



School of Knowledge, Sharjah
(St. Mary's Group of Schools)

NEWSLETTER – 2022-2023
THEME – EXCELSIOR
YEAR 4



SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE
ST. MARY'S GROUP OF SCHOOLS

Pulse of SOK

November 2022-2023

What a fulfilled, action-packed two months of learning we have had at SOK. The only word that perfectly illustrates the amazing learning that has taken place is just- **WOW!!!**

The return of school events and parental involvement were the highlights of the term.
Thank You for all your support,
Dear Parents!



EXCELSIOR

'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success'.

We thank the Almighty as we have successfully completed the first semester in this Academic Year 2022-2023.

Looking back at the days gone by we have seen students progress in many areas. Apart from regular learning with fun filled activities, students have also participated and excelled in various other activities that will help them to become successful individuals and face the challenges of the 21st Century.

We had activities in school based on global events that are celebrated across the world to create awareness and benefit people. These activities not only inculcate positive habits in daily life but also keep students abreast with the happenings around the world.

Our Newsletter for this semester will show you glimpses of how our students have acquired the necessary skills that will help them to learn, grow and confidently move ahead in life.



VISION OF THE SCHOOL

**Striving for excellence,
striding towards success and
seeking new horizons for
personal growth and worth.**

MISSION STATEMENT

**Each toddler walking through
the gates of the School of
Knowledge is viewed as a talent
reserve and the school works
relentlessly towards
empowering each and every
child.**

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Good wishes for a beautiful and cooling winter season to you dear Staff, Parents and beloved Students. May this season chill out the heat from everywhere. We are truly happy and proud of 'School of Knowledge' which is esteemed to be 'par excellence' in education. The theme for the newsletter of this term is Excelsior which means the high quality of education given by the school which moulds the students in the field of academics, discipline, commitment and above all in social and moral values of life for the growth and welfare of the society. Efforts are made to make our pupils independent, innovative and creative learners so that they become confident, excellent and productive individuals in future. Hence the theme for this academic year has been 'Aiming for excellence through creativity and Innovation'.

Education is the most empowering force in the world. It inculcates wisdom and knowledge, builds confidence and hope, and breaks down barriers and hurdles to avail opportunities. Today Education is recognized as an instrument of social change and social development. Our school demonstrates relentless commitment to STUDENT-LED INITIATIVES and I congratulate the Leadership team and staff for their efforts and I'm sure these initiatives will create a generation of critical thinkers and collaborators in the society who can be the stalwarts and community builders of the country in the future.

The first term of 2022-23 has come to an end with lots of educational and extra-curricular activities, with parents' involvement in students' projects and specially in 'Go Green' activities, need of the day. We continue to look forward for a close and collaborative partnership with parents in order to enhance the students' participation in varied activities for their welfare.

The School management also looks ahead as we march towards the expansion and promotion of the school from Year 7 to Year 8 and Year 9 in the coming academic year 23-24. It's indeed an encouraging and joyful news and moments of pride to the school and to all of us as our Year 7 students can continue their further studies in their own school. Let us be happy and feel proud that our SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE(SOK) is growing higher and marching forward to fulfill the vision of its founders.

Once again Good wishes and God's Blessings.
Let's enjoy the winter- break. Happy days ahead.



**Our Director
Sr. Bobina Soares**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."
" Michael Josephson"*

It is heart-warming to pull through to the end of a successful term. I'm pleased to note how far we have come as SOK family, celebrating our successes and building an education fit for the future. Our school focuses on adopting an educational approach that places students at the center of the process because it offers students the choice of what and how they learn and this independent approach also equips them with the key skills. It provides students with ample opportunities for self-direction, a powerful sense of ownership and the ability to explore topics that are meaningful and relevant in their lives.

A big round of applause for our students who has made this approach a great success.

We are very proud of the academic progress and personal growth that each and every student has made. Student learning and growth have been visible all across the school and are evident from projects, assignments, Go-Green posters and activities, performances, research works, Project-based learning, STEAM activities, Club activities, Curiosity Walls, Brain Gym corners, inculcate a Reading habit and other artifacts.

We continue to see students taking ownership and responsibility for their learning as they set different goals that they wanted to work towards, collaborated with peers, and shared their projects and learning which is expected out of them. We are committed to preparing our students for tomorrow's world, and empowering our young learners to shape the world they want to live in. A special appreciation goes to our Student Council and we are happy to see those champions in their areas of responsibility. Students, I appreciate you all for showing us each day that you are RESILIENT and REMARKABLE!

Next, Our Academic Staff members on the balancing hand have demonstrated unflinching commitment and continue to work round the clock to ensure high-quality learning is within every learner's reach.

And I would like to celebrate our PARENTS. You are truly our partners in learning. I feel elated by looking at your commitment in supporting all of the processes and expectations, such as monthly PTM, and for your endless hours of volunteering, and chaperoning, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add rich school experience in all the parental involvement activities to support the school in moving forward towards the Innovative theme- Go Green, Inter-class competitive events, community involvement activity on UAE National Day, social awareness events like World Food Day and celebrating the success with our tiny tots in the Foundation stage.

With the holidays upon us, our students and teachers are looking forward to a chance to relax and rejuvenate ready for a very productive Term 2. We still have lots of work and learning to do, so we will continue to push hard, have high expectations, and celebrate each child's learning.

"We believe that all children are capable of great things." And let us continue our journey with more zeal and our unwavering commitment to giving you the best which still remains the focus. I hope you all have wonderful winter holidays; may you get some quality time with your families. We are looking forward to seeing you all in January'23.

God Bless!



**Our Principal
Ms. Junia Amanna**

From the Vice - Principal's Desk...

“All the world's a stage. And we are merely players”.

-William Shakespeare



**Sr. Sarala FMCK
Vice-Principal**

A school is one of the first and most essential stages for an individual where one shall learn one's and then get trained for the final and bigger acts later in life. We as mentors and guides, simply play our role in being the path enlighteners, enabling the children to trudge along until they find their confident footing. I feel proud & congratulate the SOK staff and the children that they exuberantly try to make this journey together in implementing a student-led learning approach & succeeding together, faltering & correcting together & making themselves Excelsior. Student-led learning, at its core, is all about prioritizing students' needs and valuing their ability to learn independently.

A full window glimpse into the immense talents and capabilities of the precious gems of SOK, along with a compilation of all the achievements of these same gems, is our e-newsletter; 'Pulse of SOK' A platform for showcasing where we have reached and where we want to see ourselves.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Director of our School Sr. Bobina, our Principal Ms. June Amanna, SLT and MLTs for their reaffirming unconditional support rendered at all times that assures peak performance without any compromises, be it curricular or co-curricular. .

I would also like to put on record the incessant assistance and cooperation of all the teaching & non-teaching staffs that help in smooth functioning of this institution.

Last and in no way least, a special thanks to all the parents to putting their faith and confidence in us. One last thanks to the editorial team for doing a wonderful job for compiling this e- newsletter. I wish you all good luck and let's work harder to achieve bigger and better milestones in the future. Remember, success is not final. Success is not resting on your laurels, but finding new laurels to rest upon.

WE WILL MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL MOVE UPWARD, AND YES, WE WILL MOVE ONWARD

From the Desk of the Headmistress

Every cloud has a SILVER LINING

The Academic Year 2022 - 23 is a time to celebrate, as we resumed classes with 100% students in the campus.

We have risen at each step, faced challenges during the pandemic times and are empowered to enhance and make a difference in the lives of students. The Vision and Mission is always at the heart of this Exemplary institution. We are committed to help to improve the quality of Education and AIM FOR EXCELLENCE THROUGH CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION.

At SOK we continue providing inspired leadership to the Academic Community in achieving New Heights Of Excellence.

You have to do everything you can,

You have to work hard,

You have to stay positive and then

You have a shot at **THE SILVER LINING.**



Tasnim Saifee
Headmistress

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUEST EDITOR



**HOD Science Department
Ms. Roopa Shenoy**

A step towards SUSTAINABILITY....

The theme for the year 'GO GREEN' has been integrated into the curriculum at SOK with the aim of developing a sense of

awareness among the students towards adapting a more sustainable lifestyle. Students are encouraged to participate in various curricular and co-curricular activities to empower them to spread the awareness among the community.

Students at SOK are seen as a talent reserve and the school provides opportunities to them to apply the 3 R's, reduce, reuse and recycle in their day to day lives to imbibe the importance of conserving natural resources. By giving emphasis on environmental themes and sustainability education, students will be equipped with real-world skills to make the world a better place to live.

BIRTHDAY OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

EID MILAD UN NABI(PBUH) ACTIVITIES

Islamic Education Department organized Eid Milad un Nabi activities during the Holy month of Rabi Ul Awal to promote the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Students from Year 2 - 7 participated in different activities like making of Milad Un Nabi cards, Darood o Salam, posters. A special assembly was conducted on Milad Un Nabi to seek blessings of Allah upon all Muslims.



