

# NEWSLETTER

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## Colossians 3:23

In this week's Newsletter, I want to share insights on our second Value: INTEGRITY.

Our grounding text comes from:

Colossians 3:23.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"

The picture on the right shows our play group class, paying attention to the story their teacher Ms Grace was telling them.

I stand in awe at these little children. 4 years and below, yet uniquely, more adept at conflict resolution, making friends and letting bygones be bygones at their age than most of us adults ever will be in our thirties or forties.



Whatever task is laid before them, they jump at it with gusto!!

Whether play or classwork, they have voracious appetites - eager to learn, eager to experiment, eager to seek forgiveness where they have wronged and eager to make up... "You are my friend, Ok? " And just like that, the world is right again.

And then we have Ms Joan's Class.

5-6 year olds. Learning self regulation and expression. They even have "expression toys" for emotional support.

At Almasi, in as much as we want all children to be happy, and to thrive, we understand that as human beings, there will be moments of anger, of grief, of joy, of peace. What is as important as expressing that emotion, is learning how to manage it so that it doesn't get the better of you .



# ALMASI HEIGHTS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL- AHIS

## What makes Almasi Heights Different?



We have been called to a unique purpose. And it is evident across all our classes and in all our staff members . But, it is also evident in our children. They too demonstrate an intense level of responsibility and fortitude.

Right from the beginning; we have all been keen as a community to give more than is expected of us. (Remember; we focus on things that are of a good report).

Does it mean we don't have moments where we err? Where we think "this is too hard, Maybe we should stop now?" We get these moments. But our biggest differentiator is that we recognize those moments, and we go back to our true north - why are we here? We aim to impact the world. By Transforming ourselves from within, we believe we will inspire the world.



Last Sabbath, for example, Teacher Andrew and Patron Carlos, took us through a Psalms 23 puzzle. And Oh my - the children, who totally love competition were able to resolve the puzzle successfully, amidst giggles, banter and lots of laughter. The girls team won with 5 Points extra!!

What was unique though, was the level of accomodation each team gave the other. Yes, it was a competition; but at Almasi, we do not win at the expense of others. There was coordinated effort, there was great commaraderie, and above all the realization that we are a family.



So when we say that we Live our Value of Integrity, we actually mean it.

For us, Integrity means more than telling the truth.

It means treating each other the way we would want to be treated. It means, understanding that even if we do not win in that moment, we still need to give it our best!

Integrity for us means that we give back to each other even more than we receive - as we would unto the Lord.

And that means, looking above and beyond, and checking that we have been faithful to the calling God has made of us.

And where we struggle, where we need emotional support; then we speak up - knowing that whether we are telling our Teachers, or Matron, or Patron, or our Aunties, or the Principal, or the CEO, or even each other - we will be heard and will help each other work through it. Why?... Because This Is What Doing It As Unto The LORD Means.