



**School of Knowledge**  
(St. Mary's group of schools)

2023 - 2024

# NEWSLETTER

**TERM 2**

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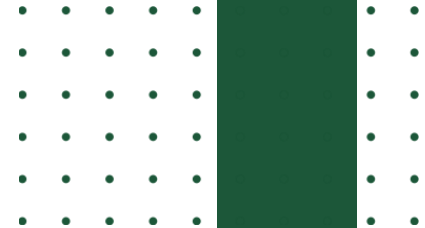
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## *VISION OF THE SCHOOL*

**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.**

Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians and Students,

*With a sense of joy and fulfilment here we come to bid farewell to yet another enriching term at School of Knowledge.*

*My heart is delighted to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to each member of our school community for your unwavering commitment and dedication throughout this term. The past few months, in reality, have been marked by significant achievements, valuable experiences and memorable events and moments. During this term the school has gone through the School Performance Review by the team from SPEA. We all are pleasantly happy and proud that the school has been graded 'GOOD'. We were all anxiously and eagerly waiting for this recognition. The journey towards this commendable rating has been one of collaboration, perseverance and unwavering commitment to excellence by everyone of you. The Review process provided an opportunity for us to showcase the exceptional standard of teaching, learning and overall school provision that we consistently uphold.*

*I extend my most profound and heartiest appreciation to our outstanding team of educators whose passion, professionalism and innovative teaching methods have been instrumental in creating a dynamic and enriching learning environment. Your tireless efforts and dedication to the success of every student have truly made a vast and tremendous difference.*

*I commend our dearest students whole heartedly for your exemplary behavior, academic achievements and active participation in various extracurricular activities like Go Green activities, Gala Fiesta and Charity Work in collaboration with Red Crescent, during Ramadan. Your enthusiasm, resilience and willingness to embrace challenges reflect the values of our school community and contribute significantly to our success.*

*I express my gratitude to all our dear parents and guardians for your unwavering support and collaboration throughout the term. Your involvement in your children's education is invaluable and it reinforces our shared commitment to nurturing well-built, well-groomed and well-rounded individuals.*

*As we will soon embark on the new and upcoming term after the holidays, let us continue to uphold the values of excellence, integrity and compassion that define our school community. Together, we will navigate challenges, embrace opportunities and strive for continuous improvement and excellence in all aspects of our educational pursuit.*

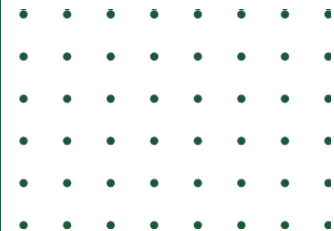
*I wish everyone of you a restful and rejuvenating break. May the holiday season be filled with joy, laughter and cherished moments with your beloved ones. I eagerly anticipate our return for what it promises to be another term filled with growth, learning and success.*

*EID MUBARAK to one and all.*

*Warm regards,*



Sr. Bobina Soares  
Director



## OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*“Spring is in the air, and with it comes a renewed sense of possibility. Let's make the most of the exciting learning opportunities ahead!”*

As the vibrant colours of spring bloom around us, let's embrace the spirit of renewal and endless possibilities. As this term draws to a close, let's reflect on the incredible journey of learning we've embarked upon together. 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, and perseverance from both the students and teachers.

It's been a privilege to watch them grow and learn together.

Now is an ideal moment to reflect on the past term and fondly recall the memories that brought smiles to our faces. From exhilarating competitions to insightful School Performance Review visits, from impactful community outreach programs to nurturing well-being initiatives, and not to forget our commendable efforts towards the Green School Project, striving to foster a sustainable environment. These experiences have enriched our journey and deserve to be cherished.

Our school underwent a thorough School Performance Review visit initiated by SPEA this March. A team of experts in various subject areas and performance standard areas conducted in-depth analyses over the course of a week.

I'm pleased to announce that our school has achieved a '**GOOD**' rating in the School Improvement Review. This achievement stands as a testament to the dedicated efforts and collaborative spirit of our staff, students, parents, and all stakeholders involved.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your invaluable contributions, which have truly paid off. Together, we've demonstrated our commitment to excellence and continuous improvement.

The conclusion of this term marks not only the end of another chapter but also a celebration of resilience, determination, and the boundless potential that resides within each and every one of us. Together, let's make the most of the exciting learning opportunities ahead and continue to inspire, uplift, and support one another on our educational journey.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to the term filled with joy, achievement, and the promise of a bright future. let's carry forward the momentum of our accomplishments and the excitement of what lies ahead.

*May your hearts and homes be filled with light, love, and countless blessings during this Holy month of Ramadan.*

Thank you and God bless!

