



Academy Junior School

Newsletter

Welcome to the new academic year 2017-18
at the Academy IB Primary Years Programme!

Message from Junior School Principal, Sreelatha Kumar

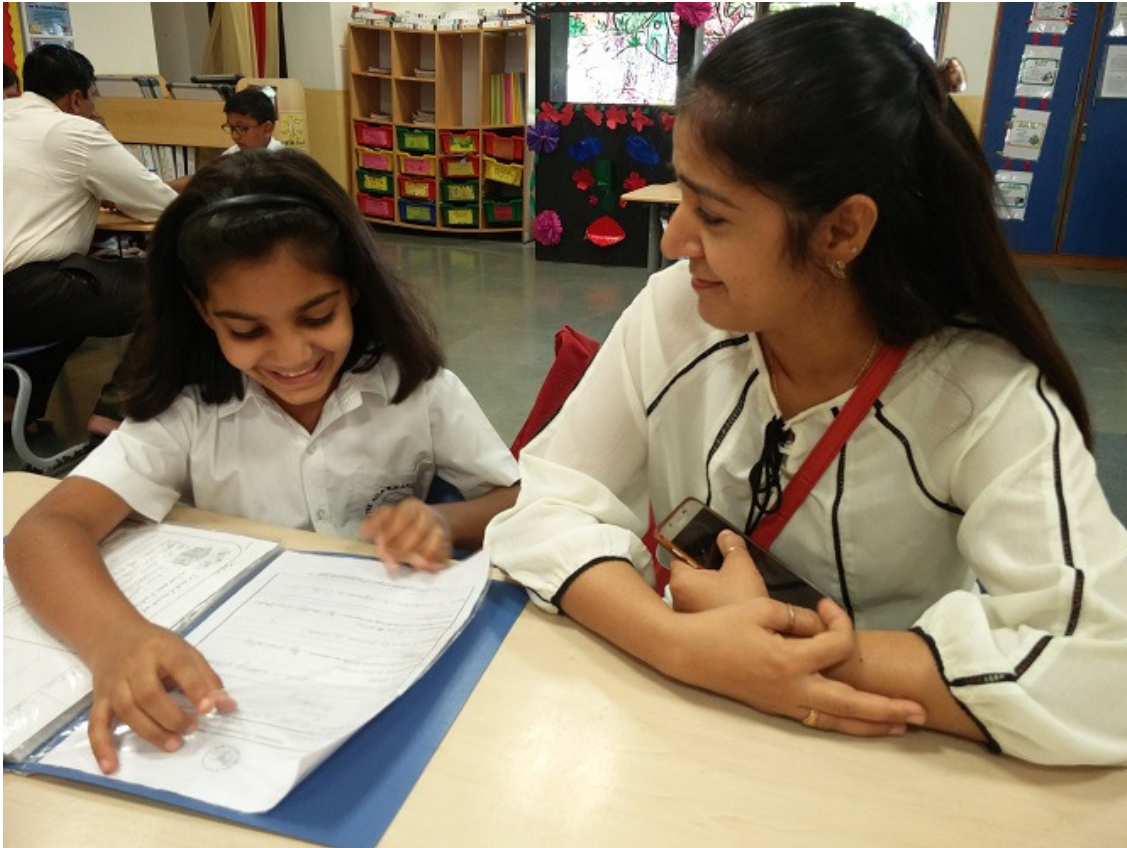


As we launch into the seventh year of the Academy Junior School, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all students and teachers, both new and returning, to an exciting and eventful year ahead. I look forward to hearing all the holiday stories!

We at the Academy are fully committed to continuing the happy, caring, active and stimulating learning culture that the Junior School is well known for. To achieve this, I seek your help, support and cooperation that the Junior School parent community is, in turn, well known for.

We begin this year with 140 students, in one grade 1 class, and two classes of grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. Due to increased demand last academic year, we opened up extra classes and will be encouraging open Admissions through the year. We look forward to our parents and students being our most reliable and ardent ambassadors!

Parents as partners in learning



Over the last six years, we have sought opportunities to include you as learning partners and I'm happy to say that last year we conducted the most number of parent participation events in Academy history. We intend to continue this trend and it is my sincere request to you to try to attend as many Academy events as you can. I am also grateful to those parents who overcame challenges of distance and time and made it for most or all of our events last year!

Towards the end of last semester, we had our annual IB PYP Student Led Conferences which embodied a different approach to personalised learning. Children in grades 1-5 were encouraged to discuss, explain and reflect on their learning journey through the year with their parents. Students and their families interacted over carefully curated portfolios containing work samples from different subject areas; class displays; e-portfolios and music stations. [Read more here.](#)

Introducing new faculty



- Nivedita Paul is our new grade 3 form tutor. She is a Teach for India fellow with two years' professional experience and a passion for children, and is part of the Academies Teacher Preparation Programme, about which you can [read more here](#). Nivedita is also an odissi dancer!
- Suryanarayana Murthy joins us as our first dedicated Telugu teacher and will be teaching Telugu in grades 1 and 2 this year. Mr. Murthy comes with over 30 years experience in pedagogy and an MA in Telugu and Sanskrit.
- Rozina Syal comes to us from Hyderabad Public School and will be looking after the Academy Creche. She has a strong background in Early Childhood Development, and a keen interest in young children.
- Chetna Anurag, who joined us last year when Abha Seth was on maternity leave, is now our grade 2K form tutor. She has a BA in Elementary Education and over nine years experience in PYP pedagogy.

2016-17 Junior School roles

Grade	Form tutor
1	Ms. Laboni, supported by Ms. Ekta
2A	Ms. Anjum, supported by Ms. Laila
2K	Ms. Chetna, supported by Ms. Laila
3A	Ms. Ridhi
3K	Ms. Nivedita Paul
4A	Ms. Vidhya
4K	Ms. Anna
5A	Ms. Reema
5K	Ms. Abha

Subject	Teacher
Hindi	Ms. Sushmita
Visual Arts	Ms. Nivedita
Music	Mr. Subhadip, Mr. Samuel
P.E	Ms. Vajravani
Swimming	Mr. Surendra, Ms. Seena
ICT	Ms. Mita
Library	Ms. Veena

Junior School Principal - Ms. Latha
PYP Coordinator - Ms. Chloe
PA to Principal - Ms. Shabana



A few reminders...

- Parents new to the Academy will have already received information about bus pickup and drop off timings. Please call the Transport Coordinator, Santhosh, if you have any clarifications - +91 77021 00575
- New parents will also have received IT and consent forms from the Admissions department. Please read them, print off the last page, sign your consent and send it with your child to hand over to PA to Junior School Principal, Ms. Shabana. Returning parents, please sign the forms if you haven't already done so.
- May I remind everyone of our healthy snack policy, and in line with this, please donate a book to the Academy Library instead of distributing sweets on your child's birthday.

Important dates: Tuesday 15th August - Independence Day | Thursday 17th August - ITN shooting IB film @ the Academy | 19th August - Saturday School: parent orientation and meet-the-teacher afternoon

The Aga Khan Academies invite you to join us in two exciting social media initiatives in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of His Highness the Aga Khan – the founder of the Aga Khan Development Network and the visionary behind the Aqa Khan Academies.



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