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" Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." Albert Einstein

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. '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 happens within the portals of this school supports the quote by Albert Einstein mentioned above. It is evident that the enthusiastic students of the CBSE Middle school are being trained to think rather than simply learning facts.

The year 2023 started with a bang, with interesting class assemblies presented by different classes. Being global citizens, children are demonstrate an awareness of inclusivity and think about other countries, their ways of living, their culture, food, dress etc., while presenting these assemblies.

A smooth examination system was followed for CBSE. I witnessed the Middle school buzzing with activities as they prepared for the Investiture Ceremony and Annual Sports Meet, one followed by the other in quick succession. The hidden talents are being tapped; creativity is surfacing from the hearts and minds of the teachers and students as they remain busy throughout the months. Our young ones will surely have a wonderful experience of sharing, caring, travelling and learning together as they go on their educational trips.

It is heartening to see the joy and sparkle in the eyes of our dear students 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 to 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!



Mr Syed Tahir Ali Principal



Headmaster's Message

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 centered on each individual and the family values such as kindness, respect, moral integrity, and personal responsibility.

Headmaster's Message

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, headteacher, 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!

> **Mr Bassam Al Koussi** Headmaster



Academic Leader's Message

" *The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.*" Mark Van Doren

The CBSE Middle School at Our Own English High School Fujairah aims at nurturing young children's minds and capabilities to allow them to independently develop their unique and diverse potentials. Through intricately designed learning experiences and activities, children begin fostering a sense of independence, ultimately leading their path towards success and passion for learning. Through such interactive initiatives and shared interactions, children begin to identify and develop their critical thinking and collaborative capabilities. A few of these hands-on initiatives have been presented in this newsletter to capture and showcase the children's experiences

and learning.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the management, our Principal, Mr Syed Tahir Ali, teachers and parents for their constant effort towards the development of the our students.

Wishing all a very happy new year filled with immense blessings, happiness and joy. *Ms. Manpreet Kaur Middle School Supervisor (CBSE)*



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Teacher's Day

Teachers' Day is celebrated on the 5th of September every year in India to acknowledge the contribution of teachers in the society. The day marks the birth anniversary of India's second President and first Vice President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The day gives us the opportunity to celebrate the world's 71 million teachers, recognizing their contribution and putting a spotlight on the incredible responsibility that they bear in ensuring that all children and youth can enjoy the right to education. As a part of the Teachers' Day celebrations, the students of the CBSE Middle School enthusiastically took part in various activities planned to acknowledge the contribution of teachers in the society.





"A Teacher's purpose is not to create Students in his own image, but to develop students who can create their own image".

> Best Wishes CBSE Middle School













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International Day of Preservation of Ozone Layer



The "World Ozone Day" was observed on the 16th of September 2022 across all grades of the CBSE Middle School. The students made the day quite memorable by engaging in diverse activities that promoted an understanding of the need to protect the ozone layer, thereby supporting life on earth. All the planned activities were based on the theme -'Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth'. The students immensely enjoyed the activities and promised to take every possible step to keep the ozone layer intact.

The depletion of the ozone layer is a serious concern. It goes without saying that the ozone layer plays a pivotal role in keeping life going on earth. The Ozone Day served as a stark reminder of the challenges that we face. The students realized their civic responsibility and resolved to join hands to improve the quality of life on earth.





















Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on the 21st of September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace by observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. As a part of the International Day of Peace, the students of the CBSE Middle School enthusiastically designed posters to promote the values of peace, respect and tolerance in the classroom, environment, and the world around them.











The United Arab Emirates celebrated the Saudi Arabia's 92nd National Day on the 23rd of September with large-scale official and popular celebrations under the theme, "Together Forever KSA-UAE," underscoring the deep-rooted relations between the two countries. As a part of the Saudi Arabian National Day Celebration, the students of the CBSE Middle School enthusiastically took part in various activities

planned to show the relationship between Saudi Arabia and the UAE.





