

# CBE OUTLOOK

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**DROP EVERYTHING AND READ**





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## FORM 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Al Muntazir Islamic Seminary hosted a Graduation for Form 6 Students on Saturday, 19th June 2021. School Principal, Mr. Reuben officially welcomed all the Students, Parents and the invited guests for the Graduation ceremony of Form 6. The occasion was graced by the guest of honour Dr. Leonard Akwilapo, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education.

The Valedictorian speeches were given by both the Necta and Cambridge students. They shared memories of their journey and experience during the years at ALMIS which brought a lot of smiles and cheers. The guest of honour, Dr. Leonard Akwilapo, in his speech, advised the Graduands to be Truthful, Honest and Hardworking as they embark on their Journey towards achieving their Goals. There was also an inspirational talk given to the Graduands by Mr. Mehrdad Talebi on the members of the ALUMNI core team.

The ceremony ended by vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Kassim Ally – Deputy Principal ALMIS to all the Parents, Students and guests who graced our occasion. We wish our Graduates all the best in their future.



Mr. Reuben Presenting Certificate to Graduating Class of 2021 (Science)



Dr. Leonard Akwilapo Presenting Certificate to Graduating Class of 2021 (Science)



Mr. Kassim Presenting Certificate to Graduating Class of 2021 (Arts)



Mrs. Beena Presenting Certificate to Graduating Class of 2021 (Arts)



Mr. Hassan Presenting Certificate to Graduating Necta Class of 2021



Mrs. Sharifa Presenting Certificates to Graduating Class of 2021 - Necta



Top Achievers from - Form 6 (Arts) Arshifatema Mohsinali Nathani and Form 6 (Science) Zainab Huzeifa Adamji



Presenting Certificate & Medals to Subject Toppers - Boys



Presenting Certificate & Medals to Subject Toppers - Girls



"A" Grade Achievers Form 6 - Boys



"A" Grade Achievers Form 6 Girls



Mrs. Shao and Mr. Rutta Presenting Certificates and Medals to Subject Toppers (Necta Class of 2020 / 2021)



Top Achievers from - Form 5 (Science) Husayn Sajjad Moledina and Form 5 (Arts) Tahera Gulamabbas Hassan



Bai Dilshad Jaffer presenting certificates & Medals to Subject Toppers (Girls) - Form 5 Comments



Mr. Innocent presenting certificates & Medals to Subject Toppers (Boys) - Form 5



Mr. Dizzae presenting certificates to Form 5 "A" Grade Achievers



Mrs. Jasmot presenting certificates to Form 5 "A" Grade Achievers (Girls)



Word of Wisdom by the Guest of Honor Dr. Leonard Akwilapo



Presenting the token of Appreciation to Dr. Leonard Akwilapo

## PTC & TERM 1 REPORT DAY

Al Muntazir Toddlers & Day Care Centre organized a Parents -Teachers meeting to discuss children's development during term one and share children's progress report which is recorded in categories based on Physical, Emotional, Social, Cognitive and Language development.

This meeting was a great opportunity to share progress and growth based on classroom observations on children's developmental milestones and also get first- hand information from parents about their child's strengths, needs, behavior and learning styles.



## BOOK WEEK



Book Week is dedicated to celebrating the joy of reading. It inspires children to discover and explore the enchanting world of books and stories. Reading to toddlers creates a love of books, enhances their vocabulary and develops imagination & creativity. It makes them wonder about the world around them.

To inspire the love of reading we had book week at Toddlers. Children had super fun time exploring different books throughout the week. Each teacher picked a story book for their class and prepared activities related to the story. The stories included The Rainbow Fish, Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread man & Brown Bear, Brown bear what do you see. We had language enhancing activities such as Read-louds, Puppet stories, Dramatization, Retelling stories using props and watching the story on the projector.



# MATH

Mathematics plays a major role in a child's development and helps children make sense of the world around them. It is an important part of learning for children in the early years because it provides vital life skills.

Math is everywhere! Our little ones at Toddlers learn and experience Math in every day play and activities. They learn recognition of numbers, counting objects and pictures, sorting, matching, problem solving, estimation, patterns, measurements, spatial sense and more. Math is evident in pretend play, block play, pre literacy, outdoors, science, cooking, art, sand/water play, stories, playdough and nursery rhymes.



# OUTDOOR FUN

Outdoor play is an important part of childhood. It gives children the opportunity to explore their natural environment as they observe simple things such as leaves changing colors, flowers bloom and much more. Our little Toddlers also improve their motor skills, physical coordination, body movement, muscle strength, spatial awareness and ability to balance when they jump, climb, throw, run and skip during outdoor play.

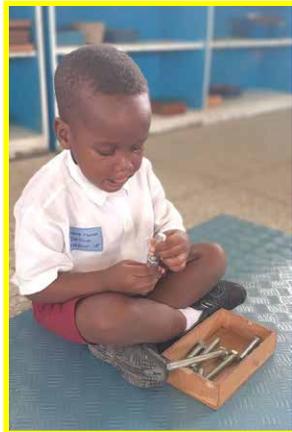
It also provides them a chance to develop in their social and emotional skills through problem solving, turn taking, self-control and empathy as they play together.



# Montessori oments

A special part of the Montessori classroom, which is different from traditional classrooms, is that children concentrate deeply and for long periods of time on their work, whether a teacher is watching over them or not.

It has been just 5 months since our Montessori One's got introduced to the activities. They have truly amazed us with how engrossed and absorbed these three year olds are at work!



## Teachers Appreciation

On the 7th of May 2020, we at the Al Muntazir Union Nursery School celebrated our teachers. A short assembly program was conducted by the Year 3 students to honor our beloved Teachers.

A rhyme followed by an Acrostic Poem on the 'Teacher's Role' was presented by a few students. The teachers' hard work and commitment towards the school were appreciated by the school administration.

The teachers were gifted with a given a small token of appreciation comprising of roses and fridge magnets.



# HANDS ON LEARNING

Hands-on learning is an educational method that directly involves the learner, by actively encouraging them to do something in order to learn about it. AMSEN promotes this educational method and inspires students to practice 'learning by doing' things, where students work with various items with variety of textures to enhance their sensory integrations.

