**Deputy Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents & Friends,

The term has almost come towards another conclusion. In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to visit some classes and I am really impressed with the level of enthusiasm and the love of learning. You too may have noticed some of the wonderful displays students and staff have shared in the corridors. The ‘success trees’ in the grade 1, 2 and 3 classes demonstrate positive reflective practice.

The principal and I have recently been on high alert in regards to uniform. In particular there are a number of students who are not wearing the Isik College Sports tracksuit pant. Unfortunately, we cannot accept students wearing other styles, labels and coloured pants. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. If your child is not in full uniform parents must provide a written note to the teacher. In fact, we have had to make telephone calls to families and send children home in the morning because of a lack of understanding of the uniform policy.

Last week we started Pop-Corn with the DP. I met some students who have made positive gains at school, but a little on the shy side (Senem, Ahmad and Kayhan). It was simply relaxing chatting along. I’m sure I will meet many more students at a personal level this year. Congratulations to, Gizem Duru, who will receive a PC and internet access, as part of Hume’s 2009 Connecting PC awards.

I wish to also take this opportunity to congratulate some staff members. We wish Mrs. Nirmal Ranjit-Alexiou a holy matrimony and Mrs Safak Goker-Kamisci happiness on the arrival of her little daughter.

Thank you to the kind families who have returned the Parent Volunteers notices. We will be contacting you shortly to run our Parent Volunteer programs.

The PPC has started this year with a real buzz. We hope to see all our students and families join us at the Twilight Movie night on Friday 20th March, as we celebrate Cultural Diversity week and Harmony Day.

Finally, in the interest of looking after our environment newsletters are also available online if you seem to have lost those important dates.

Looking forward to good company and a great movie at the Twilight Movie night. See you all there!

Ms. Evla Han

**Primary Parents Club (PPC) in 2009**

'Hello! We hope everyone has settled into the school year by now and is enjoying the routine again. The PPC has many projects and events planned for this year and will require volunteers and helpers. We urge anyone with available time to fill out the Parent Volunteers form and return it to the school.

The end of year carnival last year was a great success with many thanks to the students, parents and teachers who supported us. We raised approximately $2000.00 which will be used to fund more events. We are currently looking into a fundraising goal to put these monies to good use as well.

Our next fundraising event will be the TWILIGHT MOVIE held in the school grounds on Friday 20th March - Harmony Day! Don’t miss this opportunity to get involved in the school community and have great night with family and friends! Look out for the notice sent home with your child. Tickets can be pre-purchased through the school or bought at the gate on the night.

All parents are welcome to join the PPC and your involvement can be great or small. Our meetings will be held fortnightly in the multipurpose room with the next meeting scheduled for Monday 16th March at 9.30am - 11am. We’re hoping to see some new faces this year!

Mrs Fiona Kardes

**HARMONY DAY**

Friday 20th March is Harmony Day. Each year we dress up in orange to think about our community’s success as a multicultural society, re-commit to continuing tolerance, goodwill and understanding among all groups, and say no to racism. This year we would love to go orange all the way. Please send with your child/ren some oranges or carrots cut up to share in class on the day. Thank you to all our harmonious parents :)

Mrs. Ozlem Byram, Integrated St Team Leader
On March 2nd our Grade Prep students commenced their full days at Isik College. In order to make this day special the Grade Prep teachers organized Rainbow day. On this day students dressed in their favorite rainbow colors. They were all bright and colorful and very excited. Students took part in rainbow activities, games and ate rainbow bread, cookies and ice cream as a treat.

Most students will be able to cope with the school hours of 9:00am - 3:30pm. Others may find it a challenge. We encourage children to have a regular routine for homework and bedtime. Try to limit social outings during the week. Some students may complain of illness or refuse to come to school. This is quiet common in cold weather. Please discuss any issues you may have with your classroom teacher.

