

Dear Parents,

Eid Mubarak! The long awaited summer vacation has finally arrived and we hope you will have a well-deserved break along with your children. Vacations are a great way for parents to engage with children and ensure that informal learning adds to the child's growing set of skills and vocabulary.

#### **Education Perfect Championships**

Our students came in first beating 1824 schools in the Education Perfect Championships for 2017. These Championships are designed for students aged 10 and above and our students as young as 8 have taken on the world and come out at the top.

During the summer students of Grade 3-5 will be enrolled in the Education Perfect English (July) and Science (August) Championships and you will be sent a reminder closer to the date to ensure that they log in and participate.

#### **ASSET and PAT**

This year the school is moving towards undertaking two standardized assessments. All students of Grades 3 - 5 will be appearing for the ASSET assessment in February 2018 and the PAT assessment in October 2018. These are as per guidelines from KHDA, MOE, Dubai and the school will bear the cost of these assessments. We request parents to access the ASSET website during the summer vacations, by following the link <http://www.aqad.in/registrationForm.php> to answer A Question A Day (AQAD) which will enable them to stay in touch with application based, challenging questions that will keep them in touch with their learning while honing their skills further.

**Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)** are designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas. In adopting and using Progressive Achievement Tests to investigate and diagnose student learning and to monitor progress over time, teachers are working within a growth mindset. The benefits are better targeted teaching, increased levels of student engagement and improved learning outcomes.

#### **Refurbishment**

When your child returns to school we hope to have refurbished the Play Area for the Kindergarteners with brand new play equipment and brought in a whole lot of new resources for the very young ones from KODO and LEGO.

We are working on a project to improve the environmental factors in the classrooms by providing indoor plants in every class and ensuring better lighting.

Regular Maintenance of toilets, building and boundary wall will be undertaken and the external signage of the school will be replaced with digital signage.

Whether you are in Dubai or travelling, here are some things for our children to do.

**Explore outside.** Being outside in nature is important for all children. Fresh air, exercise, and observation of the natural world are synonymous with childhood. See what your children about the area around your house, and about themselves.

**Build with Lego.** Kids can build free-form projects, or modern art pieces. If they run out of ideas, challenge them to build a spaceship, a plant, or a robot. But no instruction is really necessary here. We've all been building with LEGO since we could hold up a 2x4 brick. Give them a tub of Lego and let them go.

**Volunteer.** Children can be encouraged to volunteer in old age homes, work with underprivileged children or donate their old books, clothes or toys or donate their Zakat for building a school in Malawi. Our school prides itself on its culture of Philanthropy and I am happy to let you know that through several activities undertaken by our children we have already raised 90,000 AED of the total of 132,000 AED we need to build the school in Malawi in November.

**Travel,** if possible. It is the best form of learning as children explore new places, cuisines and culture.

Your child's teacher will also be **sharing planned summer assignments** including book reviews and do-it-yourself projects. Let the children brush up their multiplication tables and number bonds and Read Books. That says it all. Have a wonderful vacation and stay rested.

Warm regards,



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Principal