



## BISAK NEWSLETTER

26th May 2010

**BISAK THEME 2010**

Inspiring young minds to do the best they can with the gifts that they have!!!

**Dear Parents and Students,**

**In order to familiarise parents with our Philosophy and Objectives, we will introduce a different statement each week in our newsletter. This week's objective is:**

***"Foster values particularly respect, integrity and commitment."***

Dear Parents

I am pleased to be able to update you on our latest appointment for Head of Secondary as from September 2010. Stephen Viner joins us from a reputable school in London where he has been instrumental in the leadership of the raising standards in all areas of the curriculum. His experience will be welcome at BISAK. He is joined by his wife and family. Elisa will assist us with the improvement of our languages department, by possibly looking at the introduction of Spanish into the curriculum for then next academic year.

As we approach the last few weeks of the academic year, our plans are in an advanced stage for the next academic year. We will be having an induction day for all potential sixth form students on the 13th June 2010. Invitations will be sent out shortly—indeed if you are aware of any students who are interested in joining our sixth form next year, please do tell them to contact Sue Coppard, our registrar.

Our talented students will be performing on June 5th from 6—9pm in BISAK ROCKS in the Lower Hall. In addition BISAK's Got Talent will be on Wednesday 16th June from 1.05 to 2.00pm also in the Lower Hall. Parents are very welcome to attend this event. On the 20th June we will host our Annual Prize Day.

As you may be aware our current year 11 students have started their GCSE examinations—the first students ever at BISAK! We wish them every success.

As always, I am pleased to hear from parents on our every opinion counts document, which can be found on the website.

### STEPHEN AND ELISA VINER

My name is Stephen Viner. I will be joining BISAK in September 2010 as Head of Secondary. I will be joined by my wife Elisa and our two children, Daniel and Catherine. Daniel is almost 5 and will be joining Year 1. Catherine was born in October 2009. I have worked in a variety of schools from Inner City London to leafy St Albans. All have offered me a range of experiences that I shall bring with me to BISAK. I have been a Deputy Headteacher since 2003 and I have worked in a number of schools in challenging circumstances and helped schools move from the Ofsted 'notice to improve' to 'Good' mark. More recently, at my present school, I led key areas in achieving their Ofsted 'Outstanding' mark, in particular for teaching and learning and care, guidance and support. Elisa is currently on maternity leave but is looking forward to returning to work part time. She currently teaches in a school not far from where we live in London. Elisa is a fluent speaker of Spanish and will be assisting the school in introducing it as a subject at BISAK.



We are very excited (and apprehensive!) about our move to Saudi Arabia. We look forward to meeting you all in September.

Kind Regards

Tassos Anastasiades  
Principal

## **2010/11 Fees**

In this newsletter are the 2010/11 Tuition Fees. The Board have tried to keep any increases to a minimum while recognising the need to provide quality staffing and resourcing. There is a new charge this year – a library levy of Sr200 per annum to provide for books and resources in the library. This will greatly enhance the library facility.

Invoices for next year are being generated and you should receive these after mid-term. Note that we do require a deposit of Sr3,000 by 16 June 2010. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the invoice then please call the Bursar, Carol Rolfe or email [bursar@britishschool-ksa.com](mailto:bursar@britishschool-ksa.com) As usual, we appreciate your ongoing support.

### **REGISTRATION**

A registration fee of SR3, 500 is payable for each child. This is a one-time fee and does not guarantee a place in the school. **This fee is non-refundable under all circumstances** unless BISAK is unable to offer your child a place in the school, either because the classes are full or because the school cannot accept your child following the entrance assessment in which case, SR3, 000 of this fee will be refunded upon request.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

The Development fee is a one time fee of Sr1,000 payable with a student's first tuition fee and is used for the long term development of the school.

### **TUITION**

There are three terms in each school year. Fee for each term are payable by the end of the previous term. Non-payment of fees risks losing a place for the next term.

