

# The Academy Junior School Newsletter



## 2016-17 ACADEMY JUNIOR SCHOOL WELCOME

### From the desk of the Principal



**Dear Academy Junior School parents, guardians, teachers and students,**

Welcome back on behalf of The Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad!

*Svagatha, Khushâmdîd!*

I hope that you all had a restful and relaxing holiday. A very warm welcome to both continuing and new students who are just beginning their journey with The Academy.

#### **Admissions update**

Our Admissions picture is very positive and we are filling fast. 2016-17 begins with 140 Junior School students and we are still receiving queries for Admission for this year. We are starting this year with one class in Grades 1 and 3 and two classes in each of Grades 2, 4 and 5.

#### **Welcome to our four new staff!**

- Ms. Chloe Hill joins us as the Primary Years Programme (PYP) Coordinator. She was part of our founding Academy Junior School faculty and returns after two years in Ranchi. From UK, she brings deep IB experience as well as expertise in Music and Language.
- Ms. Abha Seth is our new Grade 5K classroom teacher. Originally from Delhi, Ms. Abha taught in IBPYP in Jakarta prior to joining us this year.
- Ms. Anna Palmetshofer is our new Grade 4K classroom teacher. She is Austrian and embodies internationalism by virtue of her multiple qualifications from universities in Great Britain, Canada and Germany as well as her wide-ranging teaching experience in several countries. Her expertise lies in teaching language.
- Ms. Ekta Lilani is a new assistant teacher and will support Ms. Anjum and Ms. Neha in Grade 2. Ms. Ekta has more than ten years' experience in teaching primary students and has joined The Academy to continue her learning journey in PYP.



# From the desk of Junior School Principal

BY Sreelatha Kumar

## Academy Junior School teaching roles

Our teachers have been busy for the last week with in-service training, planning and preparation for the new term. I wish them all a great teaching and learning year ahead!

2016-17 teaching roles are as follows:

Grades	Form tutor	Supported by
Grade 1	Ms. Laboni	Ms. Laila
Grade 2A	Ms. Anjum	Ms. Ekta
Grade 2K	Ms. Neha	
Grade 3	Ms. Ridhi	Ms. Mita
Grade 4A	Ms. Vidhya	-
Grade 4K	Ms. Anna	-
Grade 5A	Ms. Reema	-
Grade 5K	Ms. Abha	-

Single subject teachers:

Subject	Tutor
Hindi	Ms. Sushmita, Ms. Meena
Visual Art	Ms. Nivedita
Music	Mr. Subhadip
PE	Mr. Ravi, Ms. Vajravani
Swimming	Mr. Surendra, Ms. Seena
Reading specialist / ESL	Ms. Alison
ICT	Ms. Mita
Creche	Ms. Sophia, Ms. Anasuya
PA to The Academy Junior School Principal	Ms. Shabana



### **Academy Junior School leadership roles**

Junior School Principal - Ms. Latha

Primary Years Programme (PYP) Coordinator - Ms. Chloe

### **Transport and logistics**

Parents new to The Academy this year should have received information about bus pickup and drop off timings as well as policies and consent forms from Admissions. Could all parents please read; print off the last page; sign the consent form and send this to Ms. Shabana, Academy Junior School Secretary.

Please make sure of your child's uniform, shoes and other Academy requirements. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 20 August 2016 for our first 2016-17 Parent Information Session, details of which will be sent out soon. Could I remind everyone of our 'healthy snack policy'. I request that instead of distributing sweets on children's birthdays, you donate a book to the Academy Junior School Library in support of DEAR (Drop Everything And Read).

### **New Academy Crèche**

I am delighted to announce that, by request, we are extending our current crèche provision, previously limited to Academy faculty only. For more information, please contact Imran Bandeali, Admissions at [admissions.hyderabad@agakhanacademies.org](mailto:admissions.hyderabad@agakhanacademies.org)

### **Let's make 2016-17 a memorable year!**

The Academy Junior School is known to be a happy, action-packed and stimulating learning environment, where we encourage and support children to grow and develop as life-long learners. We have planned events and celebrations across this academic year for this purpose. Your support and participation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those parents who joined us in feedback focus sessions to improve this year. We have taken this feedback into consideration to make 2016-17 better for all. As we begin the year, may I remind you of the importance of the teacher/parent partnership in working together to develop your child's self-confidence and shared responsibility for their learning and behaviour.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Shabana at [shabana.awadiya@agakhanacademies.org](mailto:shabana.awadiya@agakhanacademies.org) / Phone: 9177078822.

Warm regards,

**Sreelatha Kumar**, BA, M.Ed

The Academy Junior School Principal