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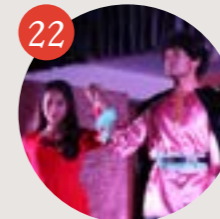
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## Academic Events

### BEEP BEEP!

The Accelerated Reader program at ISC-Lahore always excels in bringing new ways to encourage our young readers. This time it won everyone's heart again by celebrating 'The Magic School Bus' series in the ceremony. In the term 3 AR ceremony, high achievers took the lead by presenting different projects based on the theme, and took quizzes on the entire collection which was available in the library. Students from KG2 to Grade 5 were awarded with certificates and a delightful treat. Keeping in mind the importance of reading, students shared a few tips about how to enhance reading skills and comprehension. Reading for at

least twenty-five minutes every day can benefit students allowing them to become better readers. Also, instead of having movie nights, friends and families can organize events that include reading books, role playing, or even storytelling. This program is vital, as it continues to allow students to take pride in reading and excel independently. Parents can easily track the performance of their child in the form of a comprehensive report that is given at the end of every term. ISC-Lahore urges its community to encourage everyone in the family to spend time reading together at home and outdoors.

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On May 2, 2019, the Primary and Senior Schools celebrated the Accelerated Reader Finale for students from KG2 to Grade 12. The theme for the academic year 18/19 was "Looking Back Through the Years". An Eager Reader was chosen from each grade and commended for their eagerness to participate in the reading program. In addition, highest achievers were selected on the number of books read and quizzes taken. Parents of the participants were invited to celebrate the occasion with their child. Mrs. Margo addressed the audience congratulating the achievers and appreciating their efforts. The ceremony ended with the cutting of a cake along with tea and snacks.

Senior AR Coordinator  
English Department  
Middle and High School

## SPLISH SPLASH Play Group 2019 Graduation Bash!

The Playgroup Graduation Ceremony marks the conclusion of one chapter in a student's life and the beginning of another. On April 30, 2019, we celebrated the Graduation Ceremony of Playgroup at ISC-Lahore. The ceremony commenced with the procession of the young graduates who entered the hall in their graduation gowns and caps. Once they were seated, the Infants' AQC addressed the audience. She reflected on the students' achievements, and how playgroup had helped them transition and complete the necessary milestones. Afterward, she shared the book 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz with the parents. The purpose of reading this specific book was to show that every child is different and unique.

Later on, the parents were treated to a slideshow presenting the students' activities during the three months of school. A heart-felt praise was given to the graduates and their parents by the school Director, Mrs. Margo Abdel Aziz. The students received their certificates and gifts from the Director.

The Playgroup Graduation Ceremony was a happy and momentous occasion for all involved. It was a lovely opportunity to mark the next chapter in the children's life!

Ms. Nabila Zeeshan  
Playgroup Teacher  
English Teacher, Primary and Middle School



## Urdu Literary Club Activities AY1819

The Urdu department organized a splendid FOOD FESTIVAL in Term 1 that took place over the course of an entire week (Nov 24-28, 2019). The purpose of this event was to generate money for SKMCH. The event comprised of many activities and there were a variety of delicious food stalls in the break. The porch area was well decorated with colorful posters prepared by Maya Choudhry of 10 B. The food stalls offered scrumptious desi bites! In continuation of this, an appreciation ceremony was organized in week 2 of Term 2. The event was very successful as it was a beautiful representation of Pakistani cuisine. It gave our students the opportunity to showcase their skills and talent.

A country's national language and its culture play a major role in its prosperity. In Term 3 the Urdu department organized its 4<sup>th</sup> Urdu Literary Festival. The journey of this festival began in September 2018. Under the umbrella of the Urdu department students were motivated to understand the importance of their national language. Students competed in seven categories in the Urdu Literary festival: Essay Writing, Hand Writing, Public Speaking, Quiz, Story Recitation, Poetry Recitation, and Bait- Bazi. Participants were allocated houses, namely, JINNAH, IQBAL, GHALIB, FAIZ and FRAZ. Students participated enthusiastically. Every participant had the capability to shine. It was very difficult for the judges to finalize the results as every individual was excellent.

