

# NEWSLETTER



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## AMBASSADOR APPRECIATES THE SCHOOL FOR 100% RESULTS

Felicitates the Toppers and the Teachers.

Annual Prize Day, the most awaited programme of IISJ was celebrated on 16 June 2011. H.E. The Ambassador of India Shri. Talmiz Ahmad graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, followed by the Guests of Honour Mrs. Sunita Mainee Ahmad, Member Higher Board Dr. M.S. Karimuddin, Mrs. Farida Karimuddin and other distinguished guests. The Chief Guest in his address lauded the school for its excellent results in AISSCE and said, "Demand for admission is increasing day by day and Jeddah Parents are fortunate to have a school providing quality education with nominal fee structure within the reach of the average parents. It is indeed a great service to the community by the school." He further added that, "Compared to the schools and colleges back in India, Jeddah school is providing the best services within the resources available."

The Ambassador recollected his association with the school in three different phases during his service life, and expressed his satisfaction and joy in witnessing its growth from a humble beginning to an amazing institution. Commenting on the presentation given by the Alumni members on IISJ's 'Yesterday, Today and Beyond', he remembered with happiness the first teacher of IISJ Mrs. Salma Ansari w/o H.E Vice President of India Mr. Hamid Ansari.

The Member Higher Board, Dr. M.S. Karimuddin congratulated the staff and students of the school for its outstanding results and appreciated them for the extraordinary efforts put in by them. The Principal Mr. Syed Masood Ahmad welcomed the gathering and presented the Annual Report of the Academic Year 2010-11.

The programme saw the ceremonious inauguration of the first official IISJ Alumni Association by the Chief Guest followed by a presentation on the strategic growth of IISJ from "1969—2011".

The most significant event of the programme was the distribution of awards to the academic toppers of the VI-XII classes, particularly the CBSE board toppers followed by the Appreciation and Commendation Awards given to the teachers of Grades XI & XII.

Inauguration of IISJ Alumni Association: Mr. P.C Joy, HM Open School announced the information of IISJ Alumni Association and introduced the Executive Committee Members. H.E. Talmiz Ahmad, The Ambassador of India revealed the logo and tagline of the Alumni Association to the audience .



Wardah Mohd. The Overall Topper is being felicitated by the Chief Guest H.E. Ambassador of India Shri. Talmiz Ahmad



H.E. Ambassador of India Shri. Talmiz Ahmad, Mrs. Sunita Mainee Ahmad Dr. M.S. Karimuddin, Principal Mr. Syed Masood Ahmed and Executive Members of IISJ Alumini Association soon after the inauguration of IISJAA. →



### Wardah Mohammed - Overall Topper



23 May 2011 will be the most memorable day of my life. Little did I realize that the much awaited results would reveal the most beautiful surprise for me. Securing the first position has made me realize true ecstasy. Words fail to express the gratitude I feel towards God Almighty, my Parents, my Teachers and all my lovely friends in my life. One must never limit themselves to what can be done or achieved. What we believe, we achieve. It is the very belief instilled in us that guides us towards success. The belief in myself made me one among those successful shining stars.

Lift your eyes upon the highest, the highest you can see, dream your dreams about the grandest and the grandest you can be. The secret in doing well in an exam is not to try to cram in the information all at once but to remain steady and absorb it bit by bit over a period of time. Its always better to give preference to quality over quantity. Lastly never lose hope, always remember if you give it your best try then Insha Allah, Allah will do the rest.



### Adheela Abdul Raheem - Overall Topper



Winning isn't every- thing. The motivation to success is the desire to achieve and not the desire to beat others. So compete with yourself and you will discover you competing with others. Do your best in everything you do as it is only you who can use your ability. Remember, success does not come to you, you go to it. I thank the Almighty for His divine blessings and I also acknowledge my heartfelt gratitude towards my parents and teachers for their inspiring influence, encouragement and support, and for escorting me in the path towards success.

## EDITORIAL

Time has passed by, turning days into weeks and weeks into months, and finally months into years—paving way for a new academic year, 2011-2012. Reminding us once again to retrospect & acknowledge with great humility the support and co-operation of each and every individual directly or indirectly connected to the school. As we bid adieu to the last academic year, we extend our warmest greetings to all concerned for the academic year ahead.

Significantly, 2011-12 has dawned in with the news of the historical academic achievements by our students - a milestone never before achieved by any Indian School in the Kingdom - 100% results in AISSCE (grade XII Board Examination), with remarkable qualitative improvement. Thereby elevating the academic standards to a commendable level for us to maintain for the coming years. Undoubtedly a challenge for the student community and the teaching community to keep the bench mark intact or to take it up to the next higher level. Yet we stand by with the same sense of commitment, reassuring and reaffirming our affinity and deepest sincerity towards our responsibilities to the Indian Society.

