



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

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 (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

OUR HUMAN FAMILY IS COMPLETED WHEN EVERYONE IS INCLUDED

The School of Knowledge management, teachers and students had organized an event that created a healthy, safe and secure environment for the students of determination. The idea behind the program was to promote inclusion in schools, helping the students understand each other better.

There were ten students and two teachers from Al Manzil Center who participated in the program held at our school. The school management, staff and students welcomed the students from Al Manzil with greetings and love. They supported them by engaging them with interesting activities according to their abilities. They also prepared some games to increase their focus span and motor skills.

Some students from Year 4 rendered a beautiful Arabic song for them. The students were also given a goodie bag as token of appreciation which aimed to foster friendship and promote an exchange of ideas between school children and the determined ones.



**NOT ALL OF US CAN DO GREAT THINGS.
BUT WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE.**



**WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT
IS WHAT MAKES YOU BEAUTIFUL**



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IT'S NOT ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU DO, BUT HOW MUCH LOVE YOU PUT INTO WHAT YOU DO THAT COUNTS.



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

On 16th February 2023, School of Knowledge organized its Annual Sport Day for Years 4 - 7. Before the events for the day began our Director, Principal and Vice- Principal were escorted by our school Scouts team.

Our honourable Director, Sister Bobina declared the Annual Sports Meet 2022-2023 open. Our respected Principal Ms June Amanna delivered the oath. The welcome speech was delivered by our school Head Girl Avanthika Jeshi. The Sports Day started with the March Past done by the four different houses. Different races were conducted and the students cheered for their respective members. At the end, the winners were awarded.



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

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SCOUTS AND GUIDES CAMPFIRE

A Scouts and Guides campfire was organized by our school on 4th of March, Saturday for the Cubs and Brownies of our school in which 20 Cubs and 21 Brownies actively participated. The session began with the National Anthem followed by the flag hoisting by our Director Sr. Bobina Soares. After that the Surah was recited by one of the students Sayed Ashaad. A prayer was then rendered by Sr Sarala. The campaign was declared open with the oath taking ceremony by Sr. Sarala followed by our Cubs and Brownies.

The Cubs and Brownies were then divided into patrols. We had 5 patrols LILY, JASMINE, ROSE, CHEETAH AND TIGER. Our respected Principal Ms. June Amanna then addressed the students by her inspirational words.

Songs were sung by our Brownies and Cubs. Lots of games were played. The campfire was lit after all the directions came in together. Lastly, our honourable Director Sr. Bobina delivered a Thanksgiving Speech followed by a group photograph and School Song.



SCOUTS AND GUIDES CAMPFIRE



HELPING HAND TO THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EMIRATES RED CRESCENT, SHARJAH



“The only way you can serve God is by serving other people.”

Our school believes in these words and we put it to action. In collaboration with the Emirates Red Crescent organization, the management, staff and students of School of Knowledge collected a generous donation for a noble cause. The Red Crescent is considered as Asia's second best humanitarian organization. This step was taken owing to the earth quake which occurred in Southern Turkey near the border of Syria. Students Scouts represented the School of Knowledge at the Emirates Red Crescent Organization's office, Rahmaniya and gave a helping hand to all the people who were affected by the earthquake. The school appreciates all the generous donations and contributions given by the parents of our students who donated food, clothes, medicines and many other items to help the victims. The students were very much motivated by this kind act. These activities help them to realize that the world needs a helping hand at times. The school management appreciated the parents for their enthusiasm and cooperation.

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THE GREATEST GOOD IS WHAT WE DO FOR ONE ANOTHER



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GIVING IS THE GREATEST ACT OF GRACE

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REVIEW VISIT

The performance of every school in Sharjah is regularly reviewed to monitor the progress of the school. The report includes a summary of overall performance, highlighting the key strengths and recommendations, along with a more detailed analysis of areas including Progress and Attainment, Personal and Social Development, Teaching and Assessment, Curriculum, Leadership and relationships with parents and the community.

Our school had inspection from 6th February till 9th February 2023 in which our school performance was reviewed.



Students make models to represent electric circuit.



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

A Parent-teacher conference is held regularly where a face-to-face meeting between one teacher and one or both parents (or guardians) of a student are conducted. It is an opportunity to discuss a student's academic progress and social behavior.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

SUSTAINABILITY GOAL 6 ZERO HUNGER



Morning assemblies are a very important part of the 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.

LIFE ON LAND



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING



International Day of Human Fraternity

4th February, 2023

A special assembly was conducted on the International Human Fraternity Day. Where the importance of Human Fraternity Day was highlighted.



