Dear parents,

A great many exciting things are happening in the Primary department. Read on for more details:

**Sports Days**
The Physical Education department organised two terrific sports days towards the end of last half term. On Monday the Year 1 and 2 children competed in 12 athletic games in their colours. Their excitement and enjoyment were easy to see. On Tuesday the Year 3 to 6 children competed in their teams. The seventeen games were fiercely but fairly contested. A tally of scores showed that the winners were the Green Team with the Red Team the runner up. We all offer a big thank you to the PE department, the Year 9 girls who helped manage the games and to Ms Amani for organising the food.

Continuing the sports theme, I am delighted to inform you all that, after some fiercely fought contests, Ms Sanaa’s Primary School girls’ basketball team finished second in the Inter-schools competition. Congratulations to the coach and all the girls who took part. At school the Green Team won the Year 4 girls handball competition. Next week it will be the turn of Year 3 children to play football and handball.

**Science**
Many of you ask about the amount of science within the IPC programme. I am pleased to report that current and recent topics have covered many science topics in some depth whilst retaining an International dimension to children’s studies. Examples are: Study of forces within the Fairgrounds topic– Y6. Study of Healthy foods-Y3 / Learning about animals and plants and experiments linked to the Jungle-Y4 / Presentation on Insects and Human Senses-Y2. Year 1 and 2 will visit the zoo to learn about animals.

We were all very impressed with the Year 5 and 6 children’s contributions to this week’s Science Fair. I visited every table and asked the children to tell me about the science they were demonstrating. Their knowledge and their use of specialist vocabulary were very impressive. A prize was offered to the best science exhibit in each year. The winner on Year 6 was Mehlab Shafique Muhammad-Year 6C for her experiment on cooling systems. In Year 5 the joint winners were Batoul Mohammed and Karen Adel-Year 5C for demonstrating that the power of air can move a model car. Some children dressed in T-shirts with a science slogan on Tuesday. The teachers judged the winners to be Hussain Ahmed Bittar-6C and Anas Amr Galal-5A.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Primary