Some of the activities include Agriculture, Clay moulding, Stitching and Cooking and the finish products of these activities include; organic vegetables, Vases, laptop bags, phone holders, hand bags, back packs and clutch bags. The students enjoy the activities while preparing for independent living.



# AUTISM AWARENESS – APRIL 2021

April is International Autism Awareness Month, AMSEN joined the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world who came together to mark this month with the objective of creating awareness and encouraging acceptance for the students, people and adults with Autism. The theme this year was: 'Inclusion is possible', with that in mind, different activities were conducted in order to pave the way for inclusion in schools and at the community level.

AMSEN this year participated in the Autism Fair foundation organized by Lukiza foundation where all Stakeholders were invited to project their work. The students were able to project the products created by themselves. And were honoured to meet the Deputy Health Minister, Dr. Godwin Mollle and explain about their challenges and how they can be part of the society if accepted. AMSEN also visited local TV Channels and Radio stations and conducted live talk shows throughout the month of April with the aim of creating awareness on Autism. The target was the local people and people who are not aware of Autism.

The channels visited were: ITV Kumekucha, TBC, TBC – radio, Wapo Radio Station, EFM Radio and Wapo newspaper (Msemakweli)



# AUTISM AWARENESS – APRIL 2021

AMSEN continued creating awareness at different levels during the month of April 2021 as April is International Autism Awareness Month, with the aim of creating Awareness within the AL Muntazir Community. The students of Al Muntazir Islamic Seminary were encouraged to organize and participate in different competitions related to Autism. Kumail Ramin and Farhan Dhallah took the initiative to conduct these competitions from adverts, announcements, registrations to entries collection was all done by the students.

The competitions conducted were:

- a. Autism Poem/Essay Writing Competition
- b. Autism Awareness Logo designing Competition
- c. Autism Project Making competition

The entries were judged, and the participants were awarded with certificates and we had two winners Kumail Ramin and Kush Borkhataria. Well Done Boys!



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The highlight of the project was their visit to AMSEN, when they practically saw the students, worked with them on different activities and had to spend time with the students, this changed their perspective and the learnt so much more.



## PARENTS TEACHERS CONFERENCE - PTC

Parent Teacher Conferences are a standard part of the school's efforts to build a strong partnership between parents and teachers. Whether your child is having a positive or negative experience in school, parent-teacher conferences help parents and the child's teacher find ways to work together to ensure the child's success. Teachers are trained and experienced in assessing their pupils using different methods and observations which are done with a holistic view considering the whole class and are therefore different from how parental assessment is done where the child is observed singularly. When teachers share their assessments and observations with parents, the parents gain valuable insights from a new perspective. This removes the chance of under or over expectations and takes the pressure off their child.

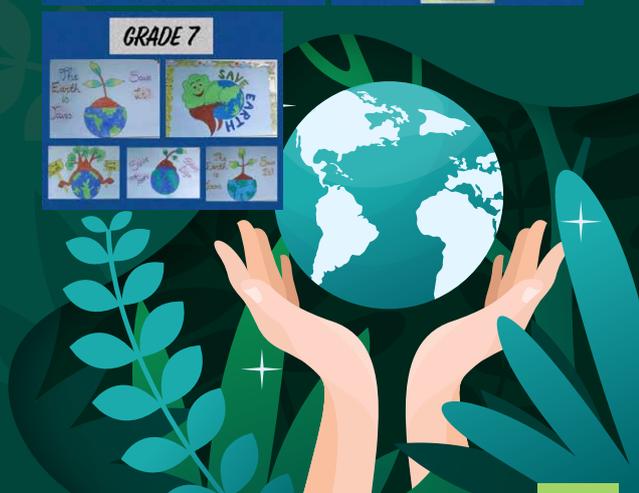
The Parent Teacher Conference for the term at BPS was held on 23rd April 2021 for parents of grade 1 to 7 with an attendance of 85%. Teachers provided parents with an overview of their child's work and his coping skills. The child's conduct in class and with their social skills with peers. Areas of improvement for the child and the parent's involvement in making those changes. We thank all parents who made it a successful platform for building strong relationships geared towards the student's success.



## WORLD EARTH DAY

The 22nd April is marked as International Earth Day to acknowledge that the Earth and its ecosystems are our common home, and it is necessary to promote Harmony with Nature in order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations. For AMBPS it was a day to engage the whole school community in making a difference, to Think globally, act locally. Students of grade 1 and 2 read guided stories based on promoting recycling followed by craft activities. Students of grades 3 to 6 watched an informative video on Earth Day highlighting its importance and the role they play in ensuring sustainable habits which promote a greener Earth.

Class teachers prepared colorful noticeboards to promote the theme and the value department conducted lessons based on Social Responsibility. Ecosystems support all life on Earth. The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet - and its people. It was a great time for all of us at BPS to think about what we are doing (or not doing) that is making an impact on Mother Earth.



# QURAN HIFDH

Quran recitation is one of the most blessed actions that any Muslim can do. The Holy Book is the uncreated speech of Allah and is timeless. The Quran contains stories of past events to teach us lessons and provides a complete way of life for a Muslim to follow. Quran reading is one of the most praiseworthy forms of worship. Amongst the benefits of reciting the Quran is that studying and learning from the Holy Book is an act that will prove beneficial for us throughout our lives. Furthermore, reciting the Quran calms the human heart and is soothing for the mind. This can help to reduce stress levels and even blood pressure. Recitation of the Quran is considered to be a highly rewarding act and is commonly practiced during the month of Ramadhan.

To honor this, the students of Al Muntazir Boys Primary School participated in a Quran Hifdh Competition. Students were hard at work practicing during their own time in order to master the different Surahs of the Holy Book. The competition began with preliminary rounds during the last week of April and concluded with a finale on 7th May 2021. Winners were chosen from each grade level and honored during an awards ceremony. Students who performed well in a separate category for Suratul Jum'ah were also awarded for their outstanding performance. We congratulate all the outstanding achievers and encourage them to continue participating in similar competitions in future.



