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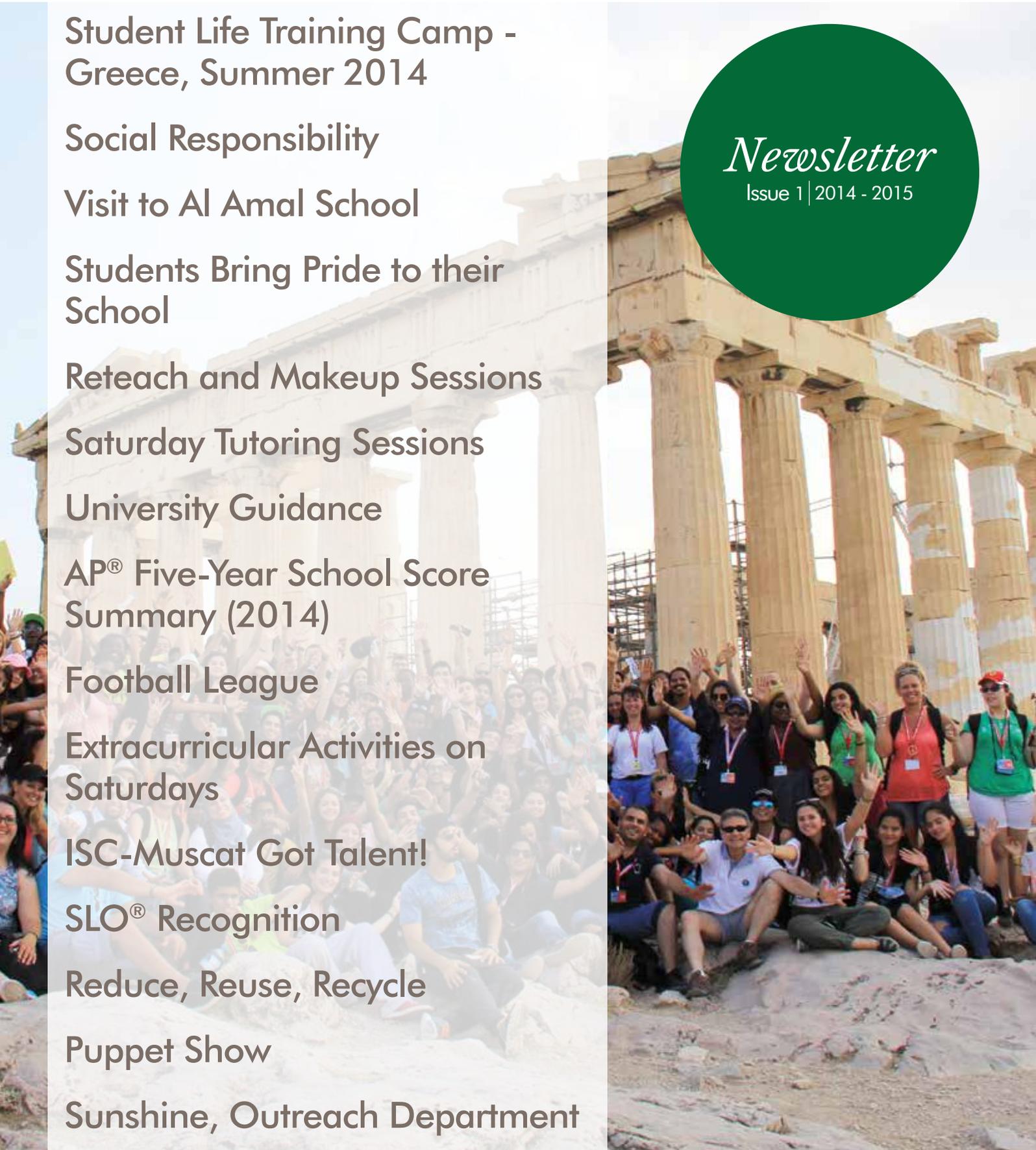
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Message from the Director

Dear Parents,
I am pleased to share with you our first newsletter for the academic year 2014-2015. While keeping our high standards for academic achievement and performance, our dedicated staff are working hard to prepare and equip students with the necessary tools that enable them to face the challenges of a fast changing world. Through this newsletter our students aim to keep you informed of their activities and the contribution they make to their society. I thank the editorial team of the SLO® department for their dedication and hard work in preparing this newsletter and wish them much success in their future endeavors.



Message from the SLO®

School for us is a balance between academic results and character development. Our participation in the SLO® gives us the opportunity to help others and be productive individuals in the society. We are actively contributing to the management of the school through tutoring and mentoring students, supervision, planning events as well as community service projects. It is through these opportunities that we have learnt the value of hard work, integrity, honesty, responsibility, sacrifice, joyful action and service. We stand ready to dedicate our time and energy to the ongoing progress of the SLO®.

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Student Life Training Camp- Greece, Summer 2014

The Student Life Training Camp is a summer camp for leadership and life skills. It is held annually over the course of nine days in a different country each year. The camp focuses on nurturing leadership qualities through lectures, discussions and activities. Upon their return to their mother schools, participants teach these skills to as many prefects as they can to help the SLO® and the school. They also meet SABIS® students from all over the world to share ideas and experiences and discover a common purpose despite their different nationalities and diverse backgrounds. It also provides an opportunity for like-minded peer groups to explore a new country and culture safely.