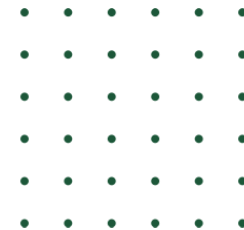


Our Principal  
Ms. June Amanna

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## OUR VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear Students, Staff, and Parents,*

*As we reflect on the journey and look ahead to the opportunities that await us I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and admiration for each member of our school community. Term 2 has been a testament to our collective strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Despite the challenges we have faced, we have emerged stronger, more united, and more determined than ever before.*

*To our students, I commend you for your perseverance, adaptability, and eagerness to learn. Your curiosity, creativity, and willingness to embrace new experiences have been the driving force behind our success. As you continue to pursue your dreams and aspirations, remember that every obstacle is an opportunity for growth, and every setback is a stepping stone to greatness.*

*To our dedicated staff members, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your tireless dedication, passion, and unwavering support. Your commitment to nurturing the talents and potential of our students is truly commendable.*

*To our parents, I express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and your commitment to their success is truly commendable. Together, we can empower our students to reach new heights and achieve their fullest potential.*

*As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, let us carry forward the lessons learned, friendships forged, and memories cherished during Term 2. Let us continue to embrace challenges with courage, determination, and resilience, knowing that with perseverance and dedication, anything is possible.*

*Together, we will continue to inspire, innovate, and make a positive difference in the world.*

*With warm regards*



**SR.SARALA CHRISTI**  
**VICE PRINCIPAL**

# Experience the Essence of Term 2 exciting events through these snapshots of joy and achievements

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***"Our dedication to quality shines through!"***

We celebrate a significant milestone as our school is recognized for its excellence, having been rated 'GOOD' across all areas in the school's recent SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REVIEW VISIT conducted by SPEA courtesy of a team of experts.

This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our entire school community: leadership team, teachers, staff, students, and, notably our parents. We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support and willingness to partner with us in every aspect of your child's education.

Our heartfelt appreciation extends to the school management for their guidance and inspiration, propelling our school forward and encouraging us to pursue greatness. A sincere thank you to the governors and parent council for their steadfast support and dedication throughout this journey,

We are committed to continuously striving for excellence and reaching greater heights in all aspects of our educational endeavors. At our school, each student is cherished as a treasure and seen as a reservoir of talent. We are dedicated to empowering every individual, nurturing their strengths, and supporting them on their journey towards success.

Your belief in our capabilities and steadfast support have been indispensable in our ongoing journey toward continued success.

***"Let our determination blaze bright in pursuit of excellence"***



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**"Excellence  
Unveiled:  
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# Green initiative

*We are excited to share the progress and achievements of our school's **Go Green initiative**, a concerted effort towards environmental conservation and sustainability. Over the past months, our school community has been actively engaged in various activities aimed at promoting eco-friendly practices and raising awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship. One of the primary initiatives undertaken by our school was the planting of native plants and trees in and around our campus. Through collaborative efforts between students, teachers, and volunteers, we have transformed barren patches of land into vibrant green spaces. These plants not only enhance the aesthetics of our school but also contribute to improving air quality and biodiversity in our surroundings.*

*Another significant aspect of our Go Green initiative is the emphasis on recycling. We have implemented a robust recycling program, with a particular focus on plastic bottles. In addition to traditional gardening methods, our school has also embraced innovative techniques such as drip irrigation and hydroponics. Drip irrigation systems have been installed to efficiently water our plants, minimizing water wastage and ensuring optimal growth. Furthermore, hydroponic systems have been set up to cultivate plants without soil, showcasing sustainable farming practices and exploring alternative agricultural methods.*