The Urdu Literary Festival offered a golden chance for the students of ISC-Lahore to build up their confidence and set goals for themselves. This wonderful series of events ended with a prize distribution ceremony. All participants received certificates while the position holders were awarded with medals.

Mrs. Yasmin Shah  
Head of Urdu Department



## Pakistan Studies Quiz

The International School of Choueifat – Lahore organized a quiz on March 25, 2019, to mark Pakistan Day. Students from grades 5 and 6 participated in the quiz. The teams, namely A, B and C, were made by selecting two students from each section of the grades. The participants were given a set of 50 questions to prepare. They enjoyed being part of the challenge and played with enthusiasm. At the end, team B, comprising two students each from grades 5 and 6, emerged victorious. The victory was celebrated by the entire team, including the participants, school administration, and the SLO® Department. The school is looking forward to another wonderful quiz in the coming year.

Ms. Maryam Zahra  
Pakistan Studies Teacher



## Non-Academic Events

### 'Dora and Diego's Treasure Hunt'

"Teacher, I want to dress up as Dora," shouted a little girl.

"I want to be Diego," said another playgroup student excitedly.

That is how it all commenced. These young learners were the ones who decided about which role to play on their themed day. On March 28, 2019, the students of Playgroup participated in 'Dora and Diego's Treasure Island'. Dressed in Dora and Diego costumes, they entered the KG porch area dancing to the theme songs of their favorite characters, Dora and Diego. The event aimed at illustrating the fact that children learn best through play, active exploration of their environment, and thoughtfully planned activities. After the entertaining dance performance, the students sat down to mesmerize the audience with their singing abilities. Parents were spell-bound and couldn't hide their emotions for their child's debut performance.

The show did not conclude there; parents and students also participated in an amazing 'Treasure Hunt'. In the treasure hunt, playgroup students joined their parents and pretended to be Dora and Diego. They searched for the hidden treasure and were able to complete the activity promptly and successfully. The students went home merrily after receiving their giveaways. It was a memorable event.

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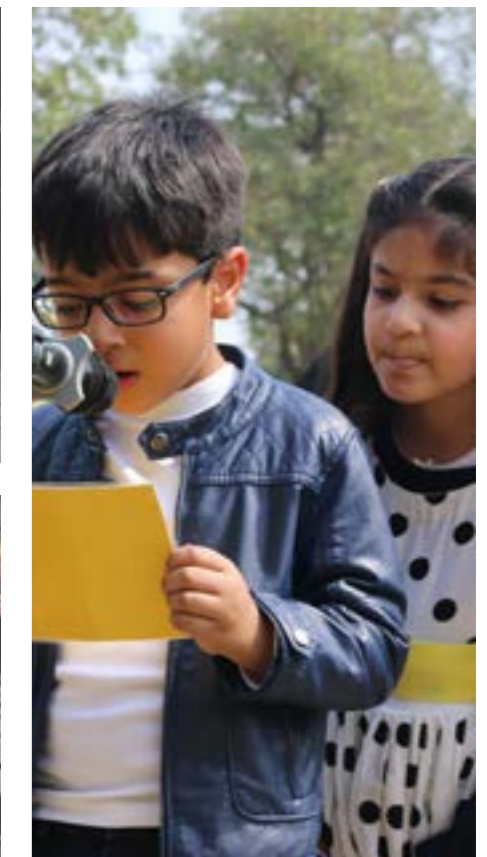
### Polka Dot Party!

