Staff Picnic to Mamzar Park and Beach

The teaching faculty of our school attended the Staff Picnic at Mamzar Park and Beach on Thursday, 4th January 2018. The cool climate was conducive for the picnic organized for the teaching staff at this popular beach-park in Dubai.

Teachers carried sports gear with them to enjoy the day filled with fun-based team games. They undertook long walks in groups around the park areas and beach promenade. The pleasant weather and waves on the sea-shore beckoned everyone who enjoyed special moments of bonding with their team members. The afternoon was spent at the park relishing a sumptuous lunch with delicacies.

It was an innovative approach of conducting Team building workshop in an environment outside the school! It was indeed a valuable opportunity for the entire teaching staff to spend time with their colleagues and team-members at a beautiful location.
A story-time session was conducted in the Kindergarten section on Thursday, 11th January, 2018. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to listen to stories read by parents in school. The participating mothers received a warm welcome by the Head of Kindergarten and respective class teachers. The children eagerly awaited the presence of the mothers who were scheduled to visit their classroom for story-time. Popular fairy-tales, fables, short-stories and illustrated books that were read in class captivated the imagination of listeners. They were delighted to watch the story-teller enact the story with accompanying puppets and props. At the end of the session, the teachers and children expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the mothers for enriching their story-time experience.
Children and teachers in the Kindergarten section gathered on the football grounds on Sunday, 14th January 2018 for an air-catching activity. The event was organized on a bright Sunday morning to celebrate the popular Indian festivals of Makar Sankranti, Pongal and Lohri. Children exhibited their kite-flying skills by holding plastic bags tied to wool-strings. The moments of jubilation were captured in images and videos as the air-filled bags decked the sky. The whole-hearted participation of kindergarten children and teachers on the school grounds ensured the success of this event!
The Kindergarten section of our school organized a ‘Show and Tell’ event on Tuesday, 16th January, 2018. It was an in-class event that enabled children to choose and describe an object in their classroom in KG1 and an area of the school in KG2. The event offered a platform for all children in every class to display their talent and oratory skills.

Students could select from a wide range of objects that were displayed in the classroom like school-based stationery, dolls, soft animal toys, means of transport, etc. The children were eager to present the object in front of their teachers and peers and also share their thoughts, feelings and views about it. Participants were judged by the class teacher on a criterion-based rubric. They were enthused to sport the motivational ‘I’m a Show and Tell Superstar’ badge throughout the day. The top three performances in each class were awarded as ‘Amazing Orator’, ‘Super Orator’ and ‘Outstanding Orator’ titles. The ‘Show and Tell’ event was instrumental in bringing out the best in every child as they had the opportunity to be spontaneous and recall the special moments they had with their classroom object.
Field Trip to Discovery Centre, Sharjah - KG1

The KG1 children and teachers went on a field trip to Discovery Centre, Sharjah during the week from Sunday, 21st January, 2018 to Wednesday, 24th January, 2018. The purpose of this field trip organized during the school-day was to immerse both children and teachers in amazing science experiences beyond the classroom. They had the unique opportunity to experiment with hands-on exhibits designed in the innovative spaces of 'Sports world', 'Body world' and 'Water world' located inside Discovery Centre. It was interesting to see children stacking building materials around the 'Build Town' zone using wheelbarrows and pulley systems. They were also curious to explore a range of gadgets, play stations and DIY kits in a safe, collaborative and interactive learning environment. The field trip to Discovery Centre, Sharjah was valuable in enriching inquiry skills of the teachers and students.
The KG2 children and teachers went on a field trip to Al Mahatta Museum, Sharjah Sunday, 21st January, 2018, wherein they explored the history of the UAE’s Aviation Sector. It is the first airport in the UAE, built in 1932 and then turned into a museum highlighting the history of flight in the UAE and the region. It is a prominent place due to its unique collectibles that show man's first attempts to fly. Our Kindergartners grasped it all with amusement and interest. A wonderful learning outside classroom for our dear students!!!
Special Assembly for the 69th Indian Republic Day

A special assembly was held on the basketball court of our school on Thursday, 25th January, 2018 to celebrate the 69th Indian Republic Day. The occasion marked the anniversary of the country’s constitution that came into effect on January 26, 1950.

