

# At a Glance

## Autumn Term: September 2010

Welcome Coffees: Primary and Secondary

## October 2010

JPG AGM

Table Top Sale

## November 2010

Primary and Secondary Book & Bake Sales

## December 2010

Primary: Festive Sing Alongs

Primary: Macbeth Refreshments

## Decorate a Bauble Competition

Unfortunately we were unable to go ahead with the Bauble competition during December as we couldn't secure a leader for the event. We hope however we can hold something similar later in the academic year as a Spring/Summer term event! If anyone is interested in leading this event please contact Tazmin Walker: Primary reps co-ordinator



Year 11 Prom Night

Jumeirah  
English  
Speaking  
School



# JESS journal

JESS Parents' Group Arabian Ranches

Autumn Edition 2010

## Just a note...

About a couple of events that happened at the end of the summer term after the last journal was distributed.

events. In recognition of their hard work, the JPG donated an additional AED 5,000 toward the overall cost of the prom.

### Year 6 Leavers' Disco

*(May 2010, Primary)*

The JPG funded this event which was held at Le Meridien Hotel - Mina Seyahi. With over 80 students on the dance floor, it was a busy afternoon but definitely a wonderful 'send off'. A special THANK YOU to the Year 6 form teachers and parents who made the event go with a 'swing'.

*Event Co Ordinator: Hayet Zerelli.*

### Year 11 Prom Night

*(June 2010, Secondary)*

The Year 11 students raised funds by running stalls at JPG events (mainly the Spring Fair/ Table Top Sales) as well as other 'in school'

### International Food Court

*(May 2010, Secondary)*

Our 2nd International Food Court event (part of PHSE day) was again a huge success with over 400 Secondary students (and hungry teachers) coming through the doors during lunch break. Asian Noodles, Indian Chicken Biryani, Spanish Frittata and Swedish Meatballs were just some of the main courses on offer and an impressive array of international desserts were also donated by secondary parents. A huge 'THANK YOU' to all for working so hard in the kitchen and to all our GLAMOROUS DINNER LADIES who were still smiling after a busy service.

*Net Profit AED 2100, Su Taylor Event Co-Ordinator*

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## Looking Ahead

### Spring Term: January- April 2011

#### January

Friday 14 Table Top Sale

#### February

Tuesday 8 Athletics Festival

Friday 25 Spring Fair

#### March

Thursday 3 International Day:  
Primary

Thursday 3 Party in the Park

## Charities, the final allocations

Four charities gratefully received AED 3500 each at the end of the summer term. The successful nominations were:

1. Gulf 4 Good (money helped refurbish classrooms in Tanzania).
2. Mums Who Share (money helped buy Iftar meals for labour workers over the summer). *Dubai*
3. Shanti Bhavan (money helped buy food for children and staff for a week). *India*
4. Sheikh Rashid School (money helped refurbish classrooms). *Dubai*

## Feedback

The purpose of the this journal is to give you the parents an update on what the JPG is doing, what's coming up and how the money you help us raise is used. We would welcome your feedback on this journal, what do you like, what else would you like to see?

Email through your thoughts to me  
Monica Kapila monikapila@hotmail.com.

## Recent Highlights

### Welcome Events for the Autumn Term

The JPG organized and hosted a variety of welcome coffees for parents in both primary and secondary school, giving parents an opportunity to get together. A special Thank You to **Mike Biggs** who attended all the secondary year group meetings and answered any questions parents had. This was very helpful.

### Table Top Sale

Another hugely successful, well attended and smartly organized event with visitors coming from as far away as Abu Dhabi and Sharjah! The actual sale was sensibly held in the Secondary sports hall to escape the September heat. Mr. Bergin's Year 11 students ran the Refreshment Stall and raised AED 1,700 during the sale, this will help fund their Year 11 Prom in June 2011. The JPG raised AED 4,800 from this event. A wonderful community spirit was generated and a profitable morning for all!!

*Su Taylor: Event Co-Ordinator.*



### JPG Annual General Meeting

October 3rd heralded the formation of a new JPG Committee for 2010/11 including a new Chairperson.

Chairperson : .....Tricia Evans  
 Vice Chair : .....Vacant  
 Treasurer : .....Gop Menon  
 Vice Treasurer : .....Fathima Husein  
 Secretary: ..... Paula Stewart  
 Asst Secretary : .....Caroline Mathew  
 Primary Class Reps  
 Co Ordinator: .....Tazmin Walker  
 Secondary Class Reps  
 Co Ordinator: ..... Su Taylor

And 17 additional committee members, welcome back committee members from last year and a warm welcome to our new faces !

### Your Class Reps

We now have at least one rep for every primary class and reps for some classes in secondary school. To find out who your rep (s) for primary school are, please look on the primary JPG notice board under the arched area in the primary courtyard. Similarly to find out who your secondary rep might be please contact Su Taylor or look on the JPG secondary notice board.

If you want to get your details onto a secondary class list please contact Tricia Evans on 050 456 4109. Or email them in to tricia@eim.ae



## Primary Book and Bake Sale

(9 November, 2010)

A sincere thank you again to all those parents and students who participated in our 3rd Primary Book and Bake Sale. It was a great success and we made AED 6,100. The day itself was buzzing with excitement. Children eating cakes and parents browsing books and vice versa. Next year we will be expanding the refreshment area even further to cope with demand, which as always seems to be busiest at the 2pm sale.

Overall another well organised day and resounding success. Thanks to those talented bakers, and particularly to the volunteers who helped leading up to the event and to everyone who helped

on the day. Gilly Everitt and Tessa Franz Marwick Event Co Ordinators.



## Secondary Book and Bake Sale

(10 November, 2010)

This was the third Book and Bake sale at secondary school and we had a "Fantastic response to the request for homemade cakes this year so were able to sell again at 3.15pm and donate a supply to the JESS/DBS football teams playing that afternoon for an 'end of game treat.' AED 4,500 raised. Su Taylor: Event Co-Ordinator.

There was also a range of books that appealed to our secondary students that sold well. Congratulations to Jack Fabian (Year 8) who won a AED100 Virgin Voucher!



## Contact Points For The JPG

Read the JPG noticeboards & your weekly Thursday e-mail from the school for details & dates of JPG events. Then if you would like to contact us, please see below.

### Su Taylor

050 645 6269 or justsu@eim.ae  
if you're a secondary school parent

or

### Tazmin Walker

050 844 9635 or  
tazmin\_walker@hotmail.com  
if you're a primary school parent

**OR e-mail us on  
JPGRanches@gmail.com**

We would be DELIGHTED to hear from you!

## Festive Singalongs

"Annually KS1 put on sing-alongs for the parents to come and watch. After those Sing-alongs the JPG offer tea/coffee/cold drink and a biscuit at our regular charge of AED 5 for drink and a nibble! All profits go towards the wider JPG fund." Tazmin Walker Primary Rep Co-Ordinator.



## Macbeth Refreshments

"This year the KS2 production is Macbeth. Stop by the refreshment stand on your way in or out to have tea/coffee/cold drink and a home-made mincepie or biscuit. Again at a bargain price of AED5 for a 'drink and a bite.' All funds go into the JPG pot." Tazmin Walker Primary Rep Co-Ordinator.

Below right: New swimming lanes in the JESS pool - funded by JPG



Above: New baby grand piano in the auditorium - funded by JPG.

