

# Newsletter

Kindergarten & Junior School- CBSE



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# Message from Honourable Principal Mr.Syed Tahir Ali

Dear Parents, students & Staff,

At the outset, let me wish each one reading this ever-evolving newsletter, a very happy and fulfilling year ahead! I feel extremely humbled and motivated to be leading this school where 'diversity' is the unique selling proposition here. 'Our Own' as you will agree is an ever-melting pot where the students and staff hailing from various corners of the world come together for the common cause of education. The variety of activities and modes of learning that happen within the portals of this school support the quote by Albert Einstein mentioned above. I can see our little ones of EYFS and Junior School being trained to think rather than simply learning facts.

The year 2023 started off with a bang with interesting class assemblies presented by few classes. Being global citizens, children are knowing and thinking about other countries, their ways of living, their culture, food, dress etc. while presenting these assemblies.

A smooth examination system was followed for both streams—CBSE and IGCSE. I saw the EYFS and JS section of our school buzzing with activities as they prepared for the Annual Sports Meet and the Annual Prize Day one followed by the other in quick succession. I could see unknown talents being tapped, creativity surfacing from the hearts and minds of the teachers and students as they remain busy throughout the trimester. Our tiny tots surely had a wonderful experience of sharing, caring, travelling and learning together as they went for their educational tours in the month of January.

It is heartening to see the joy and sparkle in the eyes of the little ones as they enter the portals of the school each day! At this juncture, I wish to place on record my sincere gratitude to the parent fraternity for having entrusted their wards in our care. I assure you that they will definitely grow to be global citizens with good skills that will hold them in good stead in the future. Best wishes once again for a great year ahead!

#### Message from Honourable Headmaster Mr.Bassam Al Koussi

Dear students, staff, parents and stakeholders!

I am delighted to welcome you all at the start of the second term. With the

turning of the New Year, I hope that you feel relaxed and rejuvenated for the term ahead. I wish you all a Happy New Year filled with joy and prosperity.

I am glad to be addressing you this trimester as the Headmaster of Our Own English High School. I have been really amazed by what a friendly, welcoming, and academically purposeful school this is. This makes me feel privileged to be part of this amazing school team.

It is my hope we will all excel individually within a community where pastoral care is paramount and the warm relationships between students and teachers are the heart of our tremendous achievements.

To my dear parents, I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful vacation with your kids. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school term. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children. All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic team is ordering needed materials and updating student files.

Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire vacation thoroughly preparing the facility and gearing up to provide volunteer opportunities and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

To my dear students, our team is passionate about enabling you to fulfil your potential and I hope that you are excited, challenged and inspired. I know that the staff here will support you individually to gain confidence in your own ability and in the process, you will discover your strengths, recognise your weaknesses, and make the most of your talents. I believe at OOEHS, the excellence of the teaching and learning in your studies, coupled with the provision of sport, music and the clubs are at the heart of this School's outstanding education. Importantly, this is only realised because they are bound together by strong community values. The community at this School is centred on each individual and the family values such as kindness, respect, moral integrity, and personal responsibility

My wish for all the students here at OOEHS is that you gain the confidence to aspire and work to become the best possible version of yourselves; in doing so you will flourish and achieve goals which will exceed your dreams. We are committed to preparing you for the journey of life beyond our School, which will be without the individual and focused support of teachers, headteachers supervisors and senior leaders. I want you to take an active role in your own education, and take responsibility for it, not simply allowing others to educate you. From challenge and inspiration in the classroom to a vast range of different co-curricular activities, there is a huge breadth of opportunity available to you here. Our role is to help you to navigate these options, to make the most of every day, and to have a lot of fun along the way Your teachers have worked harder than ever to ensure that your learning can start immediately. We are committed to ensuring that your education will continue each day without interruption. During the first term, the individual and personal support of our teachers proved that the school could deliver exceptional education. I can therefore reassure you all that I have every confidence that we will do this once again. One of the life skills we hope you will build is an increased sense of personal responsibility for your own learning - the teachers and staff will all be playing their parts and we expect you all to do yours.

The Senior Leadership Team and your teachers will all be checking in with you and will support you through the challenges of the coming weeks. In other words, to be grateful, be safe, be brave, continue to be confident in our future, always remember those less fortunate than we are and seek to demonstrate that you are the very best possible versions of yourselves. If you need any support at all during the coming weeks, then please let us know – staff are on hand to help you all.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and a very productive and enjoyable term - Good Luck

# From The Desk of Section Supervisor, Ms.Diba Siddique—



Dear Valued Our Own Fraternity,

Heartiest Wishes on the Brim of the Bright Year!