International Peace Day: 21st September 2022



The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day is observed every year on 21st September. This day is celebrated around the world to strengthen the ideals of peace, students of Year 4B conducted an assembly to spread the awareness of this important event and to promote peace among each other.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

World Teachers' Day (also known as International Teachers' Day) has been celebrated annually on the 5th of October across the world. The event was launched by the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) to celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This was when governments unanimously recognized how important it is that society contains competent, qualified and motivated teachers.



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

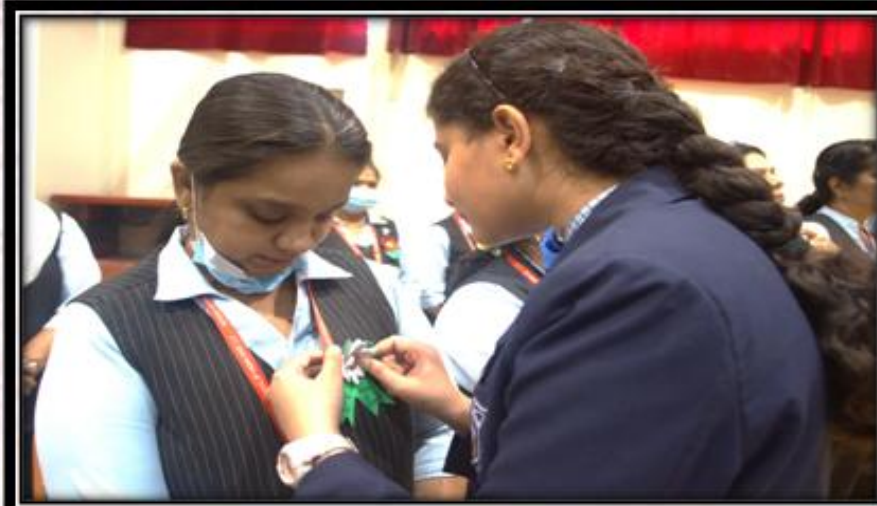
On 5th October 2022 (Wednesday), School of Knowledge organized Teachers' Day and the program was conducted by Year 2-4 students. The Director, the Principal, Vice-Principal and the teachers of the school were present at the function.

Students expressed their feeling of gratitude towards teachers by reading out heartfelt quotes and poems in addition to heart-warming gratitude cards.



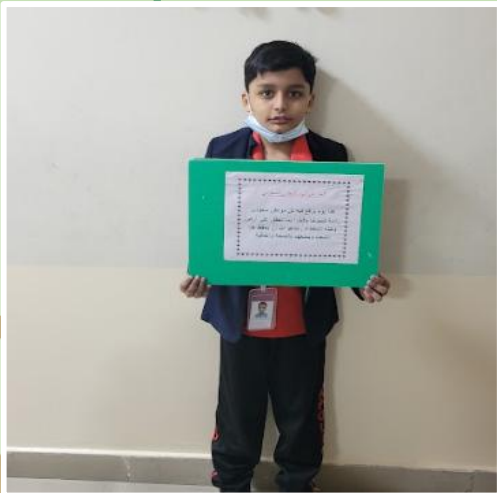
WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Students organized a variety of programs for the teachers.



Saudi Arabia National Day: 23rd September 2022

Arabian countries are a distinguished model, and their mutual history has many examples of overall cooperation, including in the areas of politics, diplomacy, the economy and culture. To commemorate the Kingdom's 92nd National Day celebration an informative assembly was conducted on 22nd September 2022, to equip our students with the deep rooted relations between the two countries.



World Mental Health Day

10th October 2022



World Mental Health Day is celebrated on 10th October every year.

The theme for World Mental Health Day 2022 is-

‘Make Mental Health and Well-Being for All a Global Priority’.

At SOK, in line with school Vision and Mission, we work relentlessly towards the wellbeing of each and every child.

As a part of world Mental Health Day various activities were held for FS1 to YEAR 7.

To support and bring awareness about the importance of Mental Health, teachers showed a Power Point presentation and a video was explained about the importance of Mental health.

Students participated in a “RALLY”, holding placards with different quotes and echoing a slogan “Heal the world”.

This initiative helped to spread awareness about the importance of Mental Health among students.



Go Green : 22nd September

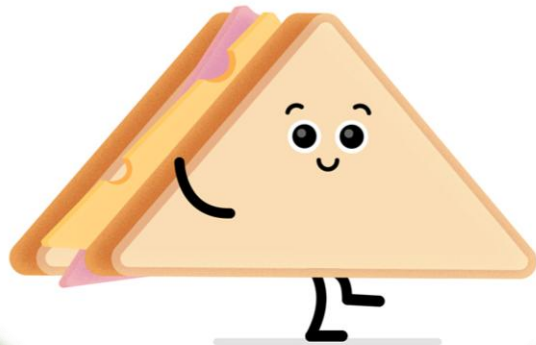


We at SOK are working towards the major sustainable goal 'GO GREEN' so as to make our school a standing example of creating an awareness of the environment, each student was given a task to exhibit his/her ideas on the topic 'Go Green'. Students designed amazing posters with informative messages which marked the purpose of the activity.

WORLD FOOD DAY - HEALTHY SANDWICH: 16TH OCTOBER 2022

The World Food Day is an International Day celebrated worldwide every year on 16th October to promote global awareness, to highlight the need to ensure healthy diet for all.

To reinforce the importance of developing healthy food habits in place of junk food students of Year 4 prepared healthy sandwiches on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 where in the children had loads of fun preparing tasty sandwiches of their own style together with healthy ingredients.



Eat healthy ,stay healthy...



International Teachers' Day: 5th October 2022



Innovative programs were organized to facilitate our dear teachers. The highlights of the program were: skit by the students of Year 2 and Year 3, a song performance, poem recitation, teachers and students of Year 4 planted saplings in our school campus. Students made beautiful cards and expressed their love towards their teachers.

Fire drill: Better be safe than sorry

A fire drill was performed to familiarize students with the sound/ appearance of the alarms, and the procedures necessary to evacuate the building in case of an emergency. The exit points and assemble area of each grade were explained to students. Students were told not to panic during the time of emergency but to follow what they learned during the fire drill.



World Mental Health Day: 10-10-2022

Students of Year 4 watched an awareness video and did a role play on positive thinking. Teachers explained that mental health is as important as their physical health, teachers advised students that they could share their concerns with teachers or can drop them in the wellbeing box placed at the School Support Department, teachers would resolve their problems by speaking to the students personally.

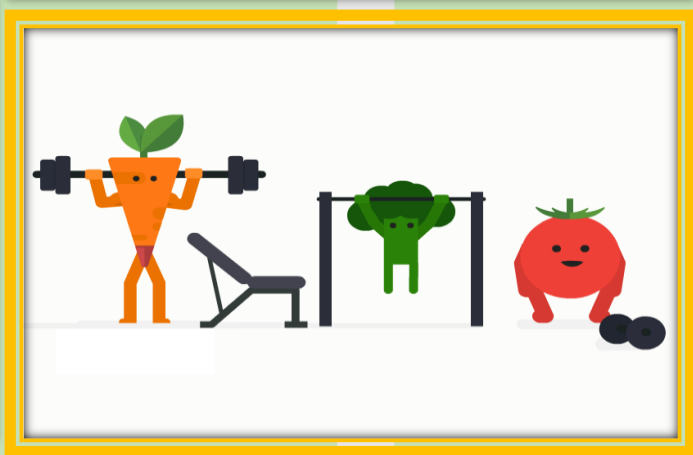
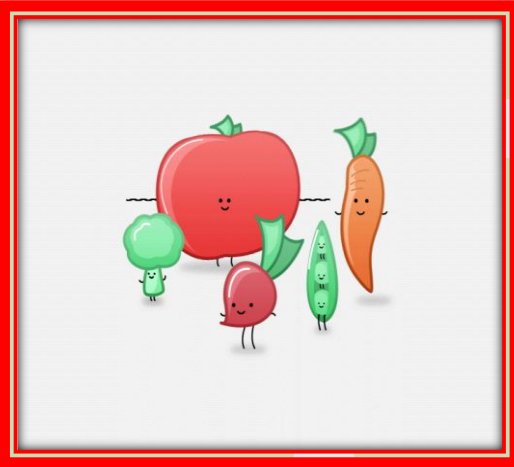


St. Marys Group of Schools

School of Knowledge
Presents



WORLD FOOD DAY - HEALTHY SANDWICH: 16TH OCTOBER 2022



STEAM ACTIVITY



*STEAM Activity: Air Craft Car with
Balloon and Straw- Plastic Bottle
Experiment*

29-9-2022(Thursday)

Some of the benefits of school activities are that the students are able to develop a feeling of unity, showcase their skills and talents to boost their confidence. SOK gives them the opportunity to do so and reward the achievers to encourage them to perform better. Year 4 students showcasing their skills and creativeness during the activity period with all the enthusiasm in making of a car with balloon and straws.



UAE Flag Day Celebration

UAE Flag Day was celebrated on 3rd November 2022, an informative assembly to spread the knowledge about the UAE flag was held. The UAE human flag was formed by students of Year 4.