We cater to the progress and development of the younger generation - the future of our nation in particular and the world in general. We realize, compromise on such sensitive areas may result in disastrous outcome. Hence we look for the best hands available within all our limitations. With the exorbitant inflation level, competent hands seemed to be out of our reach for the last couple of years and the existing ones required humane attention. The marginal hike in school fee was thus worked out to meet the needs of the school in maintaining the academic standards.

We highly appreciate the parent community for co-operating with the school in implementing its policies and commitments. Needless to say, IISJ's strongest pillar of support—its parent community is perhaps the strength behind its historical success. We at IISJ, acknowledge it with deep gratitude and look forward to the same support and cooperation for the coming years. Together we shall scale greater heights in future, creating a congenial atmosphere for our children at home and in school to reach the sky. As we believe that the sky is the limit for our students and as mentors and facilitators we have to create the way for them to touch the horizon.

With renewed commitments to better our best we remain at your service.

From the Editor's Desk



**Mehazabeen C.P. Topper -**

It definitely gives a good feeling to do well and excel in the board examination. Proper Planning, regular exercise, good and healthy food and above all belief in myself are the tips that I would like to share with my juniors. It was the blessing of the Almighty, my parents and my teachers whose support and prayers helped me stand where I am today.

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**Hammad Yusuf - Topper**

It is said, even to make diamonds shine one needs the skill and hard work and this is what IISJ has been doing since its formation in 1969, polishing the young minds to become leaders of tomorrow. IISJ has given me something to cherish my entire life. It has made me whatever I am today—an academic topper both in X and XII. I thank all my teachers for making my journey from KG to XII special for me. I may be an ex student now but I will always consider myself as part of this great institution.

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**Fathima Zeina- Topper**

I have always been told by my teachers "What you can conceive with your mind, believe in your heart, you can achieve with your efforts. Nothing is impossible." These are the words that provided me with all the encouragement that I needed to achieve what I achieved. The worth of any school is measured by the achievements and accomplishments of its students and that is the greatest gratitude to your teachers. I thank my teachers, parents and one and all at IISJ for what I am today. Thank you.

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**Abeer Parvez Topper -**

It is undeniable fact that any achievement demands a lot of steady hard work and persistent effort coupled with smart thinking, patient practice and a firm resolution. In addition, you also need self-confidence and optimistic dreams to fuel you. But what also counts is your prayers and gratefulness to the Almighty, respect and humility towards elders, parents and teachers.

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**Blessy George -Topper**

Success is not achieved by Magic so I studied meticulously and clarified all my doubts, Planned well, had good hobbies to de stress, had proper and good sleep. It was definitely with the Blessings of Almighty, my loving and supportive parents and wonderful teachers that I was able to achieve good results.

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**Farhad Ahmed - Topper**

"There is no secret to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."

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I thank Almighty Allah, my parents and teachers for all their support and co-operation they have given me throughout my XII Grade. A sigh of relief at first, when I laid my eyes on my result, with a few or maybe many tears of joy because of my marks in Mathematics—the subject that had put me on the edge of losing hope. . The label IISJian is a flag of pride I move around with and I am greatly indebted to the school. A small piece of advice to my juniors—with a few days of concentrated studying I assure you excellence is pretty much guaranteed.



**Muhammad Mir Mohiuddin - Topper**

The real challenge lies in excelling in whatever we do. First set your goal. Concentrate on what is being taught in class. Study regularly. Never give studies the last priority. Healthy diet, good sleep and proper and appropriate breaks are required. Refer to previous years question papers and practice well before the exams . All the best.

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**Sameera Quisar Khan- Topper**

My aspiration to excel was possible only because of hard work. I thank my parents and teachers who inspired me to scale greater heights. I wish all my juniors the very best and assure them that systematic and regular study habits will help them achieve better results than what we have achieved. May the glory of our school reach the peak.

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*Think about your dream all the time,*

*No matter what you are doing.*

*Live your dream in your imagination,*

*Become obsessed by it.*

*Love it; Be passionate about it-*

*For the future belongs to those who*

*Believe in the beauty of their dreams.*

## INAUGURATION OF IISJ GS CLUBS - THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA



The inauguration ceremony of Clubs was held at IISJ Girls Section Auditorium on Thursday 16 June 2011. Madam Sunita Mainee Ahmas was the Chief Guest and Fareeda Karikuddin was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. The Head Girl Zainab Saleem delivered the welcome address. The banner was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest which marked the official inauguration of the clubs. A power point presentation enlightening the know how of the different clubs was given by Neha of XII A 5. An inspirational song "It's a New Day" followed by "Give me some sunshine" was presented by the choir group of class X. Yoga exercises with different Asanas were demonstrated by the students of IX-XII block, followed by a scintillating dance number by the girls of VI-VIII block.