My Sincere Gratitude to the Honourable Visionary under whose aegis our school is blooming, His Highness Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hamad Bin Saif Al Sharqi. We thanks our mentors respected Principal Mr. Syed Tahir Ali and Ms. Bassam Al Koussi.

Our thanks to the School Admin Team and teachers for the wonderful teamwork.

January arrived in with positive hope and a renewed belief. Belief of Marching forward with grit, vision, and innovative approach to create a HAPPY place for the young learners.

It was indeed an ecstatic feeling to have our students back to school after the joyful winter break. Our students continue to amaze us with their resilience and ability to adapt and to always look forward to many events: Annual Sports Day, Annual Prize Day and KG Graduation Day. The year 2022 concluded very effectively with a plethora of activities and planned academics.

The fervor of the Majestic Nation UAE was celebrated in 2022 along with many Fiestas: Food and Art!

New Initiatives like my Prophet My Role Model,

International Day of Non-Violence, International Teachers Day, Harvest Festival, World Post Day, UN Day and many more activities added to the holistic development of the students.

Effective Assessments and high rising graph of results were the factors of happiness for parents and students.

We aim and walk on the roadmap of holistic education for Our Own Fraternity

We wish our students all the good luck and school days full of happiness and learning.

With Every Good Wish,

Warm Regards,

Diba Siddique

Supervisor: Early Years and Junior₄School: CBSE-IGCSE

# School Circulars October & November

S. No	Circular dated	Reference No.	Subject	Link
1	05/10/2022	OOEHS/Cir/26/20 22-23	Half Yearly Revised Timetable	26.pdf (ourown.school)
2	06/10/2022	OOEHS/Cir/27/20 22-23	Early Exits	27.pdf (ourown.school)
3	12/10/2022	OOEHS/Cir/32/20 22-23	Arab Archery Championship	32.pdf (ourown.school)
4	20/10/2022	OOEHS/Cir/33/20 22-23	CBSE Admission for the Academic Year 2023-24	33.pdf (ourown.school)
5	27/10/2022	OOEHS/Cir/36/20 22-23	Term 1 Exam Schedule and Portions for Grade 1	36.pdf (ourown.school)
6	27/10/2022	OOEHS/Cir/37/20 22-23	Term 1 Exam Schedule and Portions for Grade 2	37.pdf (ourown.school)
7	03/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/42/20 22-23	Parent Teacher Meeting CBSE	42.pdf (ourown.school)
8	10/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/48/20 22-23	Guidelines for Students Mobile Phones	48.pdf (ourown.school)
9	14/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/51/20 22-23	Periodic Assessment 2 Schedule	51.pdf (ourown.school)
10	17/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/56/20 22-23	Flue Season Preparedness	56.pdf (ourown.school)
11	30/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/64/20 22-23	UAE National Day Holidays	64.pdf (ourown.school)
12	30/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/66/20 22-23	Winter Holidays	66.pdf (ourown.school)
13	30/11/2022	OOEHS/Cir/67/20 22-23	Parent Teacher Meeting- KG1 & KG2	67.pdf (ourown.school)

# Core Academic Development Kindergarten

Class	Literacy	Numeracy	Understanding The World (UTW)
KG1	Letters c, k,e,h,r,m,d  g, o, u, l, f, b Sequence writing Blend and read Tricky words Reading simple sentences Story: Handa's Surprise 3 billy goats gruff Rainbow Fish	Numbers 7 to 10 Backward counting 5 to 0 Sequence writing Concept zero Number bonds 3 Number bonds 4 Count and write Count and match Count and draw Heavy and light Push and pull Full empty, nearly full, nearly empty More/ less In / out On / under AB Pattern AA BB Pattern	Community helpers Safety Helpers Health Helpers Builders and fixtures School Helpers Other helpers Other helpers Plants Germination Life cycle of a plant Parts of the plant Fruits Vegetables Which part of the plant we eat.  Farm animals Who lives in the farm Pet animals Wild animals Sea animals
KG2	Jolly phonics book- 6&7 Blend and read Family words & digraphs Phrases Sentence writing Use of 'Demonstrative pronouns' - This/That/These/Those)	Number names (1-15) Numbers (1-100) Add I more and 2 more Back ward counting	Animals  Farm/Domestic/Wild Animals Birds/Insects/ Water animals Homes of animals Young ones of animals Sounds of animals Life cycle of animals