## PARENTS TEACHERS CONFERENCE - PTC

Looking at the importance of the parental involvement in a child's learning growth, the AMGPS held the School PTC on Friday, 23rd April 2021. The Parents from Grades One to Seven were invited to meet with their child's Class Teacher and Subject Teachers to discuss the child's progress for the current term.

The Teachers guided the Parents on how to assist their children at home, to achieve their academic goals. Working together facilitates optimum learning and high self-esteem in our children, thus Parental involvement at School level has always been encouraged to create a close link between the Parent, Child and the Teachers.

This is a journey to a safe, happy place where the high level of teamwork and continual growth results in student success. We convey our sincere appreciation to the Parents for their participation in their child's learning which motivates us further.



## SCIENCE IN REAL LIFE

As the grade 5 students embarked into their third science unit; States of Matter, they have been exuberantly and excitedly ready for every class.

Throughout this unit, we have explored the concepts of Evaporation, Condensation, Mixtures and Solutions. To delve deeper and to better understand the topic, students were shown experiments and videos to enhance their understanding.

The experiments were demonstrated by the grade 5 science teachers where students were shown the process of evaporation and condensation. As we continue on this unit with the water cycle, we look forward to exploring this topic in more depth and watch science come alive for our young scientists.



Mr. Sali Selemani and Miss. Consolata along with the students conducting experiment on States of Matter

# CLASS ACTIVITIES

A Lantern is a device used to illuminate surrounding space. It can be portable or fixed to a place. It can be used as any kind of a light source, for signaling, decoration, in religious rituals or in celebrations. With this the children were enlightened to light up the path show gratitude, help others and treat everyone with kindness (The light of Ramadhan).



Grade 2 children curiously showing their handmade lanterns



Mixing Red and Yellow to see what it makes.



# QURAN HIFDH

The Holy Quran is the light of heavens. It is full of wisdom, guiding to the correct path. It helps the hearts not to be in doubt and the emotions not to deviate. This month is the most blessed month for reciting the Holy Quran. With a view to enhance the practice of reciting the Holy Quran, AMGPS have organized a Quran Hifdh Competition, whereby our Quran teachers, Teacher Shinuna and Teacher Zakiya started off the first round with our Primary students.

This competition is to create appreciation, love and enthusiasm for the Holy Quran in the hearts and minds of the children. We wish to congratulate all AMGPS participants for their beautiful recitation and wish them best of luck for the upcoming rounds.



## DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (DEAR) Launch at ALMIS



After learning how to talk, reading is the next major skill we learn that opens our minds to a world of wonder. Reading is a pleasurable activity that in recent times has fallen out of favour due to the increase in use of digital devices. To bring back focus on reading, the Al Muntazir Schools have planned a massive book drive to collect as many as 10,000 books.

To launch the concept of Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) in the Al Muntazir Islamic Seminary, members of the organising committee announced in the school assembly on Wednesday the 26th May 2021 at the Girls wing and Thursday 27th May 2021 at the Boys wing. Events commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, singing of the National Anthem and a Patriotic song.

The First Activity which is Initiated is the Book Drive. Aaliya Parpia and Mehdi Sheriff mentioned that the purpose was to collect books, offer for resale new and gently-used older books and make donations to deserving institutions. The location for the book collection would be the HOS office in each of their respective wings.

## Cambridge Orientation Programme for Grade 7 Parents



The Cambridge Orientation Program for Parents of Grade 7 this year was conducted on Thursday, 20th May 2021 for Boys Primary Parents and Friday, 21st May 2021 for Girls Primary Parents. The programme provided a fantastic opportunity for the parents to experience and understand what is covered at on the components of the Cambridge Curriculum for a better understanding of their child's learning. Our teaching and learning happens in morally high and enriching environment, at a very affordable rate. Our teachers aspire high and we would like our students to aspire likewise. With the aim of initiating a harmonious learning process between home and school and in order to familiarize parents with the institutional ethos. Some explanations on how skills can be reinforced in the learners to achieve developmental milestones were also shared.

This in turn helped parents in getting an insight about the curriculum and teaching pedagogy of the school. Students' good learning must be maintained as they transition from Primary school to Secondary. This phase of transition can be complicated by the social, emotional and physiological changes that can negatively impact on the learning of the young learners.



# INTER-HOUSE GIRLS THROW BALL AND BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ALMIS concluded their Annual Sports Activities by conducting the favourite event of the girls' sports calendar; the Inter-House Throw Ball and Basketball Tournament. The Events started from 26th Jan to 27th of Feb 2021, where students of Form 1 to Form 6 participated in the MOST THRILLING EVENT of the year. In Throw Ball event, RED HOUSE once again remained unbeaten and grabbed first position by beating all houses in the tournament while GREEN HOUSE secured second position by getting second highest points.



On 8th March ALMIS ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION took place where Mr. Mohsin, Head of the Sports Department, announced the overall Winning House of the year 2020/21. RED HOUSE SECURED FIRST POSITION overall by getting highest 21 points in the Year 2020/21. Red House won Inter-House Basketball, Throw Ball and Football events while Yellow House Secured Second Position with 19 points by winning Inter-House Table Tennis (Junior & senior category), and remained runners up in Inter-House Football tournament.

## REPORT DAY AT ALMIS

On Friday, 11th June 2021. Parents came to School to collect Report cards of their children. Feedback can improve Student's Confidence, Self-Awareness, Enthusiasm for Learning and Gaining New Knowledge and thus enhancing the Learning Skills. The purpose of reporting is to provide relevant information about a Student's progress to both Parents and Students. We thank all our parents for their support.



# PRIZE GIVING DAY AT ALMIS

It was a shining and an exciting morning at Al Muntazir Islamic Seminary, students were buzzing with energy as they looked forward to the day when they would be appreciated and acknowledged for their academic achievements for the Academic year 2020/2021. The hard work and effort was reflected in the incredible results. All top Achievers from all classes - Form 1 to Form 4 were awarded for their outstanding academic achievement.