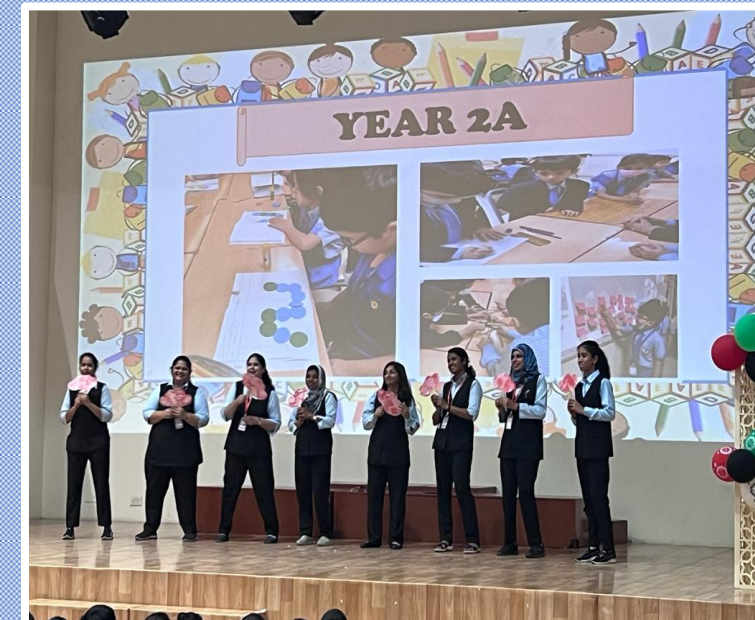
FLAG DAY CELEBRATION - YEAR 4



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 21st November 2022- INCLUSION FOR EVERY CHILD

To make this day special various activities were planned for our students by the teachers. The celebration included a special assembly and performances by teachers to fascinate our students, our Principal June Ma'am wished the students and enlightened their minds with her words of wisdom.

To make this day memorable, movie time was organized, students enjoyed watching movies while eating popcorn in their classroom.



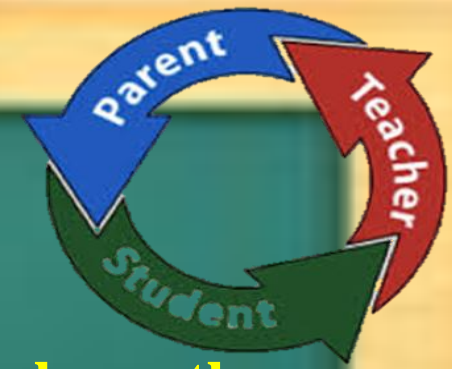


MOVIE
time 



Parent-Teacher Meeting

29.9.22 & 27.10.22



The main objective of the meeting was to create a common platform for the teachers and parents, where they could interact with each other regarding the overall development of the students and to enrich the student's educational experiences. To facilitate a fruitful discussion and to get a comprehensive feedback, a Parent –Teacher Meeting is arranged on the last Thursday of every month throughout the Academic Year,2022-2023. The class teachers shared their comprehensive feedback. Questions, concerns and areas of improvement were discussed in the meetings. The parents felt delighted to know the interesting activities taking place in the class, to make the teaching learning process effective for the students. Parents appreciated the efforts being made by the class teachers for the all-round development of a child.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



Special
assembly
conducted
on Anti-
Bullying
week

*ANTI BULLYING WEEK
14TH TO 17TH NOVEMBER 2022*

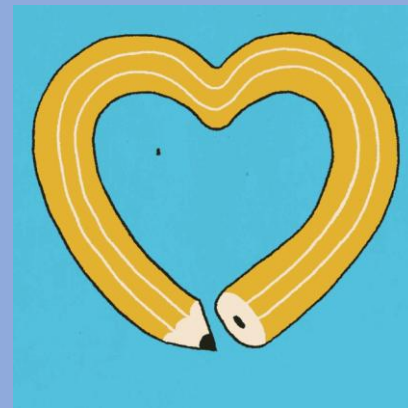


Students watched awareness video during anti-bullying week. It made them to understand more about anti-bullying

ANTI BULLYING WEEK POSTER MAKING AND WRITING SLOGANS



Children made their own slogans to raise the awareness against bullying.



UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

51st UAE National Day was celebrated with many delightful activities with students and parents of Year 4.

Our honourable guest Ms. Ranah Nazzal-Arabic Advisor at Sharjah Education Private Authority joined us in the auspicious celebration.



The event included a spellbinding performance of revered traditional dance, song, and poetry as well as gratifying addresses in Arabic and English were given by the students of Year 4 to Year 7 to laud the nation's journey of success. Furthermore, the pupils swore an oath to defend national sovereignty. Through a variety of events the students demonstrated their tremendous patriotism and pride for this nation.



51 UAE NATIONAL DAY



UAE Commemoration Day

UAE Commemoration Day was observed in the School of Knowledge on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022. The UAE National Flag was lowered in remembrance of the nation's martyrs.

Honourable Director, Sr. Bobina hoisted the UAE Flag at 11:31 am after a minute of silence was observed to pray for the martyrs.

The National Anthem was then played, and the UAE Flag was honored. Both Arabic and English speeches were delivered in honour of the martyrs. Students swore an oath to defend the nation's sovereignty. The importance of the day and its yearly commemoration to memorialize those who lost their lives for their beloved country were also explained to the students.



THEME BASED ASSEMBLIES

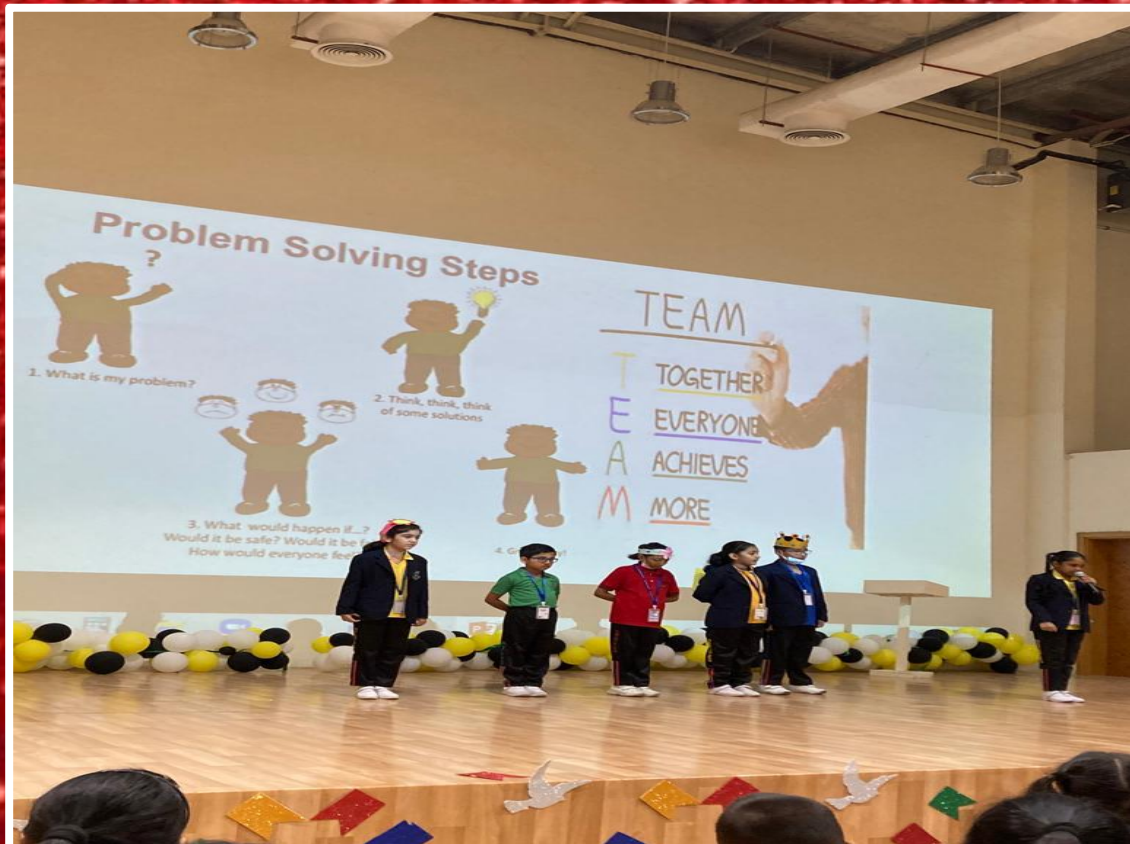
*Class Assembly - 27-10-2022
Year 4 C - Self Discipline*

Students of Year 4C narrated a beautiful story of self control in the assembly to enlighten the value of self discipline.