International Day of Education

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YEAR 5F

The students of Year 5 conducted an assembly on International Day of Education. The objective of the assembly was to bring an awareness on the “Importance of Education.” Education for all has always been an integral part of the sustainable development agenda. The Sustainable Development Goal 4 reads **“Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”** UN proclaimed 24th January as International Day of Education. The theme for this year is “To invest in people, prioritize education”. The International Day of Education promotes everyone’s fundamental right for education. Education is a human right, a public goal and a public responsibility. There is a quote on education by Nelson Mandela, which is very meaningful: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can change the world”. So we the students of SOK will do our little part to join hands to bring education accessible to each and every child.



ASTONISHING ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Al-Isra wal Miraj

Isra and Miraj activities were conducted by the Islamic Education Department during the Holy month of Rajab to mark the Prophet Muhammad's (S.A.W.) ascension to heaven, where he was able to have direct communication with Allah and receive the commandments of Islam. A special assembly was organized to raise the importance of this event in Islam.



ISLAMIC STUDIES



PRACTICE OF PRAYER AND DHIKAR IN THE MOSQUE



ARABIC

أنشطة الفروقات الفردية

DIFFERENTIATED ACTIVITIES



ENGLISH

ROLE-PLAYS



Students use Online resources to Read and complete quizzes in the English class.

REWARDS



SPELL BEE COMPETITION

“Spelling is important because it aids in reading. It helps cement the connection that is shared between sounds and letters.”

Language plays an important role in the all-round development of a student. Appropriate words with correct spelling conveys the right message.

The Spell Bee Competition is conducted to give students a platform to learn spellings in different ways, enrich their vocabulary, learn concepts and develop the use of correct English. The objective of the competition is to enhance the spelling and literary skills of children by encouraging them to explore the English language, expand their vocabulary and improve their communication and comprehension skills. This helps students to improve spelling, vocabulary, learning concepts and pronunciation.

Preliminary round for the Spell Bee Competition was conducted in Term 2 in Year 2.



UAE'S MONTH OF *Reading*

A BOOK
IS A DREAM
THAT YOU HOLD
IN YOUR HANDS
NEIL GAIMAN





A Creative Writing competition was held on 9th January, 2023 for all the students of Year 2-7. The main objective behind this competition was to help students develop creative thoughts and to boost their imagination and thinking skills. It was a great platform for the students to showcase their imaginative thoughts on the topics provided.

This competition really helped the students to unleash their creative side and express it in the form of meaningful words.



Students using Technology in Math class



"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere"
A quick look at some of the activities conducted during the class.



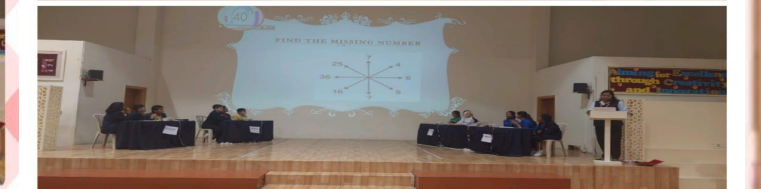
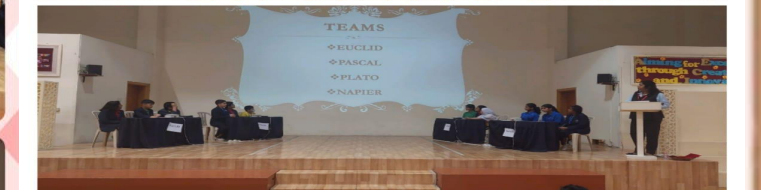
MATH QUIZ – 2022-23

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Venn diagram with sets A and B} \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2} \\ E=MC^2 \\ A^2+B^2=C^2 \end{array}$$

Life is a math equation.
In order to gain the most,
you have to know how to
convert negatives into
positives.

ANONYMOUS

To enhance students' interest in the subject and to create a conducive environment to work in groups. A Math Quiz was conducted to engage students into a challenging mathematical experience that is both competitive and educational.



Math Quiz
2022-23

PIC•COLLAGE

SCIENCE

ACTIVITY-TO IDENTIFY THE EFFECT OF THE SURFACE IN CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT ON FRICTION.



FIELD TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM



“Today's students are visual learners, and a field trip lets them touch, feel and listen to what they're learning about, which helps them build on classroom instruction, gain a better understanding of topics, build cultural understanding and tolerance”.



Spring break is upon us. We encourage you to treat it as a reward. You deserve a fun, relaxing escape from the daily grind. But, of course, here comes the serious part to my message: We need your smiling faces back on campus happy and healthy.

No matter how you spend next week – whether it be faraway in a sunny paradise with friends, at home with family, studying or volunteering your time and talents to a worthy cause – remember to use your sound judgement.

We would like to thank you for making this year a very special one. As parents you have been a valuable member of our school providing support and inspiring us. We are glad to invite you for the upcoming events.



Upcoming EVENTS

- **World Health Day**
- **Voice '23**
- **Optional Language Week**
- **Parent- Teacher Meeting**
- **Earth Day**
- **World Book Day (International Reading Day)**
- **World Environment Day**



Thank
you!