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# Core Academic Development Junior School

Class	English	Math	Science	Arabic
Grade 1	BuzzWorld The Gift Reading Comprehension Prediction Main Idea Use of Language a/an Prepositions Punctuations Picture composition	Number concepts up to 100 Number names, Number before, after & between, Tens and ones, Ascending & descending order of numbers, Comparing numbers Ch.6- Adding Greater Numbers Ch.8- Measurement	1.L.6-Food and Shelter for Animals 2.L.8-Food for Health	سرتي ياء الملكية حرف الصاد حرف الضاد حرف الضاد الحروف (ط-ظ-ع- غ-ف-ق)
Grade 2	Buzzword— Sona's Adventure - writing The Water Seed— contd. Buzword- Mango tree- reading unseen passage  Grammar- gender/homophon es/ Antonyms Grammar— Helping Verbs— use of 'has / have'  writing- Punctuation— question mark  Reading comprehension- strategy-monitor comprehension Speaking—about commemoration day	Multiplication 3,4,6 Word problems Money Number concepts 750- 100	Unit 5- Space and Environment Lesson 10 – Air Around Us Unit 5 - Space and Environment Lesson 11 – Water-intro Lesson 12 – The Water Cycle	ملابسي المفضلة انا وعائلتي اللام الشمسية واللام القمرية المدوف المد

#### **Testimonials by Valued Parents**

Dear Ma'am,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of appreciation for you. I feel extremely grateful to have you as my child's class teacher. Thank you for your patience and for the quality of care you provide each and every day. I really appreciate your hard work.

Thank you for being the guiding light. You observe each child closely and know their strengths and help them overcome their challenges. You take note of the things that my child needs to nurture her interest in learning and report her progress at school to me. Here, I would like to mention that Evania was not much keen on reading but, after you explaining her the significance of reading, I can see a drastic change and in-fact now, she loves reading. Thank you for encouraging her to read. She wants to read everyday now and makes more efforts to improve her reading skills. I thank you for inspiring my child to come out of her shell and making her believe in herself.

Also, I would like to mention about various Social Club competitions wherein, if not from you, I would not have been aware of it. A heartfelt thank you to you for encouraging children to participate in such events to boost their moral and self confidence and making them capable enough to face the stage and teaching them that winning or losing doesn't matter. The efforts you are putting in bringing out the children's abilities is highly appreciable.

Evania loves school and it's easy to see why. Your method of teaching is easier for the children to follow. Thank you for all the fun activities, games and learning lessons that you plan for the children. I hear all about the dynamic ways you deliver lessons and encourage participation and I am pleased that my child is learning so much. Thank you so much for teaching my daughter lessons that she will carry with her for the rest of her life. You help children to explore new ways of doing things. Thank you for all the extra efforts you make to help children grow, and the challenges you encourage them to face to help them become who they are. Thank you for being such a wonderful and loving teacher.

Academically you are creating super stars of each one of them. Thank you so much for everything you do each and every day. My child loves you so dearly. I'm so glad for teachers like you who really make a difference in a child's life. I am grateful for your dedication to helping young children learn. God bless you more and keep up the wonderful work!

Also, last but not the least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School for giving children a chance to participate in various competitions and moulding them in becoming a better version of themselves everyday. I am glad to have chosen Our Own English High School for my child's education.

Thanks & Regards, Reena Philip Parent: Ms. Reena Philip Student: Evania Philip

Class : KG 1A

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Dear and Respected Zuleikha madam,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Very Good morning ...

Very glad to say that really was so happy with your attitude with my son. Rather than teaching in all ways you are supporting and caring well... expecting more and feel free to update any time.!!

"Great Teacher is understanding each student"

Really proud of you 👍

Thanking You, Parent: Mr. Abu Ahmad Auf Ilyas Koyilandy

**Student:** Saleh Ahmed Bin Illyas

Class : Gr 2C Ilyas Ahmad.

Dear and Respected Jacklin madam,

Very Good morning ...

Very glad to say that really was so happy with your attitude with my son. Rather than teaching in all ways you are supporting and caring well... expecting more and feel free to update any time.!!

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Thanking You,

Parent: Mr. Abu Ahmad Auf Ilyas Koyilandy Ilyas Ahmad.

