

# BISAK NEWSLETTER

## *BISAK THEME 2009*

9th September 2009

Inspiring young minds to do the best they can with the gifts 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:

*"Develop the skills and positive attitudes to become independent and effective learners"*

Dear Parents and Students,

It has been a very productive start to the year. Thank you to all for being patient with us re the electricity in the new classrooms. All works should be complete within the next few days. Student numbers have been booming, with waiting lists in all classes up to year 4, and also now in year 7 and 8. The recorded student roll at the end of this week was 628! As always, we are always pleased to hear from you as parents. Do email me if you have any comments or suggestions. I hope that you will find this Newsletter informative.

Regards

Dr Tassos Anastasiades

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students have now been allocated places in After School Activities for this term and information slips have been sent home. Please ensure that you have made the appropriate transport arrangements for your child when they are attending an activity. Unfortunately some forms came back with no name or other identifying information so these children missed out on a place. Inevitably some activities were so popular that we had too many applicants and so some children have not been allocated an activity this term. Please be assured that if your child missed out this term they will be given priority next term.

Thank you

### SCHOOL SHOP

We now have school logos in stock again. These cost SR10 each. We are happy to accept orders for items from the shop if they are accompanied by money and sizes etc are clearly stated.

## PARENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The British International School of Al Khobar is governed by a Board, which constitutes the highest legal authorising body for the school. The Board oversees all major legal and financial business conducted by the school in achieving its educational aims. The Board comprises:

Founder & Chairman Emeritus:	Dr George Saadeh
Chairman:	Mr Ziad Najjar
Acting Deputy Chairperson:	Mrs Shadia Dajani
Treasurer:	Mr Ebrahim Hajjarah
British Trade Office Representative:	Mr Neil Wilson
Community Representative:	Mr Mike Tunstall
Community Representative:	Mrs Karen Daly-Gherabi
Community Representative:	Mrs Emmie Pollard
Community Representative:	Mr Nadim Zakharia
Parent Representative:	VACANT
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There are 2 vacancies for parent representatives to the Board of Governors. This is a valuable part of our Governance process and provides an opportunity for parents to contribute to the overall school leadership.

Nominees are invited to submit a nomination form and candidate's statement (no more than 250 words please) to the Board Secretary at BISA by 3pm Wednesday, 16 September 2009. Nomination forms were sent home with the eldest child this week. Nominees should be a parent of a student at the school and may self-nominate or be nominated by another parent. Note that the following conditions apply:

- School employees or their spouses are not eligible for election;
- No husband and wife may serve on the Board concurrently;
- No one company or organisation may have more than one nominated representative serving on the Board concurrently.

Should there be more than 2 eligible nominees, an election will be held. Voting papers and the candidate's statement will be circulated to parents. Voting papers are due back at school by 3pm, Wednesday 30th September. If you would like more information please contact the Board Secretary. [bursar@britishschool-ksa.com](mailto:bursar@britishschool-ksa.com)

## GATE PASSES

For new parents: The application form for gate passes onto BISAK premises is available from our school website. This pass will allow you access through the right hand barrier of the Oasis Gardens security lanes.

Please click on the following link: <http://www.britishschool-ksa.com/Documents/pdf%20files/Awards%20Newletters%202009-2010/BISAK%20Vehilce%20Pass.pdf>

Print and complete the form and return to the Estate Manager:

Mrs Amal Fakhoury as soon as possible.

For returning parents: Your passes is valid until the end of year (December 2009).

Gate passes in the new format will be placed on the website in the first week of December 09. We will keep you posted.

### Music Department needs your help

Do we have one or two parents that can help on Sundays/Mondays with Production Costume and Prop. Storage? We are trying to get this storage room organized and in some kind of order in time for the next production. If you can help please get in touch with Carol Taggerty, Music Department.

Much appreciated

### Reminder for Pre-School and Reception

At BISAK we endeavor to provide a safe environment for the school community. The school recognises the importance of minimizing any risks that may impact on the school community.

As Pre-school and Reception children are picked up from their relative classes and in order to avoid any pick up mishaps by drivers/maids etc, the following will be trialed during the term

All drivers and/or maids picking up students will be required to carry on them a PHOTO ID of themselves, the student/s they are picking up (name of student indicated) and the student's class.

This ID will be produced by the school. We will, however, require a photograph be taken of your driver/maid as well as one of your child/ren.

As we intend to start the process tomorrow can you please inform your driver/maid that they will be asked to have their photograph taken at some stage? As the student numbers are large this may take a few days to complete. It would be helpful if you already had a photograph of your child/ren and driver/maid (passport size)

Thank you all in advance for you cooperation.

## Interested to work at BISAK???

We are looking for casual/supply teachers, classroom assistants & nurses. If you are interested please contact our Personnel Manager at:-  
[personnel@britishschool-ksa](mailto:personnel@britishschool-ksa)  
Thankyou

## SCHOOL SHOP

Please note that the School Uniform Shop will be open at the regular times on:-

MONDAYS 7.15am TO 8.00am

SATURDAYS 7.15am TO 8.00am & 1.00pm TO 1.45pm

WEDNESDAY 7.15am TO 8.00am

Please ensure that any uniform orders brought to the shop by the children must be accompanied by the correct amount of money. The items ordered will then be sent home with the child.

## APF

We have a thriving Association of Parents and Friends who work with teachers to raise funds for the benefit of our students. The committee is always looking for enthusiastic new members. If you are interested in helping please contact the Principal's Secretary. Please use this link to access the APF information on our website. <http://www.britishschool-ksa.com/HTML%20Pages/APF.html>

## RAMADAN REMINDER

During the month of Ramadan, all people of the Muslim religion, fast during the daylight hours and only break their fast after sunset. In keeping with the customs of our host country, BISAK asks that students refrain from eating and drinking in public i.e. corridors and outdoors.

BISAK provides a prayer and reflection room for our students during their break time.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!!

*Saturday 12th September*

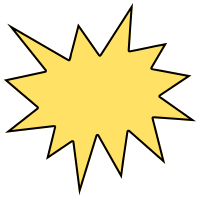
*After-school Activities begins*

SATURDAY 19th TO WEDNESDAY 23rd

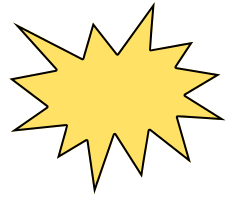
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DAY HOLIDAY

*Saturday 26th September*

*Back to School*



# Congratulations to All This Week's Achievers



PRIMARY SCHOOL

## House Point Winner

- 3C Umnia Saqib, Faisal Darwish, Charbel Gergean
- 3P Teenida Melia, Noor Bajwa, Matheus Barreto
- 4H Gabriela Barreto
- 4P Maya Moustafa

## Bronze Award

- 3C Charbel Gergean, Faisal Darwish, Umnia Saqib