



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

NEWSLETTER
FS1, FS2 & Year1
TERM2 (2022-2023)
THEME- AGLITTER

A little glitter makes everything better.

Term 2 is now almost completed – and what a phenomenal term it has been! Over the 12 weeks of learning, our students have continued to show a fantastic willingness to learn. They have continued to sparkle and deserve a big applause. This is a great time to reflect on the learning journey while setting an intention for the next term ahead.

Welcome to 'Aglitter' the newsletter through which we will provide you with exciting information about the recent achievements, latest activities and important updates related to the students at SOK. Our aim is to build a community of enriched students who not only excel in academics but also in other, much wider areas.



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

“AGLITTER” Aglitter represents the spark within each one of us that shines and ignites others when we pursue our goal with passion and strive for excellence. It symbolizes the shimmering brilliance of our dreams and aspirations, and the hard work and determination it takes to make them a reality. As students, you are at a stage in your life where your potentials are limitless. Whether it's excelling in academics, sports, arts, or any other field, you have the power to shine and make a positive impact in the world around you. You have the limitless sky to spread your wings wide and reach the destination. Do not miss the opportunities that come your way. Remember that the journey of learning is a lifelong one and each step you take towards your goals brings you closer to realizing your full potentiality. I encourage you to embrace the theme ‘Aglitter’ and use it as a source of inspiration as you pursue your goals. I have no doubt that with your hard work, dedication and commitment, you will continue to dazzle and shine, making us all proud of your accomplishments. Let your light shine brightly and may you be a beacon of hope and positivity to those around you. I look forward to seeing your contribution with creativities and innovations shine through in the pages of this second term's school magazine. I wish you all the very best to ignite and motivate, enthrall and inspire, illumine and enlighten all.

God Bless you all.



**Our Director
Sr. Bobina Soares**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

'Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.'
- Robert Collier

I am delighted to see the incredible progress our students have made so far. We had a busy term of purposeful learning witnessing hard work, dedication, perseverance from both the students and teachers. It's been a privilege to watch them grow and learn together. Our school's spirit has been aglitter, with students enthusiastically working to achieve her/his fullest potential. Innovation and creativity will continue to drive all educational practices at SOK. Our students have demonstrated commitment to their studies, their personal growth, and their community as well, and I am inspired by their dedication every day.

I enjoy celebrating successes and acknowledging the hard work of staff, students, and the SOK family. As we close the curtain on this term, it is just the perfect time to revisit the term gone by in a manner to cherish those memories that made us smile like field trips, campaigns, Inter-house sports days, school performance review visit, community outreach programs, etc.

To quote John Hattie's words: "teachers should build classroom climates where errors are welcome, student engagement is the norm, questioning is highly challenging, and students gain reputations as effective learners."

I want to remind our students that they are capable of achieving great things. Every day is an opportunity to learn something new, challenge ourselves, and become better versions of ourselves. It's also important to embrace challenges and not to be afraid of any failures.

As we move forward into the third term of this year, I urge our students to continue their efforts with the same level of enthusiasm and dedication that they have shown so far. I also encourage parents to continue supporting their children and help take our school to the next highest level of excellence. At our end, we shall continue working together to ensure that our students receive the best possible education and are well-prepared for the challenges of the future.

Let's continue to make the rest of the year aglitter with our bright minds, compassionate hearts, and shining personalities.

Thank you and God Bless!



**Our Principal
Ms. June Amanna**

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUEST EDITOR

Congratulations!! Dear students on completing yet another successful term! Term 2 was a time of growth, learning and discovery, and I'm proud of all that you've accomplished. We learned new skills and concepts in our classes, worked hard on our assignments and projects, and faced challenges with determination and perseverance. We also had some fun and memorable experiences together, such as field trips, events, and class activities to name a few. The recently concluded School Performance Review was a success, and we received positive feedback from the inspectors. They praised our dedicated teachers, engaged students, and supportive school community. The Term 2 break will help our Islamic students, staff and families as they enter the Holy Month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a month of fasting, Prayer and reflection in the Islamic Faith when Muslims around the world come together to strengthen their faith and seek spiritual renewal. As we move into Term 3, I want to share a quote from Theodore Roosevelt that I find inspiring: **"Believe you can and you're halfway there."**

This quote reminds us that self-belief and determination are keys to achieving great things. I encourage you to set goals for yourself and work towards them with confidence. Remember that mistakes and setbacks are a natural part of learning, so don't be discouraged if things don't always go as planned. Keep pushing forward and believe in your ability to succeed. Everyday is an opportunity to learn new things and explore new interests. Whether it is through art, music, writing, science, or other areas of interest, there are many opportunities for you to express your creativity and showcase your innovative ideas. So don't be afraid to take risks and try new things in Term 3, and remember that creativity and innovation are key to achieving success and making a positive impact on the world around us. I hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3!

