



IQRA Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Assalamu Alaikum

This week our term two Class Captains were given their certificates. Congratulations to:

Year 1 - Selma Hammodat

Year 2 - Khalisha Gumilar

Year 3 - Marah Hammodat

Year 4 R4 - Yara Ayyub

Year 4 R5 - Alaa Mohamed

Year 5 R6 - Samara Quazi

Year 5 R7 - Hamza Alacozai

Year 6- Basma Abdallah

Year 7/8 R8- Mousa Eskaf

Year 7/8 R9- Ameerah Khan



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Drop off Time 8:30am

It is important to drop off your child on time before school. School begins at **8:30am** and teachers are in their classrooms from 8:00am. However there are a number of parents not dropping off their child until well after 8:30am. This is unacceptable as your child is legally required to be at school and they will be missing literacy and numeracy first thing in the morning. As a reminder to all parents, please book your overseas holidays during the term breaks. It is important your children attend school and do not fall behind in their work. The teachers are working hard to make real progress with your child but we need your help to ensure that they attend school during the school term. Thank you.

Term Two

The children had a wonderful celebration of Book week this week. There was a book fair by My Little Library and visits by authors and illustrators, author workshops and lots of exciting literacy activities happening in the classroom! Thank you to Miss Zainab for all her organisation to make this week such a success. Science week has been moved to week 8 (16-19 June) as we are looking at booking an exciting Science show, having our students participate in amazing science experiments and perhaps even have a visit from a real scientist- we can't wait!

You would have already received a note home about our upcoming *Cross Country whole school event*. Please make sure you sign your permission so that your child can attend this event. Keep practising your distance running so you can do your best on the day. The distances are listed below for each year level.

Year 1,2 = 0.5 km

Year 3,4,5,6 = 1 km

Year 7,8 = 2 km

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Grandparents Day

Grandparents day for year 1,2,3 will happen in week 5 of Term 2. The children will post an invitation to their grandparents and invite them (or a special friend) to attend a special assembly and participate in a classroom fun activity. Year 1,2,3 parents please put this date in your agenda- **29 May 2025** and send the address to school of who you want invited. Parents are of course invited as well, please share your address with your classroom teacher.

Goal Setting Booklet

Term 2 goal setting booklets will be sent home for parents to read and sign and return to school. Please read through the goals with your child and support them and the school as they progress through their learning journey.

Parent Evening

This week Mr Anzar presented the Transition to High School session for parents. This was a great session to provide more information to parents of children graduating to high school at the end of this year. If you missed this event please contact Mr Anzar for more information. (anzar.chida@iqra.school.nz).

Year 7/8 Camp Food Stall

Next week we look forward to a food stall fundraiser for year 7,8 camp. Please stay tuned for more information about this event. For parents of year 7,8 students please know there will be an online camp information session after school on 20 May. A lot of valuable information will be given about the camp including payment plans, one third tax back on the cost, permission forms, etc. Miss Zainab will be leading this session (zainab.farooqi@iqra.school.nz).



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Teacher Only Day



Important Notice for Whānau!



Teacher Only Day

There will be no school on this day.

Our teachers will attend Professional Development on:



Structured Maths



BSLA
(Structured Literacy)



King's Birthday

This is a public holiday – school will be closed.



Please mark your calendars!

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Immunization Form for Y/8

A reminder for Year 7,8 students to please return their immunization forms to their classroom teacher so that the immunization with District Health nurses can take place smoothly on **4 June**.

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Mitey Mental Health

We are delighted to partner with Mitey over the next year to grow and support the mental health and wellbeing of all our students.

The Sir John Kirwan Foundation has designed Mitey with NZ teachers and the University of Auckland to provide an evidence-based approach to teaching mental health education to primary and intermediate aged children. This programme aligns well with the special character Islamic values of our school.

It is built around the NZ curriculum and embedded into everyday learning, to ensure children are equipped with the age-appropriate skills and knowledge they need to recognise and respond to mental health challenges in both themselves and others before they enter teenage years. Mitey has successfully implemented its approach to schools in Auckland and we are excited to be included. A Mitey coach will work with staff to develop teaching and learning. This will also ensure Mitey is tailored to our school's unique culture and community.