The program began with seeking the blessing of Almighty with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Ali Sikiladha and Hussein Ahmed, the school prayer by Aliasgher Manji followed by the National Anthem which was led by the Patriotic team. The masters of ceremony for the day were the Students who very warmly welcomed the Parents, for the boy's side we had Hadi Jaffer & Feifan Mao and from the girl's side we had Sakina Bhojani, Riddhi Kerai & Ibtisam Sharma. Principal Mr. Reuben officially welcomed all the Students, Parents and the invited guests for the Annual prize giving ceremony. The exciting part of awards took off with the presentation of medals and certificates for all the academic achievements from all the classes. The top achievers were awarded with certificate and trophy. The hard work and effort of the students were reflected in their results. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mrs. Beena – Deputy Principal to all guests who graced our occasion. We look ahead to an excellent year. All Top Achievers from all classes – Form 1 to Form 4 were awarded for their outstanding academic achievement.



CLASS OF 4B1



CLASS OF 4B2



CLASS OF 4B3



CLASS OF 4B4



CLASS OF 4G1



CLASS OF 4G2



CLASS OF 4G3



CLASS OF 4G4



FORM 1 BOYS - A GRADERS



FORM 1 GIRLS - A GRADERS



FORM 2 BOYS - A GRADERS



FORM 2 GIRLS - A GRADERS



TOP ACHIEVER - MARIAM ATHUMANI



TOP ACHIEVER - CAMBRIDGE

# 11 Ways Parents Can Help Their Children Read



Parents often ask how they can help their children learn to read; and it's no wonder that they're interested in this essential skill. Reading plays an important role in later school success. One study even demonstrates that how well 7-year-olds read predicts their income 35 years later!

Here are 11 practical recommendations for helping preschoolers and school-age students learn to read.

## 1 **Teaching reading will only help.**

Sometimes, parents are told early teaching is harmful, but it isn't true. You simply can't introduce literacy too early. I started reading to my own children on the days they were each born! The "dangers of early teaching" has been a topic of study for more than 100 years, and no one has ever found any convincing evidence of harm. Moreover, there are hundreds of studies showing the benefits of reading to your children when they are young.

## 2 **Teaching literacy isn't different than teaching other skills.**

You don't need a Ph.D. to raise a happy, healthy, smart child. Parents have been doing it for thousands of years. Mothers and fathers successfully teach their kids to eat with a spoon, use a potty, keep their fingers out of their noses, and say "please." These things can be taught pleasantly, or they can be made into a painful chore. Being unpleasant (e.g. yelling, punishing, pressuring) doesn't work, and it can be frustrating for everyone. This notion applies to teaching literacy, too. If you show your 18-month-old a book and she shows no interest, then put it away and come back to it later. If your child tries to write her name and ends up with a backwards "D," no problem. No pressure. No hassle. You should enjoy the journey, and so should your child. Just remember to remain consistent. If you let it go, the child will never learn.

## 3 **Talk to your kids (a lot).**

Last year, I spent lots of time with our brand new granddaughter, Emily. I drowned her in language. Although "just a baby," I talked — and sang — to her about everything. I talked about her eyes, nose, ears, mouth, and fingers. I told her all about her family — her mom, dad, and older brother. I talked to her about whatever she did (yawning, sleeping, eating, burping). I talked to her so much that her parents thought I was nuts; she couldn't possibly understand me yet. But reading is a language activity, and if you want to learn language, you'd better hear it, and eventually, speak it. Too many moms and dads feel a bit dopey talking to a baby or young child, but studies have shown that exposing your child to a variety of words helps in her development of literacy skills.

## 4 **Read to your kids.**

I know everyone says this, but it really is a good idea — at least with preschoolers. If a parent or caregiver can't read or can't read English, there are alternatives, such as using audiobooks; but for those who can, reading a book or story to a child is a great, easy way to advance literacy skills. Research shows benefits for kids as young as 9-months-old, and it could be effective even earlier than that. Reading to kids exposes them to richer vocabulary than they usually hear from the adults who speak to them, and can have positive impacts on their language, intelligence, and later literacy achievement. What should you read to them? There are so many wonderful children's books. Visit your local library, and you can get an armful of adventure.

- 5 Have them tell you a “story.”**

One great way to introduce kids to literacy is to take their dictation. Have them recount an experience or make up a story. A typical first story may be something like, “I like fish. I like my sister. I like grandpa.” Write it as it is being told, and then read it aloud. Point at the words when you read them, or point at them when your child is trying to read the story. Over time, with lots of rereading, don’t be surprised if your child starts to recognize words such as “I” or “like.” (As children learn some of the words, you can write them on cards and keep them in a “word bank” for your child, using them to review later.)
- 6 Teach phonemic awareness.**

Young children don’t hear the sounds within words. Thus, they hear “dog,” but not the “duh”-“aw”- “guh.” To become readers, they have to learn to hear these sounds (or phonemes). Play language games with your child. For instance, say a word, perhaps her name, and then change it by one phoneme: Jen-Pen, Jen-Hen, Jen-Men. Or, just break a word apart: chair... ch-ch-ch-air.
- 7 Teach phonics (letter names and their sounds).**

You can’t sound out words or write them without knowing the letter sounds. Most kindergartens teach the letters, and parents can teach them, too. I just checked a toy store website and found 282 products based on letter names and another 88 on letter sounds, including ABC books, charts, cards, blocks, magnet letters, floor mats, puzzles, lampshades, bed sheets, and programs for tablets and computers. Keep the lessons brief and fun, no more than 5–10 minutes for young’uns. Understanding the different developmental stages of reading and writing skills will help to guide your lessons and expectations.
- 8 Listen to your child read.**

When your child starts bringing books home from school, have her read to you. If it doesn’t sound good (mistakes, choppy reading), have her read it again. Or read it to her, and then have her try to read it herself. Studies show that this kind of repeated oral reading makes students better readers, even when it is done at home. Understanding the different developmental stages of reading and writing skills will help to guide your lessons and expectations.
- 9 Promote writing.**

Literacy involves reading and writing. Having books and magazines available for your child is a good idea, but it’s also helpful to have pencils, crayons, markers, and paper. Encourage your child to write. One way to do this is to write notes or short letters to her. It won’t be long before she is trying to write back to you.
- 10 Ask questions.**