The entire school gathered for the morning assembly and flag hoisting ceremony. Children and teachers witnessed the poetry recital, dance presentation and melodious patriotic songs that were performed by students in the Primary Section. The Inter-House Patriotic Song Competition promoted values of national integration and ‘Unity in diversity’. The historical significance of Indian Republic Day was read aloud during the assembly. Our Respected Principal Ma’am and Head of Kindergarten unfurled and raised the Indian tricolour flag on the stage.

During the day, the teachers selected two children from their respective classes to display magnificent landmarks of India on the KG Reception Board. The artistically decorated monuments and cultural insignia were completed as part of the group activity held in every class. The children also painted the Indian tricolour flag templates and the national bird- peacock paper plates with the help of various creative techniques. It was indeed a joyous occasion for everyone in our school.
A preliminary round of quiz was conducted in KG1 classes on Monday, 29th January, 2018. Children responded to a series of multiple choice questions that covered a range of topics pertaining to KG1 learning areas. All participants were awarded motivation badges by their respective class teachers.

The finalists paired up with their adjacent classes and formed six teams that competed during the quiz contest held on Tuesday, 30th January, 2018. The quiz contest was organized and hosted by Ms. Nikita Shah, KG 1C Teacher with the support of Ms. Parita Patira, the KG HOD and KG 1 team of teachers. Ms. Aarti Surana and Ms. Sreeja Menon from the KG2 team checked the responses to the quiz questions and Ms. Kesha Pandya from KG1 recorded the scores. The indoor play area was filled with class teachers and children encouraging the finalists. The final round of the quiz was held in the presence of the finalists and the KG team of teachers. The results were declared and the quiz champions from the KG 1 A and KG 1B team were awarded with crowns. All finalists received certificates for their brilliant performance in the quiz.
Spelling Bee Competition for KG2

The first round of Spelling Bee competition was organized in the school on 28th of January 2018 and the second and final rounds were organized on 31st Jan 2018. Students participated with great enthusiasm and they dueled through the toughest words. This competition also helped in enriching the vocabulary of the students. Children participated earnestly in the competition. Their efforts and initiatives were appreciated by one and all. All the children were given the badges for participation. The finalists were presented with certificates and the winners were honored with crowns!!
Our Stars of the Month for December:

KG1 A  Jotham Jorly
KG1 B  Mohammed Shoaib
KG1 C  Zunnoon Ali
KG1 D  Muhammad Hadi
KG1 E  Nathan Dsilva
KG1 F  Abdul Moiz
KG1 G  Ridha Fathima Riyas
KG1 H  Muhammad Eshan
KG1 I  Chetan Madhavi Paryani
KG1 J  Jainil Vardini
KG1 K  Amna Cheeran
KG1 L  Pranay Chanaini
KG2 A  Daya Santhosh Lal
KG2 B  Viya Rathod
KG2 C  Akshat Arora
KG2 D  Zobia Fatima
Assembly on Prophet Muhammed (SAW)'s Birthday and Death Anniversary

The school held a special Assembly to commemorate the birthday and Death anniversary of the Holy Prophet SAW. The program was conducted by Ms Asma Umair and Ms Omaima Abdul Aziz from Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies. Assembly started with the recitation from Holy Quran by Ahmed Shafi Grade 6- Surah Al Qalm, followed by UAE Nation Anthem. Students were enlightened with a speech by Afreen Grade 4 about the fact that Prophet SAW was sent as a teacher to humanity to make it a better place by

• Worshipping one God -the almighty,
• To perfect the good manners
• Hold sincerity, magnanimity, and open heartedness for the entire humanity

A beautiful Salawat was sent to Prophet Muhammed (p.b.u.h) by students Mawlaya Salli Wa Sallim (Mahir Zain). A beautiful nasheed by Sami Yusuf was sung to tribute to Prophet Muham-mad. ALMUALIM المعلم. The assembly was dispersed with the great respect to the holy prophet by saying ﷲ ﻋﻠﻳہ ﻭﺳﻠﻡ
As all children and young people can benefit from meaningful interaction, schools will need to consider how to give their pupils the opportunity to mix with and learn with, from and about those from different backgrounds.