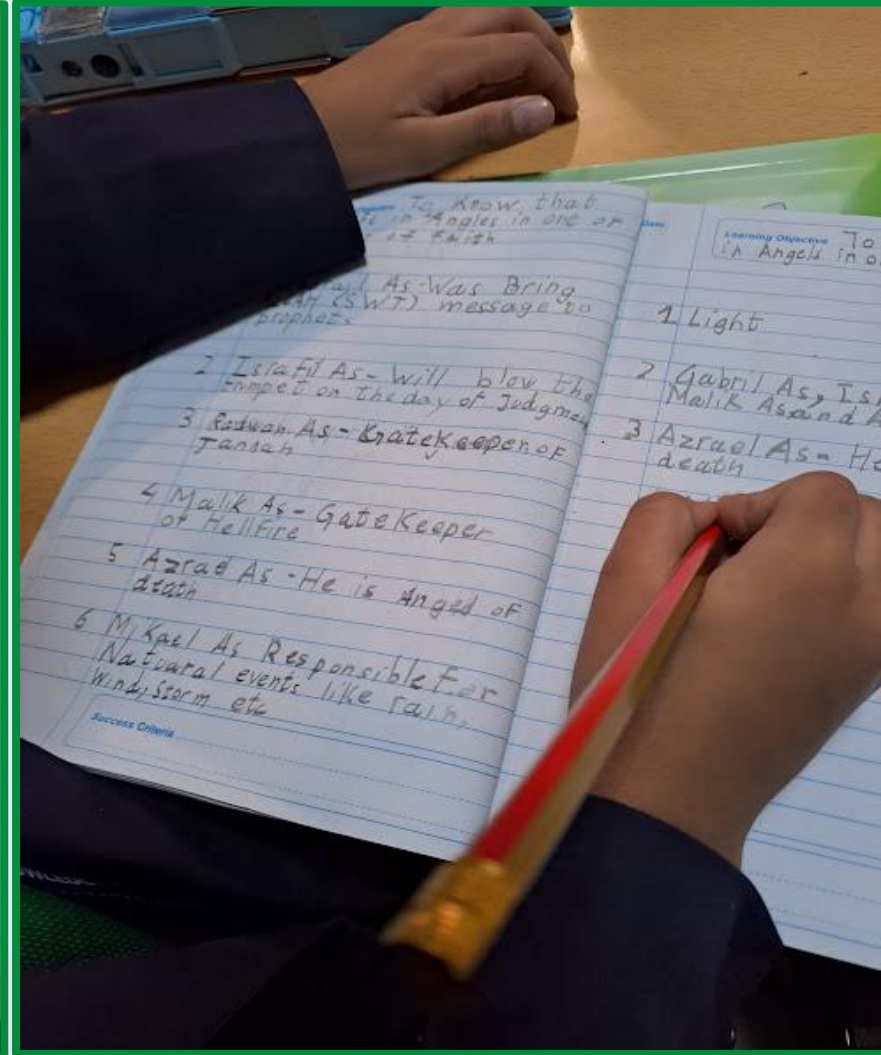
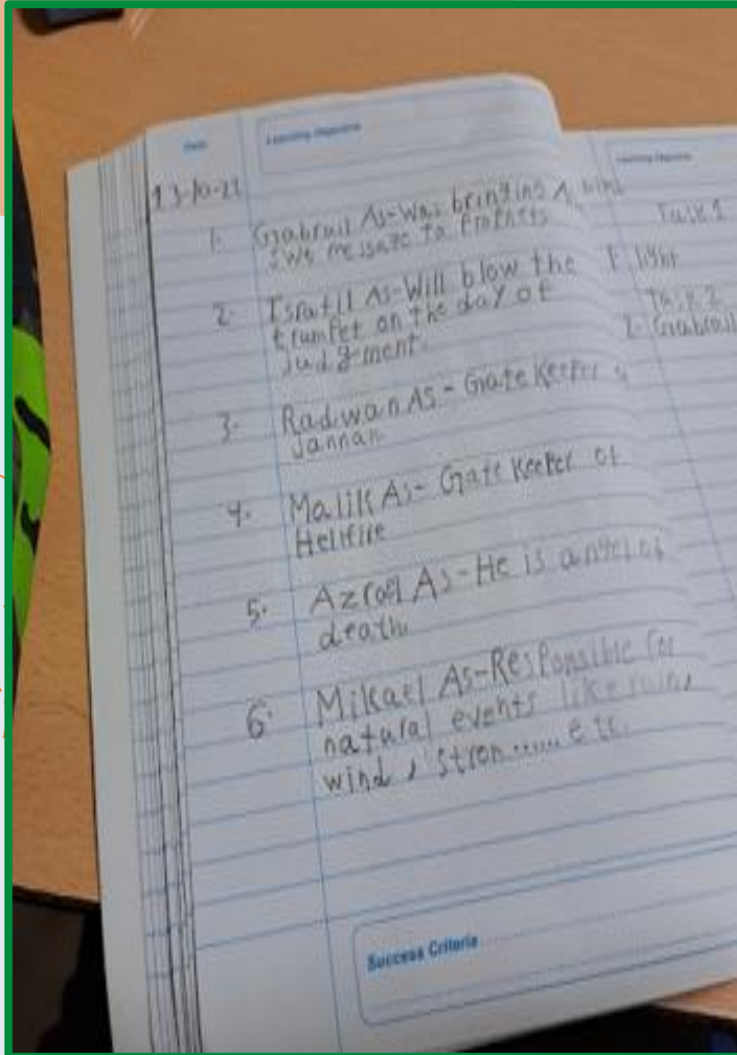
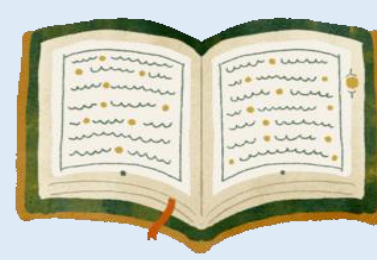


Class Assembly - Year 4D- Team Work

To escalate the values of essential communication and social skills, such as active listening and effective speaking, co-operation and respect towards each other an assembly was conducted by the students of Year 4D.

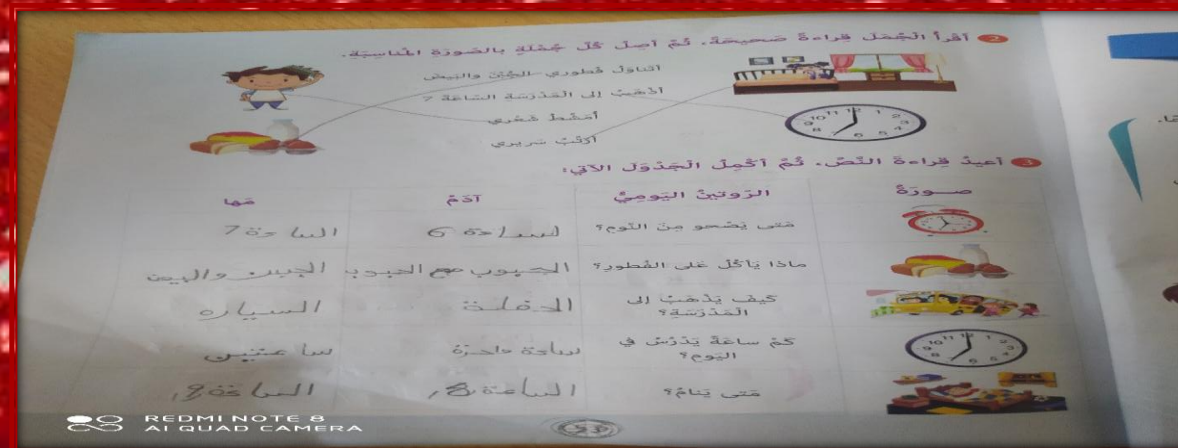
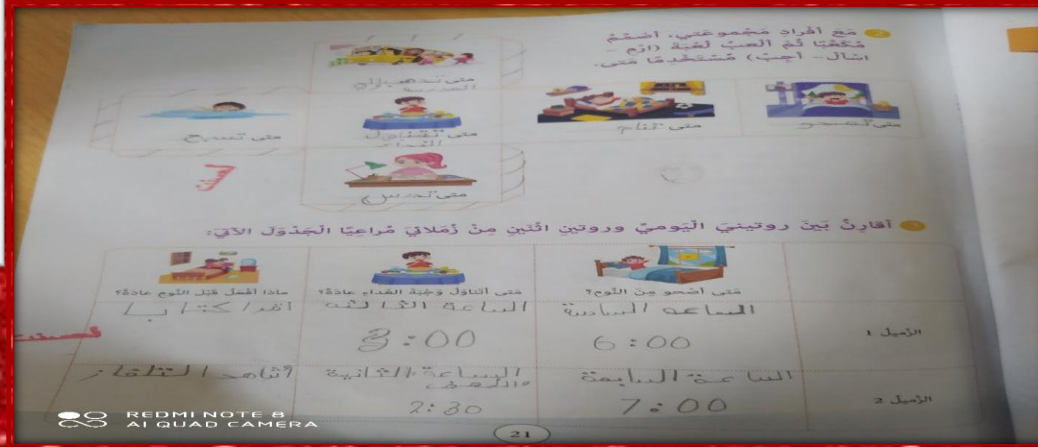
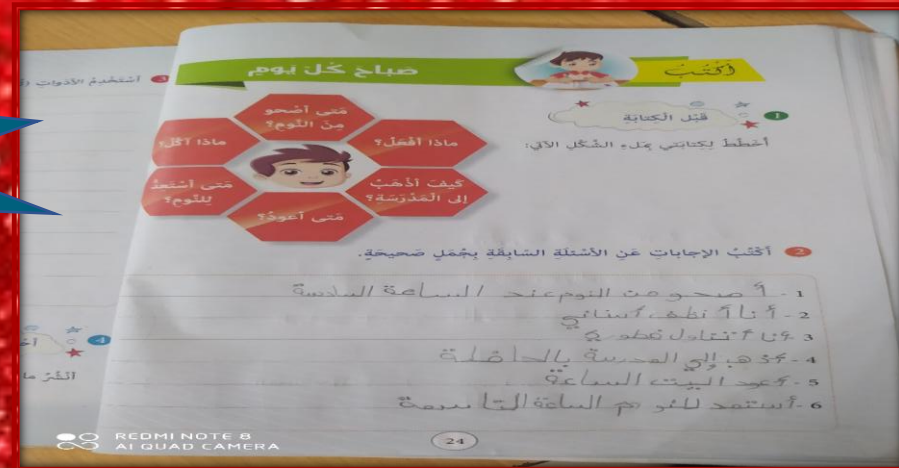