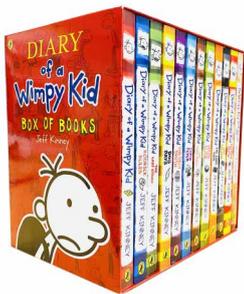
When your child reads, get her to retell the story or information. If it’s a story, ask who it was about and what happened. If it’s an informational text, have your child explain what it was about and how it worked, or what its parts were. Reading involves not just sounding out words, but thinking about and remembering ideas and events. Improving reading comprehension skills early will prepare her for subsequent success in more difficult texts.
- 11 Make reading a regular activity in your home.**

Make reading a part of your daily life, and kids will learn to love it. When I was nine years old, my mom made me stay in for a half-hour after lunch to read. She took me to the library to get books to kick off this new part of my life. It made me a lifelong reader. Set aside some time when everyone turns off the TV and the web and does nothing but read. Make it fun, too. When my children finished reading a book that had been made into a film, we’d make popcorn and watch the movie together. The point is to make reading a regular enjoyable part of your family routine.

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## ...Jeff Kinney



My name is Eoin James Tenga and I am in grade six in 'Almuntazir Boys Primary School'. I love reading. My favorite author is Jeff Kinney who has written the series of books titled **"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"**. I love them as they are really funny. Even when I reread sections I still find them funny.

It seems like it's actually a 12-year old's diary. The way it's written with the text and pictures is just like someone would write in the diary. The way Jeff Kinney draws people is interesting. I don't know why he does it, but he draws them with round heads and missing fingers. It's weird but fun. There are currently 12 books in the series. These are some of the titles of the series. *Rodrick Rules / Last Straw / Dog Days* and many others

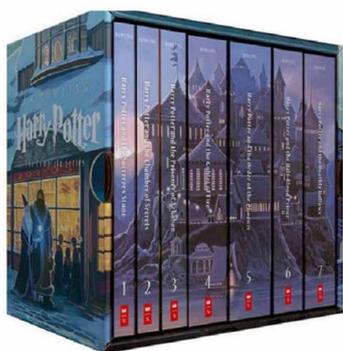
## ...Roald Dahl



My name is Alijawad I study at grade 7 opal in Al Muntazir Boys Primary School. I am going to write about my favorite author who is Roald Dahl. There are many reasons to why he is my favorite author but I'm not going to mention all.

Roald Dahl writes about fiction although he has written many books and I've read quite a few. My favorite is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* which is when this boy gets a ticket to visit a chocolate factory and finds many mysteries in the factory I would recommend that you read it because it gets really interesting. There is also a movie made based on the novel.

## ...JK Rowling



My name is Farhanabbas Merali and today I want to talk about my favorite author. Her name is JK Rowling as you can see her on the picture aside, she is the author of the record-breaking, multi-award winning Harry Potter novels. The series has sold over 450 million copies, been translated into 79 languages, and made into 8 blockbuster films. She has also written a novel for adult readers, the casual vacancy, and also writes crime novels under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. She has received many awards and honors, including an OBE for services to children's literature, France's Legion d'honneur and the Hans Christian Anderson Award. The reason why JK Rowling is my favorite author is because of fiction. She is the author who had brought me into books.

Whenever I read a Harry Potter novel, it takes me into the imaginary world filled with spell books and wands. It helps me in reducing stress of a problem and makes my brain calm. If I am sad or not feeling well I read one of the Harry Potter novels to pass time and take things off my mind.

## ...Geremino Stilton



My name is Mohammad Mahmoud Bachu and I My favorite author is GERENIMO STILTON. He is my favorite author because he sketches amazing pictures that has books of beautiful stories.

He was awarded the Retitzer prize for his scoop on the Curse of the Chinese Pyramid and The search for the Sunken Treasure. He had also received the Andersen 2000 Prize for personality of the year. And that all makes GERENIMO STILTON my favorite Author.

# HEROES OF OLYMPUS

## THE MARK OF ATHENA

Mark of Athena, written by Rick Riordan is the third installment in the Heroes of Olympus series. It tells the tale of 7 demigod heroes, the strongest to ever live, One fatal prophecy looming that could mark the end of humankind. It is up to them to stop Gaia from waking up and unleashing her wrath. It is marked by the view of Annabeth Leo, Piper and Percy. It is one of my favourite because it is action packed book. It also contains humour. It teaches the importance of friends and family. It has a storyline that will keep kept me thinking long after I was done. What an amazing book it is.

Rick Riordan is an author who delivers strong messages through his books. He is an inspiration to me because he wrote the Percy Jackson series for <sup>such disabilities</sup> such as AD HD and Dyslexia aren't problems. He has written many best seller series like The Percy Jackson series Magnus Chase series and The Kane Chronicles. He has also written the first 34 clues book.

By: Aliyah Ahmed Jusabani  
Grade 7



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Diary Of A Wimpy Kid

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My favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. I love the books because they're really funny. At the back of each book, they have a sticker that says 'Laughter Guaranteed!' And it really is! Greg Heffley always does something wacky. The author is Jeff Kinney. I like him and he's my favorite author. He was raised in Washington DC and he is a #1 New York Times bestselling author. He lives in Mesa, Arizona with his 2 kids and wife. He has his own bookstore called An Unlikely Story. Here is a drawing of Greg!



The most interesting thing about Jeff Kinney is that he was in the movie Diary of a Wimpy Kid!

### SMILE

My 2nd favorite book is called Smile. It's about a 6th grader who injured her teeth and has a totally crazy behavior. I like the book because it's so awesome and has a lot of plot twists. The author of the book is Raina Telgemeier. I like her book because she writes and draws! She lives in San Francisco and she has even gotten an award for best book for teens. The book Smile is a true book based on her!

### \* My favourite Author \*

Rachel Renee Russell is my favourite author because she is a role model for teens and her books are amazing. She always inspires me to be confident and creative in my imaginations. She always gives me a message whenever I read her book which is "you are not alone". She uses her storybooks as examples for a situation you are stuck in decision-making or solving a problem. She is my inspiration and ever since I have been reading her books I always feel inspired by her characters. She also teaches me life lessons and moral values which are really helpful. "We love you!"

