A letter from Principal

A thing of beauty is a joy forever; its loveliness increases it will never pass into nothingness. This profound statement by the eminent poet John Keats envisions beauty as one which breaks free from the realm of mere physical beauty to encompass natural objects, meditation, sweet dreams etc.

Beauty though manifested in various forms is a perennial source of joy and peace which lingers much after the experience is over. Education itself is a beautiful and enlightening process which leaves an indelible imprint on young minds. There is no denying the fact that learning is life-long and this thought has forever been the school’s guiding light for nurturing the students.

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination and finish with education. The whole life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.

Best regards,
Archana Sagar
Principal
Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to our new term in October!

It’s wonderful to see our students all settled, more confident and curious to explore more of their school life!! The students have already been involved in a rich programme of learning! All the grades have been on educational field trips including Sharjah Aquarium, Desert Park, mosque, Book Fair etc.

Our students are making the most of the co-curricular activities at school. We are delighted to see that they are embracing all that Ambassador School has to offer!!

Parents have had the opportunity to meet the Class teachers and discuss their child’s progress. The Parent Support Group has been very dynamic and enthusiastic! We witnessed a wonderful UAE National Day celebration with the combined efforts of the Parent Community.

We have had various events and celebrations with almost full participation of the children!! You can get a glimpse of it in the newsletter. The most awaited one being our Annual Concert, Belle Vie!! Preparations are in full-swing and our children are all set to give in their best performances!

The motivational rewards like the Star of the week/month, 100% attendance awards is working amazingly well in ingraining the zest in children to achieve the same!!

The learning as a resultant has been immense and the feedback from parents has been very positive!! We have one more quarter for the academic year 2017-18 from January till March to further enhance and consolidate the learning of our students.

We’re glad to see that the parents are working hand-in-hand to enrich the educational journey of the children. We very much look forward to an effective partnership on our journey together at Ambassador School, Sharjah.

Best regards,
Parita H.Patira.
KG Head.
Sharjah Ambassador School joined in the UAE Flag Day celebrations held nationwide on Thursday, 2nd November, 2017 with respect and fervor. The UAE Flag symbolizes the country’s unity and greatness and represents the aspirations of the people in UAE.

The day began with the KG children decorating the flag templates creative techniques like dot-painting and sprinkling colored glitter. They were fascinated to learn about the significance of the red, green, white and black colors of the UAE Flag.

The entire school gathered on the football court for the flag-hoisting ceremony that commenced at 11 am. The occasion was graced by our Principal who hoisted the flag on the stage. The UAE National Anthem was enthusiastically sung by all teachers, students and non-teaching staff who were present for the event. A whole-school assembly was conducted to commemorate the contribution of the founding fathers of UAE and salute the country’s leadership.

The children carried the decorated flags on their way back home from school with immense pride and a sense of belonging to UAE.
CPD Workshop on Differentiation

As part of the continuous professional development training for teachers, a workshop on Differentiation was conducted in our school by Dr. Vandana Lulla, Director and Principal of Podar International School, Mumbai on Sunday, 5th November, 2017. All teachers and teaching assistants gathered in the indoor play area of Kindergarten section for the workshop that was held from 2 pm to 4 pm.

The trainer began her presentation by discussing the quote on differentiation by Louis D. Brandeis, the Former Associate of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of USA: “In differentiation, not in uniformity, lies the path of progress.” A brainstorming session was held with concept - mapping and paragraph writing tasks being allotted to teams of participants. Shared understanding of the concept, principles, factors and strategies of Differentiated Instruction (DI) was manifested in the mind-maps that were presented by each of the teams.

The rationale for the application of differentiation in the classroom and its linkages to Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences (MI) theory and brain-based research was explained by the trainer. American Educator Carol Ann Tomlinson has defined, “Differentiation is a teacher’s proactive response to learners needs shaped by mindset and is guided by the classroom elements of content, process, product, assessment and learning environment.” All participants were inspired to reflect on these elements and initiate differentiated instruction in their teaching practice.
Greenhouse Project by KG Eco Club

The Eco Club of Kindergarten section of our school initiated the Greenhouse project this year. A green net resembling a greenhouse was installed in the KG courtyard for the purpose of implementing innovative and sustainable plant growth and vegetable farming practices. The plants arranged under one roof are accessible to both children and teachers for undertaking the study of plant growth in kindergarten.