Student: Abdu Rahman

Class : Gr 1A

# CELEBRATIONS

# International Day of Non-Violence

The students of CBSE- EYFS KG 1 and KG 2 observed Gandhi Jayanthi in a solemn way. Teachers introduced the students to the great leader of India with the help of an informative PPT and a child friendly video about Gandhiji. As part of PSED and C & L, students tried to speak a sentence or two about the Father of the Indian Nation—Mahatma Gandhi and what he did for the country, based on their understanding, in their own words! They then drew images of glasses and the Indian flag to represent Gandhji. A parental engagement project was given to them along with a parent, which they brought to school the next day. The young 4–5-year-old minds sure were impressed upon about the greatness of Gandhiji, in various ways—auditory, visual and kinesthetic!



# International Day of Non-Violence

The students of Gr. 1 and 2 realized the importance of celebrating International Day of Non-Violence by gaining important information about the Founding Father of the Indian Nation--Mahatma Gandhi! A short video narrating the life of Gandhi threw light on the great personality. The children then drew caricatures, coloured a portrait of Gandhiji and spoke about the need to be truthful at all times!



# International Day of Non-Violence



### **International Teacher's Day**

Our Own English High School, EYFS and Grade 1 and 2 students celebrated International Teachers Day on 05/10/2022. The theme of international Teachers' Day 2022 is 'Teachers at the heart of education recovery'. Students performed different activities in the classroom. The students had something more special and unique to bring a smile on their teacher's face. They passionately got involved in making beautiful cards for their teachers. All in all, it was an enjoyable and memorable day for each child.



#### **Harvest Festival**

A harvest festival is a celebration of food that is grown on the land. Harvest festivals can be found at various times at different places.

Liwa Date Festival in UAE, Baisakhi is a Harvest festival in North India, Onam harvest festival is celebrated in South India, Britain celebrates Harvest festival, America celebrates Thanksgiving, West Africa there is a festival of Yams.

Our Own EYFS Students celebrated the day experiencing hands on activities on how the farmers harvest food from the ground to collect and celebrate into a feast together.

Students dug in radish, carrots, potatoes, rice and lentils in the school backyard and pulled out the vegetables from the soil to experience the activities in detail.



#### **World Post Day**

Our Own English High School, CBSE conducted World Post Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The students engaged in different activities such as writing a postcard to an imaginary friend and decorating stamps to learn the importance of the day.



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#### **Examinations**

Examinations are the ways to find out the real skills, talents and knowledge of the students. CBSE Half Yearly Examination and Periodic assessment 2 was conducted in the months of October and December, respectively. All students locked in with much excitement and commitment to exhibit their abilities and learning outcomes.



### Birthday of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)

OOEHS CBSE Students engaged in different activities to celebrated the birthday of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). The Arabic Department and students shared his goodwill to mark his birthday.



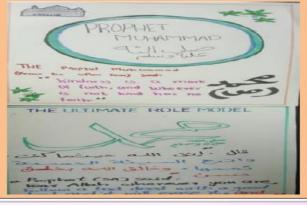












### Birthday of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)

"On this day, Muslims remember the light he gave to humanity and retrace his journey.

Following the ethics of the Prophet (PBUH), as well as his words and actions, to make the Islamic community a global one that calls for tolerance, coexistence, peace, compassion, and respect for diversity, the EYFS team at Our Own Fujairah aimed to promote these values among the shining stars of early years. They also took part in the *Early Years Kinder Soug* by contributing packets of the favorite food of Prophet Mohamed. This is a *week-long celebration* with various activities conducted at the grade levels.

## In Kinder souq using favorite food of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) to learn about money value



#### **Festival of Lights**

Diwali is known as the "Festival of Lights." OOF CBSE Grade 1 and 2 celebrated Diwali with festive gusto! The day started with a special class assembly where teachers and students shared the significance of the festival. They decorated their classes with paper lamps and lanterns.



### **Festival of Lights**



### **Parents Teachers Meeting**

The Parent Teacher Meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for all the CBSE sections Gr1-12. This was held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event witnessed very good attendance in most of the sections.

The main objective of the meeting was to create a common platform, where teacher and parents come together to discuss student's performance.

The teachers briefed the parents about their ward's performance during first term. Together we identified the areas of strength and weakness of the child and sorted out ways to boost the child's performance. Student were requested to accompany the parent for the meeting. This meeting was a huge success, and the parents were extremely happy and appreciated the management for organizing the PTM face to face. They further thanked all the enthusiastic hardworking teachers for the ideas and their hard work.