ISLAMIC STUDIES



ARABIC

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



ARABIC WEEK : YEAR 4

مسابقة الخط العربي

① أنا أحيي الإمارات.

② أنا أناشط على الصلوات
التي أحسنها.

③ قن بئذ وقن قن تناسر على
التأرييف في صلواتي.



الاهتمام في رقيقة واحدة

أنا أحيي الإمارات
أنا أناشط على الصلوات
التي أحسنها.

الإمارات

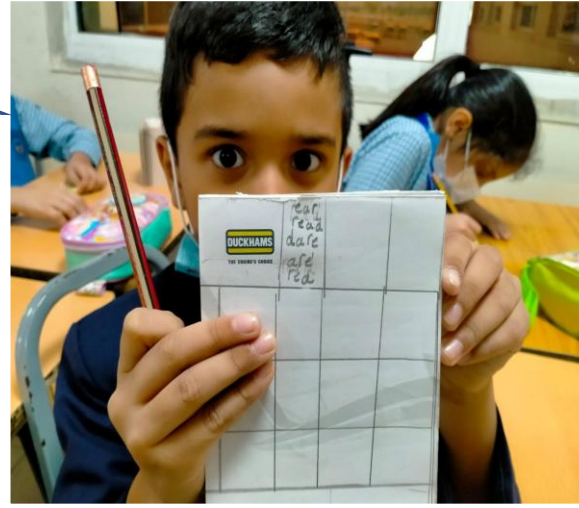
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ARABIC READING COMPETITION



ENGLISH CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

To enhance the vocabulary and thinking skills, activities such as word building, word chain, capture the moment and word hunt were held during this week. Students worked individually and in groups to improve their vocabulary skills.



*English vocabulary
week: 13th September
to 16th September 2022*



ENGLISH ACTIVITIES



STUDENTS' WRITE UP

Sandwich Day

Sandwich Day was the best!

We made sandwiches.

First, we bought all the necessary ingredients like cheese, tomatoes, ketchup etc.

Then we listened to the audio and followed the instructions and made yummy sandwiches

I was really hungry, when we were done, I gobbled it up, and it was so yummy!

Written by: Arfa Fatima
Year 4B

The Best Time in School

DEAR time is the best time in school. It is very peaceful and calming. It makes me and my classmates very happy.

DEAR Time is the time everyone takes books from the reading corner to read in the class. DEAR Time helps me improve my reading skills and makes me very knowledgeable.

**Eshaal Shakil
Yr-4F**

Math Race - 17/10/2022 TO 20/10/2022

To indulge students in physical activities using mathematical and analytical thinking, a math race was conducted in school campus during the math class.

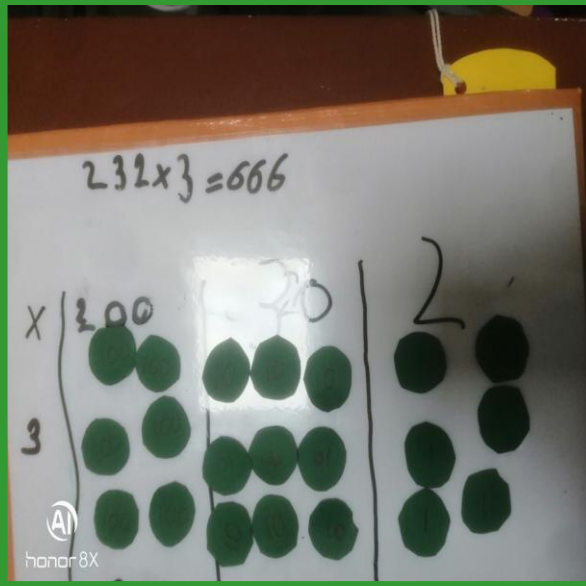
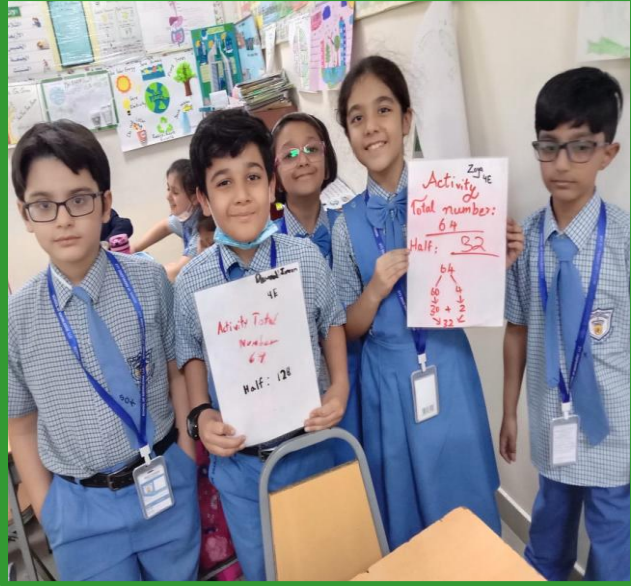
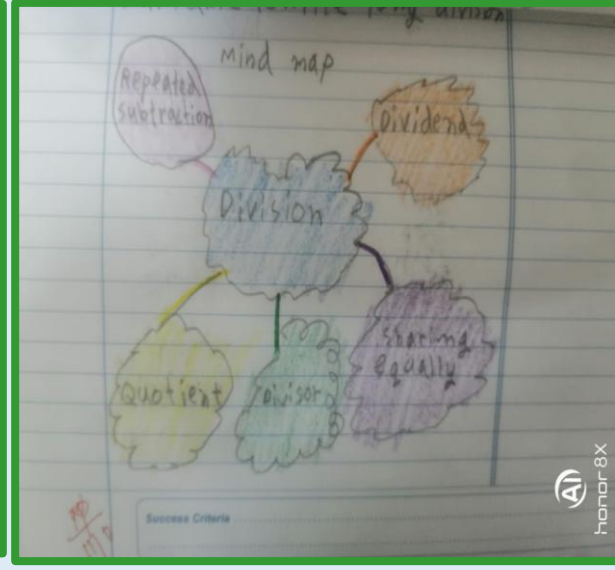
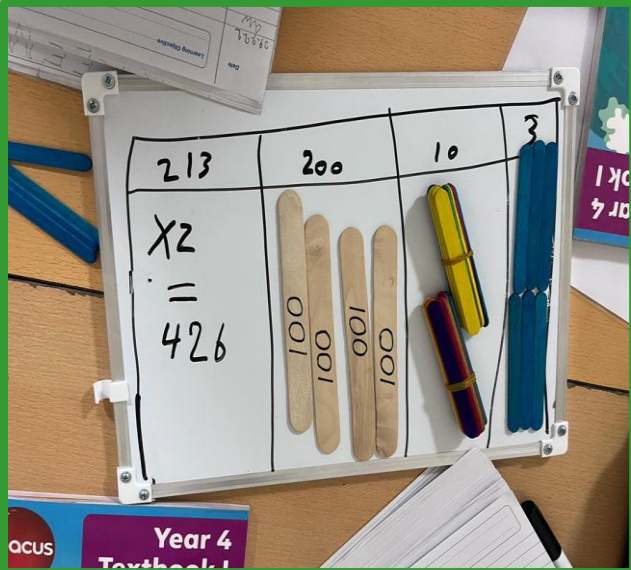
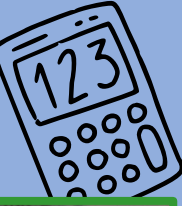
Competition was held among the students of each class. The students who took the least time to finish all the three levels were the winners.