The 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019, was welcomed with great anticipation by our first-graders. Their teachers and the SLO® arranged an annual picnic for them. It was a great way to welcome spring as well as the last term of this academic year. During the event the students learned much about musical instruments and the music of the 1950s and 60s. They were excited to dance and 'twist' in their 'Polka Dot Party'. All three sections were color-coded: 1A - red, 1B - orange and 1C- yellow. Two students, Rania Mir of

grade 1B and Ibrahim Salman of grade 1C welcomed Mrs. Margo and the parents. Then all the sections sang the theme song "Do You Know the Music Man". It was followed by speeches on various musical instrument families. Afterwards, the children performed a French nursery rhyme wearing ladybug masks. Later, students wore their dancing shoes to show some moves to different songs from the 50s and 60s. The 'twists' were worth cheering. The children then indulged into another creative activity as they

decorated cupcakes and treated themselves. The children enjoyed taking pictures with their teachers, the AQC and of course with Mrs. Margo. Their art work was displayed on a huge LP record. The parents enjoyed scrumptious snacks and went home with beautiful memories. We thank our AQC, Mrs. Dimitra, whose constant support made this colorful musical event a great success!

Ms. Nida Nayyar  
Grade 1 teacher



## Atletico De Madrid - Academy Joins Hands with ISC-Lahore

As we come to the end of this academic year, we look back at one of our major successes in sports: The collaboration of Atletico De Madrid Academy Pakistan and The International School of Choueifat – Lahore.

Limonos and their fully licensed team of coaches. It was very well received by the students, staff, and parents. We would like to thank them for their hard work over the past few months.

We look forward to inviting them back at the start of the next academic year so we can better develop the sport of football and the talent pool we have here at the school.

The academy program was conducted in the school for two days on a weekly basis. It was headed by the academy managers Javier Visea & Daniel

Registrations are open for Atletico De Madrid Academy at Alpha School Sports Ground, 31 Gurumangat Rd. for June and July.

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Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney  
SLC®, Head of Department



Mr. Zulfiqar touched upon the importance of this campaign, and asked the parents, teachers and school administrations all around the country to play their role in educating their kids. He also thanked the team at ISC-Lahore for taking the lead in such an important issue.

Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz challenged the audience to follow up on what they have heard today and sign a declaration pledging their support to make the country a drug free society.

This was followed by a panel discussion which had representatives from many fields such as police, academia, psychiatrists, and medical doctors and media, who after giving their remarks took questions from the audience.

Mrs. Parveen Sarwar concluded the event thanking everyone involved in creating such a platform. Ms. Parveen called for strict enforcement and called for this campaign to go countrywide. She encouraged the parents, the community, and the teachers to make this a countrywide success story.

Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney  
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## ISC-Lahore a Leader in Drug Awareness and Prevention

The International School of Choueifat – Lahore is seen in many ways a leader in our responsibilities to our school community and the wider community in Lahore, and this year we have decided to declare the war on drugs in collaboration with the Inspector General of Police Islamabad Aamir Zulfiqar Khan and his team.

Drug use is at an all-time high here in Pakistan and the age category most at risk is teenagers and young adults, with young people losing their lives every day to these terrible and addictive substances.

A drug awareness session was held at ISC-Lahore, headed with IGP Islamabad, Dr. Ghias Assistant IG and Madam Sumera, Superintendent of Police with the assistants of the SLO® department, for our senior students, staff, parents, and invited guests from other academic institutions and government officials, with chief guest Ms. Perveen Sarwar, first lady of Lahore also in attendance.

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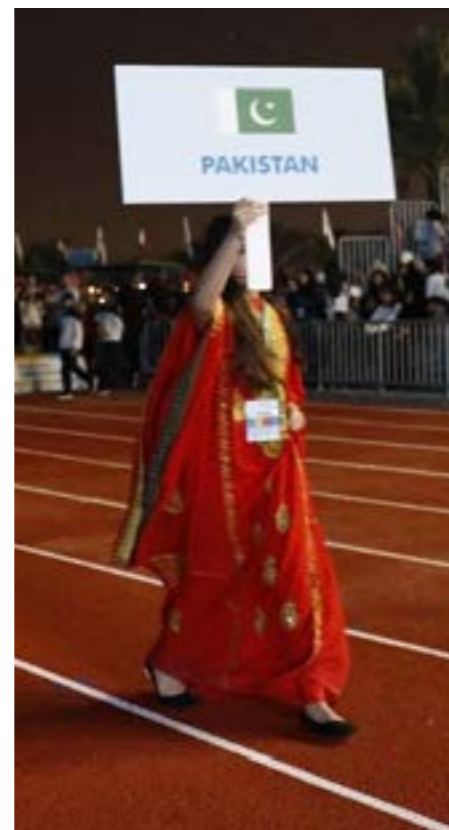
The competition took place in the beginning of April in the extremely hot Bahraini weather over a 3 day period. The air was charged with excitement. The Pakistani team participated with high spirits in each game, wanting to improve on their previous performance in the Regional Tournaments.