Mental health education will be taught by our teachers in every classroom with the skills, knowledge and understanding of mental health woven into what is already being taught.

Parents and the whole school community are an integral part of Mitey's approach and as with all our learning your engagement and support is a key aspect of educating our students.

Mental health concerns and issues amongst NZ youth have doubled in the past 10 year and we all agree that unhappy students don't learn.

Partnering with Mitey allows our school to be part of a transformational change for young people by enabling them to nurture their mental health – and that of others – for the rest of their lives.

The following link will take you to Mitey's homepage www.mitey.org.nz

Please see your child's classroom teacher if you would like more information. We look forward to supporting our students as they grow in life's journey.

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Certificates

Please collect all the certificates you receive from teachers because you can collect 10 and hand them in for an honor certificate. Five honor certificates and you will receive a STAR honor badge to wear on your uniform. There will be a note home in Skool Loop about this so please check it for the details.

Prizegiving

Please know that some prizes have been added to our annual prizegiving day at the end of the year. This will be sent home on Skool Loop and printed and kept at the trophy shelf at reception. Teachers will be reviewing these with their students so everyone is aware what to expect at the awards ceremony and be working towards some specific goals too!

Surveys

This week two surveys were sent to the community. The first was about the possibility of a Y6-8 PE uniform. The second was about possible Muslim Parent Information sessions. If you have not yet completed the surveys please take a look and complete these as soon as possible. We really appreciate your feedback.

Parent Portal- Ministry of Education

I'm delighted to announce the launch of a new Parent Portal – an online resource designed to support families to play their part in their child's learning. Education is a partnership of what happens in the classroom and what happens at home. Parents, caregivers, and whānau play an important role in supporting their child's learning and development. The new Ministry of Education webspace is designed to make it easier for parents, caregivers, and whānau to access clear and up-to-date information on the school curriculum, assessment practices, and ways they can complement their child's learning.

The Parent Portal can be accessed [here](#).

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Iqra School on Service

Changing someone's life for the better, helping to save our planet or simply helping within the local community during mosque, beach or park clean ups- this is all volunteering. How good does it feel once you've done it? You can earn a bronze, silver or gold service certificate by following these simple steps:

1. Record services completed in the Volunteer Record. (An example of this is below)
2. Obtain a signature and contact information, e.g. email, phone number from the parent or supervisor
3. Hand in your service book to your team leader.

More information about Iqra School on Service (SOS) booklet will be on Skool Loop and at reception.

IQRA SCHOOL VOLUNTEER RECORD						
COMPLETE THE TABLE TO SHOW HOW MANY SERVICE HOURS YOU HAVE IN TOTAL - Ensure when logging your time it is rounded to the nearest minute.						
First Name	Last Name	Form Class	Year	House		
Date	Description of Service	Time Completed	Service Verification			
			Name	Signature	Contact Information	
TOTAL TIME COMPLETED			Parent Signature			

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Term 2 Events

- 15.5.25 Food stall Y7,8
- 20.5.25 Y7/8 online camp meeting
- 27.5.25 Cross country whole school event at Ken Maunder Park
- 29.5.25 Grandparents Day Year 1,2,3
- **30.5.25 Teacher Only Day- no school**
- **2.6.25 King's Birthday- holiday**
- 4.6.25 Immunisation Y8
- 5.6.25 Rain Date Whole School Cross Country
- **6.6.25 Eid- counted as school day- holiday**
- 9.6.25- 13.6.25 New Lynn Library visits- cancelled due to staffing at New Lynn library
- 10.6.25 Eid Celebration - Y8 camp fundraiser
- 16.6.25-19.5.25 Science Week
- **20.6.25 Matariki holiday- no school**
- 26.6.25 Term Two Citizenship Assembly, hall Y1-8, 8:35am
- 27.6.25 Uniform free day- gold coin fundraiser
- **27.6.25 week 9, term 2 Academic reports available to parents**

