैं डॉक्टर होता तो मैं सब का इलाज करता।
- 2 और मैं सबके लिए दवाई लिखता।
- 3 मैं बीमार लोगों की मदद करता।
- 4 मैं सबको ठीक करता और सबको गुलाब का फूल देता।
- 5 मैं सबसे प्यार करता और छोटे बच्चों को गले लगाता।
- 6 मैं सबके साथ हँसता।
- 7 मैं सबको खुश देखता।
- 8 इसलिए मुझे डॉक्टर बनना पसंद है। धन्यवाद

Guneet Kaur - IV F



समय का महत्तव

समय का अर्थ है, कि हर काम सही वक़्त पर पूरा करना। अगर हम हर काम समय पर पूरा करते है, तो हम फ़ायदे में रहते हैं। हमें वह काम बाद मे नहीं करना पड़ता है। गाँधी जी की भी यही सोच थी कि आज का काम कल पर मत टालो, गाँधी जी अपना हर काम समय पर ही पूरा करते थे। हमें समय को बरबाद नहीं करना चाहिए, क्योंकि बीता हुआ समय कभी वापस नहीं आता है। इसलिए हमें हर काम समय पर पूरा करना चाहिए। समय ही हमें सही रास्ता बताता है। समय सोने, हीरे और मोती से भी ज्यादा क़ीमती है।

इसीलिए --- समय पर जागो ,

समय पर सो।

समय पर खेलो ,

समय पर पढ़ो॥

धन्यवाद

Murshida Meraj - VI B



ASK ABOUT SCIENCE

1. Why is the sunset red?

Sunlight, which appears as white, is actually a mixture of seven colours. As sunlight passes through the atmosphere, dust and clouds, it gets scattered on the way. Only red light, survives this and so, the setting of sun is seen as red

2. Why are the clouds up in the sky?

A cloud is a collection of moisture in the air. The air currents keep the cloud up in the sky.

3. Why are our hairs curly or straight?

A cylindrical hair shaft produces straight hair. An oval shaft produces curly hair. A flattered or kidney shaped hair shaft produces woolly hair. Majority of people have straight hair.

4. Which male creature does carry the eggs?

Answer: Seahorse. The female seahorse after laying eggs, puts them into the broad pouch beneath the tail of the male. So it is the father who carries the eggs, until they are hatched.

5. Why does the colour of the leaf change in autumn? In summer season, only chlorophyll pigment and the green colour is seen. When the season changes, the chlorophyll disappears and other pigments become visible.



Compiled by: Aaron Varghese James - IV A

PET- Plastic Eating Bacteria

PET or Polyethylene terephthalate, till now this has been one of the most stable compounds that man has ever created. If it wasn't so, the plastic bottle in your hand wouldn't stay the same way it was a few months back. PET is used to make a lot of things including cups, spoons, bottles etc. Since its creation in the 1940s there hasn't been a possible way to break it down till now. In March 2016 a team of Japanese scientists found a species of bacteria that eat the type of plastic found in most disposable water bottles. The bacteria Ideonella Sakailesis, uses two enzymes to break down the PET. After adhering to the PET surface, the bacteria secrete one enzyme on to the PET to generate an intermediate chemical. That chemical is then taken up by the cell, where another enzyme breaks it down even further providing the bacteria with carbon and energy to grow.

The researchers report that a community of Ideonella Sakailes working this way couldbreak down a thin film of PET over the course of 6 weeks if the temperature was held at a steady 86°Fahrenheit. Many scientists have termed this discovery as a break through. The researchers at the Kyoto Institute of Technology are trying to find out a way to isolate the bacteria from the wildand release it to decompose the plastics.

Compiled by: Kathrina Samuel - IV C

ART GALLERY

Giant Pandas

Giant Pandas, China's national symbol, have been on the IUCN endangered list since 1990. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is an environmental organisation that keeps track of the conservation status of plants and animals. Habitat destruction, deforestation and climate changes are attributed to this decline in the population of Pandas.

The Chinese government came forward with certain efficient and effective methods for the conservation of Panda population. It included protecting forest area, reforestation, anti-poaching patrols etc. China banned trading Panda skins. The government actively worked to restore and protect bamboo habitat. Some of the challenges faced were:

- 1.Pandas are poor breeders in captivity.
- 2. Pandas are voracious eaters.
- 3. Panda stomach has only one chamber; also its colon is short. The Panda has to keep eating for nearly 14 hrs a day, about 12.5kg of bamboo daily, while digesting around only 17% of it.