World Heart Day

The **World Heart Day** is observed and celebrated annually on September 29, aiming to increase awareness of cardiovascular diseases and how these can be controlled to negate their global impact. More than 90 countries take part in this international observance every year. As a result, World Heart Day has proven to be an effective means for disseminating information about CVD. The CBSE Middle School (Gr6-8) observed World Heart Day on the 29th of September 2022. Students were assigned different age-appropriate tasks to create awareness among their family members and student community, and thus positively influence the society.











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The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on the 2nd of October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. The CBSE Middle School celebrated this day across Gr III- VIII with various activities like poster designing, collage on the national movement and biography on Gandhiji. Students enthusiastically took part in all the activities and shared the significance of this day.

Gandhi Jayanti



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On the special occasion of Mawlid Al-Nabi, the Birthday of Prophet Mohammed- (Peace Be Upon Him), CBSE Middle School conducted a variety of activities throughout the week to create awareness among the students. The activities were conducted based on the qualities and characteristics of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). The rationale behind conducting these activities was to instil these values in students as lifelong learning skills and contributing towards creating better members of a future society. Various activities based on topics like forgiveness, brotherhood, being humble, trustworthy and being kind were conducted. On 10th Oct, based on the topic of "Forgiveness", students prepared a "sorry" note for their classmate, parents or teachers. A morning assembly was conducted on Oct. 11th by Gr 7E boys based on the topic "Brotherhood". On the 12th of Oct, the topic was Being Humble; children were shown some selected videos of stories depicting humility. On the 13th of Oct, activities were conducted on the topic "Trustworthiness". On Friday, 14th Oct, children made cards for teachers and friends, and they exchanged the same to express their gratitude. Snapshots of all these activities were displayed to motivate the students to be creative and to share their work.



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My Prophet - My Role Model



Breast Cancer Awareness Day

International Breast Cancer Awareness Day was observed by the CBSE Middle School on the 28th of October, 2022. Various activities were conducted, highlighting the significance of increased awareness, early detection, and prevention of breast cancer among the students. All students participated with great interest in completing the activities during their science periods. Science teachers of each class oversaw the activities.





Think Pink

Breast Cancer Awareness is an effort to raise awareness and reduce breast cancer through education on symptoms and treatment. October is considered as the Breast Cancer Iwareness month or the Pink Month.

times to promote awareness of breast cancer and he importance of early detection and examinations re still on to reduce the spread of this disease. very October, people all over the world show their upport for everyone affected by this deadly, uidespread cancer. Let's rise together to save lives!



"Optism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." - Helen keller

By Charulatha 8B

UN Day

The United Nations Day, held on the 24th of October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by most of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.

On the United Nations Day, we celebrate this institution and its enduring commitment to advancing peace, protecting human rights, and promoting cooperation between nations and the broader international communities. The day raises awareness towards providing humanitarian aid, supporting sustainable development, and upholding international law.

The CBSE Middle School celebrated the UN DAY, where students across the grades III to VIII enthusiastically engaged in various activities like poster designing, article writing on global issues, and leaflets. The activities helped the students gain knowledge about the event and made them aware of the importance of this day.





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UAE Flag Day

The UAE's 51st National Day celebration of the CBSE Junior and Middle School at Our Own English High School was held on the 29th of November 2022. The students, teachers and administration staff, dressed in colours of the UAE, assembled to celebrate the occasion with zeal and enthusiasm. The campus was alive with hues of green, black, red, and white. The lights and decoration of the school premises and corridors added to the festive atmosphere.

The celebration commenced with the National Anthem followed by the recitation of the Surah from the Holy Qur'an. This was followed by melodious songs and colourful dances. The students of KG and Middle School delighted the audience with their enchanting Arabic dances set to the tunes of songs that were a fitting tribute to life in UAE. These students also performed at AFNIC and Tasheel as part of the National Day celebrations in Fujairah and enthralled the viewers with their grace and poise. The way of life and the culture of the Emiratis were beautifully expressed through the melodious song presented by the students of Grades 1 and 2.

