

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I am really proud to note that Al Alia International Indian School, Riyadh is publishing a quarterly news letter "The Alian Alliance". I hope that this news letter will keep our parents well informed about all the activities in our school and also provide ample opportunity for the students to showcase their artistic abilities and to let their talents 'bloom'.

We, at Al Alia International Indian School firmly believe in the dictum that education should provide an integrated personality and help the students to imbibe human values. This would help them to become not only good professionals, but also conscientious human beings and responsible citizens. The Child, as Wordsworth aptly puts it, 'Is the father of Man'. It is on the foundations laid early in life, that human beings build their future. Al Alia International Indian School is dedicated to giving the society intelligent, informed, socially responsible and well-rounded citizens by imparting all-round quality education, early in life.

To remain abreast with the changing scenario, students must be techno-savvy, and at our school, we take all the measures to cater technology aided teaching.

Last, but not the least, I congratulate the Principal, teaching staff, non teaching-staff and students for their commendable efforts, without which this would not have happened. I wish all the best in all the future endeavors of the school.

Thomas Chandy M.L.A

Chairman, Al Alia International Indian School

Principal's communique

The principal goal of an education system is not to see our children as empty vessels to be filled with facts, skills and knowledge but to create men and women who are capable of doing new things such that they grow as world class citizens - a generation of eminent thinkers and wise planners contributing to a better world order with rich life values.

It is a matter of great privilege and immense pleasure for me to be a part of the first edition of this news letter which intends to capture and represent diverse facets of life in Al Alia. One of the most important components of a good school is the alliance between the various stakeholders who work together for the best interest of our children. "The Alian Alliance" further enhances and nurtures the synergistic association with the parents, alumni and the community to broaden the learning experiences of our students. I wish to put on record the incessant encouragement from the management and relentless co-operation from all my teaching and non-teaching colleagues in the publishing of first issue of the bulletin. I am in particular, thankful to the editorial team who has burnt their midnight oil for the timely release of this maiden edition. I welcome comments and suggestions from all our worthy parents and dear students for much meaningful and informative editions in months to come.

Dr. Shanu C Thomas

INSPIRATIO NUNTIUS

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" said Nelson Mandela and the words of this great visionary inspired me to be a teacher. In order to pursue my passion I earned my masters in educational administration and supervision degree from Ohio University in the United States. Working with different nationalities has always been very challenging for me. It has helped me to be very open minded while dealing with people in different levels of society. Working in this wonderful institution is a real bliss. The strong bond among the dedicated teachers, well disciplined students and cooperative parents has paved the way for the school to scale great heights.

I am indeed overwhelmed to pen a few words for very first issue of the news letter The Alian Alliance ,the mirror of AAIS reflecting the various happening in the school. I take this opportunity to congratulate the entire faculty for their untiring efforts. Kudos!!!

Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself. Let us all get together to make the school the place where 'the spring of punctuality, sanctity and Thirst of knowledge flows'.

Mrs. Adhwa Jamal Alabdulrahman.

(Principal - Girls Admin:)



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The Alia Alliance

Scaling Greater Heights Still.....

Al Alia International Indian School, founded in the year 2003, by the Philanthropist and Educationist, Mr. Thomas Chandy, aims to nurture each blooming bud holistically and to inculcate in them the right blend of culture, value, tradition and technology. The school started its mission of imparting value based education with about 23 teachers and 200 students in a small, rented building in the outskirts of Riyadh. Despite all the limitations the school marched ahead and in the year 2009, we shifted to our very own campus in Malaz. Twin buildings set amidst serene surroundings the school is a dream campus with the most modern infrastructural facilities.

We are indeed blessed to be guided by Principal, Dr. Shanu C Thomas whose impeccable credentials and his distinguished academic record shall help the School to scale greater heights still.

We, at Al Alia, ensure that our students get the best of everything. We always believe in keeping pace with the recent developments and incorporating fresh ideas into our system. At the same time, we are equally conscious of our responsibility towards preserving the goodness of our own time tested traditions. In an increasingly globalized society, this can be a real challenge, it is always far more difficult to put together a salad bowl, retaining the goodness of every individual ingredient, than making a puree that blends all

flavours beyond recognition. We try to bring out the innate talents hidden in each child and enable them to face the world confidently.