The Chief Guest delivered an inspirational speech on the occasion. She appreciated the yoga, song and dance performances and stressed on developing the cooking abilities of the students irrespective of the gender. She urged the students to read newspapers and magazines and keep themselves updated with current affairs of the world.

To mark the inauguration of the Sports Club the Chief Guest inaugurated the Table Tennis and Badminton Exhibition matches. Accompanied by School Officials the Chief Guest visited the different clubs of the VI-VIII block. As an Inaugural Event Independence Day was organized with all official formalities by the Organization and Leadership Club. The junior Science Club "Eureka Club" with the motto "Search of Truth" presented various activities, improvised models and experiments. At the Literary Club the famous English Play "The Beauty and the Beast" was enacted by the students and was well appreciated by all.

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## INAUGURATION OF NEW PREMISES

The Kindergarten and Lower Primary section of IISJ was inaugurated in the new premises on 16 March 2011. The Member Higher Board, Dr. M.S. Karimuddin, the Chief Guest of the occasion appreciated the teachers of the KG and I & II block (GS) and all the staff of IISJ whose efforts made it possible for the school to expand. He also visited the classrooms and interacted with the students and wished them the very best. Sweets were distributed to the students and parents who witnessed the Inauguration of the blocks.

The Principal and other officials of the school were present during the inauguration. The tiny tots of class I welcomed the Chief Guest by waving the Indian Tricolour. Around 480 Students of grade I and 800 students of LKG attended the school in the new premises on the day of inauguration.



*The secret of greatness is simple. Do better work than any other man in your field - and keep on doing it.*

- W. A. Peterson

## INVESTING YOUNG LEADERS - STUDENTS' CABINET 2011 GIRLS & BOYS



Investing young leaders with responsibility, pledging to serve the school with unstinted loyalty – a very solemn ceremony of International Indian School, Jeddah girls section was celebrated with great zeal and solemnity on 26 May 2011 in the Boys Section auditorium.

Mrs. Farida Karimuddin graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Dr. M.S. Karimuddin Member, Higher Board graced the occasion as the Special Guest of Honour.

The performance started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the Welcome Speech by the Asst. Head Girl Fazeela Rizvi of XI A 5. The ceremonious proceedings of oath taking was then led by the Senior Cabinet followed by the Junior Cabinet and the Class Prefects. The Chief Guest honoured the Senior Cabinet with their respective crests and the Junior Cabinet with their respective flags.

Student leaders in school uniform with their house sashes draped across their shoulders performed a 'light' display with perfect synchrony.

The school choir entertained each and every one present in the auditorium with a foot-tapping number sung in praise of the student leaders and the institution. The "Ribbon Drill", a display of aerobics added poise to the programme.

The Head Girl of the school in her speech took the audience on a journey down the memory lane, reminiscing her childhood days and recollecting her growth from strength to strength under the guidance of her teachers.

The special guest of the Day in his speech lauded the school for achieving yet another milestone in AISSCE 2011 – 100 % results, the record best in the history of the Indian schools in the Kingdom.



The Investiture Ceremony of the newly appointed Cabinet Members of IISJ Boys Section was held on 12 May 2011 with great zest and enthusiasm. The solemn occasion began with the recitation from the verses of the Holy Quran. The Headmaster of IX-XII

block BS Mr. Noufal P welcomed the august gathering. The Cabinet Members took an Oath which was administered by the Headmaster, to pledge their loyalty and selfless service to the Institution. The Principal, Mr. Syed Masood Ahmed and the other school officials bestowed the Cabinet Members with Badges of honour for their respective posts. The House In Charges and Club In charges were conferred duties by the Principal.

In his key note address, the Principal urged the Cabinet members to work for the honour and glory of the school and shoulder their responsibilities with utmost dedication and commitment.

The Head Boy Dawood Arif in his speech emphasized the need of prioritizing things for bringing out the best in academics as well as co curricular activities. In the Prefect Investiture session, the Head Boy administered the oath to the Class prefects and the Literary Secretary Motasim Syed Mazhar addressed the gathering. The melodious patriotic song "Mile sur mera tumhara" which was sung by a group of students evoked the zeal and patriotic fervor in the audience and this was appreciated by one and all.

A presentation titled "The Message" by the cabinet was the highlight of the day. The presentation was based on a slide show depicting the disintegration of the present world. The Asst. Head Boy Vazim Latheef proposed a Vote of Thanks.

### IISJ CLINCHES THE FOOTBALL AND VOLLEY BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

XXI Cluster Meet 2011 Phase I was held at IIS, Jubail from 5 June to 8 June 2011. Football, Volley Ball and Badminton were the main events of the Meet.

The Football Team of IIS, Jeddah emerged as the winners by defeating IIS Riyadh by 3-1 goals, and IIS Jubail by 9-0 goals and IIS Dammam by 3-1 goals.