Students of Primary and Middle School Grades 3-7 visited the mosque Masjid-ad-Dia. Students were made aware about the Properities of Msajid. Promoting discussion of a common sense of identity and support diversity, showing pupils how different communities can be united by shared values and common experiences. Issues of right and wrong, and what it means to be human. It enhances students’ awareness and understanding of religions and beliefs, teachings, families, communities and cultures. Re-encourages students to learn from different religions, beliefs, values and traditions, while exploring their own beliefs and questions of meaning. It challenges students to reflect on, consider, analyses, interpret and evaluate issues of truth, belief, faith and ethics and to communicate their responses. Places of worship are often the most noticeable building in an area and people tend to feel strongly about them whether they visit them regularly or not. Looking at religious buildings can help understand an area’s distinctive local history and cultural diversity.
Scientific modelling is a scientific activity, the aim of which is to make a particular part or feature of the world easier to understand, define, quantify, visualize, or simulate by referring it to existing and usually commonly accepted knowledge. Model-based learning in education not only helps in developing motor skills but also enhances, kinesthetic, cognitive and logical thinking.

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**ROLE PLAY**

Role Play activity is a valuable didactic method which gives students an understanding of their own learning by creating their own role-plays. It is a powerful tool that develops analogy and conceptualization amongst learners, thereby encouraging their thought processes and creativity. The learners of grade 6A and 6B enacted different roles based on adaptations in organisms. This activity helped learners amplify their creativity as well as thought processes – visualization, manipulation and abstraction. It also enhanced their kinesthetic and logical skills.
EXPERIMENTING IS EXPLORING

The learners of grade 7 performed various experiments to analyse the processes of osmosis and diffusion. They experimented, observed, hypothesized and predicted the outcomes of their hands-on experiments thereby affirming scientific ideas for transportation in organisms. The activity on OSMOSIS VS. DIFFUSION not only helped the learners understand scientific processes in a better way but also enhanced their observational, critical, kinesthetic and analytical skills.
The learners of grade 7 conducted two flipped classes wherein the learners took the forefront in explaining and discussing the concepts based on circulation and excretion while the teacher took a backseat, providing timely support and guided inquiry to the learners. This method helped the learners enhance their cognitive and psychomotor skills thereby giving them confidence and chance to research and explore creative ideas and content deeply. It also made the learning process interactive.
Grades 1 and 2
Visit to Discovery Centre

"There is no better way for children to learn than playing and fun" Children from Grades 1 & 2 visited Discovery Centre, Sharjah. They got opportunities to learn, discover and understand the role of Science and technology in their daily life along with exploring the world around them in a fun filled and relaxing atmosphere. Learners enjoyed different activities. They used their scientific skills to observe, explore and demonstrate various activities. They enjoyed flying a plane, riding boats, driving cars and much more. They had fun learning by working at an airport as a staff, learning about the parts of a car, learning about air pressure and internal and external body parts.
Republic Day Activity – Grades 1 & 2

The little ones of grades Grade 1 enjoyed the Kite making activity to mark the spirit of Republic Day of India. Learners used their creativity and imagination to express their love toward INDIA.
The 69th Republic Day of India was celebrated with full zest in the school. The Indian tricolour flag was hoisted by the honorable Principal Ms. Archana Sagar, followed by the Indian National Anthem. An Interhouse Hindi Patriotic Group Song competition was held on this occasion. All the groups performed melodious songs filling the audience’s hearts with love and pride for our country. Amazon house won the competition, with Thames house following at the runners-up position. A student of Grade 5 enriched his fellow students with knowledge about the Republic Day and its celebration. A beautiful dance performance was also given by the students, which was loudly applauded by all present in assembly. Finally, the Principal encouraged the students and staff with her motivating words.
Learners of grade 5 learnt about Air Pressure through hands-on activities in the classroom. The aim of the activities was to make the concept easier to understand, define, quantify and visualize by referring it to existing knowledge. This way of learning in education not only helps in increasing motor skills but also enhances, kinesthetic, cognitive and logical thinking. The learners of grade 5 made hands-on models and illustrated the uses of atmospheric pressure in daily life.
Field Trip to Al Ain Dairy

Field trips help students to explore and visualize what they are learning at school. On 24th January, the students of grade 3 to 7, Ambassador School Sharjah visited Al Ain farms. Al Ain farms for Livestock Production was formed in 1981 under the directive of the late great Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nayhan, father of the nation. The company was charged with the responsibility of delivering fresh dairy products for the first time to supermarket shelves where the only choice was powdered and canned milk. Throughout the last two decades, Al Ain Farms has remained at the forefront of a growing dairy industry and is the nation's favorite dairy brand.