Our primary objective is to impart scientific contemporary and progressive education with a greater emphasis on inculcating and propagating the Saudi Arabian Culture and tradition along with the Indian Tradition. Though the aspirations are endless, aims are high and miles to go, we are confident that our children will excel in academics through our highly enriched curriculum.

To give exposure to the students beyond the classrooms, co-curricular activities are conducted which act like a catalyst and develop the talents of the students. We strive to cultivate this life long appreciation, respect and love for art where students are engaged in a variety of activities designed to channel thoughts and emotions in a productive manner.

Teachers should "have the capacity to feed their students intellectual hunger by sheer brilliance and untiring zeal" -APJ Abdul Kalam, we strive to excel ourselves to give the best to our students.

Our pursuit for scaling greater heights shall continue because we believe in "All our dreams can come true.... if we have the courage to pursue them". We have come a long way from our humble beginnings but we know that we have miles and miles to go before we sleep....

EDITORIAL

"Men often become what they believe themselves to be. If I believe I cannot do something, it makes me incapable of doing it. But when I believe I can, then I acquire the ability to do it even if I didn't have the ability in the beginning." Keeping this great thought of Mahatma Gandhi in our mind, we gathered courage and set our minds to bring out The Alia Alliance, the news letter of AAIS. School is a pandemonium of activities and events and we are often curious about the happenings in school. The newsletter is a reflection of the various happenings in the school, a mirror reflecting the achievements, talents of our budding talents. With



pride and a little apprehension since it is a "road untread" for us, we bring to you the Alia Alliance.

We are grateful to our Chairman, Mr Thomas Chandy, for his support in all our endeavours, Principal Dr. Shanu C Thomas for bringing forth this idea and also for his encouragement, critique and patience. We are indebted to the Vice Principal, supervisors, teachers, parents and children for their support and trust in us. Our gratitude to Mr. Jayasanker for helping us with the designing. "You grow old when you lose interest in life, when you cease to dream, to hunger after new truths. When your mind is open to new ideas, new interests and when you raise the curtain and let in the sunshine and inspiration of new thoughts of life, you shall be young and vital." Let new thoughts empower all young minds. Keep reading, Keep liking!!!

Reshmy Vinod

Rex Babu



Chess competitions were conducted to enhance logical and critical thinking. Children participated with great zeal and enthusiasm..



Pledging allegiance to the Alma Mater

Amity bestows upon its students the ability to be the future leaders of the world. The Investiture Ceremony marked a significant beginning of the new academic session. Investiture Ceremony is that occasion where we, as a school respect and acknowledge the upcoming leaders and repose trust in them. It is a defining moment for the newly elected representatives where the school entrusts responsibilities on the 'young leaders' to uphold the values of the school and to keep the School flag flying high while discharging their duties honestly and fairly. The Boys' Wing had their Investiture ceremony on the 6th of May. Mr. K. Rahamatullah, Principal, Al Yasmine International School, Riyadh was the guest of honour in the Boys' Wing. In his inspiring speech the Chief Guest urged the leaders to have a vision and passion for setting goals and not to be afraid of any problem. To quote him, "Don't look back to see how many people are following you. Lead yourself. Lead your senses". It was a solemn occasion where the young students were all prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. The Investiture Ceremony in the Girls' Wing was conducted on the 7th of May. Mrs. Aasima Saleem, Principal, Yara International School, was the Chief Guest. Parents of the elected leaders were the invited guests and along with the Chief Guests the



parents also had the unique opportunity to come on the dais and induct the leaders into office. It was a very proud and emotional moment especially for the parents. Proud fathers were seen swelling with pride when they received the salute from their daughters. The smiles only stretched as the sentiments surfered. The Chief Guest stole the hearts of the children with her inspiring words and dazzling smile. She said, "leaders become great not because of their power but because of their ability to empower others". The whole stage lit up with vibrant colours of the different flags and the event reinstated the faith in the caliber and leadership of the future generation. The objective of the event was to espouse the confidence, development of leadership qualities and sense of responsibility among the students.



Pledge to love, guard and uphold the honour of the school.