The Volley Ball under 19 boys team emerged as the champions defeating IIS, Riyadh by 2-0, IIS Jubail by 2-0 and IIS, Dammam by 23-25, 25-23 and third set at 15-9.

In Badminton, the boys under 14 years team clinched the Runners' Up position. The Winning Teams have qualified to participate in the All India CBSE National Championship to be held in October and November 2011 in India.



### BRIDGING THE GAP - PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

Parent Orientation Programmes were organized by the school on different occasions for the Parents of the Students of different blocks. Arrangements were made for the Parents to meet the Class teachers and the Subject teachers and interact with them. Proforma were given to the parents to fill in with the details of their children related to academics, health and behavioural issues for school record. Parents turn-out was overwhelming and the feedback was very encouraging. Parents who could not make to the programmes, responded very well through the proforma. We appreciate the good response of the parents

### THE ART & SCIENCE OF KINDERGARTEN TEACHING



Educating and training of faculty is a routine activity of our school each year, in pursuit of keeping pace with new teaching technologies.

In this endeavour the first workshop of this academic year 2011-12 was conducted for KG section on 5 May in the BS auditorium under the banner, "The Art and Science of Kindergarten

Teaching."

Principal welcomed and introduced the resource person Dr. M. Ismail, a distinguished and eminent member of community. The resource person kept the teachers thoroughly involved and charged with interactive activities followed by mentoring and enlightening sessions. The teachers were briefed on all the nuances of KG teaching skills. His deliberation and expertise on the following aspects were highly acclaimed.

- Love, care and empathy for students.
- Interactive classroom teaching.
- Problems and solutions.
- Identifying and tackling behavioural problems.

Headmistress of KG section Mrs. Ayesha Rafai concluded the programme with a Vote of Thanks.

### PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT—WORKSHOPS IN HINDI AND MATHEMATICS

A workshop for Hindi and Mathematics teachers of classes III-VIII was organized by Kirithi Prakashan under the patronage of our school. An effort to enhance the teaching pedagogy of Mathematics and Hindi was the main objective of the workshop. 120 teachers attended the workshop. Teachers from other CBSE schools in and around Jeddah also participated.

The resource persons of the workshop were Dr. Meenakshai Agarwal for Hindi and Mr. I.C. Ahuja for Mathematics.

**Mathematics Workshop:** It began with an ice breaker which was lively, dotted with the examples given by the resource person for the introduction of different chapters of Mathematics in classes III-VIII. This was followed by activities which CBSE has introduced in different classes. Tips on how to make the subject interesting was also taken up. There was an interactive session at the end of the workshop, in which the common problems faced by the Maths teachers in the classroom were discussed.

**Hindi workshop:** It was conducted by Dr. Meenakshi Agarwal. During the first half of the session varnamala, matra and its pronunciation was discussed. CCE system and the tools to be used for evaluation were discussed in the second half of the session. A quiz was conducted on the Hindi Poets and Writers, which was very informative and interesting.

### CCE WORKSHOP - A STEP TOWARDS THE PARADIGM SHIFT IN ASSESSMENT

An orientation on CCE was held on 5 May 2011 in the VI-VIII BS. The Vice Principal (BS) Dr. Najeeb Qais briefed about the CCE system. He gave guidelines through which children can be assessed throughout the year.

On 26 May 2011 a Workshop on CCE was conducted with an aim to create an awareness on the CCE scheme of school based assessment and how to implement foolproof grade system in class VI-VIII. The HM VI-VIII (BS) Mr. Rasheed Farooqi addressed the gathering and gave an introduction on CCE. He exhorted teachers to capture the excellence of students beyond the stereotyped methods of evaluation. All the inbuilt social, emotional and thinking skills of a growing child, his attitudes, moral values along with social values, health education will also be taken into consideration besides the progress in the Scholastic areas.

This was followed by a co-scholastic presentation by Mrs. Fareeda Basreen, Mrs. Ayesha Sabna and Mrs. Raihanath VI-VIII GS.

Mrs. Maria Ramaswamy HM VI-VIII GS further implicated on CCE Assessment and Evaluation tools and techniques by giving a few examples from her experience.

This was followed by an interactive session where the subject coordinators spoke on their views and their proposed plan of action for the academic year 2011-2012. the programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

### IISJ STUDENT BAGS THE BEST DELEGATE AWARD AT DAR AL HEKMA MODEL UN CONFERENCE

Dar Al Hekma Model United Nations Conference was held from 2 May to 5 May 2011 at Dar Al Hekma University. 26 students represented IISJ at the conference. They were divided into three councils i.e. General Assembly, Human Rights Council and Security Council along with students from other schools. Each student delegate was made a representative of various countries in their respective councils. Each delegate was given the opportunity to speak and air their opinion in the shoes of different leaders, on the theme "Shifting Sands - a wave of change." A theme based on the current uprisings in the Middle East. It was an experience that enriched the personalities of the delegates and even made world politics a choice of career for some delegates. Confidence, boldness, diplomacy and the need for quick thinking were the qualities that came to the forefront during this conference. Our future leaders encountered heated debates, a crises where they were made to take calm immediate action and a protest that changed the way of events of the conference. This enriching ride of a complete course of the conference ended with a rocking evening social activity. The delegates of our school were given witty titles like "The Most enthusiastic, The Most bubbly, the Most serious and ultimately the Best Delegate was given to Rabiha Abdurahim of class XII A6 who represented Qatar in the General Assembly. She was awarded the best delegate among 150 students.