The Eco Club organised a collection drive for yoghurt containers and soft-drink cans that could be reused as pots to support planting of seeds and saplings. The student representatives artistically painted and decorated these containers with support from their parents during the weekend. The brainstorming sessions held with student representatives during the weekly meetings were instrumental for the implementation of the project. The Eco Club representatives then passed the same information to their classmates. The Greenhouse that stands tall in our school courtyard will be cherished by all teachers and students through their shared vision of ‘Growing more trees’ and contributing to a ‘Greener Mother Earth’!
Children’s Day was celebrated in our school on Tuesday, 14th November, 2017. This occasion marks the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who was first Prime Minister of Independent India. The teachers organized a whole-school assembly to pay homage to 'Chacha Nehru' and also to dedicate the day in a very special way to the children of our school.

Children in kindergarten arrived in the morning dressed in colorful attire. They were eager to witness the wave of celebrations that were to be held during the day. The much-awaited morning assembly began on a joyous note with the Welcome Address by our Principal and Head of Kindergarten. There was a feeling of joy and excitement all around as children applauded the splendid song and dance performances of the teachers. Fond memories of childhood were brought alive by the teachers who wore thematic costumes and props designed for the assembly.

Significant moments of teachers and children bonding were captured in images and videos. The kindergarten children were presented with personalized greeting cards by their respective teachers that conveyed the message 'Happy Children’s Day'. They were also delighted to receive the special red rose that symbolised 'Chacha' Nehru's love for children. It was indeed a memorable occasion for all as the children exuded enthusiasm and cheer throughout the day.
A papier-mâché session was organized by the Kindergarten section of our school from Thursday, 16th November, 2017 to Monday, 20th November, 2017. The French term 'papier-mâché' means 'mashed paper' that is formed by soaking and mixing old newspapers with water and glue.

The contribution of old newspapers by children was of immense value in conducting the event. The classroom outdoor spaces were abuzz with action as teachers and children mixed and mashed the ingredients in enormous tubs to prepare the papier-mâché pulp. It was carefully filled into containers of various forms, shapes and sizes. The hours of warm sunshine resulted in the pulp drying and taking the shape of its supporting container.

The next day, the children were geared to paint the transformed papier-mâché craft works with layers of paint, colour paper and dazzling glitter. They unleashed their originality and creativity to the fullest in creating recognisable alphabets, objects, story characters, plants, animals, birds and sea creatures. A few classes prepared big objects as a group activity and displayed in the class; while the other classes had smaller, individual objects that were sent home as a take-away for children. The papier-mâché event highlighted the significance of reusing and recycling old newspapers to create beautiful art works.
Workshop on Kinesiology

The SEN Department of Sharjah Ambassador School organized a workshop on kinesiology for all teachers of our school on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The workshop was planned and conducted by Mr. Sarvar Ranga, the SEN Coordinator of SAS with the help of Ms. Geetanjali and Ms. Kris- hma from AKG, Dubai. The aim of the workshop was to explore, develop and prac- tice fundamental body-movement skills through various exercises and play- sta- tions.

The first session of the workshop commenced with participants forming the 'Mexican Wave' on the football court of our school. Participants engaged in amaz- ing 'hula-hoop' body movements and mirror- imaging exercises while listening to background music. Teams competed with each other to cross the 'human obstacle course' and also played the game of 'builders and demolishers'. After a short break, participants resumed playing the interesting game of 'crossing the tracks' with scaffolds.

During the second session of the workshop, participants proceeded to visit the play-stations that were set up in the kindergarten outdoor learning area by the SEN Department. The play-stations of 'balance - track', 'follow the steps', 'bounce the ball', 'golf course', 'sensory ladder' and 'target- practice' were installed for children to develop their fine and gross motor skills. Participants were also en- thralled during their visit to the newly-designed sensory room in the kindergar- ten section. The workshop ended in the discussion about the audio-visual and tac- tile areas in the sensory room.
46th UAE National Day Celebrations by PSG

The Parent Support Group (PSG) of Sharjah Ambassador School organised the 46th UAE National Day celebrations on Saturday, 25th November, 2017. The PSG representatives of our school- Ms. Rancy, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Preeti, Ms. Reeba, Ms. Sreeja, Ms. Shilpi, and Mr. Amit worked in collaboration to plan and organise this event. The event was sponsored by eminent PSG member Mr. Kingston Fernandez associated with Al-Ain Farms.

