



ABU DHABI INDIAN SCHOOL – BRANCH 1, AL WATHBA

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

November 6, 2014

Dear Parents,

Greetings!!

This is the first newsletter from the Principal's desk!

The beginning of ADIS branch 1 at Al Wathba was a dream that came true, when the school came to life with the students walking into its new premises on 4th September 2014 under the leadership of our visionary chairman, Padmashree Dr. B. R. Shetty.

We value the trust and confidence you have placed in us by selecting Abu Dhabi Indian School for your child and we look forward to working together in partnership to give you and your child a constructive learning environment.

At the heart of completion of two months of our school, we would like to share some developments and ongoing activities on our forward journey to excellence. Through academic, personal development and extracurricular programme the core values of Leadership Qualities, Values, Forward Thinking of the students will be developed.

Highly effective home and school partnership is central to everything we do at Abu Dhabi Indian School, Branch I, Al Wathba. We genuinely believe that keeping parents fully informed about their child's education from a very early age will fully support and maximise academic and social development. Through a range of Parent-Teacher meetings and an open door policy we ensure that the parental body is kept completely informed about all school developments.

ACADEMICS

We wish to see in our students an enthusiastic, creative, thoughtful and confident learner with a scientific and rational mind. In developing these skills we encourage our students to read, think and act differently. We discourage rote learning. Thinking beyond the textbooks and classrooms is encouraged among every student. We request the support of the parents to develop a reading habit in their children. The school will develop tests and assignments to develop skill based learning. The assignments and tests will feature questions focussing on topics covered in the textbooks and concepts taught in classes. For improving the writing and speaking skills of the students in English, the academic section has divided the English weekly periods into grammar, creative writing and comprehension, reading, vocabulary and literature classes. However the school does not lay strong emphasis on the study of English literature at its kindergarten and elementary level. Our prime focus in the primary stage is on literacy, numeracy and science.

Being a new school we have here and there some teething hums in academics which we wish to overcome with your support and cooperation.



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Our teachers are periodically uploading the worksheets, assignments and work done in the previous week on the Digital Campus for all students and parents, so that parents can help their children to succeed academically.

We would appreciate if the worksheets are done by the children as we want to see them grow as independent and confident learners. We also encourage that our students must read the text-book right from the elementary level.

All parents are requested to note that Arabic, UAE Social Studies and Islamic studies (for all Muslim students only) are compulsory ministry subjects and it is mandatory that students score over 50% to get promoted to the next class.

On request of many parents the Arabic dept. has uploaded a parent's guide to Arabic learning on the Digital Campus. An elementary guide for Hindi has also been uploaded for non- Hindi speaking parents.

IMPORTANT: The skill and value based questions will be a part of both Monthly and Summative exams for 1-2 marks.

KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS:

These assessments are absolutely informal. However we request the parents to follow up with the home-work, to regularly communicate with child's respective class teachers to know about the progress of the child.

ADIS Wathba aims to provide smart classrooms. Interactive Projectors have been installed in all the present classrooms.

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES –

In an effort to enhance the holistic skills of the students the school has organized a number of co-curricular activities in the past two months of its operation:

- Gandhi Jayanthi (KG Students) was celebrated on 2nd October 2014, The teachers of the kindergarten section put up a cultural program for the students.
- Colour Day (KG Students) was held on 9th October 2014 for which few parents were invited and that was our first profound interaction with KG parents.
- Recitation Competition (KG Students) was held on 30th October 2014 and we received maximum participation from the kindergarten students. The competition was held in two stages, one for the junior K.G and the second for the senior K.G.





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- Rangoli Competition (Grades 4 & 5) was held on 30th October 2014 for which we again received maximum participation.
- The school will be celebrating Children's Day on 13th November 2014. There will a drawing and colouring competition held for the students of all grades, we are expecting 100% participation. This competition will be followed by a cultural program organized by our teachers for the students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

It is mandatory for students to be in neat and clean uniform on regular school days and for all school functions.

Regular School Days	
Hair	Off the face and tidily All hair must be of natural colour (No extreme hairstyles/cuts) Girls: Long and medium hair length -Two plaits with a black ribbon Short hair- Pony tails with Black coloured clips or Black Hairbands Boys: Hair must be cut short.
Jewellery (For Girls)	A watch One small stud earring in the lobe of each ear No other body or face piercing is permitted
Make Up	No make up
Girls	Navy blue skirt, Cream colour shirt with school emblem, scarf with lining blue & white, white socks, plain black shoes, navy blue cardigan (in winter).
Boys	Navy blue short / pant, cream colour shirt with school emblem, tie with blue & white stripes, white socks and black plain shoes. Navy blue V-neck sweater (in winter).
Games and P.T	
Girls	School uniform & House colour T-shirts with all purpose game shoes with white sole. Hair Ribbons or hairnets if used, must be navy blue. Hair should be kept in a neat style. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn with the school uniform.
Boys	House colour T-Shirts with all purpose game shoes with white sole.



