

R.E.A.L Education Group uses the Character First! Curriculum

“Character Ensures REAL Success”

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We believe character building plays a pivotal role in shaping great individuals. In REAL Education, we incorporate **Character First! Education** Program into our curriculum. Character First! a non-profit organization with a mission to “promote true success in businesses, schools, families and communities by encouraging good character”. Character First! is more than a program-it is a **leadership model that strengthens relationships, improves communication, and builds teamwork.**

That is why the Character First! curriculum spells out each character quality as clearly as possible. There are a total of **49 character qualities** being taught in a very practical way.

We only teach and focus on **ONE** character each month.

How do we teach Character First!?



Colouring the animals that relates to the Character of the Month



Story Telling



Using handicrafts



**Rewarding the child for a job well done!
(Showcasing the student’s coloring sheet)**



Emphasizing the character at every chance we get

For this e-newsletter issue, we would like to give an example of one character quality which is **Alertness**.

About Character First!

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R.E.A.L Education Group incorporates the *Character First! Education* Program in building character in the hearts and minds of its teachers and students. Every month, students will be introduced to a different Character Quality. For the entire month, teachers will use games, fun learning activities, handicrafts, classroom projects and discussions to help students understand the definition and value of the Character Quality. Teachers will also praise the students whenever they display the Character Quality.

The purpose of this *Character First!* article is twofold:-

- 1) Keep parents updated with Character First! Lessons taught at our schools.
- 2) Provide tips for Parents to Build Character as a Family at Home.

Alertness

vs. Carelessness

The animal that illustrates Alertness:



The alert ring-neck pheasant anticipates the actions of predators and avoids the deadly effect of their attacks. Surviving by wit and elusiveness, this bird continues to thrive and prosper largely due to its Alertness.

Definition: Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right responses

It is this very character of **Alertness** that inspires REAL Education to create this newsletter named REAL Alert. It is our goal and responsibility that parents are better informed about what is taking place in REAL Tots, REAL Kids, Sekolah Seri Suria, Sekolah Cahaya, Sekolah Sri Andalas, and REAL International Schools.

The 5 keys of Alertness are:-

- 1) I will keep my eyes and ears open.
- 2) I will listen for little things.
- 3) I will heed warning signals.
- 4) I will tell others of danger.
- 5) I will stay away from unsafe places.

Rewards of Alertness:

1. Safety – An alert individual or family is able to see and avoid dangers
2. Preparedness – An alert person is forewarned about situations and circumstances and is therefore able to prepare for them.

Tips for practicing Alertness at Home:-

1. Looking for and praising ways that family members have displayed good character.
2. Be alert to the needs of your children, for example, do they need help with their homework? Are they being bullied by their friends?
3. Be alert of strangers that lurk around your neighborhood. When you are travelling, get the help of your neighbors to look after your house.
4. Practicing preventive maintenance with household appliances.

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