Wish you a Very happy and Blessed Ramadan!



Ms Binu Paul
Coordinator Year 5 -7

SPORTS MEET- FS1, FS2 & YEAR1

In recognition of the need to inculcate the sporting spirit in children, School of Knowledge organized the Annual Sports Meet for Year1, FS2 and FS1 on 28th February 2023, 1st March 2023 and 2nd March 2023. The event, named '**TEAM- Together Everyone Achieves More**', provided an ideal opportunity for the students to demonstrate their competency as a team in various sporting races. All three days started off with the UAE National Anthem, the lovely rendition from the Holy Quran, welcome speech and declaration of sports meet, which was followed by spectacular drills where the students performed various exercises using different props.

The audience next witnessed the highly awaited athletic races where competitiveness among the students soared through the roof. The parents enthusiastically cheered on as the students took to the track to compete as a team.

A fitting finale to the day was the prize distribution to all the students as students were all aiming to win.

The Sports Day helped children explore their hidden sports interests, build confidence and inculcate a desire to learn new skills.

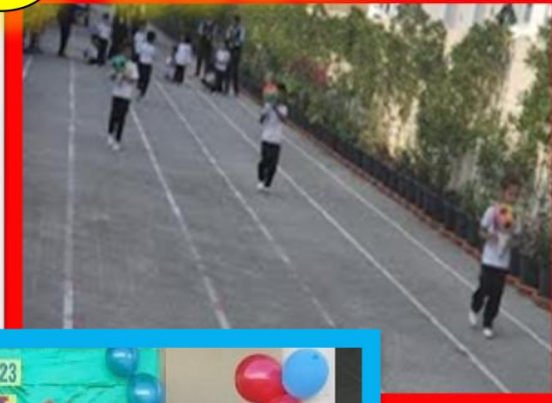


“Winning isn’t everything, but wanting to win is”



FS1-SPORTS MEET

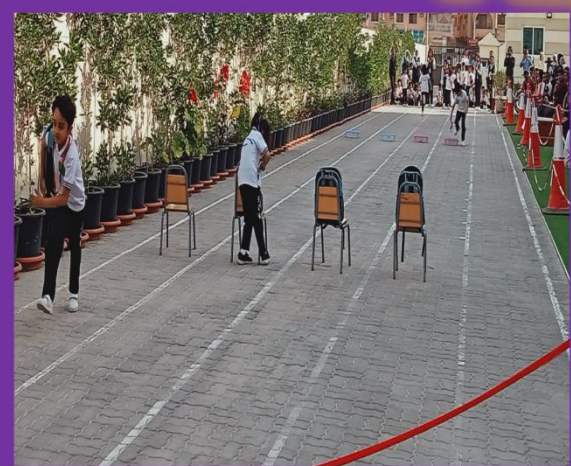




FS2- SPORTS MEET



YEAR1-SPORTS MEET



FS2 & YEAR1- SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES



GO GREEN

Morning assembly is a very important part of school culture. A high quality school assembly is one of the most important aspects of a school's curriculum. Assemblies are the best platform to encourage the students. This encouragement gives them the enthusiasm to achieve more. It helps in building a culture of communication and representation of academic and co-curricular activities. It also helps students to gather a lot of energy to do well and be good in their day. Special assemblies are conducted by the students of FS2 AND YEAR1 alternatively.



WHAT MAKES UAE SPECIAL?



SUSTAINABILITY

ISLAMIC & MORAL VALUES



UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Differentiated Learning in FS1, FS2 & YEAR1

Teachers apply different strategies to support the learning journey of students. A learning strategy is a learner's way to organize and use a specific range of skills to learn curriculum content or complete other tasks more efficiently and effectively.

In FS1, FS2 and Year1, differentiated learning strategies are applied. Play way method of learning revolves around activity-based learning. It encourages expression and creative skills among children. It needs immense exploration and attention. Children always tend to get excited if certain fun element and play is involved. It give wings to their imagination ability and enables the child to improve various skills like motor, creative, imaginative, aesthetic, cognitive, linguistic etc.