In the summer of 2014, the camp was held in Athens, Greece. ISC-Muscat's students were delighted to have the chance to participate. Here is what they said:

Nabilah Asarrow 12L: Head Prefect

SLTC 2014 in Greece was a phenomenal experience that cannot be replicated. One of the best presentations that remain engrained in my heart is the power of positive thinking; it was an emotional and mental turning point for me. From it, I learned that attitude reflects on the outcome, so we have to think positive and be open minded in approaching challenges. SLTC is not merely a summer camp; it is a life changing experience that will forever change your views.

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The SLTC in Greece was literally the best camp I have ever been to. The various lessons that the SLCs presented can affect anyone's way of thinking, especially while facing problems and being under pressure. Going to the camp in Athens was a great opportunity that I have been given by my school, and I am very blessed that I was selected to go there. Even though the camp lasted 9 days, the friends I made there will last for a lifetime.



Social Responsibility: Community Service

Preparing the gifts for donation

During the first couple of weeks of school, the SABIS Student Life Organization® tends to be busy with all kinds of preparations for the new academic year. After several days of recruiting prefects, the SLO® got busy with Eid Al Adha preparations.

All the donated clothes and toys were very nicely wrapped by the students who voluntarily signed up to help.

Hospital Visit

Representatives from the SLO® handed out the gifts to the children at Al Nahdha Hospital on Saturday, September 30, 2014. The SLO® exuded an air of enthusiasm and excitement, not only to the children, but also to their families.

We know that the purpose of our community service projects is to fill a need and lift the spirits of those that are suffering in our own community. But in reality, we are learning that to make a sacrifice of time, effort and material well-being is indeed a gift to ourselves as we learn the joy of giving and humble service.

The SABIS Student Life Organization® has certainly made a promising start this year.



Students Bring Pride to their School

With deep sense of responsibility our students support their peers and bring pride to their school.

An ongoing service from SLO® is to assist newcomers to the school in study circles to help them cover the material taught before they joined the school. Motivated to raise the total average of every class, our students define success by seeing everyone successful in their academic studies. We want everyone to be a winner.



Reteach and Makeup Sessions

One of the frequently heard phrases around the school would be "re-teach and make-up". A student sits for a make-up exam when he/she fails a SABIS® AMS exam or is absent on the day of the exam.

Prior to the make-up, a re-teach session is held to go over the failed concepts. This is done by academic prefects who prepare the material and make sure everything is clearly explained to students. The sessions run smoothly and attendance of all tutees is recorded.

The re-teach/make-up system is an integral part of the learning process as it ensures the mastery of failed concepts before the end of each term.

Visit to Al Amal School

On Sunday, December 21, 2014, Al Amal School for the deaf welcomed students of our SLO® for a very special visit. The school, which was established in 1979, strives to reduce the effects of various disabilities through early intervention and community outreach. The students learned a lot about themselves as well as having the opportunity to interact with the students of Al Amal. Our students were given the basics of some new communication techniques and even managed to squeeze in a game of football!

It was a fun filled and worthwhile day for all involved!



Saturday Tutoring Sessions

Saturday tutoring is one of many methods implemented by the school to help students improve academically. The administration and the SLO® exert tireless efforts to make these sessions efficient and effective. Students from similar age groups teaching one another create an atmosphere of enthusiasm hence optimizing the overall learning process. The cooperation of parents, students and the school's administration made these sessions a success.

University Guidance

Our senior students are frequently visited by representatives from various universities from around the world. The aim is to provide the support and guidance that is needed for a proper university selection. These universities deliver critical information about the different fields of studies, the qualifications needed, the requirements, tuition fees, information about scholarships, informative descriptions of their campuses and the cities they are located in.



AP® Five-Year School Score Summary (2014)

The records show that in 2014, the percentages of students who scored 3+ on their AP® exams are as follows:

- 61% (Global)
- 73% (Oman)
- 90% (International School of Choueifat-Muscat)

Our students consistently score high results through hard work. We wish them success!!

Football League



At the beginning of this year, a group of senior students planned and organized a football league for grades 8 - 11. Students were asked to put together teams of 8 players (six on the pitch and two substitutes). Meanwhile, the seniors scheduled the matches for the different grades. The seniors also assigned prefects to control discipline, allocated the venue of the matches and managed the equipment required.

The organizing group took many safety precautions during the matches and maintained discipline. The goals of this league were to allow students to develop good health and fitness, have fun, as well as interact with their peers.

On Sunday 11th January 2015, an awards ceremony was held with the Sports and Health Department and the Football League participants. All the participants were acknowledged with certificates and were present to see the trophies awarded to the winning teams.

The results have been wonderful! Well done to all involved!



Extracurricular Activities on Saturdays

In addition to the regular activities taking place during the student life period, the SABIS Student Life Organization® offers a set of extracurricular activities (ECAs) on Saturdays. These activities include swimming for boys and girls, Zumba, tennis, football, and taekwondo, all of which are under the instruction and careful supervision of professional trainers. Participating students learn the techniques of such sports, and have fun at the same time.