	Per Term	Per Year
<u>Pre-school</u>	Sr 7,350	Sr 22,050
Reception to Yr 2	Sr 11,150	Sr 33,450
Yr 3 to Yr 6	Sr 11,350	Sr 34,050
Yr 7 to Yr 9	Sr 11,850	Sr 35,550
Yr 10	Sr 16,350	Sr 49,050
Yr 11	Sr 16,700	Sr 50,100
Yr 12	Sr 17,350	Sr 52,050
Arabic (Full time)	Sr 1,440	Sr 4,320
Arabic (Non Arabic Speaking)	Sr 800	Sr 2,400
Library Levy		Sr 200

A discount of 50% will be given for the fourth child of each family **all** of whose children attend BISAK.

Separate small charges may from time to time be levied for participation in certain field trips and after-school activities involving consumable items. Parents will be notified of these before the event.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Term-1	Fees due	16 June 2010
Term-2	Fees due	08 December 2010
Term-3	Fees due	06 April 2011

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, resulting in the withdrawal of a child from school, a refund of fees paid will be made on condition the school receives written notification at least 10 working days before the commencement of Term 1, and by the last working day prior to commencement of terms 2 and 3.

### Polite Reminders from the Registrar.

Would all parents kindly inform the Registrar of any intentions of children leaving school at the end of the Academic Year, regardless to students in Secondary or Primary. This needs to be in writing with the child's full name, class and leaving date.

School Leaving Certificates, Reports and any other documents required by the new school cannot be issued without written notice. Tuition fees will be issued around 25 May 2010 for September 2010/1011, therefore all students are presumed to be retuning unless otherwise informed.

We have long wait lists for many year groups, not giving us enough notice could deprive a child of a place.

Email: [registrar@britishschool-ksa.com](mailto:registrar@britishschool-ksa.com)

### Parents Visiting School.

All parents are required to report to the Registrar's Office on entry to school. Signing in on arrival is Mandatory and for the safety of both yourselves and the children, in the event of an emergency ie. Evacuation etc, if you have not signed in we would be unaware of your presences in school. Let along a security risk if we have visitors that we are unaware of.

We ask that parents **DO NOT** go to their child's classroom for a look around or to speak to the teacher whilst lessons are taking place, this is not only disturbing to the classes it can be very upsetting for the children. If you require to see your child's teacher please make an appointment via the home work diary or telephone to make an appointment.

If you need to collect your child before the end of the school day please inform the teacher prior to the pickup time, or telephone before so staff can get children ready for your collection.

Your assistance in all of these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mrs Sue Coppard  
Registrar

Dear Parents,

The yearly reports will be distributed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June — the last day of term. There will be no report(s) issued before this date.

If you are leaving the Kingdom prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, please let us have your up-to-date e-mail address so we can scan and digitally send the report(s) to you wherever you may be.

Otherwise, if you would like the report(s) mailed to your address please let us have a Prepaid self-addressed envelope before you leave on your vacation and the report(s) will posted during the summer break.

Mr. Costas Gikas  
Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

There will be no Infant Assembly this week. This is because the Michael Hamilton Hall is being used for exams. Parents will be informed when their child will receive their star of the week certificate.

Mrs. Angela Gunn

### Mathletics Review



Between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May, pupils from year 3 to Year 6 were involved in the Middle East Schools Maths Challenge, otherwise known as Mathletics. Children gained points for themselves, their class and the school and were able to compete against children from all over the world. Points accumulated over the challenge period, and children gained certificates based on the total number of points won.

During the challenge period, BISA's Middle School children answered some 361,000 Mathematics questions correctly. Ms. Pascoe's 3P class accumulated 69,000 points, Mr. Suter's 5S class scored 104,000 points, but all the classes were overshadowed by Mrs. Williams' 5W who scored a whopping 306,000 which saw them finish the Middle East challenge as the 21<sup>st</sup> best school in the region!

Well done to all the students who took part, and gained achievement certificates. Particular mention should go to the following:

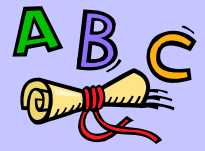
Silver certificates (scoring 10,000 points or more)

