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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



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As we complete October and our half of the term, it is a great time to reflect on the learning journey so far and for the students to celebrate the knowledge, skills and understanding they have newly acquired. Reflective Learning plays an important role in helping us 'get better' as we strive to unlock our potential.

Our students have shown great resilience in continuing with their amazing learning, despite the constraints of the restrictions in place. It's been wonderful to see such exciting and inspiring entry points and exit points from our learning units across the school, from landing on Mars to becoming a toymaker. It's lovely to see the students thrive in a caring environment, whilst experiencing a range of creative activities to enhance their passion for learning across the school.

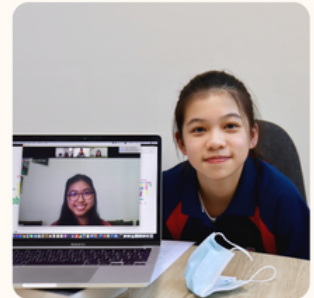
Being an ISP school has allowed us to connect globally with other ISP schools. Four of our Grade 7 students are participating in the Virtual Buddy Exchange Programme, which allows them to communicate with other ISP students from Malaysia, Chile, Spain, USA and UAE.

The Virtual Elementary Parent Teacher conferences that we recently held were very well attended, and we are happy to say they have helped to strengthen the partnership between our teachers and parents. We are looking forward to our Middle School conferences that will take place on Thursday 11th of November.

Looking ahead to November, we have amazing learning opportunities in place for our students. They can further develop leadership skills by being a part of student council. Another exceptional amazing learning opportunity is participation in several of the innovative activities during STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Week. We will also be introducing an incredible program through the ISP Maths Challenge. We are delighted to offer our students so many ways to get involved and expand their knowledge!

We hope you had a relaxing half term that allowed you to recharge, because we are ready for another few weeks of action-packed learning.

AMAZING LEARNING!



EARLY YEARS

IEYC 'Imagine That!' unit allowed students to explore Rangoli patterns and Kadinsky circles through their own artwork. In the Toymaker unit students experienced a magical journey of designing and building toys from various recycled materials.

ELEMENTARY

Student knowledge on the solar system was expanded as they discovered the science of each of the planets. They were also tasked with writing projects which demonstrated maturity and accountability towards independent learning.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students concentrated on mastering complex fractions, algebra and additional challenging math concepts. In English, Arts and Literature, students researched and crafted speeches which were skillfully delivered on stage.

With the weather improving and fall approaching, it gives teachers and students the opportunity to enjoy our incredible outdoor learning spaces. Fresh air and vitamin D enhance the amazing learning process!



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students and teachers have enthusiastically returned from half term break and are ready to start engaging in new learning units. With STEM Week, a celebration of all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and World Science Day on Tuesday 10th November, students will be participating in several stimulating in class activities. In addition, our Middle Years is excited and busy preparing for the first Hamilton Science Fair.

In November, our students can participate in the ISP Maths Challenge. This fantastic global initiative will challenge ISP students across the world with interactive, adaptive curriculum questions and live multi-player maths games on the award-winning Mathletics platform, with some friendly competitive spirit. The competition is open to all ISP students aged 5 – 18.

Our Middle Years students have been participating in the ISP Virtual Buddy Exchange Programme which enables reciprocal exchanges between ISP schools. It is an experience that promises to offer our students amazing and diverse learning opportunities within a safe and secure environment. It provides Hamilton students a unique cultural learning experience and cultivates long-term friendships across the world. Last week's topic for video calls between exchange students was "Being a Teenager in 2020." Additional Buddy Exchange Programme activities will continue throughout the first half of November.

We are continually updating events so we encourage you to frequently check Engage or our website under News & Events.



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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE DAY

Hamilton students participated in an excellent day filled with multi-lingual fun for International Language Day on the 19th of October. The objective of this festive and fun filled day was for students to develop an understanding of the importance of learning languages and to provide the opportunity to learn some helpful new phrases. This was accomplished through song, Kagan games, language bingo, poster making and comic strip illustrations and writing. The entire school participated in a simple yet effective art activity of decorating hands and flags in the colours of their home country flag. This activity promoted discussion about each student's home country / countries, their traditions and languages. Several staff, teachers and students delivered lessons on how to say key phrases in their native tongue.

It was an exceptional day where students shared their cultural identity and focused on the importance of learning languages. Click here on the world icon for a short video collage of the collaborative art project:



CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Cancer is a disease that affects millions of people around the world. At Hamilton, our students, teachers and staff wore red and pink to raise awareness to support everyone who has suffered from this illness.



EARLY YEARS

TOYMAKER

Our KG2 classes joyously celebrated their IEYC exit point on the Toymaker unit. Our excited students experienced a magical journey of designing and building toys from different recycled materials. They produced some fantastic creations and celebrated by turning their classrooms into a wonderful toy filled world!



KG1 PLANTING SEEDS FOR TOMORROW

"Young people will have the seeds that you bury in their minds,
and when they grow up, they will change the world."
Jack Ma, Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group



ELEMENTARY

THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE

Grade 3 completed the IPC unit 'They Made a Difference' which provided students the opportunity to learn about the significant people who have touched their lives in some way. Through research, students discovered interesting facts on those who have fought for the rights of others, learned about various world leaders from the present and past, and witnessed how artists and sports professionals can influence the world around us. Each student chose a figure that resonated with them and wrote a speech, as or about their chosen change agent in character costume, and skillfully delivered each presentation in front of the teachers and classmates. What an amazing learning opportunity!