Two major successes for ISC-Lahore came in the swimming contest. Maya Omer from Grade 10 and Waleed Zahid Bajwa from Grade 7 both lifted bronze medals in back stroke and breast stroke respectively. It was truly a challenge for both the young swimmers from Lahore.

Waleed shared his views in these words: "Regionals are a great platform for us to display our skills whether it be individually or as a team. It's a great honor to represent your school as well as your country. I for one was thrilled to be selected for the swimming team. I was really excited when I made it through the finals and came 3<sup>rd</sup>. At that moment I was overjoyed by my position."

A massive thank you goes to the Regional Tournament committee, ISC-Manama, the accompanying staff, the students and last but not least the parents.

Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney  
SLC®, Head of Department





## The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

This year students of Grades 5 and 6 Drama Club presented the famous play by Lewis Carol, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." The young superstars took the audience to an enchanted

and magical world of Narnia filled with mythical and fabled creatures. It was amazing to see students' involvement, and the hard work put in by the teachers in the enchanting, mesmerizing act. Their performance

was phenomenal and the set was meticulous. Everyone present at the time enjoyed the world of make-believe.

Dr. Maryam Iqbal Kiani  
Head of Marketing and Admissions

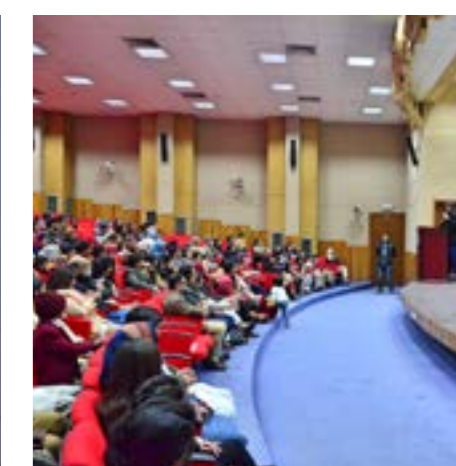


## Little Art

The National Child Competition held its eighth contest in 2019. It was initiated to promote visual culture, understanding of issues among youth and children from their perspective. The theme for this year was "My Mother, My Father". Sixteen students participated in this competition and received certificates. Umer Yaqoob of Grade 4 from ISC-

Lahore won the Prize of Honor and shield. Nawazish Ali of Grade 3 from ISC-Lahore won the medal and ArtBeat Special Award certificate. 130 children were selected to attend a two-week workshop with R.M Naeem. The ArtBeat Lahore exhibition and prize distribution ceremony will be held at the National College of Arts.