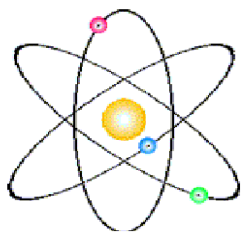
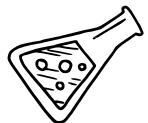


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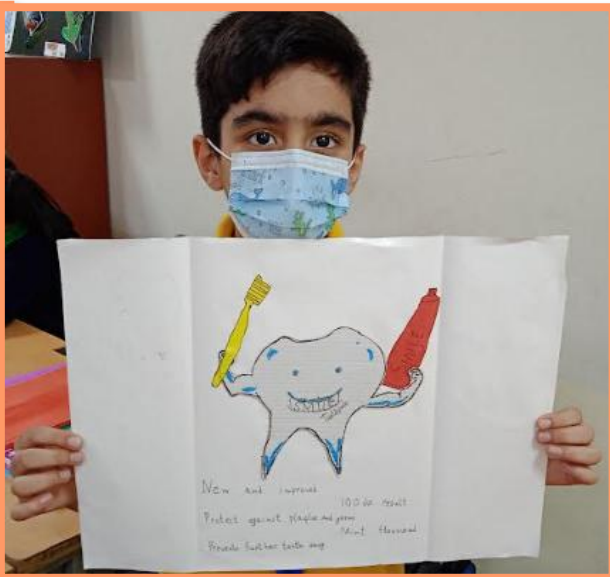
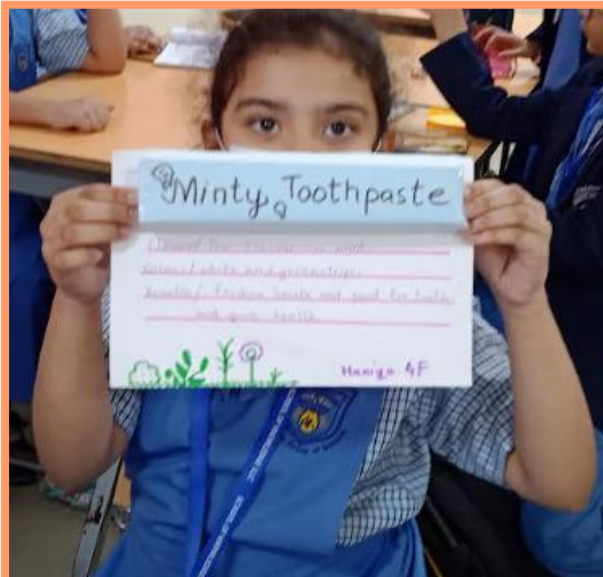
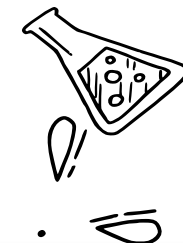
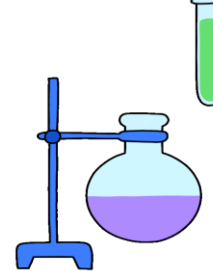
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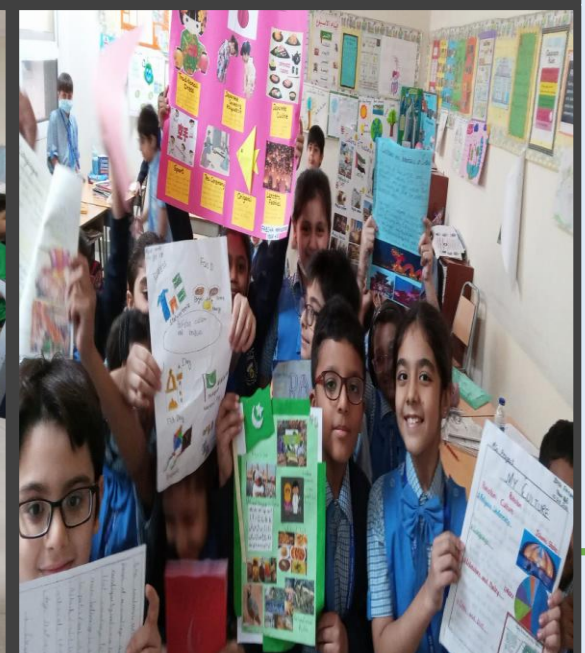
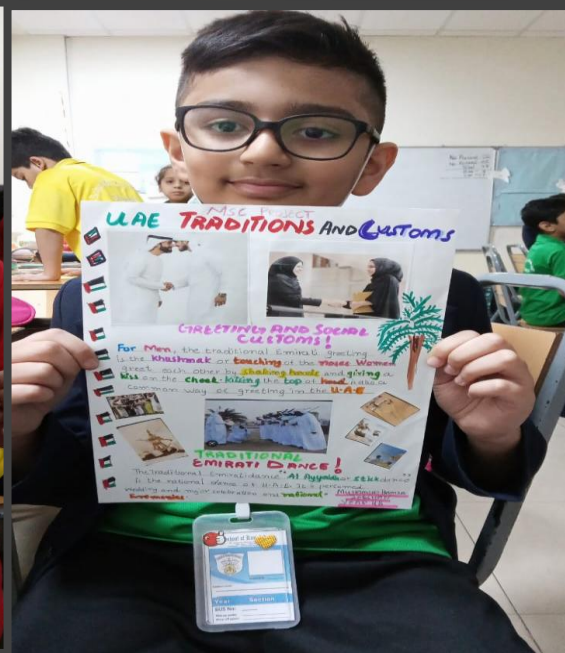
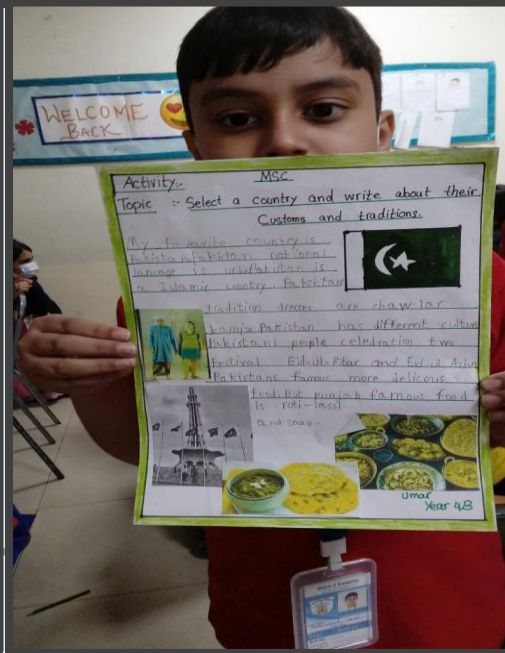
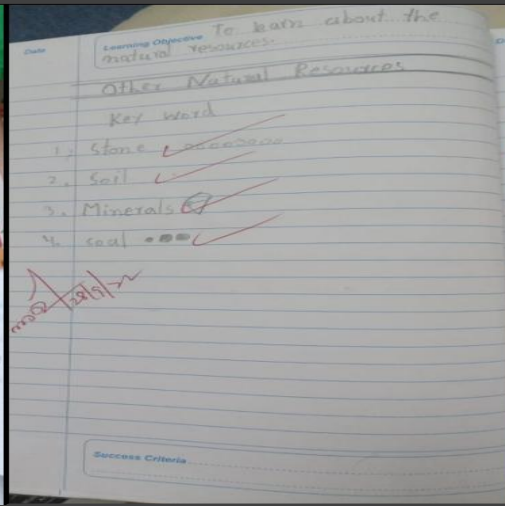


