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Term 3



Western Grammar School

Newsletter

Message from CEO

Assalam-o-Alaikum

With the great blessing of Allah (SWT) Western Grammar is successfully and gradually achieving the targets as per plan and objectives. We aim to serve our community with the best of our abilities and with utmost sincerity and honesty. We are committed and dedicated towards the noble mission of building characterful future generation. The task is difficult and demanding, resources are limited but the vision and path is clear. Alhamdulillah Western Grammar is granted with the registration of five years till Dec 2017. Now we are enrolling the students of year 5 and 6 for 2013. I must extend my gratitude to all community members and friends who helped us to start this educational facility. I assure you that Western Grammar is and will be an icon for you and the community. Therefore I request you to own Western Grammar and to promote it.

With Best Regards

Irfan Afzal

Important Dates

- 21 Sep; Last Day of Term 3
- 25-26 Oct; Eid ul Adha
- 12 Oct; Sports Carnival
- 8 Oct; First Day of Term 4



HADITH e RASOOL

There shall be no envy but two: the person whom Allah has given wealth and the power to spend it in the service of the truth, and the person whom Allah has

Words of Wisdom

- "Read, with the name of GOD, who created you" (Al-Quran)
- "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn" (John Cotton Dana)
- "No one can go back and make a brand new start but one can start from now and make a brand new ending". (Western Grammar)

NAPLAN 2012

Our students have performed beyond our expectations. Below is the chart which is showing our school's performance in this year's NAPLAN.

We could not have achieved this benchmark without the zeal and untiring efforts of teachers and the students together. At the same time it is encouraging for us towards our commitment to provide individualized academic focus and opportunities to our students despite the fact that we were going through a difficult phase of our establishment. We are looking ahead to strive for even higher rankings in the years to come because we aim and claim to

Inside the Kindergarten

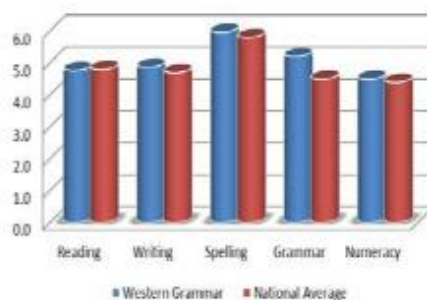
Kindergarten had a very healthy term. They were engaged in learning all about healthy eating. While we can't entirely shield our children from illness, there are ways we can help them boost their immune system, which can only be done by teaching healthy eating habits. They were engaged in making and drinking strawberry milkshake. I was very happy to see most of the students started bringing healthy food only during lunch and recess time.



Kindergarten students were also busy learning math's concepts by using concrete materials when working with numbers, rows, addition and subtraction. Masha 'Allah their learning level has improved during this term. In HSIE, we talked about 'Love and Care' being one of the things we need and the kids made cards for their family to show their love and care. Well done kindergarten. *Miss Ayesha*



NAPLAN 2012



DRAMA

This term, year 1&2 and 3&4 are preparing an Islamic play called "The Old King". This play gives us an insight of how one should be living, respecting and helping each other. The play highlights different human characteristics such as greed, love, friendship, power, respect, and kindness



Through this play the teachers aim to help the students of Western Grammar to gain self-confidence, self-expression and to learn from this unique experience. This experience will give the students a chance to design and make their own clothes that enabled them to think and search about traditional Islamic cloths. Both teachers and students are working very hard to prepare this play, which will Insha'Allah take place during term 4 of 2012, where the student's families and friends will be invited to this wonderful play Insha'Allah.

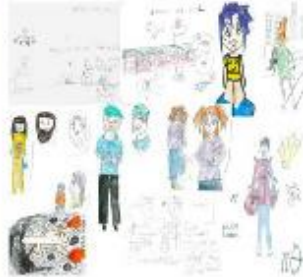


The Qur'an is the word of Allah

Its every syllable is from Allah. Its recitation must be taken very seriously. The purpose of the Science of Tajweed in essence is to make the reciter proficient in reciting the Qur'an.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Throughout term 3 the students of year 3&4 worked together in small groups to produce their own cartoon, which was part of their "Making pictures move" unit of work. During this experience the students learnt to write, design and make their own stories.



characters and senses. The students were given a chance to use experiment with a range of computer programs; this includes scratch, Power Point, Paint and Pencil. This exercise helped students gain confidence in their work, they were able to express themselves through their story writing and character design. Well done 3&4 you made Ms Meyasa very proud! Continue to do your best. ☺

Sister Meyasa Al Hashimi



ARABIC & QURAN LEARNING

This term Ms. Hana taught the students the Arabic letters' different sound movements as well as how to pronounce the same letter in different situations. During the Month of Ramadan our students spared even more time to learn Quran. This month they learnt Surah Alfajr, Al Zilzal, Al Masadd.