Reporting for term 3

16.7.25-17.7.25 Parent / Teacher Interviews after school Term 3

19.9.25 week 10 term 3 Work habits & attitude reports available to parents

Reporting for term 4

12.12.25 Term 4, week 10 Academic Reports available to parents

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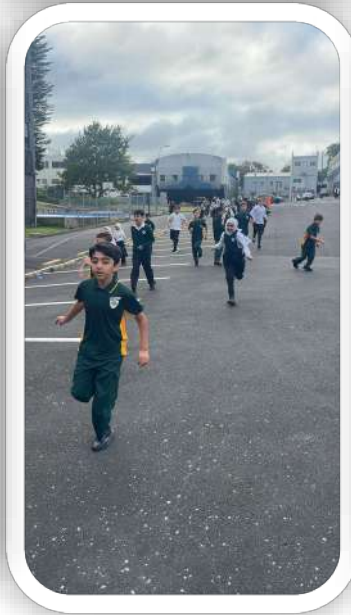


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Cross Country Practice

Every week leading up to the annual Cross Country event on **27 May 2025**, Iqra School students gather for focused training sessions. These practices are essential in helping students build endurance, improve their running technique, and gain confidence ahead of the big day. By attending regularly, students prepare both mentally and physically to give their best in the real event. Let's lace up, stay committed, and make every practise count!



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Book Week Highlights at IQRA School

Book Week at IQRA School was a vibrant celebration of stories, creativity, and a love for reading! Here's a snapshot of the engaging and inspiring activities that took place:

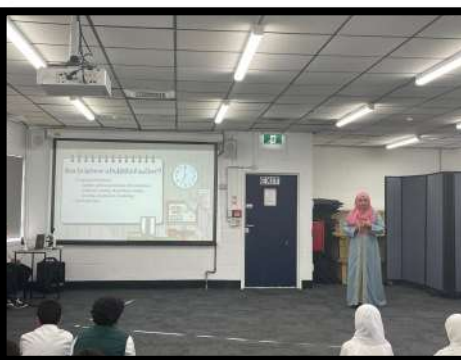
1. Author Visit—David Riley (Years 4-8)

Students were captivated by author David Riley's inspiring journey to becoming a writer. Selected students also participated in his hands-on **writing workshop**, where they created and published a small booklet—an unforgettable experience!



2. iTalk (Y6 - 8) & Storytelling with Arifa Afzal (Years 1–3):

Author Arifa Afzal shared her empowering story of becoming a self-published author. Her storytelling sessions based on her book 'A Fine Feast' for our younger learners were fun-filled and engaging, sparking imagination and joy.



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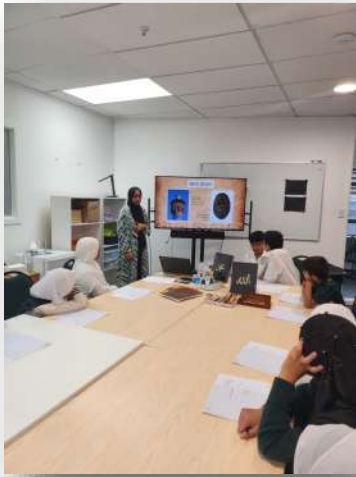
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3. Calligraphy Workshop by Mizna from Deccan Arts(Years 5-8):

The artistic session introduced students to the elegance of **Arabic calligraphy**. They explored fascinating facts about the art form and even tried their hand at this intricate skill.



4. Storytelling with Ms Ghada (Years 1-8):

Ms Ghada's heartfelt storytelling session touched everyone deeply, as she shared personal memories that evoked warm feelings of home and grandparents.



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5. Student-Led Storytime:

Senior students delighted their younger peers with interactive storytelling, complete with **creative costumes and expressive narration**—a session filled with laughter and learning.



6. Book Character Day

As part of **Book Week** at Iqra School, students celebrated **Book Character Day** on **Wednesday, 7 May 2025** by dressing up as their favorite characters from books they love. The teachers also dressed up as their favorite characters. This fun and imaginative event encourages a deeper connection with reading and brings stories to life in a vibrant way.



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6. Book Character Day



7. Book Fair from My Little Library

Book Week also features a **Book Fair** by *My Little Library* from **Monday to Wednesday (5–7 May)**, giving students the opportunity to explore and purchase a variety of enriching Islamic books. It was wonderful to see so many young readers excited to discover new favourites!



