

### House Activities.

The pupils have been involved in activities all term which develop closer cooperation with each other and give some fun to school time. The Sports soccer and basketball matches at break-times continue, we have had Crazy Hair Day by Green House, Face Painting in Early Years by Yellow House, Flowers to friends by Red House and free health checks arranged by Blue House. In addition to this there has been the Malawi Project and that deserves a section all of its own

### Malawi

We wanted to show our pupils that despite economic problems and hardships in their own country, there is still the capacity to be a world citizen and have to compassion to help others outside of Palestine. The CIE teaching philosophy is designed to produce students who are world citizens with a wider view of their importance to each other. Our social responsibility stretches beyond our borders.

I set a target of raising \$1500 to help put 50 pupils of their age into schools in Malawi, and I promised to match that \$1500 if they succeeded. Their enthusiasm and commitment was amazing and with all their efforts and contributions we raised \$2600 !! With my addition it is \$4100.

I am now arranging for someone from Malawi to come to the school to thank everyone and to go to classes and talk about life in an African country.



### Bethlehem Trip Y9

Y9A had a very successful trip to Bethlehem and Hebron this month. It was organised by the Islamic Studies/Christian Studies Department and introduced the pupils to various religious and historical buildings, a local nature reserve and the world famous ceramics and glass factory in Hebron.

### Christmas Tree Lighting

This will be on the evening of  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

We will have a school choir of over 300 pupils singing, a Street Market where gifts can be bought and food stalls. It promises to be an entertaining evening so put it in your diary.

### Tests Test .....and more Tests

Obviously tests at school are needed to check progress and prepare pupils for their final IGCSEs. However I keep reminding both parents and teachers that 'you do not make a lamb fatter by keep weighing it'. We need more learning time and not more testing time.

### December Exams

These are important and need treating as such. There will be no homework from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to provide time for personal revision – unless the work set is related to exam preparation. Pupils in Y7 -12 will be allowed to leave after their last exam of the day and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Home Revision Day. Please check Noorspace or the School Website for finishing times each day of each year group