FS1- Differentiated Learning



FS2 – Differentiated learning



Year1- Differentiated learning



Project-based learning



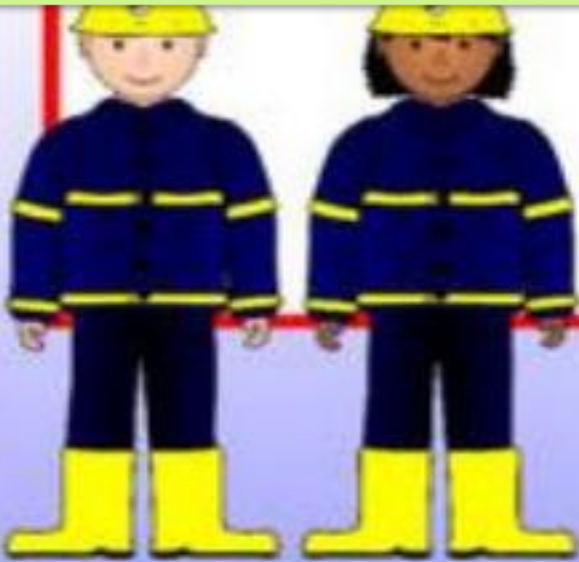
FS1- Visit to the Fruit & Vegetable Market

A field trip to the local vegetable market is the perfect bond for bringing together students and local market to teach important lessons about our food and the need for healthy eating habit. The activity not only expanded their knowledge of how fruits and vegetables looks and smells but also exposed them to the routine activities in a market. The trip ensured a complete learning experience which helped to achieve the learning outcomes effectively.



YEAR1- Visit to the Fire Station

Students of Year1-G were taken on a short and informative trip to nearby fire station, to make them understand the importance of community helpers in our lives. Their visit was aimed at learning about the duties of firefighters and also to get fire safety tips. At the fire station, the students were warmly welcomed by the firemen and they were all excited and ready to show them about the fire station. This visit gave students a perspective about how one should act in an emergency situation. Also, this visit helps to increase the awareness and importance of fire fighters in our life.



FS1, FS2 & YEAR1- VISIT TO THE SHARJAH DESERT PARK

School trips are one of the best tools that schools can use to provide every student with real-world experiences. When students leave the classroom, they see the connections between what is happening at school and in the 'real-world'. They begin to see that what they learn within the walls of the classroom can help them solve the problems they see in the world around them.

FS1, FS2 and YEAR1 students were thrilled to finally be out on school trips and were excited that they were able to visit the "Sharjah Desert Park".

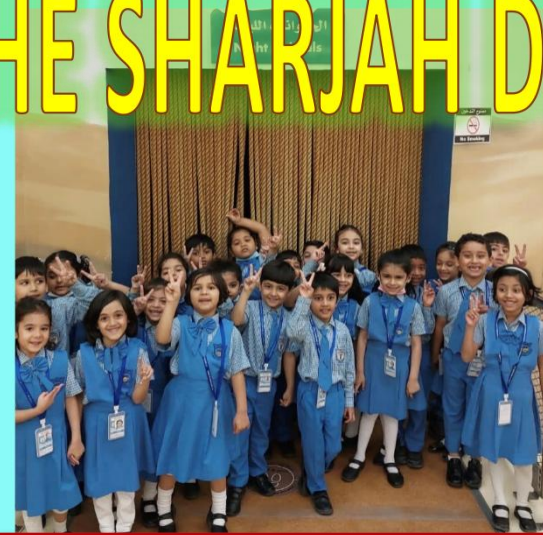
Students had a wonderful time learning, exploring and discovering the amazing diversity of indigenous wildlife found on the Arabian Peninsula at the Sharjah Desert Park.

All students were amazed at the sight of wildcats, gazelles, flamingos, baboons, Arabian Leopards, farm animals and much more. It was an amazing experience to observe the animals in their natural surroundings.

All students had a memorable day where learning was fun.



FS1, FS2 & YEAR1- VISIT TO THE SHARJAH DESERT PARK



TERM END CLASS PARTY & MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

A class party is about celebrating and making memories together. Kids just want to do something out of the ordinary and connect with both their teacher and classmates in a new way! Term 2 ended with a grand party celebrating “Mother’s Day” too.

Mother’s day is a special day, for all the children and mothers as, it celebrates the bond of love and affection that is everlasting. The students of **FS1, FS2 & YEAR1** celebrated their mothers on **21st of March** which bonded with the term end class party. A special assembly highlighting the importance of mother in the life of a child and that says “**My Mother, My Queen**” with different activities were conducted on this special day.



Mother's Day Activity



FS2



Party Time





YEAR 1

My Mother, My Queen

Its Party time!

Upcoming Events

- **Parent- Teacher Meeting**
- **World Health Day**
- **FS1 & FS2 Musical Morning**
- **World Environment Day**
- **Year1 Graduation**



Thank You!

The image features a central white rectangular area with a thin gold border. This area is surrounded by a dense layer of pink and gold confetti. The text 'Thank You!' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script in a pink color with a gold outline. The text is surrounded by several starburst graphics, each consisting of a cluster of small gold stars and larger pink stars with gold outlines. The overall design is festive and celebratory.