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Ektishaf (Discovery) Activities at Iqra School

At Iqra School, learning goes beyond the classroom! Our *Ekhtishaf (Discovery)* sessions give students the opportunity to explore, create, and develop valuable life skills through hands-on, interest-based activities.

Every second week, students dive into exciting experiences designed to spark creativity, build confidence, and encourage curiosity. From art and languages to science and sport, Discovery activities are a highlight for many of our learners.

This term, our students have enjoyed activities such as:

1. **Arts & Crafts** – Imaginative projects using colour, texture, and materials



2. **Handwriting** – Developing neat, confident writing



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3. Islamic Geometry – Creating beautiful patterns inspired by Islamic art



4. Junk Art – Turning recycled materials into fun and functional art



5. Nature Printing – Using leaves and natural textures to make creative prints



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7. **Netball** – Learning teamwork, coordination, and fitness



8. **Portuguese Language** – Introducing a new language in a fun, interactive way



9. **Robotics** – Coding and building robots to solve simple challenges



10. **Quilling & Origami** – Creating intricate designs with paper folding and rolling



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10. **STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Maths)** – Exploring experiments and hands-on problem-solving with robotics.



11. **Sewing** – Stitching simple projects to build fine motor skills



12. **Typing Skills** – Practicing keyboard skills for digital confidence



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SPECIAL CHARACTER DIRECTORS'

مع بداية فصلٍ جديد مليء بالأنشطة التعليمية في جميع المجالات الثقافية والاجتماعية والدينية والرياضية، نبدأ الفصل الدراسي الثاني بنشاط أسبوع الكتاب، حيث يشارك قسم رعاية الهوية الإسلامية فيه بمجموعة من الأنشطة الممتعة والهادفة، وهي:

- يقوم بعض الطلاب بأداء دور الحكواتي، حيث يرتدون زيًا خاصًا وينتقلون بين الصفوف ليرووا قصصًا مشوقة لزملائهم.
- تقوم معلمة من القسم بعرض قصة من التراث الفلسطيني تم إنتاجها بشكل مصوّر.
- ينفذ الطلاب نشاط "الكتاب المجسم" (Pop-up book) المستوحى من نصوص القراءة المقررة.
- يشارك الطلاب في مسابقة كتابة قصة قصيرة باللغة العربية.
- تقام ورشة عمل لتعليم مهارات الخط العربي.
- تنظم مسابقة "اصطياد الكلمات" بين الصفوف إلى غير ذلك من الأنشطة.
- يقوم الطلاب بزيارة معرض الكتاب المقام في المدرسة للتعرف على المزيد من الكتب وكذلك لشراء ما يرغبون بتوجيه من المعلمات وأولياء الأمور في حال الرغبة بالشراء.

وتأتي هذه الأنشطة بهدف تعزيز حب اللغة العربية، وربطها بالمتعة والتفاعل، ونشر الثقافة العربية والإسلامية بين الطلاب في أرجاء المدرسة.



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Leader of Special Character Miss Ghada and her team:

English Translation:

With the beginning of a new term filled with educational activities across cultural, social, religious, and sports fields, we are launching Term Two with **Book Week**. The Special Character Department will participate with a range of fun and purposeful activities such as:

- Some students will take on the role of storytellers, wearing traditional costumes and moving between classes to narrate engaging stories to their peers.
- A teacher from the department will present a visual story from Palestinian heritage.
- Students will create *pop-up books based on the reading lessons*.
- They will also take part in a short Arabic story writing competition.
- A workshop will be held to teach Arabic calligraphy skills.
- A "Word Hunt" competition will be organized across the classes.
- Students will visit the school's book fair to explore a variety of books and, if they wish to make a purchase, they can do so under the guidance of their teachers and parents.

These activities and more aim to foster a love for the Arabic language, connect it with joy and engagement, and promote Arabic and Islamic culture throughout the school.

