

July Newsletter

BASSMATI
EDITION

3 August 2025



TOGETHER WE SHAPE THE
WORLD

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to a fresh new start to the school year! As we step into this exciting chapter together, we're thrilled to bring you the very first edition of our school newsletter.

This issue sets the stage, but what's even more exciting is what's to come. Future newsletters will be student-led, giving our learners a platform to share their voices, ideas, and creativity. We can't wait to see how our students bring their unique perspectives to life and help shape this space into something truly special.



We're thrilled to announce that student council elections will begin next week for students in Grade 4 and above. The council represents the voice of the student body, and classmates will have the opportunity to vote for peers they believe are responsible, passionate, and suitable to represent them. Through this experience, students will help promote school spirit, lead initiatives, and make a positive impact on our school community.

Each month during our themed activity classes, the whole school explores a powerful idea together. We began the year with A Journey of Kindness and Respect, helping students understand the value of caring for our school, each other, and even our farm animals, gently guiding them to recognize and overcome bullying matters.

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Vegetable garden

Our organic vegetable garden continues to thrive, teaching students valuable lessons about sustainability, teamwork, and caring for the environment.

This year, the garden has been divided into small square plots, with each class taking charge of their own section, planting a variety of organic vegetables, caring for them throughout the season, and harvesting their crops to enjoy! We will keep you updated on our progress



Farm news

Our Bassamati farm runs on a rotation system, giving each class the opportunity to care for the animals, feed them, and collect eggs. These hands-on experiences teach students empathy, responsibility, and the value of nurturing living things with kindness and consistency. In the upcoming newsletter we will be doing a few interviews with the students on rotation and their experience so far with our farm animals.



Booster classes

We would also like to inform you that our morning booster classes from 7:30–8:00 am will open to help students start their day with confidence and extra academic support if needed.

This year's **Afternoon club** activities include the Basmati Orchestra with our amazing music teacher Ms. Tatiana, Football Club, Taekwondo Academy, and a variety of creative clubs, all designed to build skills, confidence, and community. To sign up, simply send us a message on WhatsApp!



30 August 2025

Event News

We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual charity event. This event is a fun and interactive way to support Palestine and our community. We will send more details leading up to the event. We hope to see you there!

- Date: 30 August 2025
- Time: 10 am-3:00 pm
- Let's make a positive impact in our community and help those in need.
- All proceeds will go to Palestine.

Staff Profile Highlights



Majd Al-Algbari

Mr. Magd makes numbers fun and exciting with his love for problem-solving and creative thinking. When he's not teaching equations, he enjoys brain teasers, baking geometric-shaped cookies, and believes that math is everywhere, even in pizza slices!

Grade 5,6, and 7 Math Teacher



Entesar Anwar

With a love for storytelling and creative learning, Ms. Entesar brings a creative twist to teaching and an endless supply of glitter pens! In her free time she loves sketching, and creating beautiful portraits

Grade 2 Math and science Teacher



Mariam Al-Haboub

With a big heart and playful spirit, Ms. Mariam makes every student feel valued and happy. She never misses a chance to join in a game of hide and seek during snack time, making sure everyone can play and no one is left out.

Grade 6 and 7 English Teacher.



Adel Al-Sharafi

Meet Mr. Adel Alsharfi, our **Finance and HR Coordinator**, the man who makes sure the numbers add up and the team runs smoothly. Just a friendly reminder: he's great with budgets... and spotting late payments!



Tatiana Tkachenko

The heartbeat of the Bassmati Orchestra, Ms. Tatiana brings music to life in every class. She plays five instruments, speaks three languages, and once brought musical students from Paris to perform in the Yemani youth orchestra.

Music Teacher



Osama Al-Ashari

is passionate about sports, teamwork, and helping students discover their inner athlete. He's a certified football coach, a taekwondo black belt, and he can do a perfect backflip.

P.E Teacher

Staff Profile Highlights

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Esraa Al-Ariqi- Social worker

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Esraa to our school community. She brings a rich and unique blend of experience in supporting children with mild to moderate developmental and learning needs, alongside her expertise in speech and language therapy, and her strong background in psychological support for both children and their families.

With a well-rounded approach that combines therapeutic, educational, and social care practices, Ms. Esraa provides comprehensive support to students facing challenges in communication, behavior, or school adjustment. She also offers families clear and compassionate guidance that helps them build healthier and more connected relationships at home.

As a qualified social worker and child mental health specialist, Ms. Esraa plays a key role in creating a safe, understanding, and empowering environment where every child is encouraged to grow, express themselves, and thrive.



Keep an eye out for more staff highlights. Every month. We will be adding more of our staff members along with something you didn't know about them!