### **United Nations Day**

Our Own English High School, EYFS celebrated United Nations Day on 24th October 2022. It is a day to celebrate the creation of the United Nations. The bright morning sun's rays falling on the colourfully attired EYFS students with their country's flags swaying in the gentle morning breeze was a pleasing visual treat as the students in traditional dresses observed UN Day. They expressed their integrity through a short walkathon in the football court. There was peace and comradery in the air as our honorable principal and headmaster were witness to the whirlwind walkathon by EYFS.



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The Investiture Ceremony is one of the most important events of OOEHS. It is here that the school entrust faith and hope in the newly appointed school council. The ceremony was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 and every student who earned a leadership role was celebrated. It was a proud moment for every leader and their parents as they stood on stage before thier fellow











#### **World Science Day**

World Science Day program was held on 10/11/2022. The programme commenced with UAE National Anthem followed with Surah from Holy Quran.

World Science Day is celebrated on 10th November every year. It is celebrated for peace and development, and it highlights the significant role of science in the society and the need to engage in wider public debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.

Students of Early years at OOF pledge themselves to spread the message of importance of maintaining a healthy heart.



The Leak Proof Bag experiment introduces children to the cool chemistry behind polymers. It involves poking sharpened pencils into a bag filled with water without spilling a drop.

### **World Science Day**

Salt Painting Science Experiment is a fun way to combine art and science together. This is a great way to work on developing motor skills with the children.









### World Science Day







### **International Children's Day**

Our Own English High School celebrated World Children's Day on 17/11/2022. Children's Day is a fun day and an opportunity to promote and celebrate children's rights that will build a better world for them. The theme for international children's day is, "Inclusion, for every child". Every child belonging to any society, community or nationality is entitled to equal rights. Special assembly was conducted by the teachers to bring a smile on their student's face. Students performed different activities in the classroom.





International Children's Day





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Our Own English High School, EYFS CBSE section celebrated 'Children's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. It is celebrated across India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children. It is celebrated on 14 November every year as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November, on the birthday of the first Prime Minister of independent India, who was fondly called Chacha Nehru (Uncle Nehru) or Chachaji (Uncle), and who emphasized the importance of giving love and affection to children, to give him tribute.

To begin the activity a song was dedicated to all the wonderful children followed by a video on Jawaharlal Nehru's life. We also had the activity of making a paper craft, children's day cards and handprints craft work as a token of love and appreciation for the kids.

Children enjoyed doing the art and craft work and presenting it.



### **International Children's Day**





To create an awareness of the diversity of artistic expressions and to encourage the creativity and designs, on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, students, parents and school fraternity celebrated the event to mark the respect for the nation. This initiative is to celebrate the occasion of the Flag Day and the love for the magnificent nation of the UAE and to encourage parental involvement. Our respected Principal and Headmaster graced the inauguration of the majlis, Meet and greet, our 4th year initiative where the school fraternity are welcome to learn about the amazing nation UAE. This is an ongoing program for the entire year. The celebration started with the guard of honour by EYFS students. Our junior school children mesmerised the audience in the form of a wonderful dance to honour the UAE Flag Day. During the day, the parents along with their children exhibit the artwork on the theme of UAE flag colours. Thank you, bookmarks were given to the parents, as a token of appreciation for their constructive involvement and enthusiastic participation in the event. UAE flag craft activity was conducted in the Junior School during the Young Picasso Art Club by the students of Gr 1 and Gr 2 on 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2022 in relation to the UAE





