The fact that every Panda on earth needs 12.5kg of bamboo every single day will help us realise how important the bamboo habitat is for the Pandas. However the Chinese government's efforts to conserve Panda population proved to be effective and the total population of Pandas now exceed 2000. Following a 17% increase in population over the past 10 years, Giant Panda is officially

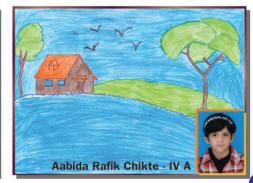
downgraded from "Endangered" to" Vulnerable" species. "The recovery of Panda shows that when science, political will and engagement of local communities come together, we can save wild life and also improve biodiversity," Marco Lambertini, WWF Director General said about this achievement.

Compiled by: Niranjan Girish - III C



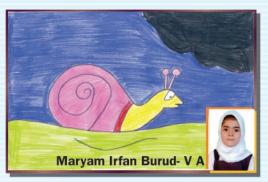




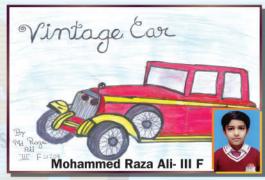


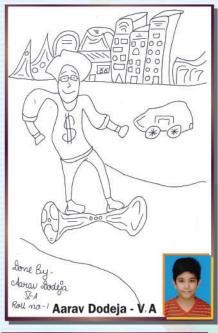




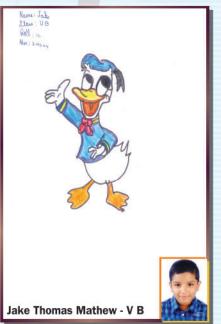


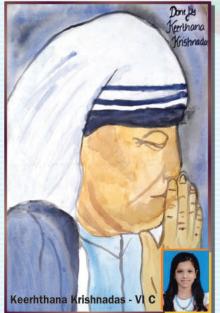


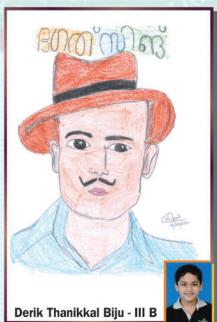


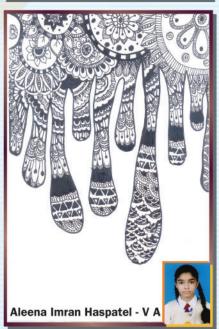






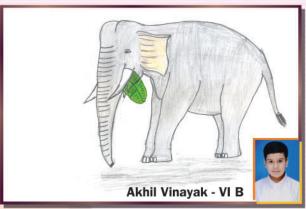


























Dear Parents & Students and well-wishers of ICSK family, My prayerful greetings to all of you.

It is a pleasure for me to be a part of this wonderful institution.

"If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds,

I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference.

They are the father, the mother and the teacher."

Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam

The greatest gift education gives us is the knowledge of unconditional love and a set of values. Good education makes us right thinkers and correct decision makers.

Through education we try to help our students to think differently, to discover the impossible, to travel the unexplored path and to conquer the problems of life courageously in order to succeed in life.

Our goal at ICSK Junior is to provide ample opportunities for students to build connections with teachers and peers and develop a stronger sense of community and ownership.

We believe that a shared commitment and a genuine partnership between school and home will enhance the learning opportunities for our students. As a community we work together to optimize the potential of each child as they grow to become life-long learners.

We are indeed grateful to the parents for such complete confidence and entrusting their children to us to mold them to be worthy citizens of the society.

My best wishes to all.
Season Greetings.
C. Sheeja
Vice Principal



DEAR CHILDREN.

The one who reads leads.

You must have heard your parents and teachers tell you on many occasions about the importance of reading books. Why is reading so important to you? Let us find out some reasons behind this.

1. Books help you to improve language skills.

The more you read, the better you become at reading. You will learn new words, you will comprehend better and you will know the correct way to frame sentences. You will not only score better grades in language but also in other subjects as well.

2. Reading opens door to a wealth of information.

Reading good books will give you access to the great ideas the mankind has known of the past and present. Reading about people and places helps you in better understanding of the world.

3. Reading provides plenty of good, clean fun.

Reading frees up imagination and builds your creative writing skills. It is better to read books than watch TV or play video games. Reading is magical. There is a whole lot of children's literature waiting for you, be it in the form of printed books, online books, magazines, comics and so forth. Just pick up a book and read...

Happy reading!

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