All members of the teaching staff, parents and children were present on a bright Saturday morning to attend the celebrations held from 9:45 am to 12: 45 noon on the football grounds. Our Respected Principal and Head of Kindergarten were felicitated in the opening address by the PSG representatives. The significant role and valuable contribution of the SAS Parent Support Group rendered throughout the academic year was acknowledged by our school management and teaching faculty.

The event was compered by PSG representative Ms. Sunita who presented interesting facts about the Seven Emirates of the UAE and captivated the audience throughout the event. The hosts of the ‘Majlis’ extended a warm welcome to visiting parents and children. The face-painting artist was popular with children who were eager to sport trendy designs of their choice. The tarot reader enchanted all who sought her readings. The magician enthralled parents and children who were excited to witness mind-boggling illusions and tricks.

Everyone relished tasty delicacies and beverages that were served at the ‘snacks corner’. It was a day filled with fun-based games and entertainment. The much – awaited ‘raffle-draw’ results were announced towards the end of the celebrations.

The event ended on a joyful note with the PSG representatives, members and the parent community of our school being congratulated for making the event a grand success!
Special Assembly for the 46th UAE National Day Celebrations

A special assembly was conducted in our school on Wednesday, 29th November, 2017 to mark the 46th UAE National Day Celebrations. On this occasion, students wore the traditional attire and costumes that displayed the colours of the UAE Flag. All members of the teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and students gathered at 7:30 am on the school grounds. The Principal and Head of Kindergarten presided over the special assembly that was conducted by students of the primary section.

During the day, kindergarten children decorated a take-away that depicted the ‘Camel - a key part of UAE’s rich heritage’. Significant moments of jubilation were witnessed in every classroom. Children brought snacks and delicacies from the Arabic cuisine to class and enjoyed their recess time. They were also encouraged to visit the ‘UAE Corner’ set up by the class teachers in their respective classrooms.

As the school-day ended on a festive note, children were eager to spend their holidays with family and friends.
Our Young Illustrators!!

How many pebbles does it take to fill the pot?

Rainbow Fish

Number of pebbles used to fill the pot: 15

Sink and Float

Children were asked to identify and draw sink and float objects.
Our Stars of the Month for November:

⭐ KG1 A  Gaurav Chari
⭐ KG1 B  Isabel Sherin
⭐ KG1 C  Kashinadhan. A.R
⭐ KG1 D  Jennet Mariya
⭐ KG1 E  Ishan Kris
⭐ KG1 F  Areej Hashmi
⭐ KG1 G  Samyuktha Narayanan
⭐ KG1 H  Ridhima
⭐ KG1 I  Arush Rao
⭐ KG1 J  Ayesha
⭐ KG1 K  Amaan Parvez
⭐ KG1 L  Abdul Ahad Ansari
⭐ KG2 A  Riteesh Aarti
⭐ KG2 B  Arush Mallick
⭐ KG2 C  Prisha Udhwani
⭐ KG2 D  Fathiha Zayan Arakkal
Primary and Middle School
FITNESS DRIVE

Ambassador school Sharjah inaugurated the ‘Fitness Challenge’ on 28th October with the aim of motivating students to take up physical activity in order to transform their lives.

The fitness drive was continued for a month from the 28th of October to 27th November, 2017 and received extremely positive response from both students and parents. The exercises were varied and ranged from aerobics, Zumba, yoga to stretching and meditation. The students thoroughly enjoyed the 30 minute daily exercise due to the variety, entertainment and fun it brought each morning. The anticipation could be felt in their eager faces as they willingly participated in these enjoyable yet fruitful exercises.

The physical fitness challenge was not only limited to the students but extended to the staff and parents as well. This all round activity ensured that the importance of exercise was understood by all and incorporated both at home and school.

We are very keen to spread the culture of fitness since we strongly believe making physical activity and sports a part of our daily lives to improve the quality of life. We hope our efforts will be fruitful in bringing about a positive change in the lifestyle of our students.
Fun with Science Day

Learners were involved in different experiments to enhance their scientific skills.