### \* My favourite Book \*

My favourite book is Dork diaries & Dear Dork because Nikki who is the main character is given the role of being the school adviser. At first, she has fun answering letters and giving advice to the students who need help, but when her enemy Mackenzie starts spreading lies about Nikki's friend Brandon, she needs a solution to solve the problem. This story inspired me to be brave and be prepared for what's coming in life. Also, since Nikki has two friends who help her a lot which are Chloe and Zoey. I learnt that friendship is important! 😊

Mirhan Abdulhusein  
Grade 7

# DORK diaries

My favourite Book is Dork diaries  
Dear Dork

My favourite Author is Rachel Renee Russell

Rachel Renee Russell

## DORK diaries

Dear Dork

Life Tales from a not-so-fabulous

MY FAVOURITE BOOK AND AUTHOR.

My name is Fatma Ariff and I'm a student from Al-Muntazir Girls Primary School. I love reading so much. I read fairy-tales, non-fiction and fiction. But the book I like most is Matilda, a book from the series of Roald Dahl's books. I like that book because it's interesting and enjoyable. It's a book about a young child named Matilda. She's genius and smart but her parents think she's a cheater and they are always being mean to her. She got sent to school and their Principal, Miss Trunchbull, is a terrifying headmistress who thinks all her pupils are rotten and stinkers. Matilda then gets rid of her horrible headmistress and gets adopted by her sweet teacher, Miss Honey, away from her ugly family. This book inspires people especially the young to be brave and do what's right.



Matilda

FATMA ARIFF  
GRADE 6

Roald Dahl is my favourite author. I like his books because he has a good sense of humor. His books are interesting, funny and full of adventurous endings. He is the world's number one storyteller! And my favourite

# RIPROALDDAHL

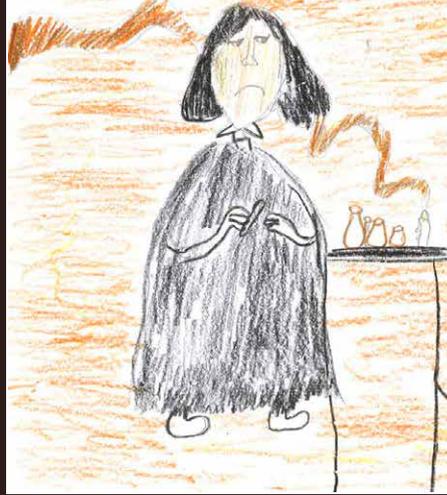
MY FAVOURITE BOOK.

ABOUT THE BOOK:

My name is Zahra Dato. I am 12 years old. My favourite book is the series called "Harry Potter" and the author is called J.K Rowling. They are seven series and all of them are really interesting. The story is about a boy whose parents were killed by an evil person (Voldemort) and now trying to kill Harry but can't because every time he tries to, Harry fights back with his two best friends called Hermione Granger (The smart one) and Ron Weasley (The funny one)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

The author's name is J.K Rowling and she is really good because she explains everything in details as if it is a non-fiction book and she even has a really good imagination. She inspires me to do what I best like, and has a good perspective on magic. I will conclude by saying that she is the best author.



Zahra: G. Dato. G6

ALL ABOUT MY FAVOURITE BOOK AND AUTHOR.

ABOUT THE BOOK:

My name is Hiya Patni and I am 12 years old. My favourite book is Harry Potter. I think this book has many interesting fiction parts. This book has 7 series in the new version and the old. The only difference is the cover. My favourite character is Ginny Weasley. I like reading this book because it is fiction, sometimes hilarious and quite scary.

There are many mythological creatures too. This book shows bravery and courage. Harry fights Lord Voldemort who rose back into power to duel and finish Harry in the forth book, but Harry didn't lose hope.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

The author of this book's name is J.K Rowling. She is really talented and smart. She is full of knowledge. I always wondered how she wrote those books. She is a really great author! She has a really great imaginary mind and a nice perspective about mythology.



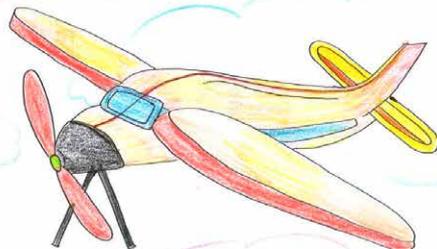
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HIYA PATNI

The Secret Seven

My favourite Author is \* Enid Blyton \*  
My favourite Story is \* The Secret Seven \*  
Three Cheers Secret Seven!  
Illustrated by: Bruno Kaye

Enid Blyton  
THE  
SECRET  
SEVEN



Meharun Nisa  
Muhammad Kazim  
Grade 7

# HORRIBLE SCIENCE



Horrible Science isn't so horrible it's about anything and everything to do with science. It has so many facts about nature, your body and your environment. The author is Nick Arnold and the illustrations are by Tony De Saulles.



Together they make books based on science. There is also a Horrible History series made by different people though I love this series because I'm interested in becoming a doctor so this gives me all the facts I need.



HORRIBLE SCIENCE

## BULGING BRAINS

I'M A BUNDLE OF NERVES!

Pearl Mavura  
Grade 7

# Maisie Hitchhins

Maisie Hitchhins is a book about mystery and it's my favourite book because I love reading about how just one girl can solve the problems of her whole community. Sometimes I get so caught up in the suspense that I can't go to sleep until she's solved that part of the mystery! The author is Holly Webb, she must be super into mysteries to make such an amazing book about it. She didn't write about herself in the book but instead left her website so we could find her: [www.holly-webb.co.uk](http://www.holly-webb.co.uk)



though she is usually in black and white I colored them using their description. In this picture Maisie and her dog helped find the emerald in time for the show.

Pearl Mavura  
Grade 7

**Dork Diaries**  
My name is Estan Ahmed, I am 12 years old and my favourite book is Dork Diaries (Puppy Love). Its author's name is Rachel Renee Russell. In this story there is a girl named Nikki Maxwell. Her operation is paws, her mission is to hide 7 puppies from 2 parents an entire school and a mean girl out of revenge!