Aalia Pervaiz, Grade 9



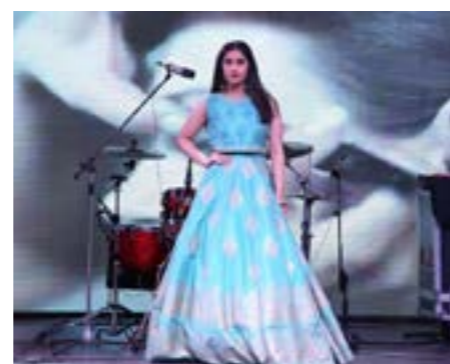
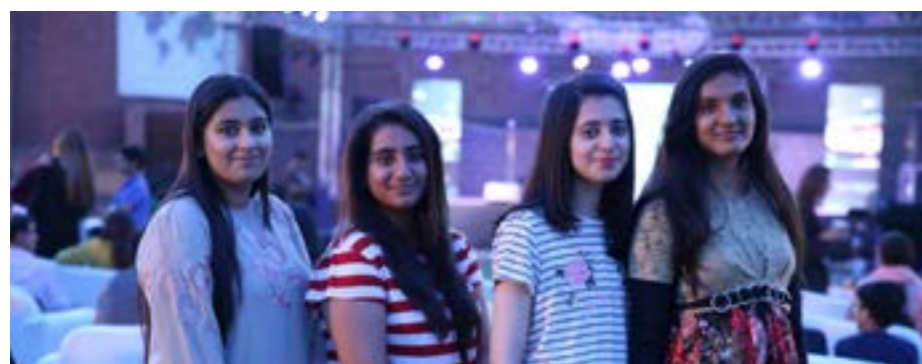
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Pakistan. This festival was not only about food stalls and music but it also included a magnificent fashion show. A splendid display of fireworks kicked off at the same time as the cake cutting to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the ISC-Lahore. Later in the evening, famous artist "Falak Shabir" added flavor to the spring fest'19 with his melodious voice. The event finished at 9:30 pm. The Chief Guest of the event was Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly

Mr. Dost Muhammad Mazari. Many politicians, corporate CEOs, VIP guests, ISC-Lahore staff and parents, students, sponsors and, not to forget, the Special Olympics Students were also part of the celebration. The event was covered by various media channels including City 42, Lahore Rang Public, Samaa, ARY and Hum TV.

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## Pakistan Day

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zeal. There were speeches by young students of ISC-Lahore. The Chief Guest for this event was the Minister of Information, Punjab Mr. Samsam Bukhari. He appreciated the efforts of the management and students of ISC-Lahore. The event had a lot

of media coverage. Many other dignitaries from the political and corporate background graced the occasion with their presence.

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## Double, Double Toil and Trouble!

The high school drama club showcased the annual play "Macbeth" on March 16, 2019. Our budding actors from grade 7 through grade 12 reveled in the opportunity to present their acting skills.

The Bard on Avon crafted the grand tale of high ambition, intrigue and the foulest of crimes in human history: Regicide. With his finger on the pulse of human motives and desires, Shakespeare presented his tragic hero, Macbeth, whose journey from the "worthy gentleman" to the "abhorred tyrant" traces an entire gamut of emotions: valor, fear, greed, remorse, guilt, pride, and resignation.

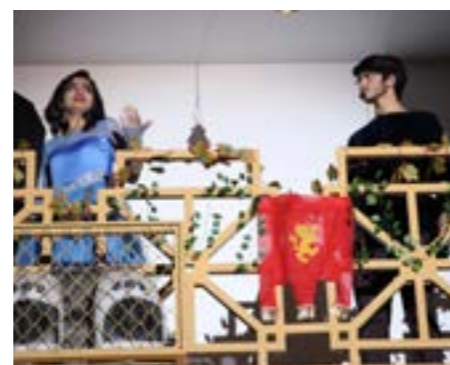
After months of meticulous training and endless hours of rigorous rehearsals, the students were finally ready to stage the performance. The young actors engaged the audience by their immaculate presentation and dialogue delivery. As the tragedy of Macbeth unfolded on the stage, the audience followed Macbeth as he hurtled from the lofty ideals of loyalty and fortitude towards the depths of moral degradation.

The three witches kept the spectators on tenterhooks as they cast their spell and chanted the incantations. The highlight of the play was the narrator, Nishva Malik, who brought the house down with her realistic rendition of the events. Disguised as a witch, Nishva meandered among the audience, casting horror into the hearts and terror into their minds through her vivid execution of the drama.

The battle scene between Macbeth and Macduff's army stole the show! Clad in chequered Scottish kilts, the warriors enacted the battle scene near the castle of Dunsinane. Macbeth gains the crown by murdering the king of Scotland, but loses respect, love, friendship and in the end his life.

In his concluding speech, the chief guest, Mr. Waleed Iqbal acknowledged the acting skills of the performers. The school director, Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz, applauded the students' performance and highlighted the importance of such activities in building students' confidence and teamwork.

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