Youmna Al-Hamdi

Ms. Youmna brings tech to life in the classroom! From animating drawings and asking robots questions, she makes every lesson an adventure. She's passionate about turning students into creative digital thinkers. She once built a robot that could draw, and rumor has it she's working on a podcast with her students this year!

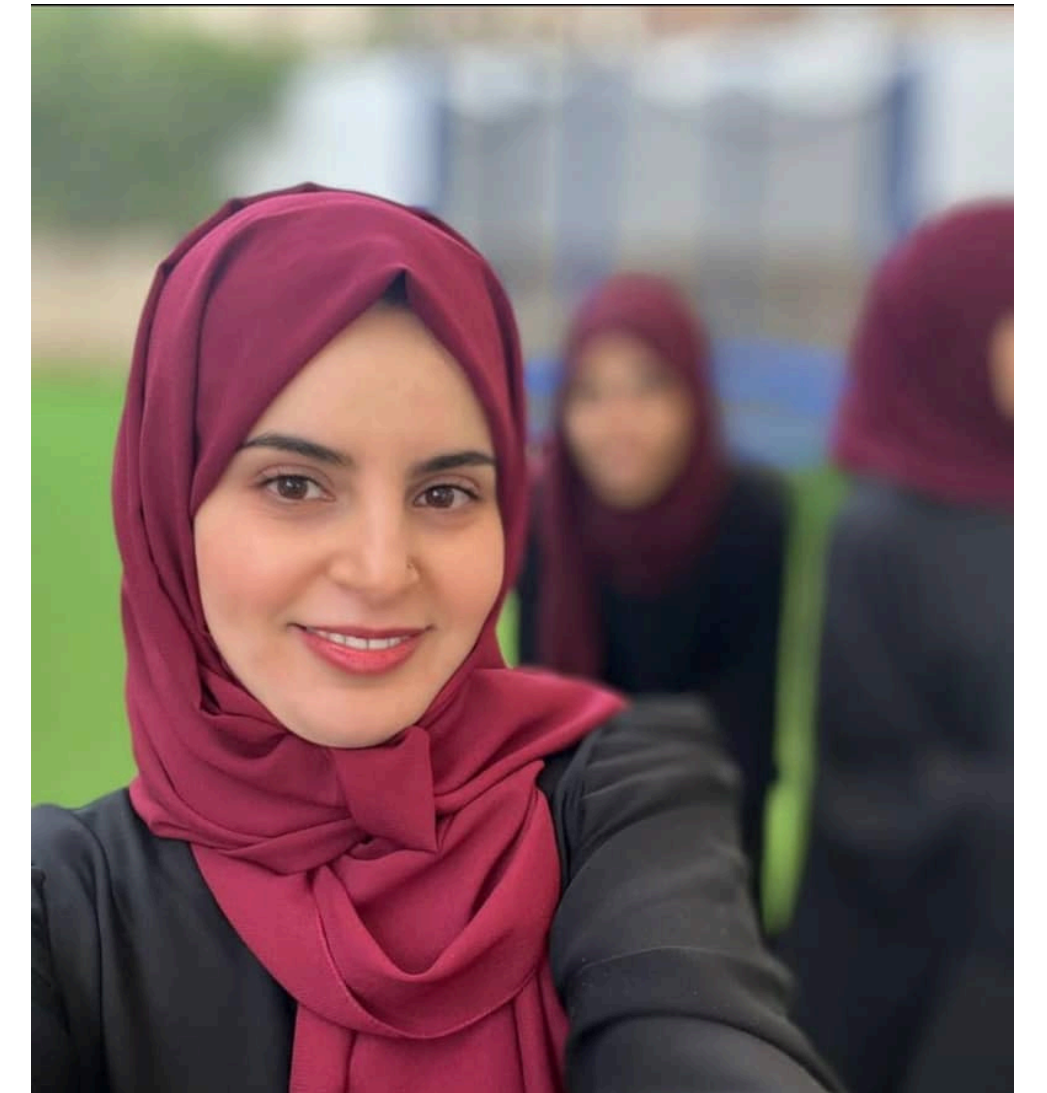
Computer Teacher



Magdalena Rogala

A passionate teacher who loves bringing creativity into the classroom, especially during our workshop sessions. She enjoys giving new life to old things through fun recycling projects and always encourages her students to think outside the box and express their unique ideas. She has a deep love for nature and all animals.

Library, Community, and workshop Teacher G1-6



Eshraq Al-Harazi

My main focus is to make sure children feel love, comfort, and reassurance at school, because it's the sweetest stage of their lives, and one they'll never forget.