## CALENDAR ACTIVITIES - AT A GLANCE

### KG SECTION

- Mother's Awareness Programme.
- World Environment Day.
- Colouring Competition

### III-V BS

- Parent Orientation Programme.
- English Handwriting Competition.
- Third Language Handwriting Competition.
- English Creative Writing Competition.
- Prefect Investiture.
- Hindi Essay writing Competition.
- English Recitation Competition.
- Spelling Bee Competition.
- World Environment Day.
- Qirat Competition.
- Hindi Handwriting Competition.

### VI-VIII GS

- Vista Day
- On the Spot Creative Writing Competition.
- Hindi on the Spot Creative Writing Competition.
- Investiture Ceremony.
- On the Spot Third Language Creative Writing Competition.
- HAP—Class VI
- Islamic Quiz.

### I & II GS

- Prefect Investiture.
- Read a Book Day.
- Qirat Competition.
- Health Week .
- World Environment Day.

### III-V GS

- English Handwriting Competition.
- Singing Competition.
- Hindi Handwriting Competition.
- Prefect Investiture.
- English Story Telling Competition. (Class III)
- English Elocution Competition. (Classes IV & V)
- Qirat Competition.
- Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu Recitation Competitions.

### IX-XII GS

- Vista Day.
- Investiture Ceremony.
- Mathematics Aptitude Test.
- G.K. Quiz
- Inter Class English Debate—Juniors & Seniors.
- Geography Seminar.
- World Environment Day.
- Moral & Social Training Programme.

### I & II BS

- Prefect Investiture.
- Qirat Competition.
- Parents Awareness Programme.
- English Recitation Competition.
- Hindi Handwriting Competition.
- World Environment Day.

### VI-VIII BS

- English Handwriting Competition.
- Hindi Handwriting Competition.
- Third Language Handwriting Competition.
- English Essay Writing Competition.
- Drawing Competition.
- Hindi Recitation Competition.
- English Recitation Competition.
- Qirat Competition.
- Prefect Investiture.
- Arabic & Tamil Recitation Competition.
- Map Marking Competition.
- Urdu & Hindi Essay Writing Competition.

### IX-XII BS

- Students Seminar—Physics & Economics.
- Vista Day.
- Students Seminar—Biology.
- Second Language Creative Writing Competition.
- Students Seminar \_ Computer Science.
- Students Seminar—Business Studies & Chemistry.
- Investiture Ceremony.
- Map marking –IX&X
- Mathematics Aptitude Test.
- Second Language Essay Writing Competition.
- Inter Class English Debate - Juniors & Seniors
- World Environment Day.
- Geography Seminar.
- English Essay Writing Competition.

### MEDICAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

Dr. Mehar Taj, Consultant Gynecologist, visited the Girls Section on two occasions and interacted with the students of grades IX & X. These sessions were arranged on separate days providing ample opportunities to the students to explore the biological world relatively unknown to them.

Flooded with queries Dr. Taj was amazed at the storage of information the children carried at that particular age. Yet she was overwhelmed to encounter their queries and clear their misconceptions and further widen their knowledge about the medical field.

Exposed to the medical world with advanced biological reasoning, these sessions provided a platform to the young children to overcome their inhibitions and clear their doubts on issues related to health and hygiene , biological growth and advanced medical knowledge related to teenage girls.

Both the sessions were indeed very informative and useful, as at this age children in the conventional families fail to get proper guidance in these regards due to the conservative family setup.

IISJ thanks Dr. Mehar Taj for her voluntary services and look forward to similar sessions in future.

### OBITUARY

IISJ deeply mourns the demise of Mr. Aneesul Hassan, Fee Counter Clerk on 28 May 2011. May his Soul rest in Peace.

# GLIMPSES OF - SPECTACULAR ACTIVITIES

## KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Kindergarten celebrated World Environment Day with fervor and enthusiasm on 5 June. This year's theme was "Forests: Nature at Your Service". Students were briefed about the people and the world. Children of Upper Kindergarten confidently spoke about the need to restore the forest, plant trees, reduce air and water pollution. Children proudly displayed charts and banners.

The air chanted with slogans of "Go Green". All students received badges to commemorate the importance of the day.