Mrs Ozlem Oflay
Infant Dept (Prep) Coordinator

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Assalamu Alaykum to all,

I Mrs. Gulcan Ayvaz am happy to be teaching Religion and Values Education this year to our students of grades prep - 2. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our prep students and their families to Isik College. Prep students have started their Religion and Values classes this month having the opportunity to learn more about our creator Allah (s.w.t). This term the grade preps will be focusing on how we have been perfectly created and the gifts we have been given. Grade 1 students are working on the Belief in Allah and seeing his existence within our daily lives. Grade 1 students are working on the Belief in Allah and seeing his existence within our daily lives. Grade 2 students however are focusing on the names and attributes of Allah. Students have been intensively exposed to 6 attributes of Allah working on the names and memorising them. Overall, students will be learning one new surah/duah in class per term so that we have all students working at the same pace.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment to see me.

Mrs. Ayvaz, R.E Team Leader

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Oranges, bananas, apples, watermelon, grapes and more! Last week the grade 1 classes had a wonderful time in class making and of course eating fruit kebabs! The sessions were aimed at developing literacy skills and healthy eating habits.

Mrs Kever Kilic
Junior Dept (Gr 1 & 2) Coordinator
On 5th of March the grade 4s went on an excursion to Eureka Tower. It started with us waiting for the bus. My class was freezing to death because of the sudden cool change. A few minutes later our bus arrived. We hopped on the bus and took off. On our way we were all chatting aloud until we arrived at the city. Mrs. Esen Arman paid the money and we all entered in. A few people went to the toilets with the teachers. After they came we ate our snacks. I was starving. When everyone finished eating, Scott shared some facts. It took 4 years and 2 months to build the Eureka tower.

The construction cost $500 million. THAT’S ALOT! It has 92 floors and 1,936 stairs.

The top ten floors is 24 carat gold! We went on the lifts and flew up to the 88th floor. We looked around and around. Then we went on a balcony. It was freezing and there were tourists in the glass cube called ‘the edge’. We saw it going in and out. After awhile we went outside and hopped on the buses. When we arrived at school we ate our lunch and watched Brother Bear. We had a great day out!

By: Neslihan Toplu 4C

10 books to read before turning 10

1. Animalia by Graeme Base
2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
3. Matilda by Roald Dahl
4. Tashi by Anna and Barbara Fienberg
5. Possum Magic by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas
6. Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
7. The Lorax by Dr Seuss
8. The Bugalugs Bum Thief by Tim Winton
9. Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
10. Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White

* Compiled by children’s literature experts.

“When a child proclaims hate for reading altogether, chances are they just haven’t discovered the right book yet.”

When helping your child read at home, several strategies may be used to aid in decoding unknown words.

1. Tell the child to look at the picture. You may tell the child the word is something that can be seen in the picture, if that is the case.
2. Tell the child to look for chunks in the word, such as it in sit, at in mat, or and and ing in standing.
3. Ask the child to get his/her mouth ready to say the word by shaping the mouth for the beginning letter.
4. Ask the child if the word looks like another word s/he knows. Does bed look like red?, for example.
5. Ask the child to go on and read to the end of the sentence. Often by reading the other words in context, the child can figure out the unknown word.
6. If the child says the wrong word while reading, ask questions like:

   Does it make sense?
   Does it sound right?
   Does it look right?
On Thursday the 5th of March the grade 5 Pastoral Care team organised a Mevlid Kandil Program after school. Students gained insight into the significance of the Holy night being the birth of our Prophet Muhammad S.A.V (Peace Be Upon Him). We had afternoon tea followed by our discussion about Mevlid Kandil. We discussed the importance of following our Prophet through the Sunnah and Hadith. The program continued with a quiz, some girls were lucky to win prizes. We thank all the grade 5 girls who attended this meaningful program.

Also, the grade 5 Pastoral Care parents were invited to have breakfast together last Tuesday morning. They had the opportunity to meet with other parents and the Pastoral Care Staff.

Mrs. Sevgi Turkmen

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**C A P T A I N S**

We are very proud to announce this year’s new leadership roles. We believe our young leaders will always demonstrate and promote positive habits and active citizenship in the school and beyond.

**Sports Captains** -
- Ebubekir Capar
- Goksu Sahin

**School Captains** -
- Emre Alpay
- Selin Geyik