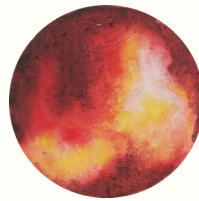


ELEMENTARY

MISSION TO MARS

This term in Grade 5, students have been investigating the possibilities of life on Mars. They have explained their knowledge about the solar system as they discovered the science of each of the planets. As part of their English Unit, Action Stories, students have fully immersed their imaginations as they unpicked the details of what makes an amazing story and then connected this to their Mission to Mars topic, as they wrote their own action stories about a spaceship crash landing on Mars.

Our Grade 5 teachers did an astounding job of transforming an empty classroom to a multi-sensory Mars experience!



MISSION TO MARS



MIDDLE SCHOOL

BATTLE CRY

As future leaders we feel it is important that our students are confident public speakers, so we ensure that opportunities to develop these skills are part of the curriculum. Our Grade 7 completed a phenomenal English Arts and Literature (EAL) unit with students delivering cleverly crafted speeches on stage. Through studying various prominent speakers like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, our students learned how to structure and incorporate their own 'battle cry' or 'call to action' within a thoroughly researched, well written, compelling speech. Student topics varied from the impact of social media, COVID-19's impact, saving the sharks and much more. Their practiced and persuasive speeches were delivered on stage in our 850-seat theater in front of a group of their peers.



ISP VIRTUAL BUDDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM



It is important to build a school culture that promotes cultural awareness and acceptance, because the benefits are far-reaching for the students involved and the school itself. Learning about world cultures through connection and conversation is a valuable opportunity that will bolster student tolerance and leadership on campus, while sharpening their "world views."

Ying (Wynn) Toh had the opportunity to discuss 'Being a Teenager in 2020' in a lively and engaging one hour conversation with Pari from Malaysia.

PARENT & STUDENT TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Hamilton integrates technology with our students' learning journey. We also utilize it to communicate important information and announcements. Here are the two platforms each parent should be engaging with on daily and weekly basis:

ClassDojo

ClassDojo connects teachers with students and parents to build amazing classroom communities. ClassDojo includes the links to live lessons and a summary of the daily learning with the applicable assignments. There is also the Student Portfolio which allows each student to upload work for all subjects. This is a tool for modes of learning: in-person and distance learning so please ensure ClassDojo is checked daily by students and parents. It also contains important communications from our senior leadership team. If you do not have login details for ClassDojo, please contact your child's homeroom teacher for assistance.

Engage

Engage is a tool THIS utilizes as a parent portal, which contains student information. Engage is where all school reports, invoices, events and announcements are located. It can be accessed from the Parent Portal button on the upper righthand side of our website or direct login [here](#). All new parents should receive login details from info@this.qa.

SCHOOL MEAL ORDERS

A selection of school meals is available through Sodexo, operating from Hamilton's cafeteria. Weekly menus are available each Thursday for the upcoming week. Scan the QR code here or order link: <https://forms.gle/FQ94wGywBqfpymFq7>

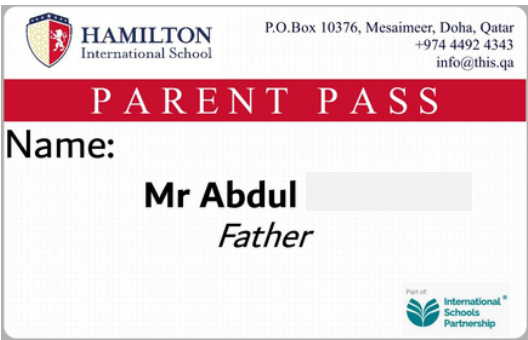
Each meal is QAR 16. It is highly appreciated to arrange a Sodexo meal card and to prepay each week with a top up. This reduces the handling of cash daily and is easier for all students. Meal cards can either be kept at Reception, the Cafeteria or held physically by students.

For specific inquiries, please contact Sodexo directly by Whats App (974) 7033 8257 or email: hamilton.admin@teyseer-services.com Bon appetite!



PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Parent ID cards with lanyards will be distributed by your child's homeroom teacher over the next week. Please collect yours and ensure that you or your domestic staff wear it at all times when visiting the school premises. Thank you for your cooperation.



UPCOMING CALENDER OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

EVENTS	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3rd Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 am Topic:	1	2	3 Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning	4	5	6	7
8th STEM Week Science, Technology, Engineering & Math In class activities all week	8 STEM Week	9	10 Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning World Science Day	11 Middle School Parent Conferences	12	13	14 Open House
10th Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 am Topic:	15	16	17 Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning	18 Virtual Tour / Q&A	19	20	21
10th World Science Day In class activities all week Middle School Science Fair Projects	22	23 Evening Tour	24 Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning	25	26	27	28
11th Virtual Middle School Parent Conferences More information on Class Dojo	29	30 Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents					
14th Open House for Prospective Parents / 11:00 am - 1:00 pm							
17th Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 am Topic:							
18th Virtual Tours and Q&A for Prospective Parents 4:00 pm and 5:00 time slots							
23rd Evening Tours for Prospective Parents 4:00 pm and 5:00 time slots							
24th Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 am Topic:							
30th Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents / 8:00 - 9:00 am							

BECOME A HAMILTON AMBASSADOR

We recognize that parents and friends are the best ambassadors for our unique style of learning and community-minded environment. To thank you for every friend that you refer to Hamilton, you will receive a QAR 1,000 discount to use towards any school related cost. This credit can be applied to tuition, outside activity providers (ASAs), bus transport, uniform or school meal purchases. Contact the Admissions Team for Terms & Conditions - admissions@this.qa.