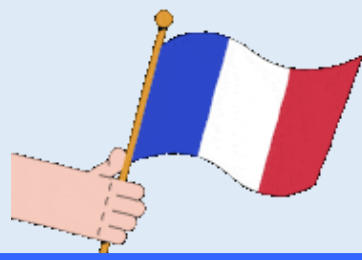


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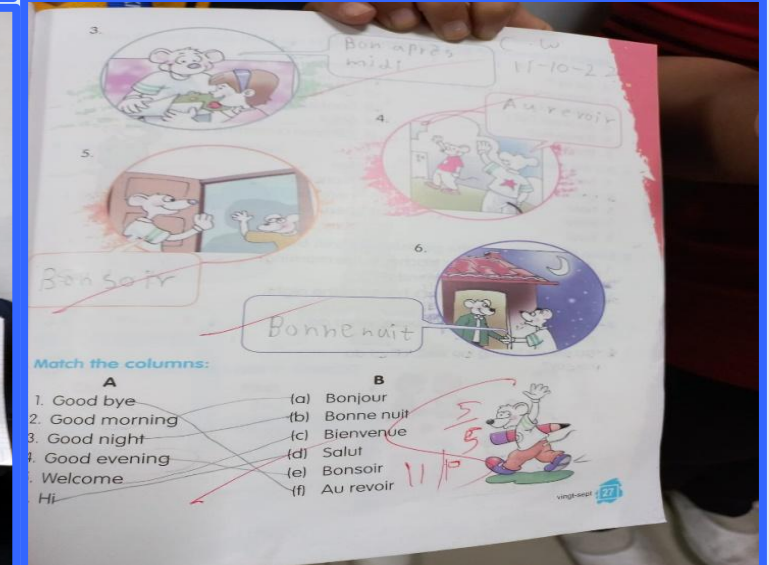
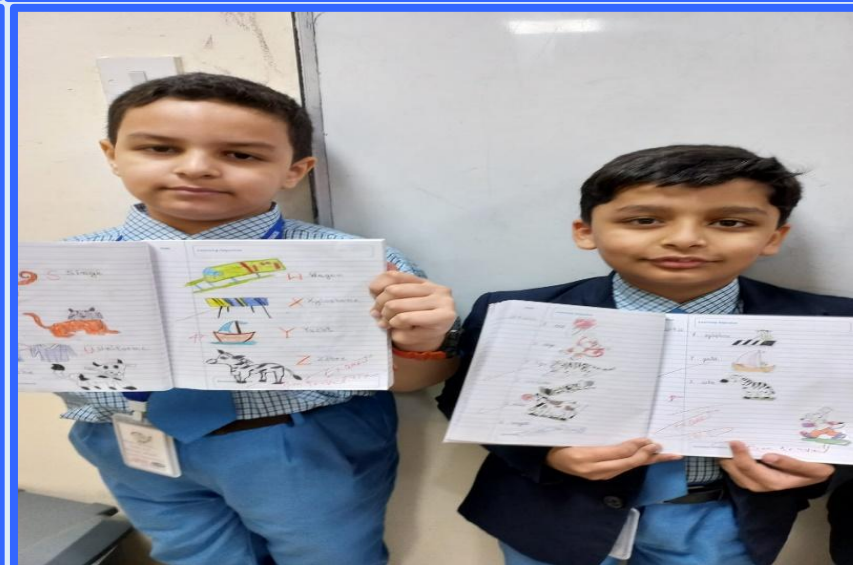
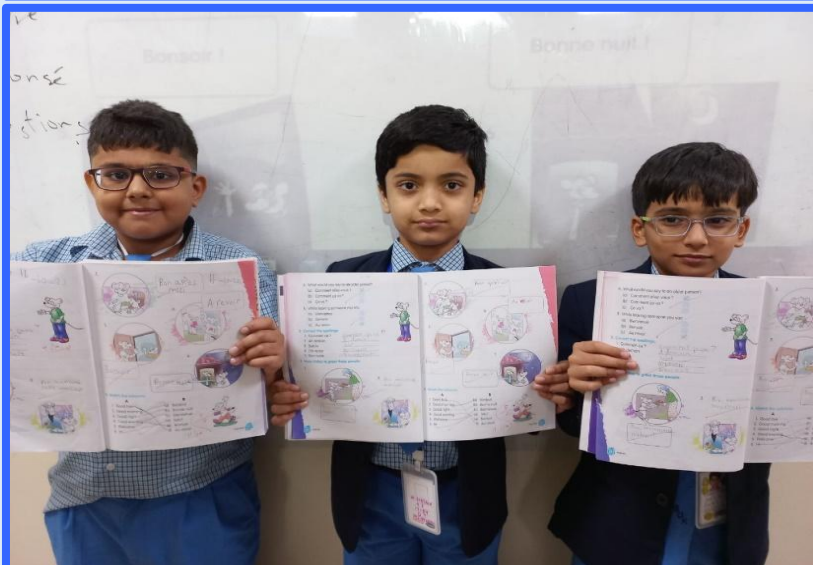
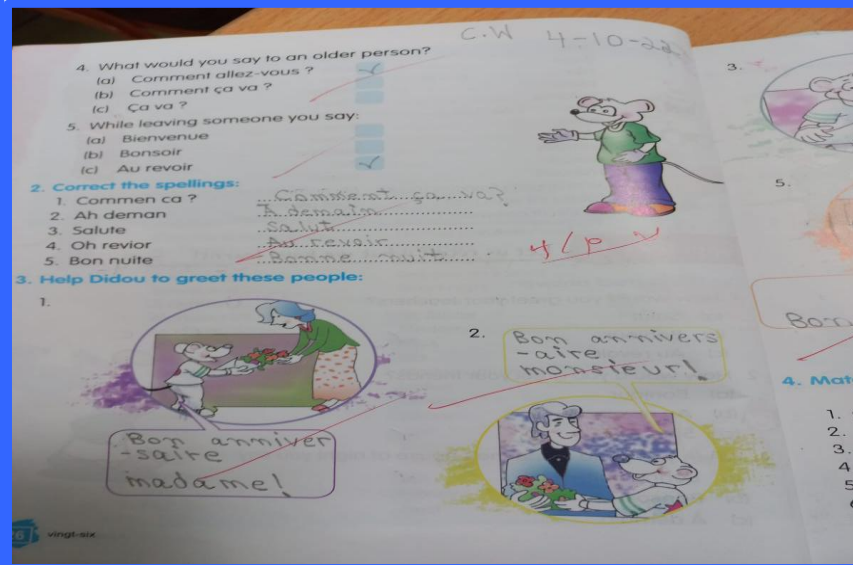
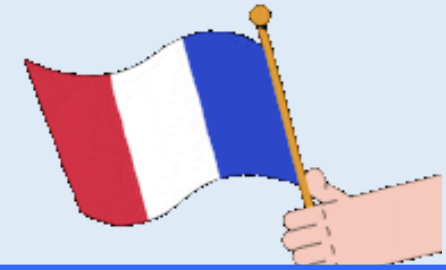


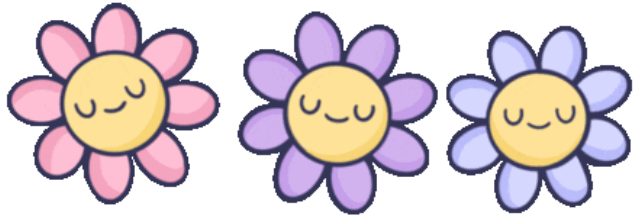
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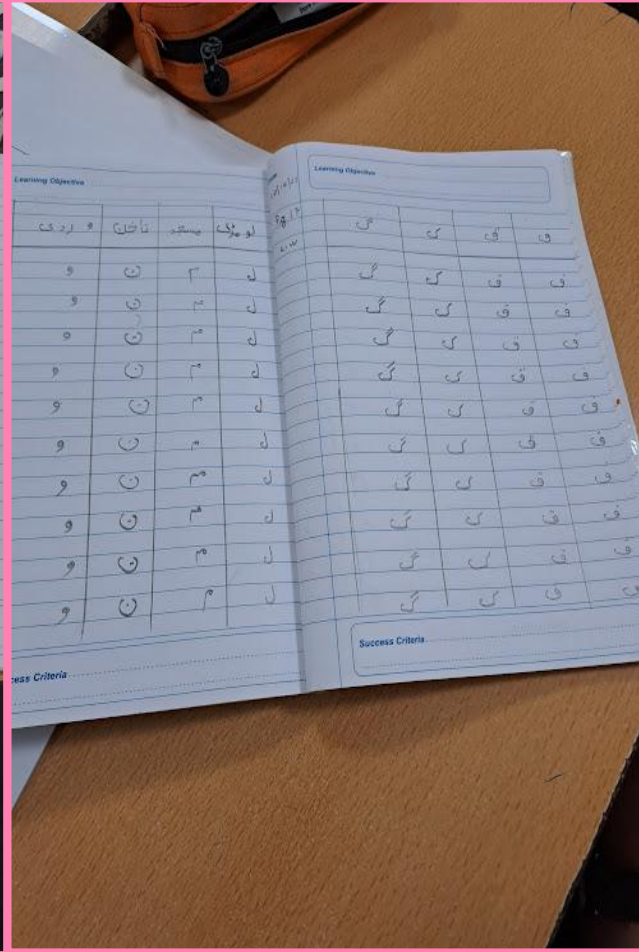
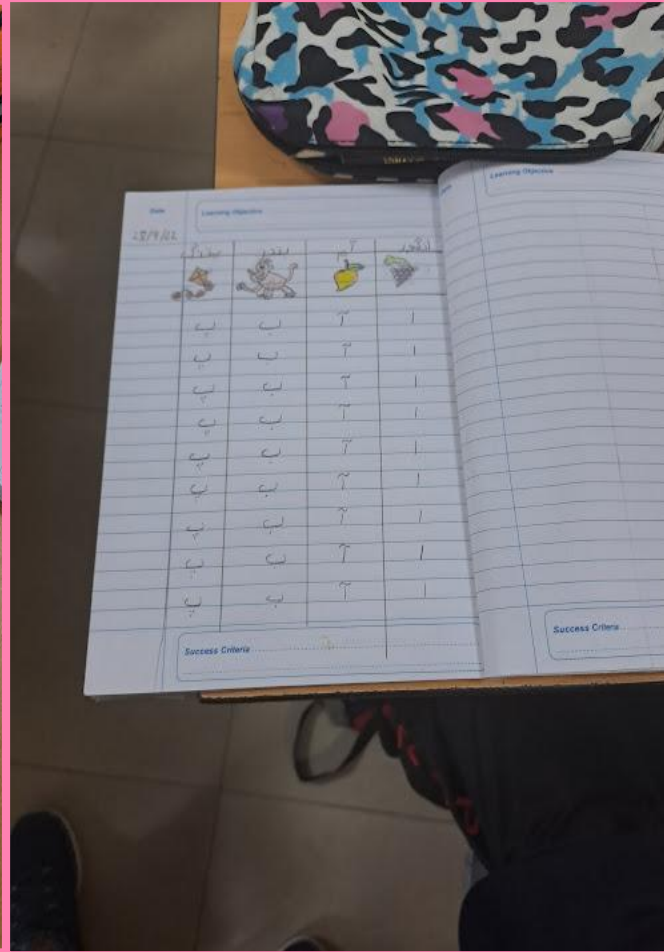
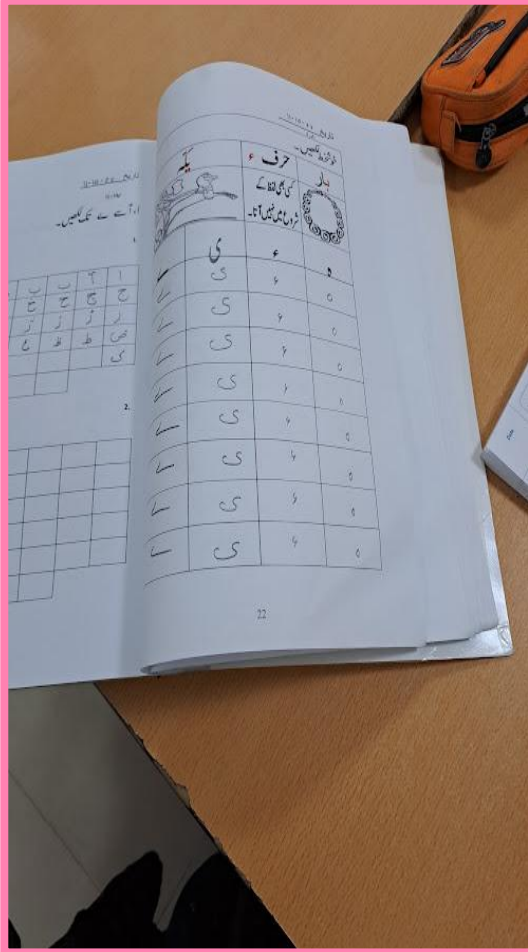
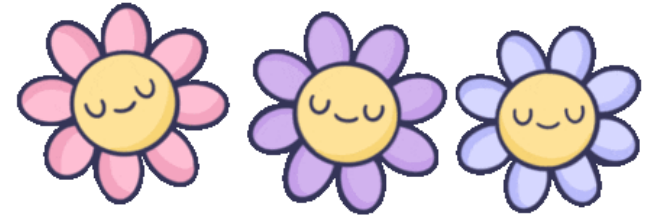