## I & II BLOCK BOYS SECTION



**World Environment Day** : is a day that stimulates awareness of the environment. This year at I & II (BS) World Environment Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June. A special assembly was conducted to emphasize the importance of saving the water, food and energy in our daily lives and promoting the concept of 'Reduce, Re-use and Recycle' waste. As part of the schools

continuous efforts, activities such as colouring competition, cleaning drive and planting a sapling were organized to educate students about the importance of giving back to society and nature as a whole.

**Prefect Investiture:** A spectacular investiture ceremony was organized by the I & II block. The Kids Cabinet and the Class prefects were honoured by the Principal. They pledged their loyalty to the school and promised to carry out their duties and bring honour to their Alma Mater. The Head Prefect Jansher delivered an impressive speech. Asst. Head Prefect Fathin proposed a Vote of Thanks. The programme was organized by the P.E teachers.

## III - V BLOCK GIRLS SECTION



**Singing Competition:** A solo singing competition was conducted for the first time. A number of students participated and presented popular numbers in different languages. This programme provided a platform for the students to showcase their talent.

**Labour Day:** Students of III-V block celebrated Labour Day by dressing up as farmers, factory workers, carpenters, hawkers, doctors,

engineers etc. A Special Assembly was conducted in which students spoke on the importance of labour and the role these different people played in our daily lives.

**The Prefect Investiture:** The Prefect Investiture Ceremony was held on 15 May. The oath was administered to the young leaders by the P.E teacher Mrs. Farhana Javed. The out-going in charges were honoured and the incoming house in charges were handed over charge for the academic session. This was followed by a song and aerobic display. Mr. Syed Masood Ahmed, Principal presided over the programme.

**World Environment Day:** The World Environment Day was celebrated on 5 June. A short skit was presented by the girls of classes IV & V to create an awareness about the importance of trees signifying this year's theme- Forests: Nature At Your Service. The girls were dressed up as trees, sun, butterflies and animals. A speech on the importance of the day was given.

## I & II BLOCK GIRLS SECTION



**Health Week:** was organized by the house in charges from 4 June to 8 June 2011. The week long programme consisted of Special Assemblies on Eating Healthy Food, Exercise, Dental Care which finally culminated with a Fruit Party. Dr. Sabira Iqbal stressed on oral hygiene and showed the little ones the ways by which they

could keep their teeth clean and healthy. **It was an action packed week which was highly informative, inspiring and educative. The students and teachers participated with great vigour and enthusiasm.**

**World Environment Day:** On 5<sup>th</sup> June, a special assembly stressing on cleanliness and hygiene was held. The World Environment Day 2011 was also celebrated on the same day. **As 2011 is declared as the International year of Forests by UNEP.** A musical skit on the importance of forests and endangered animals was enacted by students of I& II (G.S).

## III - V BLOCK BOYS SECTION



**Earth day :**

The students and staff put up a grand show celebrating Earth Day on 22 April. They highlighted the factors that are responsible for the present plight of the beautiful and life enduring planet. Talking about pollution levels, landfills, deforestation, use of plastics etc., the students presented a skit and put forth the ways by which each one could contribute in conserving the Earth and its Resources for future generation. They pledged to use cloth carry bags, not waste paper, give away used clothes to poor and needy, dispose waste in proper manner.

The Principal Syed Masood Ahmed and Vice Principal Dr Najeeb Qais graced the occasion and planted a sapling as a gesture to promote afforestation and keep the earth green and clean.

**World Environment Day:**

III - V Boys marked the occasion -World Environment Day themed "Forests: Nature at your Service". An hour long programme with colourful events that show-cased conservation of Forests in combating climate change, building a green economy, underlining the significance of industries as a part of the solution as much as they are the problem, how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserving the endangered species of animals and plants and the shift from conventional model to a green economy. The programme focused on raising an awareness among the students and the little steps they can take for conservation efforts. The programme focused on considering careful actions, which each of us must take, and then commit ourselves to our common task of preserving the quality and diversity of all life on earth. The event culminated with a bright display by the students depicting the theme 'greening the blue'.

## VI-VIII GIRLS SECTION



**HAP:** The Health Awareness Programme for Class VI was conducted on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 in the Girls Section. It was presented by the Science Department. A power point presentation as well as the problems faced by the girls in the age group of 10 – 12 were the highlights of this programme. Teachers stressed on the importance of balanced diet, personal hygiene and exercise at this age. They were given an awareness of the functioning of various body systems and the transition from childhood to adolescence. A talk was given regarding the general awareness to equip them with the physical, mental, psychological and social changes.

There was an interactive session in which the students could clarify their doubts. It was led by the Vice Principal, the HM. VI – VIII G.S. and the Science Teachers and they threw more light on the social behavior, the problems faced by the adolescent girls and gave the guidelines to lead a healthy, happy and relaxed adolescence.