# GLIMPSES OF GO GREEN INITIATIVE



# \*GO\* \*Green\* \*Projects\*



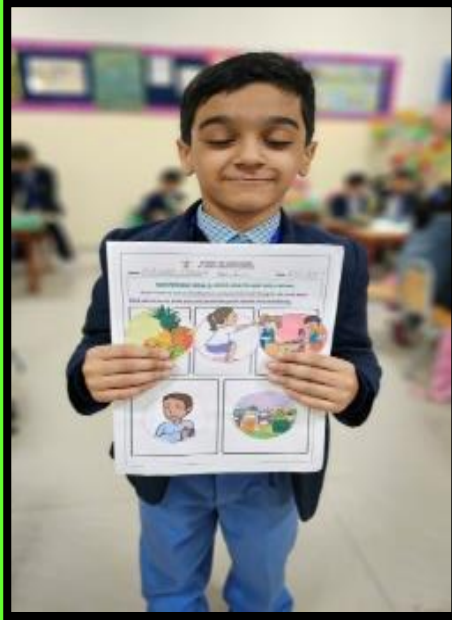
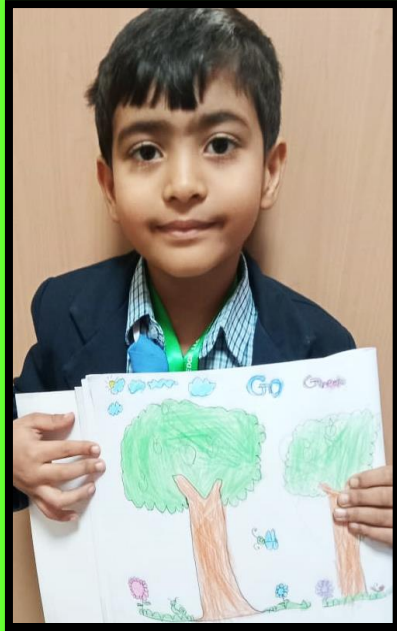


# \*GO\* \*Green\* \*Projects\*





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"Healthy habits are learned behaviors. Let's teach our children the importance of nutrition and physical activity to prevent obesity."

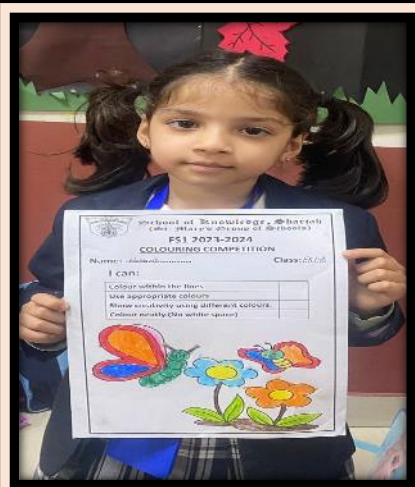
**EAT RIGHT, STAY LIGHT!**  
**CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS**  
Conducted on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*The Health Department along with the School Support and Physical Education Team collaboratively worked towards this initiative. The psychological risk factors and awareness on obesity were showcased and addressed to parents.*



## FS1 Colouring Competition

Colouring competition was conducted for FS1 students on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, Tuesday . Little ones are always attracted and fantasize about colours. So the competition was conducted in order to help children explore creativity and new ideas with colours. Students participated with zeal and enthusiasm and showed their colouring skill and knowledge.



The "Little LEGO Architect" competition held on Thursday 25th January 2024 successfully engaged FS2 students in a creative and educational exploration of architecture through hands-on LEGO building activities. By combining play with learning, the event not only enhanced students' skills but also instilled a passion for design and teamwork at an early age. Such initiatives lay the foundation for lifelong learning and creativity.







# *GALA FIESTA*

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The SOK Gala Fiesta, held on 27th February at SOK campus was a resounding success, bringing together numerous attendees from all walks of life to celebrate ‘Sustainability, Collaboration, and Humanitarianism’.

The venue with vibrant décor and lighting, was transformed into a festive atmosphere. The event featured a variety of games and entertainment aspects such as ‘Magic Show’, jumping castles, slides, Talent Show and numerous other games, efficiently managed by students, parents, and teachers. It’s the moment to peek into a slice of sustainable quality of life. Additionally, the attendees also had a chance to savour the culinary delights which contributed to the cultural flavour of the SOK fiesta! Further, cultural activities like henna, mehndi, face painting gave the attendees to get away from their busy life to spend a moment to themselves. The SOK Gala Fiesta surpassed expectations, delivering an unforgettable experience for all attendees and reinforced our school’s commitment to fostering ‘Sustainability, Collaboration, and Humanitarianism’.



# GALA FIESTA



# JOYOUS MOMENTS OF SHARING



Gala Fiesta contributions handed over to The Red Crescent Society

Bringing hope to those in need, one donation at a time. Supporting Red Crescent at the Gala Fiesta for a brighter tomorrow.

★ # Give Back # Supporting Humanity # **Red Crescent**



# Gala fiesta - valuable feedback shared by the parents

I would like to congratulate you for such a spectacular event we had last weekend... games and activities were truly outstanding. My kids returned home bubbling with excitement and eager to share the memories. All the games were well organized and managed. We had delicious food from food corners and also many stalls with variety of food items. Prices were very reasonable and easy to access each item. Kids really enjoyed magnificent magic show, I would like to say that in a short period of time school has provided many excited activities for parents and children. I really want to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the leadership and whole management of the school.

I just want to add one thing for improvement. There must be seating arrangements for parents and children in food corners.