We started around 8 am from the school and reached our destination at 10’o clock. As soon as we reached, we were taken to their juice factory and the packing section. The kids were so curious observing the officials tasting the quality of their products and packing them in eco-friendly tetra packs. Later we were shown their farm houses and we were awestruck watching around 6000 cows in the vast and spacious area. The staffs feeding and milking the cows was an amazing sight for the kids. The cows are showered before milking to maintain the hygiene and each cow produces around 35-37 liters of milk every day! When we proceeded to their camel farm, the students were so excited to see so many camels under one roof. The farm was so neat and clean. We were very impressed that just like the cows, the camels looked very well cared for. Before leaving, the officials of Al Ain farm gave fresh cakes and juices to all the kids and teachers as their token of love. We reached back to school by 2 pm. Everyone was very tired but had enjoyed the day.
Qirat Competition

The Qirat Recitation Competition for Phase 2 was held in Islamic Education Room. The event showcased the marvelous talent of Qirat and keen interest of the students in Islamic Education. The participants were very much enthusiastic and well prepared to exhibit their melodious voice and Exotic talent in Quran recitation. The Judges for the Competition were Ms. Asma Umair (Islamic Education Teacher) and Ms. Omaima Abdul Aziz (Arabic Teacher). Both the judges were happy for the immense hard work put forward by the students to bring out their talent in Quran recitation. Winners of Quran Recitation Competition were Aizah Grade 1, Eshal Grade 2, Mehtab and Saleema Grade 3 and Yasir Grade 4.

All the participants went back with immense satisfaction and happiness after the competition. The overall initiative to train the students was taken by Ms. Asma Umair who guided them with advices and rules of The Holy Book 'Al Quran'. In the end of the event all realized that participating and exhibiting the talents is more important than winning.
As part of the Computer Week, our students participated in diverse computer activities. Various interesting and educational ICT activities were conducted. The learners applied their mathematical, artistic and imaginative skills to create interesting projects in Computer. All of them enjoyed very well and at the same time understood various co-curricular links associated with these activities...

Some of the activities conducted were:

1. Magic Out of Shapes (Grade 1)
2. Draw a Landscape (Grades 2 - 4)
3. Create a greeting Card (Grades 5 - 7)

Grades 1 - 4 children used MS Paint, Tux Paint and Paint3D to design their imaginations...

Grades 5 - 7 used MS Publisher for “Greeting Card” Making....
Mathematics Week
Primary and Middle School

Our little mathematicians of the Primary School and young Einsteins of the Middle School became a part of the Maths Week wherein they were given ample opportunities to enhance their mathematical skills through various mathematical activities. They collaborated with peers and used their critical thinking to solve the problems put forth to them. Learners also created various things using shapes, tangrams and ice-cream sticks given to them. They showed a keen enthusiasm and fervor in the participation. Details of the activities conducted in this week are:

Grade 1 -
Learners explored the concept of money through a tuc shop, where they bought and sold things with the imitation currency given to them. Also, they used their critical thinking to solve Sudoku with shapes puzzles.

Grade 2 -
In connection with Math week, children made different shapes using sticks and straws, they made shapes and compared the number of sides and corners. Differentiated between Pentagon and hexagon, rectangle and triangle etc. and well understood the concept through fun activities.

Grade 3 & 4 -
Grade 3 and 4 students had ‘Fun with Tangram’ puzzles during an activity as a part of Maths week. They tried to put together different shapes of tangram puzzles to express their creative ideas...

Grade 5 -
Grade 5 had power point presentations on various topics as a part of Math week activities. They had an interesting interactive session of question-answers and discussions with their classmates on different topics. They also presented their creativity by making different shapes using tangram puzzles.

Grade 6 & 7 -
Grade 6 and 7 had Sudoku challenge activity as a part of Maths week in which students actually enjoyed sharing their ideas to solve the Sudoku puzzles...!!
An Inter - House Salad Competition was conducted in the school on 8th of February '17. It aimed at inculcating the healthy eating habits in the students and making them aware of the benefits of eating salad. It also helped towards developing their culinary skills and creativity.