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Coming to School

Parents should ensure that their children reach school on time.

All students using their own transport must report latest by 7.50am and be ready to start at 8am every day. Parents are requested to collect their wards from the school by 2.15pm.

If your child is late (arrives after 8:00 am) he/she needs to report to Mr Ramesh (PE master) at the waiting lounge.

If your child is late (arrives after 8:10 am) he/she needs to check in at the office before heading to class.

When picking your child up, if you are parking/waiting or walking, please wait in the undercover/ waiting lounge. All teachers will walk their students outside in the undercover/ waiting lounge. Remind your child this is where you will be so they can find you!

We request the parents not to apply for leave during regular working days. It has a negative impact on the learning outcome. However we understand emergency situations.

We appreciate if your child is regular and punctual as that will help in a calm and smooth start and end to each learning day and semester.

VISITING ADIS, AL WATHBA / DROPPING OFF ITEMS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

ADIS, Al Wathba welcomes all parents and visitors to our premise.

In keeping with the safety measure we require all parents, visitors or volunteers to sign in at the office reception upon arriving at the school. If you have an item to drop off for your child during the school hours, please bring it to the office. We will deliver the item to the student. We will ask you to wear a badge identifying you as a visitor or volunteer. If you are not wearing a badge, a staff member will direct you to the office to get one.

We truly appreciate your support and want you to feel welcome at school.

STAFF TRAINING:

All our teachers are highly qualified, experienced and regularly participate in ongoing training programmes to develop their skills and abilities. Our training programmes are subject to stringent quality assurance and evaluation and are continually revised to meet changing needs and to incorporate the latest developments in teaching and learning. Recently the teachers had an in-house training on the "Child Protection Policy" by our School Counsellor.





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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

All our drivers and conductors are in place and they are also trained to handle students while travelling. We are further aware of the occasional issues but we will make sure that there are no uncertain incidents happening with our transport department.

A Child's safety is our prime concern



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

The elementary years in the life of the student is very crucial in the development of competence and confidence as learners. It is the time when a student begins to unfurl to catch values, concepts, attitudes and express feelings, confidence and Decision-making, communication, and life skills, as well as character values, are also being developed. It is also a time when students are acquiring attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups, and family.

We at ADIS, Al Wathba have a qualified and dedicated school counsellor to offer a supportive hand that will help them to achieve their academic, personal and social development. Ms. Sherin is available at all times offering support to the students and their families.

She is available between 8.00am-4.00pm from Sunday to Thursday.

We encourage you to reach out to her if you have any concerns regarding your child.

NUTRITION CORNER:

Eating a healthy diet helps students stay alert during class, fight off illnesses, and grow into strong, healthy adults.

Initially it was noticed that most of the students were carrying junk food instead of the right healthy food. Our school counsellor carried out a food survey in order to study the food habits of the students and to educate the students of the benefits of healthy eating.

Below is a statistical Data of the progress of our students eating pattern.

Grade I (FOOD SURVEY)

Total No. Of Students – 269

Total Participants for this analysis – 208 (80% of the students participated in the survey)

No. Of months for the survey – 2 (Sept 2014 & Oct 2014)



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Graphic representation

Analysis of GRADE I students eating pattern in school



	Sep-14	Oct-14
🍔 % of students eating Junk food	75	40
🍎 % of students eating healthy food	25	60

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We are very glad to notice that the diet pattern of the students has changed improving their health by providing them with right type of food.

Prefectorial Body

After the Summative Assessments, we wish to develop a student prefectorial body for the Junior Section (Grade 1-5) with the intention to prepare the leaders of tomorrow. This prefectorial body will have selected students of Grade V.

Details with regard to this prefectorial body will be sent shortly.





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CONCLUDING NOTE

There is so much to look forward to in the coming months with the Parent Teacher Meet, Sports Meet, field trips, cultural activities and above all the National Day Celebrations.

Trust me dear parents, coming to school every day is a pure joy because of the ever beaming faces of your children. Each classroom is busy throughout the day creating memorable moments of learning with a clear focus on student success. We have had a seamless transition through the first months of school and look forward to the next few months of learning.

We at ADIS, Al Wathba truly believe that every child is indeed "TAARE ZAMEEN PAR"!!!!

Ms. Shibanti Bhowmik
Principal

Please Note: If your ward is absent, we request you to kindly either drop in a mail at info@adiswathba.com / ict@adiswathba.com or give us a call on 02-5831991 before 8.30am informing the school of your ward's absence. The safety of your children is of prime importance to us.