**World Environment Day:** was celebrated on 5 June 2011. On this occasion, the Science Department conducted the Poster Making Competition for all the classes on various topics related to Environmental Protection. It was an Inter house competition and the best three posters were selected.

## IX-XII GIRLS SECTION



**Annual Quiz Competition:** An exhilarating intellectual combat of knowledge and awareness, the Annual General Knowledge Quiz was organized by the Social Science Department on 29 May 2011. Six electrifying rounds of General Category, Rapid Fire, Special Category, Multiple choice, Buzzer Round and lastly the most interesting and exciting

Audio-Visual round captivated the audience from the beginning to the end. Team A consisting of Fatima Tansheela of IX A3, Ayehsa Rashid of X A7, Sadaf Samar Khan of XI A5 and Dilruba from XII A2 bagged the First Position.

**Moral and Social Training Programme:** Training of the Mind and the Heart.

A specially designed programme for the students of grades IX-XII, framed on the guidelines of holistic education was introduced for the first time in the month of April 2011. Spread over an academic year, the programme aims to cater to the students of the age group 13-18. Sessions on moral and social values prepared and presented by the students are arranged on every working Thursdays. Powerpoint Presentations on these aspects accompanied by motivational and inspirational videos are an integral part of these sessions. Through these sessions, students are reminded by their peers about the importance of values in everyday life. The power point presentations on student related issues give an insight to the students into the implications of misconduct and inappropriate day to day behavior. Special emphasis is laid on the hazardous effect of social networking which is crippling the young generation.

**Annual Inter Class English Debate :** between classes XI & XII was held on 8 June 2011. The topic of the debate was "Politicians do more harm than good to a country." The XI graders spoke in favour of the motion and the XII graders spoke against the motion. XI graders won the debate and clinched the Rolling Trophy. Faheema Nasreen of XII A2 was declared the Best Speaker.

The Annual InterClass English Debate IX&X was held on 7 June 2011. The Topic was "Only youth play a vital role in shaping the future of a Nation". The IX graders spoke in favour of the motion and the X graders spoke against the motion. The X graders clinched the Rolling Trophy as the winning team. Syeda Hafsa Hina from the 'For' team was declared the Best Speaker.

## VI-VIII BOYS SECTION



The session 2011-2012 started with great zeal and enthusiasm. During the months of April and May a number of activities were conducted at VI-VIII B.S- English Handwriting Competition, Hindi Handwriting Competition, Tamil, Malayalam and Urdu Handwriting Competition.

English Recitation Competition, English Essay Writing Competition, and Map Marking Competition. The Best three Prizes were given to the winners.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011, The Perfect Investiture VI-VIII B.S. was solemnized under the patronage of our Principal Mr. Syed Masood Ahmed, V.P. & Head Master who bestowed the incumbents with badges and flags. Beaming with pride, the Head Prefect Master Muhit Masood solemnly pledged to uphold the school values .

## IX-XII BOYS SECTION



During the first term of the academic year 2011-2012, the Boys' section of IX-XII was vibrant with a number of bustling co-curricular and extra curricular activities. Apart from the scheduled activities given in the school calendar the block has conducted various programmes to promote the artistic and aesthetic skills of the students .

We kicked off the activities with the CCE awareness programme for the parents of IX and X. The programme mainly focused upon eliminating the apprehensions of parents on CCE and giving them an insight on the tools and measures

used in CCE. Students' Seminars were held on the scheduled dates on various subjects – Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science and Economics. Essay writing and creative writing in English and other languages as the part of Vista Day, Map marking competition, Essay writing as the part of celebrating Earth Day etc. became remarkable due to the overwhelming number of students' participation. A one day cricket match and volleyball tournament were held for classes 9<sup>th</sup> & 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> students.

The cabinet Investiture of IX-XII which was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May was the hallmark of the term. Under the captaincy of Master Daud Arif 16 Cabinet members pledged their devotion and loyalty to their Alma Mater that day. The presentation titled 'Message By The Cabinet' was the highlight of the day. It was based on a slide show depicting the disintegrating state of the present world. In the show 16 cabinet members personified 16 virtuous qualities which are inevitable to transform the world into a better place to live in.

As the part of Learning By Exploring Students of class 12 visited Binzager, Unilever and Rubber Factory in Industrial City. In the Annual Interclass English Debates of XI vs XII and IX vs X, Class XI and Class X, won the Championship title respectively. Master Daud Arif and Master Abdul Haleem won the Best Speaker title.

Another marvelous event held in the term was the awareness programme on Medical Science by the Dept. of Biology. Students of science stream with Biology option exhibited working models on different systems of Human body and presented MS Power Points on the same. A team of Doctors who visited the programme gave awareness on various diseases and preventive measures. In order to inculcate and promote reading habits the readers' club celebrated the library week and held a book review contest on selected Classical Books. Certificates were given to the participants and winners of all these events .