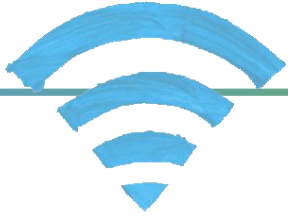
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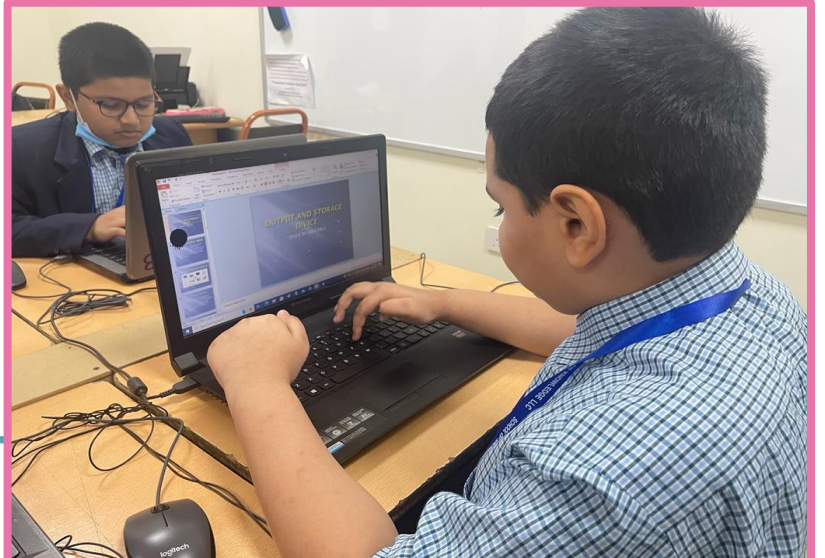


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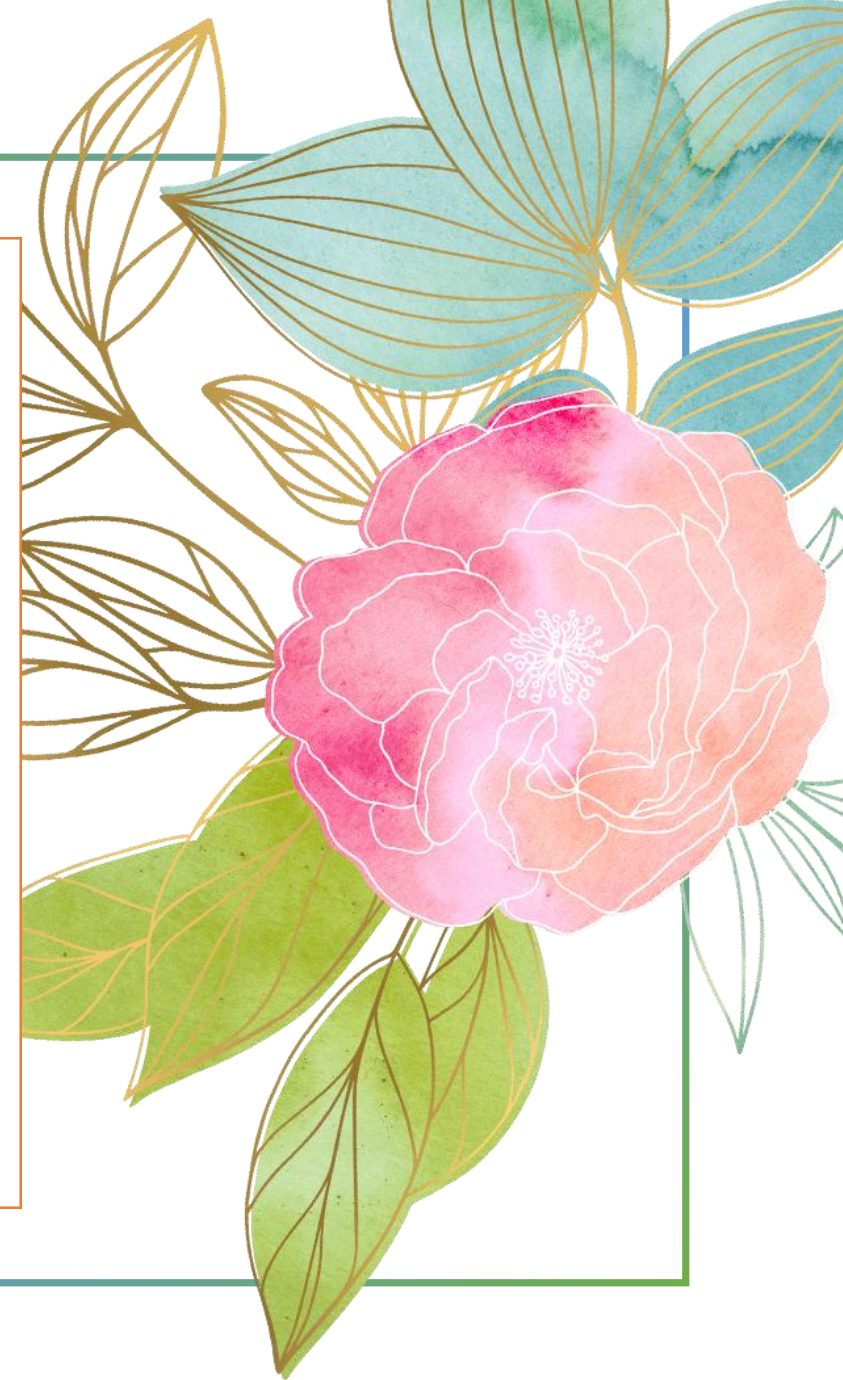
THANK YOU

Because of you, we are feeling extra thankful this term. To show our gratitude ,we'd like to invite you to our upcoming events.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY 2023

PARENT TEACHERS MEETING
CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION
ANNUAL DAY
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN FRATERNITY
MATH QUIZ
BAKE AND SALE
SPORTS DAY
UAE READING MONTH
MOTHERS DAY
WORLD WATER DAY





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