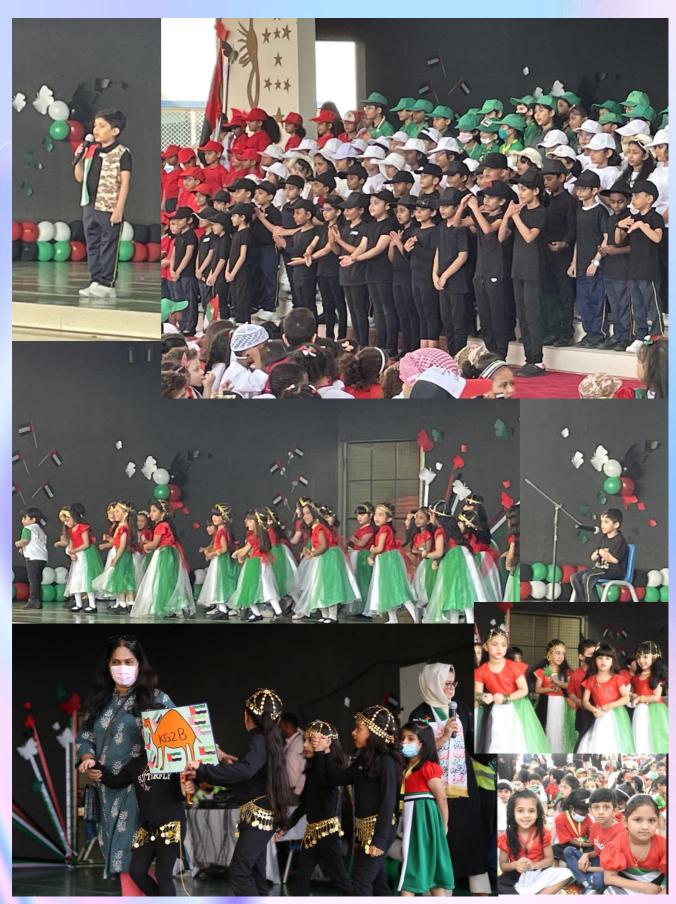
The EYFS and Junior School celebrated the 51st UAE National Day in the school campus. The students of the EYFS & Junior School actively participated in a variety of programs. The program commenced with the national anthem and a recitation of the surah from the Holy Quran.

The rich cultural heritage of the UAE was well portrayed by the various dances performed by the EYFS and Junior school students.

The Welcome dance by the tiny tots of KG01 was a pleasure to watch. his was followed by the Arabic dance presented by the students of Grades 6, 7, 8. Coming up next was a military dance that brought out the patriotic zeal in the audience. This was presented by the students of KG02.

'The love of the pride of the nation'—a melodious song was presented by the CBSE students of grades 1 and 2. The cultural programs concluded with a crisp Arabic dance presented by the CBSE students of KG1 and KG2.

Our Principal and Headmaster addressed the very proactive audience with encouraging words. The finale to the program was a walkathon by the students of EYFS who graced the stage in traditional costumes and holding their class placards.





### ACADEMIC CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

## KINDER CLUB PE & Eurhythmic Club

The students of EYFS KG 1 and KG 2-both CBSE and IGCSE enjoyed their KINDER CLUB activity for the week which was Tons of Fun by the PE & Eurhythmic Club. All students were out under the canopy to improve their gross motor control and develop concentration soon after circle time. The class teachers arranged them in rows and showed them some steps to suit the Zumba music and 2 other exercise routines. Children enjoyed their workouts and were seen puffing and panting after the exercises, but with smiles on their faces! It is a good start to a great day of



### **Food Fiesta**



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### CERTIFICATIONS & PARTICIPATIONS

# Shakespearean Creativity Challenge

Shakespearean Creativity Challenge is a wide range of creative writing competition for the students studying in UAE Schools (Grade 1 – 12).

24 November, 2018: The 2nd Shakespearean Challenge conducted by Delhi Private School; Ajman had students from grades I to XII participating in the contest. The 48 hour creative writing competition for students studying in UAE schools found 600 entries out of which 60 entries were selected. Five students from the school were donned with title of upcoming writers and they narrated their masterpiece at DPS, Ajman. The objective of the challenge was to instill interest in creative writing and explore the realm of imagination. Varied topics were offered level-wise to different grades.

Kunisetty Kiranmayee from Gr 2 C and many more students from OOEHS participated in the competition and were qualified for the final round.



### **Qur'an Recitation Competition**

In an effort to encourage our students to know the importance of the Holy Quran, Our Own English High School Fujairah organized its annual Quran Recitation Competition – 2022-2023 on school campus. The competition was held on Monday, 3rd of October for CBSE students.