Since the competition was a part of the Arabic week, the students made various Arabic salads with the help of their Arabic teachers. The competition was judged by the Arabic Secretary and the Primary Head of the school.

- Nile house made Tabbouleh salad using tomato, parsley, cucumber, onion, lemon, bourghul seeds, oil, black pepper, green mint and green pepper.
- Amazon house made Baba Ghanouj using eggplant, tahina, parsley, vinegar, oil, black pepper, salt and yoghurt.
- Ganges house made Fattoush salad using boiled hummus seeds, blue cheese dressing, oil, lemon juice and cub scum.
- Thames house made Hummus salad using tomato, parsley, cucumber, onion, lemon, oil, fried pieces of Arabic bread, black pepper, green mint and green pepper.

The students enjoyed the activity and took great pride in exhibiting the salads which they made.
Our school held its 2nd Annual Sports Meet titled ‘Sportacus’ on Thursday, 15th February, 2018. The event was organized on the football field of our school from 8 a.m. onwards. All teachers and students undertook a march-past on the field. During the oath-taking ceremony, participants pledged to display qualities of fair competition, team-work, co-ordination and sportsmanship. Our Principal highlighted the significance of sports in her Welcome Address and encouraged all who were gathered for the event. The august presence of our Principal and the Faculty Heads was instrumental for the success of ‘Sportacus 2017-18’.

A yoga demonstration was performed by the KG2 students on the field that exhibited co-ordination in movement, body-balance and concentration skills.

The KG children were well-prepared to perform creative sports races that depicted a variety of themes.
The colourful props sported by the participants enhanced the visual display of the field-events. The compering team briefed the spectators about the thematic races that were held class-wise. The PE teachers and kindergarten teachers motivated the students to perform the expected tasks with confidence and race to the finish line. The participants were also energized by the lively musical accompaniment rendered by the music teacher. The valuable efforts of the non-teaching staff members in arranging the sports-based equipment on the tracks ensured the smooth flow of the event.

At the end of the day, all kindergarten children were felicitated with certificates by the Head of Kindergarten for accomplishing the outcomes of their sports race.
Parent-Teacher Meeting (P.T.M)  
KG 1 to Grade 7

The fifth parent-teacher meeting (P.T.M) for the current academic year was held in our school on Saturday, 3rd February, 2018 from 9am to 1pm. A book fair was also organized by TMG Children Publishers for parents and children to view and buy books during the day. Parents and children were introduced to the popular Reads & Rewards program offered by TMG Children Publishers. It encourages children, parents and educators in imparting reading skills at all school levels. Parents interacted with the respective class teachers during the allotted time slot and sought the necessary feedback about their child’s progress in various learning areas and co-curricular activities. The book fair enabled budding readers to browse through a selection of children’s books widely published and circulated for educational purposes.
The kindergarten section of our school organized the ‘Dress like an Arabian’ celebrations on Wednesday, 7th Feb, 2018. The teachers and students wore traditional Arabian attire for the event. They gathered in the basketball court at 8 a.m. to perform popular ethnic dances of UAE. The celebration highlighted various aspects of Arabian culture and heritage. Children brought snacks and delicacies from the Arabian cuisine to class and enjoyed their recess time. Significant moments of the day were captured in videos and images.
A detailed Dental check-up was organized for the children of KG 2 on 25th of February. This was initiative taken by the school to ensure that children are having healthy teeth. The Dentist also suggested precautions to be taken and advised for all the healthy routines to be followed.

Children from KG 1 went to KG 2 class and KG2 children were taken on a tour to the GRADE 1 classes in the Primary Block on 28th of Feb; which further enabled them to familiarize themselves with the environment. They were all excited to go to new classes and meet new teachers. The teachers took them on a campus tour and spoke to them about the exciting things and they intend to do next year. The children showed high vigilance and interest in learning their ways in the new class. Children’s curiosity could be seen from the questions they asked to know and get information about the new classes. Children had fun filled time in the primary block by taking a brief glimpse into their future endeavors filled with hues and values.
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Our stars of the month February

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