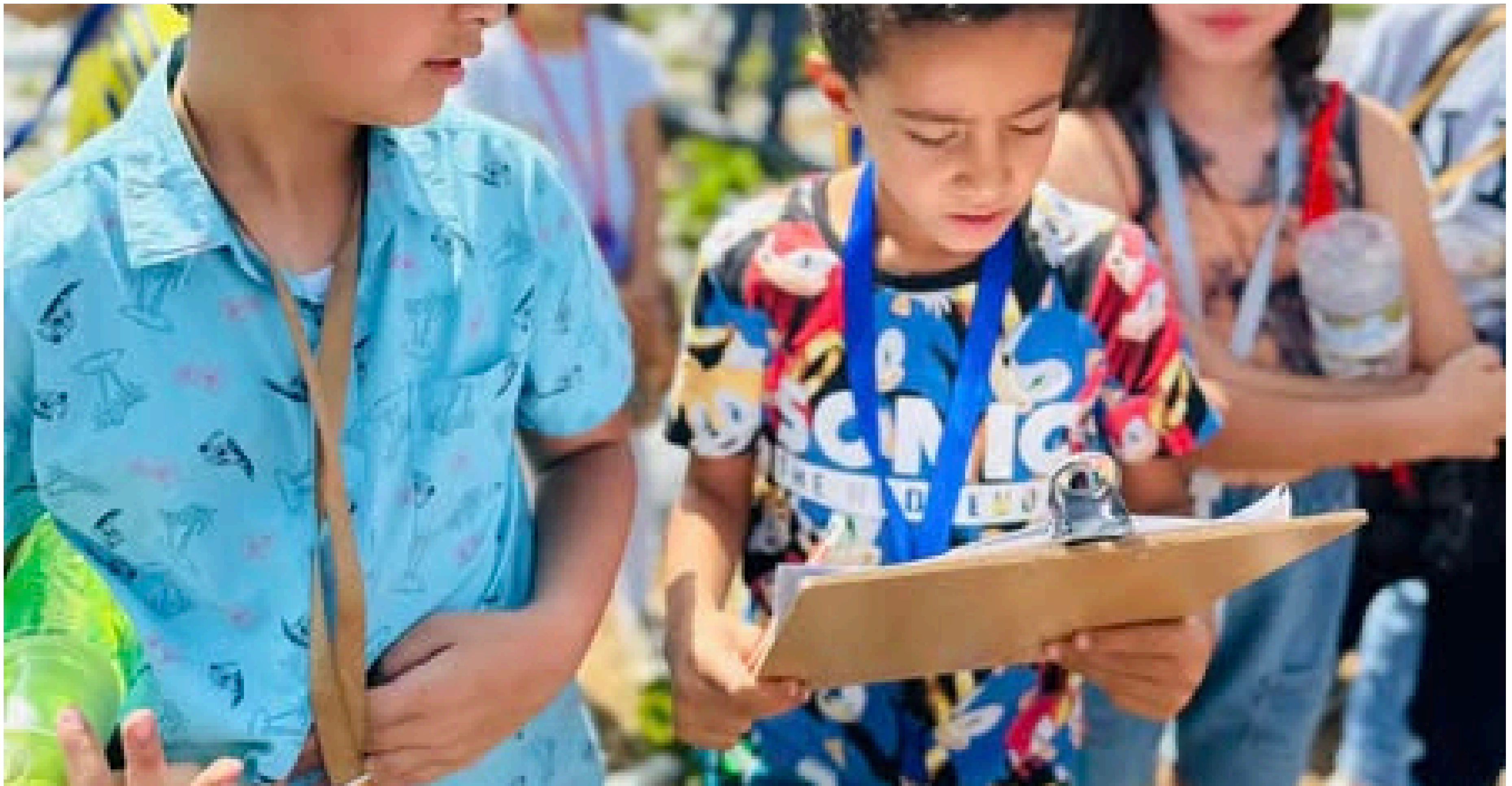
Grade 1 Resource Teacher



Basma Nawas

Basma brings math to life for our Grade 3 and 4 students with puzzles, games, and lots of laughter. She believes math is like a mystery waiting to be solved, and she's got the coolest tricks up her sleeve to help students crack every code. When she's not teaching she loves photography, listening to music and learning new things.

Grade 3 + 4 Math teacher



We embrace and support our students' creative side by providing opportunities to imagine, express, and innovate through art, design, storytelling, and hands-on projects.

Student creative corner in our newspaper.

We're launching a new section to showcase the incredible creativity of our students, from artwork and poetry to short stories and photography. If your child has something they'd love to share, we encourage them to submit their work for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue!