The program was inaugurated by our honorable Principal Syed Tahir Ali. He stressed in his speech the significance of such competitions. Headmaster Bassem Al Koussi reminded the students that the best people among us is the one who learn Qur'an and taught by quoting the Hadith of the Prophet (PBUH)



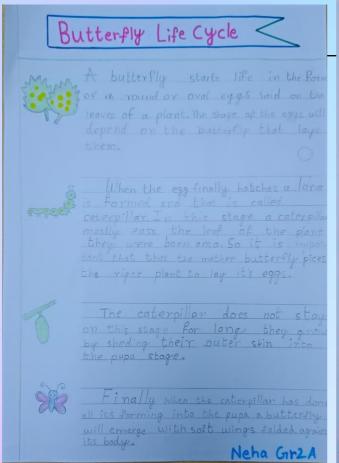




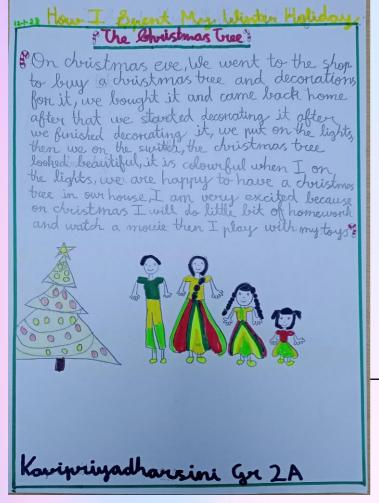


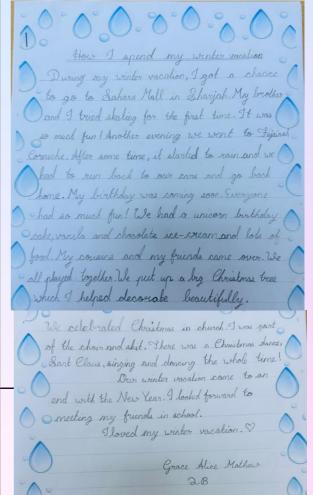


### **Our Own students' Thoughts**









### **Our Own Teacher's Thoughts**

### WHAT IS INNOVATION? HOW TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATION IN EARLY YEARS

#### by Reshma Vinod

In EYFS, Innovation means exiting from what is already known. It is a step towards what is unknown or designing a new line of thinking, giving different alternatives for the problem, discovering something that can lead to other things, finding a relationship among the ideas or formulating a new original idea.

It can be viewed as the application of better solutions that meet new requirements, inarticulate needs, or existing market needs. This is accomplished through more effective products, processes, services, technologies, or ideas. The term innovation can be defined as something original and more effective and, therefore, new idea, that "breaks into the society". The process of translating an idea or invention into a good or service that creates value or which customers will pay, is innovation. This is transferring creative abstract ideas into concrete things, products, or services. The first step towards implementing innovation in Early Years is to provoke the child to think for himself. Child friendly videos will help.

Then to elicit ideas through open ended questioning. And then children will design these ideas using reusable resources. In all these cases creativity is essential and without creativity no discoveries, innovations or inventions can be achieved.

Emphasize should be on process rather than product, provide a classroom environment that allows children to explore and play without undue restraints. Adapt to children's ideas rather than trying to structure the children's ideas to fit the adult's and accept unusual ideas from children by suspending judgment of children's divergent problem solving. Use creative problem solving in all parts of the curriculum. Use the problems that naturally occur in everyday life and allow time for children to explore all possibilities, moving from popular to more original ideas.

Thus, in simple words we can say that through implementing innovations, we can induce thinking in the Early Years Education.

### **Our Own Teacher's Thoughts**

Importance of Club Activities in School
By Zuliga Tahseen

The effective goal of a school is to provide holistic education by balancing academics with extracurricular activities. The syllabus is

designed to make learning less stressful for the students without compromising quality. That's why school create various programs such as school clubs that cater to various interest. School believes in the importance of club activities for students because of these important reasons:

- 1. Students learn from each other during club activities. They are not only receiving insights from their club advisers but also from their classmates and peers. They gain new perspectives and also learn the importance of respecting another student's viewpoint.
- 2. Enables the students to discover the value of unity. School clubs create small communities every week and each week they attract the students with an interest such as in The Moon Rockers (Space & Science Club), Literary Club (LSRW), Tons of Fun (PE & Eurhythmic club), Young Picaso arts club. Club activities help students develop sense of unity and teamwork, learning how to work with others in reaching the same goals.
- 3. They help learners develop social skills. Clubs enable students to meet, mix, and collaborate with one another. They are pushed outside of their comfort zone and encouraged to socialise with other students they are not very familiar with. Though the first meetings and activities may seem awkward for them, they will soon form hospitality which is vital in the lives of all students.
- 4. School provides plenty of opportunities for students to take on leadership roles and show case their talents through club activities. Thanks to these, students can discover that they can be productive and successful in many other ways outside the classroom learning. This boosts their level of confidence and their sense of independence.

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