When the animal shelter that Brandon volunteers at is too full to take a litter of abandoned puppies, Nikki decides to look after them until the shelter has more room. Do you think it is simple? Umm no, her parents won't allow dogs in the house, so Nikki has to hide them to school in secret!... is Nikki's plan going to end in a pawfully dorky disaster?!



I really love Rachel Renee Russell because she is an attorney who prefers writing tween books to legal briefs. Rachel lives in northern Virginia.

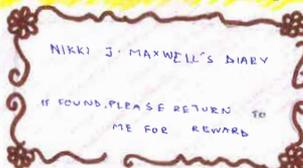
**NIKKI**



I love Dork Diaries because it is interesting and it shows the real life we do live so it's a type of fact book.

I ♥ RACHEL

I've never read a nice book ever like Dork Diaries puppy love. I love Dork Diaries.



I really love this page it's like a real diary but it is a story.

I ♥ DORK DIARIES!

(No snooping allowed!)

# Matilda

Matilda is about a girl who is really smart, she reads a lot of story books, she also inspires others to read, her parents think that she knows nothing and she is just a cheater.

I like the book because it is funny and also interesting. Matilda is a strong, brave girl who always stands up for the right thing and what she believes in.

## About The Author

Roald Dahl is a funny author, he was a fighter pilot who fought in the Royal Air Force (RAF), he was a medical inventor. He has many best seller books which have turned into movie adaptations. Such as the Witches.



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# DIARY

## of a Wimpy Kid



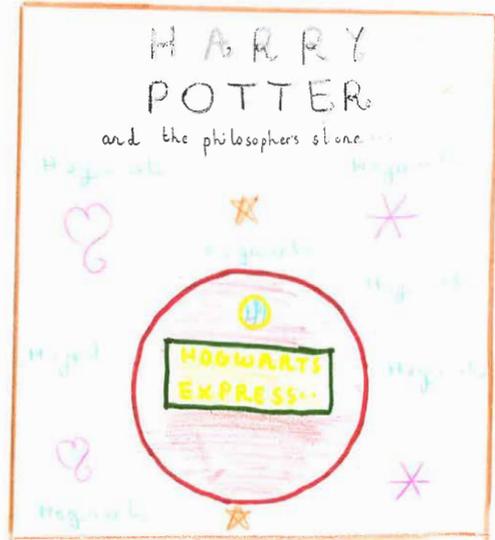
### Long haul

This story is about an exclusive Road trip. The protagonist of the story is GREG HEFFLEY. He didn't want to go on a road trip with his family because he knew that he has ZERO control over his own life. But the disaster trip turn out to be the most memorable. The Author of the book is JEFF KINNEY. He is the best author I have ever seen and his books are very interesting. He has been writing many books and they have a very nice meaning. So this was my summary about Long haul.



# HARRY POTTER

And The Philosopher's Stone ...  
 My favourite Books are:- H.P Series.  
 My favourite Author is:- J.K. Rowling.



Why I love this book and why I find it interesting  
 - My favourite author is none other than J.K. Rowling she inspires me with all her characters and her creativity on and on. I have mostly read all of series and most of all I loved the first book which is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

### More about The Books!

- The Harry Potter And Philosopher's Stone is made by the one and only J.K. Rowling. It is one of the most interesting in the whole series...

The story about Harry Potter getting to know that he's a wizard and that his parents were killed by Voldemort. Harry Potter is an 11 year old wizard who has defeated the darkest wizard of all time. He is starting his first year at hogwarts where he discovers that someone wants to steal the Philosopher's Stone which can

make anyone

Waselah Esmail Grade 7



THE END

Happiness



### \* Why Enid Blyton is my Favourite Author \*

→ Enid Blyton is my favourite Author because she inspires me and all those other readers that we can all imagine big with the best imaginations. When ever I read her storybooks I feel so into it, I feel that Everybook is inspiring like each of us. We all are her readers and she is our author who inspires us each day to be Adventurous and Wild throughout our life. Her stories are really creative and make us think wild... The only reason for me to get ten out of ten in creative writing is because of her.

My (our) Role Model is Enid Blyton 'We Love You' ♥♥

### \* My Favourite Story Book \* The Secret Seven \*

→ 'Three Cheers, Secret Seven' is a really amazing and adventurous book because its all about being brave, taking risks for what is right, saving lives and Working together as one. The characters are really cool including Peter, Janet, Jack, Barbara, Pan, Colin and George. They together are THE SECRET SEVEN. ready to solve any mystery, any time! They go on an adventure full of mystery unpacked and find their lost model aeroplane in an old abandoned house. Someones seems to be living secretly and when they finally reveal their secret, The mystery gets solved.



As part of our commitment to encourage children to express their creativity and to promote literacy, students of the Al Muntazir Boys Primary School have the opportunity to participate in the Collins Big Cat Writing Competition. The Collins Big Cat Writing Competition is an annual writing challenge for students around the world to encourage them to write innovatively and read more broadly.

The competition was based on a Collins' readers series; 'Shinoy and the Chaos Crew' and students were asked to create a new adventure for the Chaos Crew or create a new character to join the Crew. Student entries were assessed for creativity, originality, and grammar and after a round of selections, four entries were submitted from the Al Muntazir Boys Primary School for the global competition.

1. Haadi Meghji (6 years) – 'Switch the Unpredictable'
2. Leith Hamid (7 years) – 'The New Enemy Approaches'
3. Bhavik Boyapati (8 years) – 'Zian & The Day of Treacherous Travel'
4. Nathan Fernandes (10 years) – 'The Day Plastic Filled the Earth'

Judges were blown away by the creativity and ingenuity shown in the entries and all four entries were shortlisted for the Regional Prize. After a final round of judging, one of our entries was chosen as the overall winning entry for the Collins' Big Cat Writing Competition – Regional Winner (Africa). This was the entry by Haadi Meghji of Grade 1 Emerald. We congratulate all our participants on their excellent quality of work and especially, Haadi for an exemplary piece that was considered the best out of all the shortlisted entries!

