14th January 2014

Dear Parents,

We are starting the New Year slightly later than what we had earlier planned. This, as you know, is due to security concerns in the aftermath of the Peshawar Army School tragedy.

The government notified all schools to reopen on 12th January 2015 and initially we followed this advice to ensure a safe environment for your children. Unfortunately, we had to further delay our school reopening, as some additional security measures that we decided to implement had not been fully commissioned.

We also postponed the Sports Day that was scheduled to be held on Saturday 20th December 2014, which, as you know, is the most awaited event of the schools extra-curricular activity calendar. The decision to postpone the Sports Day was out of respect for the memory of the children who lost their lives in the tragic incident which had occurred only a few days earlier.

Security issues remain a serious concern for us and we have asked Security 2000, the company providing security to school, to give us additional guards and will take further measures to beef up security at our respective campuses.

You would be as concerned about the safety of children as we are and I sincerely hope that you will cooperate with us in enhancing the security arrangements and follow the guidelines given by the school from time to time.

During the first term a number of activities were held both at the school and
outside, though the latter had to be curtailed again due to the security risks.

**Independence Day Celebration**

On 14th August the Independence Day was celebrated at the school with the usual fervour. Children came specifically for this occasion and dressed up in traditional clothes, sang and danced to the national songs in a great festive mood.

In addition a general knowledge session about the country was also held. To mark the occasion, children were given cakes.

**Peacock Dance**

*Motions without sound*

Joshinder Chaggar, who had earlier choreographed our School’s Sports Day, gave a solo dance performance in the auditorium on 11th September. The theme of the show was “Quest for Freedom” expressed through the migration of swallow from one place to another.

The highlight of the 20 minutes performance was that it was conducted without any music. The children enjoyed it thoroughly.
**Story Telling Competition**

On the 24th of September 2014 Paramount Books in collaboration with Ladybird Books U.K held a story telling session at the British Deputy High Commissioner’s house.

Our Grade II’s (one child per section) were invited along with our Librarian Ms. Sakina Ali. The event also included quizzes and an art activity, along with a yummy treat for the kids.

The children were given bag packs, stationary pouches and two story books. Children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT:**

Our teachers attended a workshop on “Stress Management for a Better Performance”. As we feel stress is a serious issue and in extreme cases, can cause irreparable harm to health. In order to acquaint our teachers with stress related issues and how to manage them, a workshop was held at PSTD on 27th Sept. 2014 conducted by Ms. Salma Sandeela.

This full day interactive workshop was attended by 10 teachers from the Junior School.

**Teacher Training**

**Bay View Junior School’s Contribution towards T.C.F**

Every year we collect donations for the TCF schools, a charity that provides free education to needy children. This year too we were able to collect a substantial amount of Rs. 3,13,662/- donated by parents of children from classes I – V.

A big thank you to all the parents and especially to the parents of classes II-E & II-S whose contributions were the highest in the school.

**Thank You!**
We will continue to do whatever is possible to promote education for the underprivileged in Pakistan.

**NESTLE, Champions of Tomorrow**

In order to inculcate and to promote the idea of healthy eating habits Nestlé was requested to conduct an appropriate programme designed with this aim. This was held on 1st October 2014, at the school premises. An interactive session of questions and answers was also held and was followed by a cricket activity to build fundamentals sporting skills. “Milo”, a product of Nestle, was later distributed among students and the programme ended with a group photo session. In all, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

**Universal Children’s Day**

“Universal Children’s Day” was celebrated on 24th November 2014. All our students generously donated puzzles, board games, books etc. to the less privileged children. All the collected items were sent to the Garage School, as an act of good will.

**Teacher’s Appreciation Day**

Grade IV North presented a heartwarming presentation appreciating the hard work and dedication of their teachers.

A beautiful garden pot with motivational sayings was given to the teachers as a memento.

Happy Teacher’s Day
Swimming Championship

Students of Grade IV, Fatima Adnan Lotia and from Grade V, Ameerah Eman Hasan took part in the 22nd Palmolive Sindh Swimming Championship held at the Karachi Gymkhana on 11th and 12th October 2014. Our school participated for the first time under Bay View banner, along with the children from the Middle School. Fatima won Gold medal and both the students did very well.

4th Karachi International Children’s Film Festival

4th Karachi International Children’s Film Festival in collaboration with TRC was held on 21st October at Ocean Mall. Award winning short films from different countries were screened.

Students of Grade II’s and III’s participated in the screening and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee; an annual competition was held by the Dawn Group at the Arts Council on 21st October.

Our students Yousuf Najam, Urwah Akhlaque and Mohamad Taha Ali took part in the 9-11 year category.
**Bake Sale**
Parent Support Group got together and held a Charity Bake Sale in the school Auditorium on 27th October 2014.

The kids enjoyed all the delicious scrumptious food like doughnut, french fries, pizza, haleem etc.

Overall, it was a fun filled experience that served a great purpose.

**Annual Bonfire**
The Annual Bonfire, a popular event of the Junior School, was held on the 21st November. The theme was “Under the Sea” and the children came beautifully dressed in unique costumes.

Parents did an excellent job in designing and stitching the costume. It was a great evening and children enjoyed playing games and dancing to the music.

This year Mollies were given for the best costumes. The night ended with a delicious Barbeque dinner.

**Kidz Dunya**
The students of Grade 1 went on a field trip to Kidz Dunya, at Dolmen Mall on 9th December. The children along with their teachers
and support staff had a great time; they took part in all the activities and had doughnuts, ice creams and pop corn.

**Kangaroo Linguistic Competition**

The students of Grade IV’s and V’s participated in the first ever **Kangaroo Linguistic Competition** held in the school auditorium, in which 51 children took part. We are still awaiting the results.

**Cambridge School Conference - Sri Lanka**

The British Council this year conducted a three day conference on various educational related matters in Colombo, Sir Lanka. This is a major event and participation is open to schools across the globe.

The conference aims to provide newer educational techniques and methods in order to improve the training environment in schools. The workshop included plenary sessions, keynotes addresses and workshops on additional specialized topics. I am happy to report that Bay View High sent the largest contingent comprising 15 faculty members which also included the Principals of all campuses and the Director of Studies.

The fact that Bay View High was represented by the highest number reflects our commitment to providing the best training environment for our children. The following participated in this three day International Programme:

Ms. Karen C. Ahmed,
Ms. Aamira Rizvi,
Ms. Aine Arfin,
Ms. Syeda Rezvi,
Ms. Asma Lotia,
Ms. Nadine Ahmed,
Ms. Nazia Siddiqui,
Ms. Khatija Masood,
Ms. Sabiha Siddiqui,
Ms. Durr-e-Shahwar Baluch,
Ms. Fatima Gul,
Mr. Leroy Solomon,
Ms. Madiha Haroon,
Ms. Nida Shahbaz and
Ms. Rashida Naeem.
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the prefect body for their supportive contribution in the smooth running of the school:

Front Row: (Left to Right)
Mohibullah Chohan, AqsaAijaz, Haniah Nawaz, Vania Ayesha Askari, Khadija Khawar and Aliyaan Ashmin Jindaani

Second Row: (Left to Right)
Vashma Hasan, Urwah Akhlaque, Alyan-ur-Rahman, Yousuf Najam, Maha Abbasi and Rumaisa Adeni

Third Row: (Left to Right)
Maryam Sajid, Syed Daniyal Younus, Mohammad Taha Ali, Daniyal Yousuf Dharwala, Jared Jamall Pereira and Shiza Ali

As we enter the New Year, we continue to remain committed and focused in our determination to give your children the best education and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Aamira Sayeed
Principal