This month, our theme is **Move for a Mission**, inspiring students to take compassionate action and support a meaningful cause through teamwork, creativity, and movement! Activities will include charity car washes, a sponsored walk through the Old City, and hands-on DIY projects, all leading up to a big finale with a school-wide bake sale and flea market!



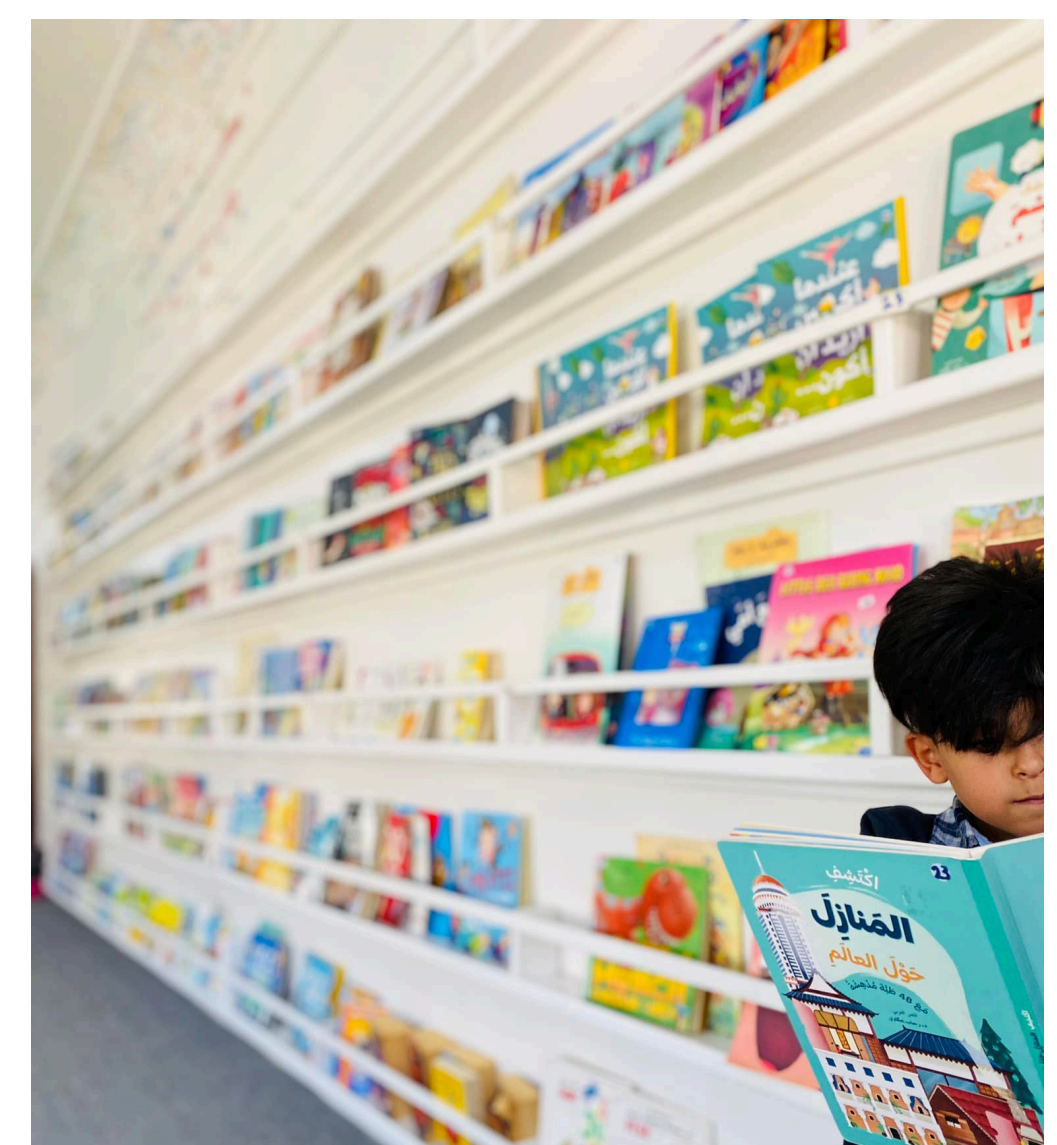
Library membership

For new parents we would like to inform you that we have a library membership for our students. The annual membership fee is \$50, which is refundable at the end of the year if no damage has been caused to the books. - the students will be able to take the library books home and return them when instructed. We believe it will bring numerous benefits to our children's education and personal development. Visit the school administration office to register

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Monthly Exams
12th - 20th
of August

8 week plans
Second 8 week
plans will start
from the 23rd of
August



Thank you for reading!