## Overall Winner - Regional Prize

Haadi Meghji - 1 Emerald

In a small desert town on Further Earth, a baby boy is born on the night of a rare radioactive rainstorm. 11 years later, young tan-skinned Switch has sparkling ocean blue eyes and a head of short but silky metallic silver hair that falls loosely on his forehead. The radioactive rain landed Switch with an extraordinary gift. Switch's parents named him after his ability to alter, or rather "switch" the weather through his will and strong emotions, making him a perfect addition to the Chaos Crew. Switch loves to play sports, always wearing his dynamite red sneakers, ready for action. Those bright red sneakers aren't only suitable for football; they help Switch get around when he changes the weather. They have inbuilt wheels for quicker getaways, blades to ski away when Switch calls for snowfall, and an anti-slip sole to avoid slipping in wet conditions, all controlled by a highly technologically advanced smartwatch on his left wrist.

Switch's abilities have caused him not to feel all extreme weather conditions allowing him to adjust quickly to his weather switches. Hence, he wears a skin-tight midnight blue bodysuit with long sleeves and metallic silver lines similar to his hair running through both sides, finished off with the red Chaos Crew logo right at his chest. His powers have caused him to dislike junk food, craving fresh fruits and vegetables most of the time that don't agree with Lazio's ideas of delicious food! Although Switch has learned to control his extraordinary powers over the years, they can sometimes cause trouble because an extreme of any emotion can cause a sudden weather change, which may not affect Switch himself but all those around him. You can indeed imagine the Chaos Crew getting drenched a lot by the rain because Switch found something too funny!



### Shinoy and Chaos Crew: The new enemy approaches

Once there was a boy named Shinoy he lived with his family. One Monday Shinoy was watching TV he saw Snair at the screen and a friend besides him. Snair what's your evil plan and who is that besides you [asked Shinoy]

And then Shinoy calling toby to come over and see the message from Snair.

And Shinoy looks at the man besides him and he asks toby 'look closely isn't he familiar [said Shinoy]

When toby was grabbing a snack, another message was received Shinoy then was calling toby.

And then the message said 'hi! We are James and Eris this message is from the chaos crew.

We are reporting this because we know the new villain, he calls himself 'Mamba' and he trapped the rest of the crew and now it's up to us and join us.

Shinoy asked James and Eris 'where is your headquarters?' James said, 'it's on the east side of your house'. Then toby said, 'that old dump' then Shinoy said, 'we have to risk it'.

After they reached there James sent them another message right, they were it said that there are some boobytraps.

So, Shinoy and toby watched carefully from the booby-traps and made it. After making through the booby-traps, they saw Eris and James.

After that Eris showed Toby and Shinoy, Snair and Mambas' secret lab,' Eris asked Shinoy do you know the way to get in?' then Shinoy said 'through the vents' and then four of them went spying on Mamba and Snair.

And then they busted in there, Mamba shouting 'how did you get in here!' then they saw the other friends, they busted their friends out, they fought against Snair and Mamba. Mamba and Snair got defeated.



Leith Hamid  
- 2 Emerald

### ZIAN & THE DAY OF TREACHEROUS TRAVEL BY: BHAVIK BOYAPATI AL MUNTAZIR BOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the announcement was made, passengers were overtaken with unexplained fear. Shinoy called the chaos crew team for help from his app.

Zian entered the train with a banggg!! He had super strength and stamina, with the power to fly at the speed of light and keep himself in the air as long as he intended. Who could cover large distance in short time, and the power of making himself invisible so that his enemies could'nt destroy him. He knew telekinesis through which he could move any object remotely using only psychic power.

Once Zian was briefed about the problem, he jumped enthusiastically to solve this case. He pacified and convinced everyone that he will cease the train to enter the forbidden area.

With his X-ray vision he could see that the forbidden area was bridge built near the cemetery. It was high bridge spanning a river below that is just waiting for a reason to collapse.

The train was moving very fast and he needed to act faster so that he could save the train entering the forbidden area. He jumped out of the window and went to engine room where he tried to work with his magic tricks which made himself invisible and fight with the monster which was very rebellious and fought back vigorously. But Zian did not give up and fought harder and succeeded.

As the train was nearing the bridge, Zian flew up the train and cut off the power supply and brake cables. The train halted with SCREEEECH!!!!

The brakes failed and engine rolled speedily towards the bridge. The engine fell in the river and the bridge collapsed, while the remaining compartments were safe. Everybody was at solace and heaved a sigh of relief. They all thanked Zian, their 'blessing in disguise'.



Bhavik Boyapati  
- 4 Emerald

## Shinoy and the Chaos Crew: The Day Plastic Filled The Earth

by Nathan Bernard Fernandes Grade 5 Amber

### Chapter 1: Plastic

Mr. Amitri, set foot in the classroom. "Good morning class. As part of our Environmental Awareness Week, let's talk about Plastic. Plastic is a synthetic material which does not decompose. Over 6.3 metric tons have been thrown out and only 9 percent has been recycled. What would happen if the earth is filled with plastic?"

"There would be no more habitat for all living organisms." Shinoy answered.

### Chapter 2: Mayhem

The next day, Shinoy woke up from a loud noise. He peered through his window and saw people screaming. The newspaper man got wrapped up with plastic like a mummy.

Shinoy activated the special app on his phone, " Call to action Chaos Crew."

Ember and Tech Genius Bug appeared from a burst of light.

" What's the problem?", asked Bug. Shinoy pointed to the window. They saw many people wrapped in plastic.

"Is this a new fashion trend?", Ember commented. Bug instantly analyzed the scene with her high tech head gear and said. " S.N.A.I.R created a machine that gives life to plastic. My GPS says, S.N.A.I.R is in a cabin in a forest."



Nathan Fernandes - 5 Amber

# STOP PRESS - HAADI MEGHI WINS WORLD WINNER TITLE

Haadi Meghi our Student has taken the Al Muntazir Name on Top of the World. One of the Greatest Achievement to Win the World Winner Title of the Collins Big Cat Writing Competition 2021. The Al Muntazir Boys Primary School organized a small awards ceremony for the four students who were finalized at the Regional Level - Africa for the Collins Big Cat Writing Competition 2021.