3BG	Samar Abdelhadi	11460 points
	Ruslan Garifullin	15413 points
3P	Matheus Barreto	10361 points
	Ju Won Cheong	10242 points
4H	Murad Bajwa	10009 points
5A	Maryam Al-Najjar	12194 points
5S	Ahmed Khalil	20547 points
5W	Ahmed Abdel Halim	16187 points
	Nour Abdulhussain	18542 points
	Aulia Dermawan	18035 points
	Tala El Nakib	11430 points
	Clement Huet	18094 points
	Tamara Joseph	12745 points
	Rakshanda Khan	13546 points
	Noor Luqman	23920 points
	Civene Maarouf	13301 points
	Bagus Marzuki	16648 points
	Malak Ratrouf	18111 points
	Bassil Shami	11621 points
	Oliver Smith	11646 points
6T	Ahmed Hefny	10574 points
	Alan Issa	10604 points
	Nizar Saadeldeen	12302 points

Gold certificates (25,000 points or more)

5W	Ramly, Amar	31071 points
	Imam, Seyed Mohammad	25523 points
	Hakam, Nayyira	25005 points

*Congratulations!!!  
to all of this week's achievers*



### House Point Winner



EAL Farah Al Najjar.  
RC Muhammad Dabjan.  
RD Zehra Farooqi.  
RG Jasmine Khalil.  
1I Ciaran Murray.  
1M Aymaan Saqib.  
1T Kareem Masadeh, Jakob Weinmann.  
2G Maryam Chaidhry, Sergiu Puscasu.  
2H Nicole Froneman-Gerber.  
2P Rym Messaoudi.

### Star of the Week



EAL Munisa Shamsiev.  
PSG Ashja Qazi, Anna Negri.  
PSO Rania Mandour.  
RC Phoebe Tomkinson, Tristan Bayuweda.  
RD Kumayl Badami.  
RG Ibrahim Bilal.  
1I Ciaran Murray.  
1M Orlando Ballard.  
2G Glen Mouat.  
2P Karam Al Merhebi

### Platinum Certificate



RG Malak Abdel Halim.  
1T Jakob Weinmann.

### Gold Certificate



EAL Arkady Deliev, Fayzulla Shamsiev.  
RC Imran Awaldien, Alysha Faisal, Phoebe Tomkinson.  
RD Leen Elzubeir, Aman Farooq, Zainab Majid.  
RG Yagiz Ozdal.

### Silver Certificate



RG Sumayya Deacon, Rahat Rauf.

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- 3BG Danitsa Davis, Ahmed Hassane.
- 3C Charbel Gergean.
- 3P Matheus Barreto.
- 4B Jacob Reyes.
- 4H Murad Bajwa (last week),  
Aboudi Baccar, Noura Elbayroui.
- 4P Noah Rijkaard.
- 5A Myrna Haddad.
- 5S Maziyad Attassi.
- 5W Mohammed Dawood.
- 6B Faraz Ahmed, Sophie Young.
- 6M Ihtisham Shams, Thilini Baduge.
- 6T Mustafa Hamdani.

## Bronze Certificate



- 6T Mariam Abdel-Wareth.

## Gold Certificate



- 3BG Ruslan Garifullin, Abdulrahman Masadeh.
- 3P Emily Hoskins.
- 5S Andrew Smith, Abdullah Salah.

## Platinum Certificate



- 3C Charbel Gergean, Nada Youssef
- 4B Enna Bayudewa, Matthew Gair, Sina Abel.
- 4H Murad Bajwa, Zaid Beck (last week),  
Salik Khan, Gabriela Barreto, Muneeb Al-Majzob,  
Marcella Cowan.
- 5A Youssef El Shafei, Benjamin Hills.
- 6B Marium Kiwan.
- 6M Alex Fraser.
- 6T Maidah Tassadaq, PJ van der Westhuizen.

## Diamond Certificate



- 3BG Samar Abdelhadi, Agop Gergean, Danitsa Davis.
- 3P Kareem Hijazi, Matheus Barreto.
- 4B Haytham Mc Dowell-Rose.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS DURING MONTH OF MAY & JUNE

*Saturday 29th May to 2nd June*

*Year 10 Exam Week*

*Saturday 5th June*

*BISAK ROCKS 6 to 9pm  
Lower Hall*

*Wednesday 16th June*

*After-School Activities finish.*

*Wednesday 16th June*

*BISAK's Got Talent Show  
1.05 to 2pm Lower Hall*

*Sunday 20th June*

*PRIZE DAY*

*LAST DAY OF TERM - WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE*

*Thursday 24th June*

*GCSE Exams end*