The formal ceremony ended with the message of the Principal, Mr Syed Tahir Ali and the Headmaster, Mr Bassam Al Koussi, who conveyed their greetings to the people of the UAE and exhorted the students to appreciate the rulers whose great vision and leadership have contributed to the development of this great nation. They also emphasized on the necessity of being respectful towards the UAE's culture and heritage and to contribute to the UAE's overall growth.

Children enjoyed the day immensely, getting acquainted with the culture and heritage of the UAE and their hearts filled with love and respect towards the country and its leaders.



Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture ceremony of the CBSE Junior and Middle School was held on the 4th of November 2022 with great enthusiasm and dignity on school premises. The Investiture Ceremony marked a significant beginning of the academic year. It was a solemn occasion where the young students were prepared to don the mantle of leadership and undertake the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. The ceremony was presided over by our Legal Advisor Mr. Mohammed Heshmat; Principal, Mr. Syed Tahir Ali, Headmaster, Mr. Bassam Al Koussi, MSO, Mr. Ahmad Hassan, HR Academics,

Ms. Amna Batool, Middle School Supervisor, Ms. Manpreet Kaur and Early and Junior School Supervisor Ms. Diba Siddique and other academic supervisors. The ceremony commenced with the national anthem of the UAE and the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. This was followed by a march led by the prefects.

The House Captains of the Student Council were vested with their badges of honour by the Principal, Headmaster and the members of the Senior Leadership Team. The oath was administered by the House Captains to the Student Council Members and they were conferred with badges by the Senior Leadership Team, Housemaster and Housemistress.

The Principal Mr. Syed Tahir Ali appreciated the efforts taken by the school management to provide opportunities to students. He also congratulated the newly appointed Prefects and advised them to be impartial and honest in discharging their duties. The ceremony concluded with a melodious song presented by the Middle School Choir. The event was a grand success with proud parents and student council members returning home with memorable experiences.



Investiture Ceremony











World Science Day

Middle School Science Department observed World Science Day on the 10th of November with great enthusiasm and remarkable fervour. Age-appropriate activities were planned and assigned to various classes.

Grade 3: Test for Starch

Students brought bread and potato to class and tested the presence of carbohydrate. This experiment was conducted using iodine solution.

Grade 4: Vinegar-Baking Soda Experiment.

Students inflated a balloon with the help of the reaction of vinegar with baking soda. The children observed the release of carbon dioxide.

Grade 5: Paper Chromatography

Students observed that ink used for writing was a mixture of dyes through the paper chromatography experiment.

Grade 6: Anerobic Respiration

Students proved, through an experiment, that carbon dioxide was released during anerobic respiration. The experiment was conducted with the help of a sugar solution and yeast.

Grade 7: pH Value Detection

Students concluded that different solutions have different pH values. The students experimented with a selection of liquids using pH value paper.

Grade 8: Adverse Effect of Sugar on Teeth Students observed the changes affecting teeth after drinking sugary liquids. They used eggs, Coca Cola, vinegar, and water to conduct the test.



Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated on the 14th of November, 2022 with great enthusiasm on the school premises. The day commemorates the birth of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first Prime Minister who believed that the future of the country rested in the hands of children. The CBSE Middle School teachers conducted a special assembly for the students. Teachers took an active part in the programme which commenced with the hoisting of the flag of UAE and singing of the UAE National Anthem. It was followed by the recitation of Surah from the Holy Quran by Ms Wafa ElSayed. The thought for the day presented by Ms Gokula Sajith, the news by Ms Tasneem, an inspiring speech by Ms Sarah James and a lovely song by Ms Jayalekshmi Nair enriched the assembly. The highlight of the assembly was a skit by teachers who held their audience spellbound as they enacted the roles of students.

The Principal, Mr Syed Tahir Ali; the Headmaster, Mr Bassam Al Koussi and the Supervisor, Ms Manpreet Kaur shared their thoughts about the special day with the audience. It was indeed a memorable event for all present.



International Day of Tolerance

TOLERANCE

The International Day of Tolerance is celebrated on 16th November every year all over the world. This day was initiated by UNESCO in 1985. It aims to raise awareness about intolerance and the necessity of tolerant societies. As stated by the UN, intolerance is still a huge





global problem, and teaching tolerance must be consistently reinforced.

