

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind. - Kahlil Gibran

From the Principal's Desk

The Alian mission is completing another lap of success in its quest to **Explore, Empower and Enlighten** the children of our nation to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Not only are the students proud and confident of themselves, but we too, are beaming with pride and satisfaction in every area of our alliance. With no doubt in mind, I would like to reiterate that our children are the best and are competent to constructively contribute to the future society.

Now it is high time for me and my worthy colleagues to reflect upon the challenges and experiences that each and every one of us has gone through with our children as we continue to journey and make plans for the New Academic Year. For the Board classes in senior secondary, this issue of news letter is the last as school students where you had been in a cocoon of our care. But, it is the law of nature that you should move out of this haven and experience the outer world where you will definitely excel and imprint your talents. I also wish every student to exhibit the best in your final summative assessments.

Regards

Principal



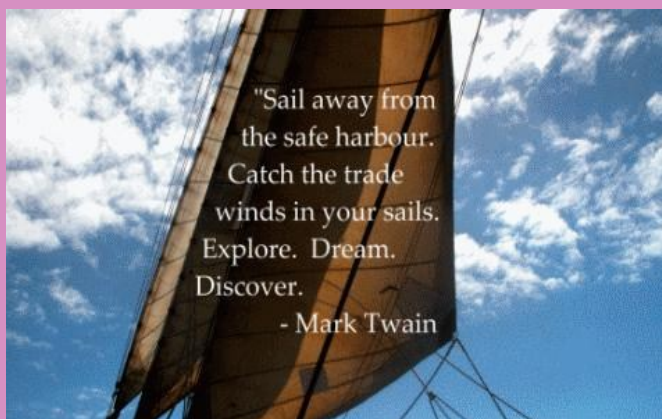
Release of News Letter

The very first issue of the News Letter, The Alian Alliance was released by Principal Dr. Shanu C Thomas on 30th November, 2015 and the first copy was handed over to the Administration Manager, Mr. Biju Oommen Joy. Let the "Alian Alliance" which depicts the real life in Al Alia, augment our alliance further in our quest for excellence.

New Beginnings

A new year blooms again bringing in lots of dreams and hopes to foster, to transcend our thoughts into actions. In the words of Mark Twain, twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. **Explore, Dream, Discover.**

You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust your sails to reach your destination.



KIDS DAY OUT

Bright smiles, sounds of laughter, the cacophony of excited voices, singing non-stop in buses – the babes of the school, the Tiny Tots (LKG – II) had the time of their lives on their picnic day. Safori Land in Riyadh was soon abuzz with youngsters flitting around like colourful butterflies where students ate, played and danced to their heart's content without the drudgery of books and studies. It was great to see the young ones happy and bubbling with enthusiasm.



PINK DAY

Children love anything that is bright and colourful. One of the most interesting concepts to teach a child is Colours. To introduce the concept of the colour PINK our little angels of Kindergarten celebrated PINK Day. Cute little cherubic faces dressed in varying shades of pink, had a lovely day full of fun and activities at School.



Tiny Tots venture into SPORTS ARENA

The ECE celebrated the Annual Sports Day in all traditional pomp with little ones marching to the tune of the drum beat, in full splendour. It was indeed very endearing to see our angels indulging themselves in lemon and spoon, frog jump and running race. The most intriguing aspect, embellishing the event, was the splendid field displays, involving mass student participation, which splattered on the field, a riot of hues and vibrancies blend with the grace and elegance of the students.



VERBATIM - WAR WITH WORDS

Debating builds the oratory skills and help children prove their mettle in taking a stand on any issue. With an effort to groom the burgeoning lush of oratory talents in students, a Debate Club came into effect from the month of December. The Club, Verbatim, was officially inaugurated by the Principal Dr Shanu C Thomas. More than 50 students from each section enrolled as the members of the club. The Principal in his address urged the members to utilize the opportunity given by the school. He also emphasized upon the importance of debating. A power point presentation on the key strategies of good debating was presented.





Notre Journée Sportive -Our Sports Day

The Annual Sports Meet was marked with camaraderie, glamour and gaiety in both the sections. The Boys' Section had their sports on two days, the 26th and 28th of November, 2015. The rain and the biting cold did not dampen the spirit of the boys, a resplendent event beginning and ending with the well coordinated march past and colourful events by children brimming with enthusiasm and sporting excellence. The Principal, Dr .Shanu C Thomas declared the meet open. A plethora of athletic events were conducted during the day, wherein the young athletes marvelled one and all with their breath taking speed, focus and concentration.

The hallmarks of the day were the basket ball match between the staff and students and the tug of war among the teaching staff. The events for the day included 100m and 200m dash and relays . As the wild cheers rent the air, the athletes, raced to achieve victory and glory for their respective houses. The four hour long sporting extravaganza culminated, with the

distribution of the trophies to the winners. The overall championship was won by Yamuna House with Kaveri as the first runner up.

The Sports Day in the Girls' Wing was conducted on two consecutive days, the 29th and 30th of November. The well coordinated elegant march Past by the four Houses added an inspiring and impressive charm to the function. The Principal Dr Shanu C Thomas hoisted the Flag and declared the meet open. Various show events fascinated the gathering. The Aerobics and Mass Drill performers put up a scintillating show. A stupendous display of Sumba dance mesmerized the spectators.

The sporting talents of the school participated in various track & field events, winning glories for their respective houses. The overall championship was won by Daffodil House with Rose House as the first runner up. The ground echoed the triumphant yells of the winners. The hard work of Mr Bibeesh Sreedharan, Mrs Yasmeeen Sabaa and the House Masters was visible in the spectacular, well coordinated events.