Participation in sports and physical activities has a beneficial effect on body, mind and spirit. Often your most creative ideas or the true understanding of a mathematical concept comes when you are playing a hard game of tennis or football or swimming the ninth lap of the pool. Extracurricular activities help us keep our conscious mind occupied while our sub-conscious is busy solving the unresolved and brings those solutions to the forefront. Extracurricular activities provide opportunities for physical and mental fitness.



Girls learn the dance moves and follow the rhythm. They exercise and have fun in Zumba.



Students learn the swimming techniques and advance from one level to another.



Boys learn tactics and strategies and become better football players.



Boys and girls learn self-defense techniques and discipline in taekwondo.



Students learn how to focus and get fit while playing tennis.

ISC-Muscat Got Talent!

Much to the students' delight, Saturday, January 10, saw the school's annual talent show take place in the auditorium. Contestants from Grades 5 -12 displayed a dazzling array of talent, from playing instruments to singing and dancing, to entertain the crowd.

The show took place from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. with solo and group performances cheered on by students and teachers. Participation in the event was recognized with certificates from the school, but, as always, there can be only one act who takes home the trophy!

The trophy went to The Dancing Girls from Grade 6 with members Nada, Nour and Jana crowned the winners.

Congratulations girls and congratulations to everyone who took part!



SLO® Recognition

Wednesday, 17 December, saw a meeting take place between the Director and a group of high achievers from the SLO®. More than 50 students were awarded certificates in appreciation of their contribution to the school and its students.



Puppet Show

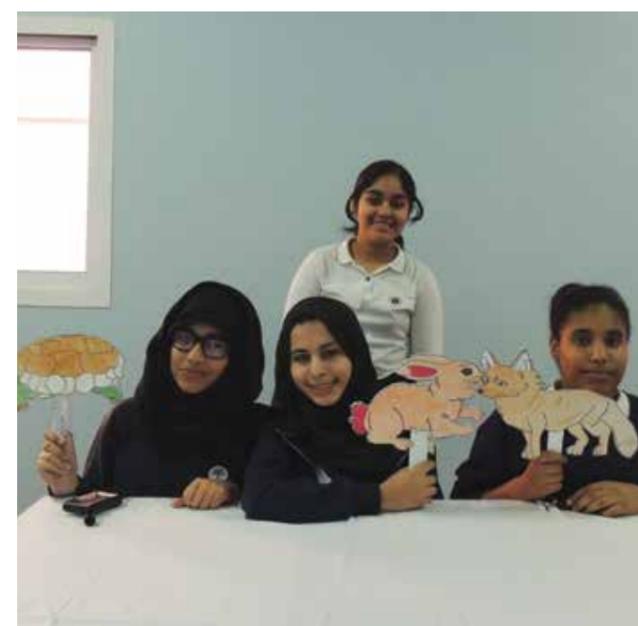
The Lower School Prefects constructed the staging and props for the well-known play "The Rabbit and the Turtle". The kindergarten students at our school learned a lesson they hadn't expected when they went to see the performance. The idea behind the play was first formulized to pass on important lessons. The story went as follows: One day a rabbit was boasting about how fast he could run. He was laughing at the turtle for being so slow. Much to the rabbit's surprise, the turtle challenged him to a race. Though the turtle realized he was considerably slower, he was determined. The rabbit thought this was a good joke and accepted the challenge. The rabbit got to the halfway point and could not see the turtle anywhere. He was tired and decided to stop and take a short nap. Even if the turtle passed him, he would be able to race to the finish line ahead of him. The turtle never quit no matter how hot or tired he got. He just kept going. In life, we should not take things for granted and should always finish a task once it has started. It is very important for us to never judge or make fun of others as we all have different abilities and talents.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Today's students live in a world where environmental issues such as global warming, organic farming, and recycling - to name a few - exist all around us. Teaching our students how to help clean up the planet and live responsibly is not just an opportunity, but a necessity.

In an effort to create awareness of this important issue, the Social Responsibility Department in the SLO® met with students from Grades 2,3 and 4 to show a video on the importance of recycling and to offer advice and guidance on how to put these lessons into practice, not only at school, but at home too!



Sunshine Outreach Department

At ISC-Muscat, students show their appreciation to their teachers frequently and in many different ways, especially through the Outreach Department of the SLO®. On January 26, 2015, the sunshine prefects greeted their teachers, upon their arrival to school, with beautiful cards of positive quotes and a choice of Oreo or rainbow cupcakes that they baked themselves.

Many thanks to the awesome Outreach team! They put smiles on the teachers' faces and gave them an incredible start to the day.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 12, 2015: Grades 5 & 6 Sports Day
- Feb 21, 2015: Grade 2 Music concert
- Feb 26, 2015: Grades 7 & 8 Sports Day
- March 7, 2015: Fundraiser
- March 21, 2015: KG 1 & KG 2 Sports Day
- March 29-April 2, 2015: Trip to Istanbul, Turkey



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