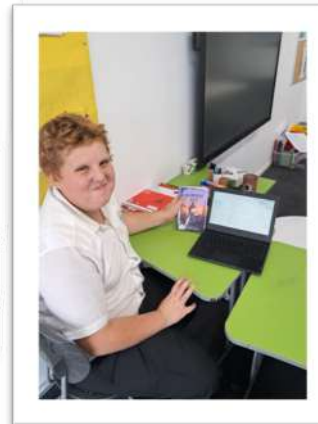
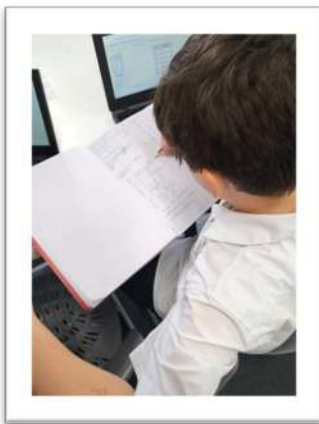


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Salsabil Numeracy and Literacy learning: Year 6, 7 and 8

Over the past few weeks, students explored two key areas of mathematics: Number and Shape. They have been solving problems using the BEDMAS method, allowing them to build a strong foundation for algebraic thinking. In shape, they examined the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, identifying attributes such as sides, angles, edges, and faces.

In literacy, students engaged in a novel study that encouraged them to think critically about characters, plot, and themes. They practiced making inferences, discussing key events, and supporting their ideas with evidence from the text. Alongside this, students explored the art of persuasive writing, learning how to introduce their opinions and structure arguments in an appropriate way.



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Staff interview

Mr. Anzar Chida (Year 7/8 Teacher Room 8, Year 6-8 Team Leader)

Questions:

1. What is your favourite subject to teach and why?

I love teaching maths, it is my strongest subject, and something I can spend a lot of time working on.

2. Why did you choose to teach at Iqra School?

I always wanted my 9-5 to be 'for the sake of Allah'. What better way to do that than to work at a Muslim school.

3. What was your major in University?

In my Bachelors I majored in Mathematics. In my Masters I mastered in Education Leadership.

4. Who is your favourite Author?

JRR Tolkien

5. What is your favourite book?

Twits

6. Where are you from?

Hyderabad, India

7. What is your favourite cultural food?

Shawarma.

8. What sports do you enjoy playing?

Most of them

9. How many siblings do you have?

Three

10. How does it feel having a twin?

It is great, he was amongst my best friend group growing up. We shared a lot of ups and downs. A whole lot.



Salsabil Leader —Year 7+8
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Interviewed by Raidah Intungane (Y8) & Suzanne Akil (Y8)



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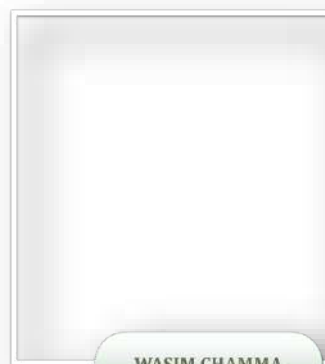
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70 posts

254 followers

7 following

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IQRA School is a state integrated area school catering to students from year 1 to year 8. IQRA was established in 2016 by our proprietors of Algoritim Educational Trust.

We focused on providing quality education as outlined by the New Zealand Curriculum as well as provide our localised curriculum and Special Character based on our integrated status.

Our special character focus in across the whole curriculum, however we have specialised areas such as Islamic studies, Quran and Arabic language. These areas are integrated within New Zealand Curriculum.

We at IQRA look forward to working with all of you on our journey toward making our school a leading Islamic School in New Zealand that ensures our students stay connected with our faith, languages, cultures and strong heritage.

Attendance dues:

Attendance dues must be paid through Ezypay, our third-party provider. You can access it through the caregiver portal under the payments tab. If you need help, contact the school. All parents have to set up the payment for 2025 prior to the start of each term.

Check the notice sent through the skool loop for more information.



Skool Loop



Skool Loop is our main communication tool at Iqra school



Push notifications (Instant messaging)



Absentee Messaging: provides a quick simple and convenient way for a school parent or caregiver to report absentees to the school.



Notices: All push notifications (instant messages) sent from the school are recorded here as well any school notices.



School calendar: up-to-date school information regarding all school events, engagements and vital dates throughout the year.



Contact details: All the school details plus including titel of staff member.

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