



AL IMAN COLLEGE – EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

TERM 4 2021 NEWSLETTER

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,
Respected Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Alhamdulillah, with the help of Allah, we have come to the end of the most challenging year. We have never imagined that this year would bring us so many uncertainties, challenges and changes.

Due to COVID-19 our face-to-face learning had been significantly impacted due to restrictions and lockdown. Alhamdulillah we were able to move to online learning via zoom which allowed our children to gain a different learning experience. We understand how difficult this transition to online learning would have been for most families and we thank you for your support. If anything, our efforts combined this year has taught our ELC children to be resilient and never give up despite the circumstances. Teachers, Educators and families were able to work together to give our children the best online learning experiences. As always, we placed our trust in Almighty Allah, and we did our best to place our ELC children at the heart of every decision we made and action we took.

Some families have concerns on how their child will be able to transition to school while they missed face-to-face learning. Alhamdulillah, our children are continually growing, gaining new experiences, and learning each day, so just as they learnt to adapt to online learning, they will be able to adapt to school learning with the help of Almighty Allah.

We are grateful for your support throughout this year and In Sha Allah, we look forward to continue working in partnership with you in 2022.

JazakAllah Khairan

Noor Illyaas
(On behalf of the ELC Staff)

IMPORTANT DATES

Last day for long daycare
10th December 2021

Last day for kindergarten
10th December 2021

ELC office closed
18th December 2021 – 17th
January 2022

Long daycare resumes
17th January 2022

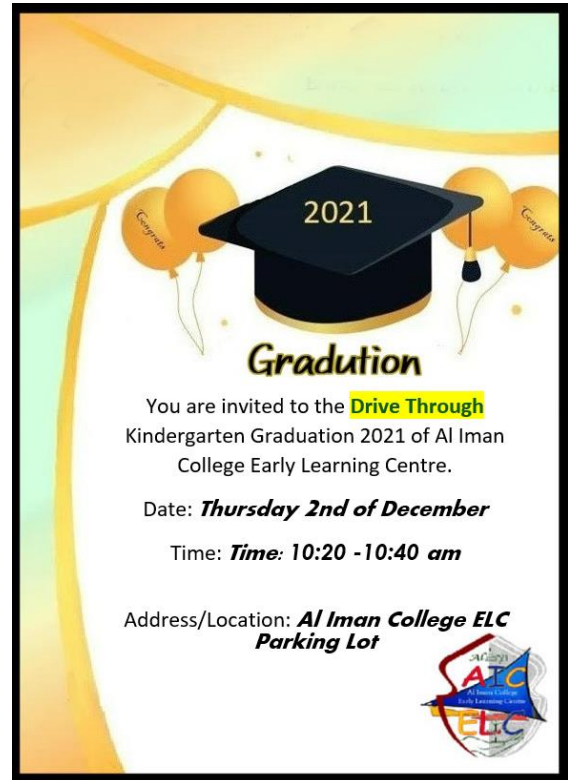
Kindergarten orientation
Kindergarten Grp B and D -27th
January 2022

Kindergarten 3+ - 28th January
2022

Kindergarten Grp A and C – 31st
January 2022

2021 Kindergarten Graduation

Graduation is a time to celebrate the children's achievements in kindergarten and farewell them onto the next chapter of their life into school. This year due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the graduation was celebrated differently. Instead of the nicely decorated kinder rooms, we decorated the outside of the ELC. Instead of a lovely spread of food, children were given individually packed cupcakes and cookies. Instead of a stage set up and presentation we had a drive through presentation of certificates, balloons and gifts. Alhamdulillah, despite the limitations we were still determined to give our children a graduation that they will hopefully remember.



National Recycle Week

Kinder Group B

At ELC, Kindergarten during National Recycling Week, we looked into how we can respect our resources by lowering the demand for new materials, reusing high-quality second-hand things, and recycling. Reducing waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfills, but it also helps the environment by lowering greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the need for new resources. At home and in the workplace, reducing and reusing can help us save money. With the children, we conducted a group conversation about how important it is to exercise the three R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). Then we read a book called "Recycling is Fun" and gave each children template to draw on.



Western Water Digital Presentation

Kinder group A and C

This term we had a Zoom incursion run by the Western Water Education Program. It was a helpful session that allowed the children to learn about water.

In this Zoom session, the children were participating in discussions about where water comes from, how we use water, and how we can save water. The children practiced minimising water wastage by counting from 1 up till 5 before closing the tap. After they finished the incursion, the children made their own watering can using recycling plastic bottles to use it outside in the garden.



Why Save Water



Did you know that less than 1% of all the water on Earth can be used by people? The rest is salt water (the kind you find in the ocean) or is permanently frozen and we can't drink it, wash with it, or use it to water plants.

As our population grows, more and more people are using up this limited resource. Therefore, it is important that we use our water wisely and not waste it.

Outdoor play environment

Long Day care

The children were interested about the outdoor environment, so we took them outside to water the plants and learn about different textures and colours of leaves and flowers. Since the weather was nice and sunny, the children spent time playing outside. They enjoyed playing a race while balancing a ball which allowed them to improve their motor skills. The sense of belonging was enhanced amongst the children as they played with each other and became more familiar with their surroundings.



National Recycle Week

8TH-12TH November

We are celebrating National recycling week. This week aims to raise awareness about way we can reuse our resources by lowering the demand for new material.

We have a recycling material corner in our room which children use during their play time. We conducted a group conversation at group time to discuss the different ways to use recycled material.



Take away for parents

Tips to get ready for big school



We have come to that time of the year again, to say farewell to our kindergarten children! We would like to give our best regards to the children and the families leaving Al Iman College ELC. Our Teachers and Educators have enjoyed building a relationship with your child/ren and we will miss every child. We look forward to your visit and to hearing everything about big school adventures from your child/ren!

As you take a break between kindergarten and school, there are a few things families could do to prepare their children for school. Some of these things include:

- Establishing strong routines at home: bedtime routines, reading routines & family mealtime routines.
- Encourage independence and self-care: let your children do things themselves, teach them not to be afraid of mistakes.
- Expressing excitement and enthusiasm about going to school (read books that highlight the daily school routine, talk about your own experiences when you went to school & involve your child when going school shopping).
- Spend time with relatives or family friends so your children can develop a growing sense of independence and capacities for communicating needs with other adults.
- Go for a visit to the school before the first day so children can familiarize themselves with the school and have an idea of where they will be attending.

Make sure to also relax and have fun! We will miss our children and families!

Start School

Did you know that by law, your child must have an immunisation history statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to enroll in primary school.

Please visit link below for further details in languages other than English.

<https://healthtranslations.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcht.nsf/PresentEnglishResource?Open&x=&s=Immunisation>