As part of the International Day of Tolerance, students of Grade 6 enthusiastically took part in poster designing to showcase the impact of tolerance on cultures and socio-economic groups.







The International Day of Islamic Art was proclaimed at the 40th session of the UNESCO General Conference in 2019 and takes place every year on the 18th of November. It aims to raise awareness of past and contemporary artistic expressions of Islam, and the contribution of culture through Islamic Art to civilization.

Islamic calligraphy in the form of painting or sculptures is sometimes referred to as Quranic art. The various forms of traditional Arabic calligraphy and decoration of the manuscripts used for written versions of the Qur'an represent a central tradition of Islamic visual art. In recognition of the role and contribution of Islamic Art in the preservation and dissemination of human civilization and culture, Our Own English High School Fujairah organized an Islamic Arts and Calligraphy Day on the 18th of November 2022. Many children participated in the drawing, calligraphy and painting events.



Thinking Beyond



I am lighter than air, but a hundred people cannot lift me. Careful... I am fragile. What am I?





Mail the answer to your class teacher.

Student's Corner



Charaulatha of 8B, exploring the concept of atmospheric pressure through a hands-on experiment. SCAN and experience the presence of atmospheric pressure.

Mother Earth

The World is filled with sorrow and woe, We people made it so dull and low, We've done very less to preserve it, At the end of the day we deserve it.

Many things we can do to save you mother, Such as clean the earth of all our litter, We can save the trees from all the harm, And we can fill the world full of charm.

With all that which is clean and clear, For all we breathe from year to year, We must never abuse, The sweet earth that's ours to use.

Parvathy Manu Gr 5A



Student's Corner

My Beautiful Flora

This is my garden; I'll plant it with care. Here are the seeds I'll plant it in there. The sun will shine, The seeds will sprout, My beautiful flora will Grow up tall and proud.

Lakshmipriya Rajesh Gr 4 C



Science Club Activities



Student's Corner



An Earth-Shattering Experience **E**arth shudders on its hinge All experience that terrific punch **R**oads crack and traffic stops **T**remors rock and havoc wreaks **H**orror strikes and rubble heaps Quest to save the trapped twins in vain **U**nder the rubble men scream in pain Aftershocks and seismic waves *K*illing thousands; the disaster leaves **E**ngulfing doom swallows the earth



Sky-high dreams shattered in death.

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Laural's and Accolades

Congratulations





Shakespearean Creativity Challenge 1st Position Abigail Grace Mathew (Gr 8B) International Literary Competition (Malayalam Mission) 3rd Position Lidia A. Thomson (Gr 4B)



International Science Olympiad 1st Rank in the UAE Divyadarshini Panchatcharam (Gr)



Teacher's Corner

'माँ की बाजू का तकिया'

मां के बाजू का तकिया मखमल से भी कोमल होता है। बच्चा स्कूल से आकर, खाना खाकर जब लेटता है, माँ को स्कूल की हर बात सुनाता है, तभी नींद का झोंका आता है, माँ की बाजू का तकिया लेकर, निश्चिंत सो जाता है। क्योंकि माँ के बाजू का तकिया मखमल से भी कोमल होता है। विदयालय की पढ़ाई पूरी करके, फिर वह बच्चा कॉलेज, यूनिवर्सिटी में जाता है, दिन भर पढ़ाई करके, शाम को थककर जब अपने कक्ष में आता है, उसे माँ की बाजू का तकिया बार-बार याद आता है। बेटी जब ऑफिस में जाती है, खुश होकर काम करती है और जब शाम को घर आती है,

रात को जब लेटती है, माँ की बाजू का तकिया, यह याद उसे बार-बार सताती है। माँ ! तुम तो तुम हो, माँ को न ढक सके कोई तम। माँ की बाजू के तकिए पर हम, पर उसके नीचे सारे गम माँ तुम कैसे छुपाकर रखती हो ? सिर्फ तकिया ही नहीं, तुम मखमल से भी कोमल हृदय रखती हो।



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