A dynamic student cabinet in action

Head Boy	Akhil Alex Thomas	XII BA
Assistant Head Boy	Maaz Khalid	XI BA
Cultural captain	Jeevan Peter Cherian	XII BA
Sports Captain	Muhammed Munavvir	XII BA
Brahmaputra House Captain	Afif Shoukat Ali	XII BA
Prefects	Alvin Manavathil	IX BA
	Mohammed Suhail	IX BA
	Justin Paul Cherian	VIII BA
Kaveri House Captain	Mohammed Shaheen	XII BD
Prefects	Arun Kumar	IX BD
	Rithin C Ommen	VIII BA
	Mohd Shammass	IX BA
Narmada House Captain	Arun Krishnan	XII BB
Prefects	Alex Baby	VIII BA
	Mohammed Javed	VIII BA
	Mohammed Areeb	IX BA
Yamuna House Captain	Shanis Usman Kuuty	XII BD
Prefects	Aman Thashbin	IX BA
	Vignesh Raj	VII BC
	Osama Shoaib Patel	VIII BD
Head Girl	Umama Sadaf	XII GA
Assistant Head Girl	Nayan Thara Pradeep	XI GA
Cultural Captain	Hiba Basheer	XI GA
Sports Captain	Sahala P.A	XII GA
Daffodil House Captain	Sameera Jabeen	IX GB
Prefects	Mehnaz Fathima	XI GB
	Sumi Sojan	VIII GB
Jasmine House Captain	Shabana Erambath	XII GA
Prefects	Mirza Areema	X GB
	Minha Anees	VIII GB
Lotus House Captain	Olive Shaju	XII GA
Prefects	Sifa Parveen	X GB
	Sai Sree	X GA
Rose House Captain	Fiza Farooque	XII GA
Prefects	Rimshana Ashraf	XII GA
	Samah Afsheen	X GB



PROUD MOMENTS



Another feather was added to the Alian cap when our student Ayusa Ruba of class VIII A won the bronze medal in the 100 M dash in the CBSE affiliated Inter school Cluster Meet, held at International Indian School, Jeddah.



Zeal and zest mark Mothers' Day Celebrations

A mother is an embodiment of love. Keeping this bonding emotion in mind the tiny tots had a special celebration on Mothers' Day. The KG Wing organized a special assembly and the little angels mesmerized the audience with their simple songs and acts. The dynamic and energetic children tried to prepare something unique, something special for their mothers. The outcome of their efforts was marvellous. With sprawling writings and colorful drawings the little ones



tried to express their love towards their mother. The children had a splendid time making and painting cards. What more could have made "Mothers Day" more special!!

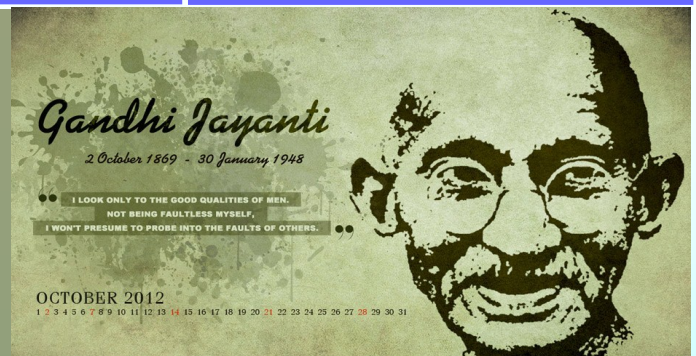


World Environment Day



Environment Day was celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of the environment and the vital need to safeguard it in our lives. We at AAIS School endeavoured to drive this point home amongst our students, so that they grow up as responsible members of this biosphere. An array of activities were organized to sensitize students to protect the ailing planet earth.

Remembering the great Mahatma in a special way. Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations were conducted to evoke memories of the great leader. The senior girls did a power point presentation on the life of Gandhi, sang Bapu's favourite songs and reflected upon his





A souvenir to treasure - Merci dearest teachers

Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role models. Teachers' Day was celebrated with great pomp and gusto on 6th September as the official day fell on a Saturday. The children dedicated the day to all the teachers who had been instrumental in shaping their lives. A spectacular show was put up by the students to mark the occasion. The celebrations began with the formal address by the Principal who urged the teaching fraternity to become an epitome of inspiration in the lives of students and leave an indelible impression on their young and sensitive minds for years to come. The teachers were deeply moved by the emotional words of Umama Sadaf, the Head Girl. In her speech, the Head Girl, thanked the teachers for their selfless service and said,

"I may not say it always.