## IISJ BIDS FAREWELL .....



**Mrs. Kochu Thresia Davis** presently the Headmistress of the III-V Girls Section joined IISJ in 1998 as the HM of I & II Boys Section. She has been part of the IISJ family for the last thirteen years. After completing 13 successful years of service she has taken voluntary retirement from her services in IISJ. All the members of the IISJ family thank Mrs. Davis for her relentless service to the school during this period and wish her the very best.

## FROM THE COE'S DESK

CBSE Registration for the students of Grades IX, X, XI & XII will be done during the months of July & August 2011. Registration is mandatory for all the students of these classes. Students who have not yet submitted the registration forms are requested to contact the Controller of Examination immediately.

The COE's office will remain open during the Summer Vacation, except Eid Holidays.

## DEVELOP THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

### ACRES OF DIAMONDS

There was a farmer in Africa who was happy and content. He was happy because he was content. He was content because he was happy. One day a wise man came to him and told him about the glory of diamonds and the power that goes along with them. The wise man said, "if you had a diamond the size of your thumb, you could have your own city. If you had a diamond the size of your fist, you could probably own your own country." And then he went away. That night the farmer could not sleep. He was unhappy and he was discontent. He was unhappy because he was discontent and discontent because he was unhappy.

The next morning he made arrangements to sell off his farm, took care of his family and went in search of diamonds. He looked all over Africa and couldn't find any. When he got to Spain, he was emotionally, physically and financially broke. He got so disheartened that he threw himself into the Barcelona river and committed suicide.

Back home, the person who had bought his farm was watering the camels at a stream that ran through the farm. Across the stream, the rays of the morning sun hit a stone and made it sparkle like a rainbow. He thought it would look good on the mantelpiece. He picked up the stone and put it in the living room. That afternoon the wise man came and saw the stone sparkling. He asked, "Is Hafiz back?" The new owner said, "No, why do you ask?" The wise man said, "Because that is a diamond. I recognize one when I see one." The man said, "No, that's just a stone I picked up from the stream. Come, I'll show you. There are many more." They went and picked some samples and sent them for analysis. Sure enough, the stones were diamonds, they found that the farm was indeed covered with acres and acres of diamonds.

What is the moral of the story?

There are not one, but five morals in this story.

1. When our attitude is right, we realize that we are all walking on acres and acres of diamonds. Opportunity is always under our feet. We don't have to go anywhere. All we need to do is recognize it.
2. The grass on the other side always look greener.
3. While we are eying the grass on the other side, there are others who are eying the grass on our side. They would be happy to trade places with us.
4. When people don't know how to recognize opportunity, they complain of noise when it knocks.

The same opportunity never knocks twice. The next one may be better or worse, but it is never the same one.

All the five morals of the story give us the message that our attitude (determines the success or failure in our life) contributes to our success in life.

Very true, indeed!

A study attributed to Harvard University found that when a person gets a job, 85% of the time it is because of their attitude, and only 15% of the time because of how smart they are and how many facts and figures they know. Surprisingly, almost 100% of education dollars go to teach facts and figures which account for only 15% of success in work!

So the message is loud and clear— develop the right attitude. Be positive and do not look for the negative.

Attitude development thus undoubtedly refers to positive attitude development, which is of immense importance in a person's life. Right attitude fosters growth and helps individual to attain success.

It has been rightly said - "Talent may take you up, but attitude will help you to be there."

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

The school will be closed for Summer Vacation and Eid Holidays from 7 July 2011 to 12 Sept 2011 and will reopen on 13 September 2011.

Fee counter in the boys section will remain open on all working days from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Saturday to Wednesday) and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, during the period of vacation for the convenience of parents who are not proceeding on vacation. It will remain closed from 20 August 2011 to 10 Sept 2011 on account of Eid Holidays. Fee counter will be open from 11 Sept 2011.

Parents who are proceeding on vacation may remit the fee upto Sept 2011 in advance. However, they also have the option of paying the school fee up to June 2011 before proceeding on vacation and remit the fee for the months of July & August by 20 Sept 2011 without late fee.

It may also be noted that the late payment will be charged for the complete period of default as per existing rules of the school after 20 September 2011.

## TIPS TO SPEND YOUR VACATION

- Visit at least one historical site. It will give you a rich experience and increase your knowledge.
- It is the best time to visit your relatives, spend time with grandparents and learn more about our own culture.
- After a hectic term of tests and exams you deserve a trip to a beach or a water park.
- Choose a hobby and develop it. Collecting rare coins, pictures, painting, stitching, drawing, making items out of refuse, photography etc. are some hobbies that will help you spend your time in a fruitful manner.
- Read good books. Spend time in libraries and book stores where you can explore and enjoy, discover and learn.
- Last but not the least DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.

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