Observe, Predict, Experiment and Conclude... learners enjoyed and used these scientific skills to conduct experiments and record their findings.
Science Fiction Screening

Our grade children were exposed to deal with imaginative concepts such as futuristic science and technology, spaceflight, time travel, faster than light travel, parallel universes, and extraterrestrial life.

The Wall-E movie was screened for them to highlight the dangers of over reliance on technology leading to a loss of humanity or perhaps the importance of moderation and protection of natural resources.
LE Viandier - The art of French Cuisine

Learners made French dish « La crêpe ». Discussion on Snacking was carried on by them. New concept was introduced " Manger sur le pouce " (Food idioms) which help them to exceed their required vocabulary and grammar.
Inter House Aerobics Competition

Inter-house competitions are an important part of school life and are renowned for being the liveliest events in the school calendar. Our school conducted aerobics inter house competition for primary and middle school girls on 14th November 2017. All four houses put together a great show after a lot of hard work and practice. Aerobics competition was test of Strength, Flexibility, showmanship, synchronisation and all the participants rose to the occasion in a wonderful manner.

Score Sheet & Results - U-12

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Inter House Football Tournament

Ambassador School, Sharjah conducted the Inter-House Football Tournament on 14th November, 2017 for the U-12 boys Category (Grades -4,5&6 boys participated). The main objective was to develop a sportive spirit and encourage healthy competition among students. All team members from each house put in their best efforts. Based on their performance and skills, students were chosen to be a part of the Football school team as well.

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Independent Learning – with Self-assessment (Grade 1)

Learners are given opportunity to do task in hand independently and assess themselves and their understanding of the concept with self-assessment checklist.

Comic Creators

Learners expressed their learning and understanding of playground rules by illustrating it in form of comic strips.
OUR YOUNG SCIENTISTS-
ACID-BASE INDICATOR TEST USING SCIENTIFIC METHOD

The learners were introduced to the process of Scientific Method - The Scientific Method is a process used to design and perform experiments. It helps to minimize experimental errors and bias, and increases self confidence in the accuracy of your results. It helps to organize thoughts and procedures so that learners can be confident in the answers they find. OBSERVATION is first step, so that you know how you want to go about your research. HYPOTHESIS is the answer you think you’ll find. PREDICTION is your specific belief about the scientific idea EXPERIMENT is the tool that you invent to answer the question, and CONCLUSION is the answer that the experiment gives.

The activity helped learners enhance their observational, critical and analytical skills.
Arabic Spell-Bee Competition

Students of Grades 5, 6, 7 took up the challenge of Arabic Spell Bee Competition at Ambassador School. The end-objective of the Spelling Bee is NOT to learn by rote memorization, as that is very limiting!

However, the Spelling Bee is aimed to empower students and teach skills that will expand vocabulary a “thousand-fold” by learning the rules, the exceptions, the patterns, origins, foreign words etc. This also aids student in learning the process of analysis and thinking.

Mosque Visit

Students of Primary and Middle School Grades 3-7 visited the mosque Masjid-ad-Dia. Students were made aware about the values of respect and the pillars of Islam to sensitize them about the values of Islam.

Inter-house Competition: Best out of Waste

‘Making sense out of things that have absolute no sense!’

As a part of Ecodrive, students were made aware about the reuse of the waste produced at home. Students made artistic things out of old plastic bottles, cans and old carton boxes. They showcased their creative skills to reuse the household waste in the best way. Students from Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were grouped according to their house and they were asked to prepare something useful from the waste materials. They used plastic bottles to make piggy-bank, pen holders and decorative items. Amazon house used carton box, paper plates, cans and bottle caps to make a robot!
UAE Celebration Week Highlights

Students are all set to celebrate 46th UAE National Day with 'UAE Alcove'. They enjoyed reading the eminent books by the ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Learners also decorated their corridors with national symbols of UAE!
Students brought a dish out of Emirati cuisine and shared and enjoyed them with their peers and Teachers. They also shared the nutritional values of the food item that they brought!!
DATES TO REMEMBER:

2nd December
National Day of UAE

9th December
PTM
KG 1 to Grade 7

14th December
Annual Concert

17th December
Winter break begins

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