But, I mean it whenever I say it.

Thank You Teachers

For all the things you have done for me.

Happy Teachers Day!"

In his thank you note, the Head Boy, Akhil Alex

Thomas said " thank you for teaching me how to read and write, for guiding me to distinguish between what is wrong and what is right , for allowing me to dream and soar as a kite, thank you for being my friend, mentor and light." The children presented a wonderful array of songs and dance . A power point presentation on 'A tribute to APJ Abdul Kalam' enhanced the void created by his sudden demise .The girls of grade 12 unfurled their love through a power point presentation dedicated to all the teachers for their tireless efforts. The teaching fraternity of AAIS were overwhelmed by this show of love and gratitude by the students. The presentation highlighted not only the important role the teachers played in their lives but also the everlasting impression they leave in a students' life. The male counterparts in the Boys' Wing made the stage come alive with their dance and skits. Mr Rex Babu and Mr Siji George Cherian stole the heart of the audience with their lungi dance while Mr Shoji George set the stage on fire with his break dance. The children in the Boys' Wing honoured Mr. Kurien George, Supervisor Boys' Wing for his 30 years of teaching excellence. Thereafter, the students took over the academic working of the school. They felt proud running the school and realized the importance of teachers in their lives. The day was full of fun and love, a souvenir to be stored in the hearts of teachers for ever.





Srishti- Panoply of Alian Talents

With an endeavor to promote scientific temperament and to enhance critical and aesthetic talents among budding young students the school exhibition Srishti was conducted on the 16th and 17th of September 2015 with the theme Retrospective events--- A glance into the past. Honourable Chairman Mr. Thomas Chandy, in the presence of Principal, Dr Shanu C Thomas and other eminent personalities from the School inaugurated the event. The event saw enthusiastic participants putting up an array of participatory exhibits comprising of innovative working models and investigation based projects. The students showcased their talents in Science, Mathematics, Languages and Social Science. Distinct venues were allotted for different subjects for the display of projects made by the students. As one entered the Reception area itself, one could feel the pulse and the magnitude of the event! The entire school was a buzz with activity. In spite of his hectic schedule the Chairman was kind enough to visit the different venues allotted to various subjects. He keenly interacted with students who exuded confidence while explaining to him the various projects and activities that were on display. The Chairman stated that students need to dream big to achieve their goals.

The Ghost house put up by the boys of class XI was a

great way to chill and spook the audience. The young minds of grade 12 through simple and brilliant experiments exposed the importance of Chemistry in everyday life and ignited young minds towards Chemistry. Young mathematicians tried to ignite the minds of the spectators with their brain storming and mind maze games. The biologists captivated the audience with their working models of heart and kidney. The model of PSLV in the Physics room was well appreciated. The guests were wonderstruck with the world of numismatics in the Social Science Department - a display of coins from 72 different countries, by Akshaya Ann Cherian and Akshara Ann Cherian of class VIII GB. The language rooms were colourful with poets and writers. Commerce had the Metro city on display, while the IT Dept showcased the evolution of Computers over the generations

The first floor was the venue for ECE Wing. A riot of colours could be seen on charts and soft boards. The nimble work of the tiny tots and the parents added to the ambience.

Invitees, parents, teachers and students, were all in awe of the brilliant arrangements and hospitality offered by the School.

The Exhibition was a huge success. Enthusiasm and effervescence overflowed amongst students, teachers and parents.!

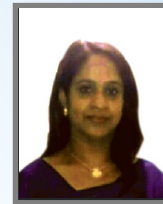


SRISHTI 2015



New Members of the Alian Family

In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less. " Welcome, bienvenue, willkommen, bienvenida, to the new members of an extraordinary family!!!!



Dr. Treesa J. Johnson
Student Counsellor

Something to chew on until our next issue

Every morning, when we wake up, we have twenty four brand new hours to live. What a precious gift! We have the capacity to live in a way that these twenty-four hours will bring peace, joy, and happiness to ourselves and others.

Our tiny tots.... Oh!! What fun!!!!



In the coming issues.....

Art and literary competitions

Picnic

Annual Sports Meet

Formative Assessment

Children's Day celebrations

Pink Day Celebrations

Tarang

Kids' Fest

Annual Day

So what are we waiting for....

Let the preparations begin.....