READING CHALLENGE

Alhamdulillah we have finished with the Premier Reading Challenge. All students participated in this great reading challenge and their reading records have been entered. Insha'Allah all students will receive certificates in term 4. Our library is well used by the students who come in for reading as well as doing

research. Years 1-4 have been making power point presentations as well as posters related to their classwork. Kindergarten had good time learning about different fruits in a fruit salad. They also learned about animal homes. I am sure all kindergarten parents must have enjoyed going through the A - Z of Ramadan coloring sheets that the students took home. These were lovingly colored during library and technology classes with me and with Ms. Ayesha. Insha'Allah we will have more exciting books to read in the library in term 4.

Miss Hana Rafiq

NARRATIVE WRITING & STORY TELLING

Furthermore, this term both years 1&2 and 3&4 learnt about narrative writing and different ways of storytelling. The students were exposed to both modern and ancient ways of storytelling. The students were then given the chance to trial a new way of story sharing/ telling by reading a picture book and adding sound effects to the to make it more interesting to the listeners, as well as make the story's idea more effective to the younger listeners. In small and mixed



We live in a disposable society. It's easier to throw things out than to fix them. We even give it a name - we call it recycling.

ability groups of 3 to 5, students from both classes were given the chance to perform and share their stories with Kindergarten. Excellent work guys! Your performances were wonderful! ☺



REUSE, REDUCE & RECYCLE

This term Western Grammar students were invited to a really wonderful "Reuse, Reduce and Recycle" incursion. During this incursion the students were able to identify different types of rubbish such as recyclable, non-recyclable and organic rubbish. They were also able to identify difference between the three bins that are currently being used by the Penrith City Council. Students got involved in a range of hands on activities that helped educate them about rubbish, the importance of protecting and preserving the natural habitat around them. This experience will allow them to be better Muslims and great environmentalists Insha'Allah.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

This area of study provides intellectual, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of students practising ways of maintaining active, healthy lifestyles and improving health. Keeping this compulsory requirement in view, school has arranged A TAEKOANDO instructor to train our kids at the school. Our students enjoyed this wonderful training too much. Every Thursday students are desperately waiting for this fun based learning activity. It will carry on throughout the term four till the end of year 2012



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are now enrolling from Kindi to year 6, Siblings discount is available Due to limited positions please contact us to enroll your child at the earliest.
- School is in the process of arranging transport for the students starting from 1st term of 2013, Kindly register the expression of interest for your child now.
- Friday the 21 September is the last day of term three. It will be half day learning and half day fun, Parents are requested to pick up their children at 2.30 pm.
- Book donations are welcome, if you have decent books, we can make them part of our valuable library.

Suggestions, feedback and your participation are highly appreciated.

ICAS 2013

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skill-based assessments with a competition element. They are developed annually for primary and secondary school students in the subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Maths, English writing, Science and Spelling. A new ICAS paper for each subject in each year level is developed annually by a team of subject matter experts. All papers are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess the students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at the school. Children's enthusiasm and the teachers' extreme desire to achieve excellence have given us enough confidence to let our students appear in the next year ICAS test. For more information on ICAS parents may visit following site for more information www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects

Kindly contact us for further questions and information you may require. Parents will be informed about the test dates and other related information in due course.



Spiritual & Social Development

Islamic Studies are conducted according to a structured curriculum that has been developed since the schools inception using English as the medium for instruction to ensure that the school is suitable for any child of Australian Muslim Community. We will be starting Hifz Classes soon, currently students are memorizing short Suras and Duas.

Upcoming Events

Sports Carnival.

Involving children in sports is important for many reasons. They help in the development of a sense of appreciation for the values of teamwork, leadership, cooperation and, of course, exercise. Your child may not develop a passion for team sports such as basketball or baseball, so encourage involvement in a variety of sporting atmospheres. Keeping this outcome in view our school is having sports carnival on 12 October 2012 subject to weather. We expect that all the parents will be with us to encourage and to support their kids during the sports activity.

Eid ul Adha:

We are expecting Eid ul Adha to fall on 25 or 26 October 2012. School will be closed on 25 and 26 October 2012 for Eid holidays.

Our New Website:

Our Website is being upgraded. Inshallah soon you will be able to view more features and links on our website. As per plan we aim to provide online access to the students profile & performance, Library and other interactive features for the students and the parents.

Lunch Box Tip

Kids love to see their lunchboxes filled with their favorite food. Involve them in making their own lunches, even if it wrapping up the sandwich. A note in their lunchbox makes their day. Zoya was very happy to find a note in her lunchbox by her mum, saying 'start with the name of Allah', and 'eat with a smile'. I'm sure kids would love to open their lunchbox with a message inside by you.

Miss Aneeka

It is great news for the well-wishers of Western Grammar that Western Grammar has been granted five years of registration till December 2017, we are now enrolling for year 5 and 6 as well starting from 1st term of 2013.



Enrolling Now

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