Individual Champions Girls' Section		
Sr#	Names	Category
1	Sahala P.A	XI-XII
2	Gulshad Parveen	IX-X
3	Ayuza Ruba	VII-VIII
4	Reeba Basheer	VII-VIII
5	Ayesha Najeeb	V-VI
6	Merlin David	III-IV
7	Jerome Joju Joseph	III-IV
Individual Champions Boys' Section		
Sr#	Names	Category
1	Amal Raj	XI-XII
2	Alvin M Thomas	IX-X
3	Juval James	VII-VIII
4	Razi Abrar Khan	VII-VIII
5	Mohd Nayeef	V - VI
6	Allan Johnson	III-IV



Felicitations à vous



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Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. We were all children once and we all share the desire for the well being of our children, which has always been and will continue to be the universally cherished aspiration of humankind. As a tribute to our Chachaji, Nehru, and his love for children, Children's Day was celebrated on **November 14, 2015** with zeal and enthusiasm by the staff and students. Just as the saying goes variety is the spice of life, the teachers were full of beans entertaining the enthralling students with an assortment in full. Their performance won great admiration and applause in abundance from the students.



A Day well Spent



Picnics add spice to our life. They provide the much sought after relief from our daily routine. To give students a temporary relief from their studies, the school arranged picnics to different venues in Riyadh. Children enjoyed themselves immensely and returned to their studies with renewed energy. It was indeed a healthy recreation for the students.



Learning is fun

Drama is a powerful tool to reach out to students . It gives life to literature, captures the attention of the students and the entire classroom gets action packed !!!! Learning is indeed fun!



Cultural Fiesta — Inter House Competitions

The second week of October found the school buzzing with various competitions. Expressions are the harbingers of the mind. The hidden potentials of children were brought forth in a myriad of activities like debate,

recitations, group song, one act play, group dance and the like. Competitions were held to bring out and develop the inherent talents embedded in the students, to showcase their skills in various spheres and to compete with their peers in a healthy environment.



Euphorique — Kids' Fest

December, the month of exhibiting talent and creativity through the Annual Day celebration of the ECE Wing, left an everlasting memory to cherish. The entire performance complete with

song and dance sequences, had all the ingredients of a typical fairy tale. Students were much applauded by the audience for their lithe and graceful maneuvers. Hats off to Miss Sharyl George and all the teachers of ECE.



Le Glace—Al Alian Rhapsody

A colourful cultural programme and prize distribution ceremony marked the Annual Day celebrations of the school, held on 17th December for the Boys and 18th December for the girls. Having completed 13 glorious years in rendering value based education to the teeming Indian expatriate students in Riyadh , the School celebrated this triumph on the Annual Day 2015. Enormous hard work, hours of toil, apprehensions, excitements and a multitude of emotions! Mr. P T Thomas Ex MP (Idukki Constituency, Kerala) was the Guest of honour and Mr. K.M. Abdul Azeez Principal, Indian Public School, an educationist with a vision and stimulating ideas for the young generation, was the Chief Guest in the Boys' Wing. The Annual Report by Principal, Dr Shanu C Thomas encapsulated the major events and achievements with an effervescent power point presentation. This was followed by the Prize Distribution Ceremony to the meritorious students and

toppers of class X and XII . The events were steered through the evening by confident and poised young comperes. These young orators kept the audience engaged throughout the show and skillfully covered every segment of the programme. The agile and graceful dancers allured the spectators with their well-choreographed dance sequences and provided thorough entertainment. The excellent acting talents of the children were brought to the fore when the students in the Boys' Wing staged - Child's Return by Rabindranath Tagore and the students of the Girls' Wing staged Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare. As Albert Einstein rightly said "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." A show of this magnitude, was not a miracle but essentially magnified the hard work of the Activity Co-ordinators Mrs Geena Saji, Mr Asher Mathew, students and teachers alike.





Editorial

We are delighted to be with you with yet another edition of The Alian Alliance. We are indeed elated that our first issue of the News Letter has evoked a lot of positive response from our endearing Readers. This issue has a lot more to entice and appease you. As your curious mind moves from page to page to know what is happening in the campus we hope that you will be proud to be a part of this exquisite and special family. Flip over the pages to unravel all that has been going on in the last three months. The end of the academic year calls in for a lot of introspections, to ponder on our shortcomings, to dwell upon the challenges in store for us in the coming year and to gear up, gather momentum and move ahead to work with earnest efforts. The courage to be oneself with dignity and self awareness without lapsing into chauvinism, xenophobia or blind traditionalism is a particular challenge of our world today. Let each and every Al Alian rise up to this challenge.



Reshmy Vinod & Rex Babu

Adieu Seniors

Farewell 2016, proved to be a grand event with the colours of the cultural feast unfolding themselves and blending with the elegance of the graceful young Al Alians ready to step out from the safe haven of their Alma Mater. The students of class IX and XI put up some very special programmes as a mark of their love and respect towards their seniors. Vote of thanks witnessed emotional accounts from every corner of the hall; teary eyed students, equally emotional teachers and the juniors seeing the reflection in the eyes of their seniors of what they were going to encounter a year later on the same platform.



A Welcome Break

As a part of their project in Business Studies, students of grade XII, Commerce stream visited Al Rabie Foods in the month of January. The visit was very productive. It was also a refreshing break for the children and relieved them from the monotony of exam pressures.



It is Exam Time - March

AISSE and AISSCE Exam.

SA2 Exams (LKG to VIII), Open House

New Academic Year - April 3rd, 2016



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The School rocked in patriotic fervor on 26th January, 2016. The Principal hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Chief Guest, Her Highness Princess Amira Najala Bin Fahad Hudhul Al Saud, Mr Ashraf, Director, City Flower and Mr Hashim well known business man in Riyadh.

Something to chew on until our next issue

There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in doing something, you do it when circumstances permit. When you are committed to something, you do it anyhow without any excuse.