Overall the event was well managed by the teachers and the management team. A loud applause for everyone who was the part of this memorable event.

Regards

Mom of Aisha Ateeq

Year 4 D



# Ramadan Charity

*"Making a Difference, One Heartfelt Gesture at a Time."*

*In a remarkable display of compassion and solidarity, SOK embarked on a charitable initiative aimed at supporting those in need within our community during the holy month of Ramadan. With the spirit of empathy guiding us, students, teachers, and staff came together to organize a food collection drive. This initiative was not just about gathering food items but about extending a helping hand to those experiencing hardship. Through the generous contributions of our school community, we were able to amass a significant quantity of packed food items. The enthusiasm and dedication exhibited by everyone involved in this endeavor were truly heartwarming. It gives us immense joy and pride to announce that the collected packed food has been successfully handed over to UAE Red Crescent Society. This esteemed organization has a proven track record of effectively distributing aid to those in need, ensuring that our contributions reach those who need them the most.*



# FS1 & FS2 RED CRESCENT CHARITY



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**YEAR 1 RED CRESCENT CHARITY**



## FS2 – A Assembly on Unity In Diversity

Unity in diversity teaches that, despite of the differences in caste, creed, or race we must remain eternally united for the betterment of our country.



## Magnificent UAE:

What makes the U.A.E special?

**Tuesday, 5.3.24**

The students of FS2-B conducted a special assembly on 'Magnificent UAE: What makes the U.A.E special?'. The purpose of this assembly was to explore and celebrate the unique qualities and accomplishments of the United Arab Emirates.



**In our assemblies, we have the opportunity to instill values that shape not only individual character but also the collective ethos of our school community. Through these gatherings, we inspire students to embody virtues such as empathy, integrity, respect, and responsibility. It's through these values that we empower them to become compassionate leaders and positive contributors to society, fostering a culture of understanding, cooperation, and excellence.**



# FS2 E ASSEMBLY

## WELLNESS AND WELLBEING



*The discourse, act, and action song that the students in FS 2 E showcased an array of approaches to leading a healthy lifestyle. A skit illustrated the significance of eating healthily on a daily basis. a song that includes a plan of action outlining the regular healthy practices that everyone should embrace. To conclude out the event, Ms. Ulfath posed questions regarding maintaining a healthy diet and way of life.*

## FS2-F ASSEMBLY ON GO-GREEN THEME: "NURTURING THE NATURE FOR A GREENER TOMORROW" - 4/03/2024



The assembly enlightened students about the importance of saving the Earth and instilled a sense of responsibility in them by emphasizing water conservation and waste reduction. They were informed about various

green initiatives and sustainable practices implemented by the UAE government, encouraging them to adapt these practices For a healthier planet.



**YEAR1 A – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON KINDNESS  
(4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024– MONDAY)**



Kindness is choosing to do something that helps others or yourself. Kindness, or doing good, often means putting other people's needs before our own. It could be by doing small deeds and so the students of Year 1 –A conveyed their message of kindness through a special assembly held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**YEAR1 F – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON ISLAMIC VALUES  
(5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024– TUESDAY)**



Moral values in Islam aim to determine human activity in a society, and to promote and control their behavior to the benefit of the whole society. Considering the same the students of Year1 F conducted the special assembly about Islamic values (ISLAM THE WAY OF LIFE) on Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**YEAR1 G – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON “Sustainable Development Goals.” (6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024– WEDNESDAY)**



Our School Of Knowledge is dedicated to promoting the SDGs through education, community engagement, student-led initiatives. By actively contributing to the SDGs, we are not only making a positive impact but also nurturing responsible and conscientious global citizens.

**YEAR1 E – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON “UAE IN THE FIELD OF SPACE” (7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024– THURSDAY)**



On March 7, 2024, Year 1-E held an educational assembly about the UAE's space programme. The kids illustrated how the country toiled diligently to build the United Arab Emirates into a strong nation. The assembly imparted knowledge about the UAE first astronaut and the achievements of UAE in the field of space.

My school name is school of knowledge.

My school is from Sharjah.

I enjoy my time at school.

We learn new things in school.

School is my favourite place.



**Fatiha**  
**YEAR1-**  
**A**

My favourite toy

My favourite toy is dolls.

My doll colour is peach and pink.

She is barbie doll.

She has long hair.

I like to play with my doll.

She is princess doll.



**Sayeda Mehrusa Fatima**  
**YEAR1-C**

My School

I like to come to school.

I make new friends at school.

My school is the best.

I like my school a lot.



**Dominic Monteiro**  
**Section : Year 1 - B**

Reading  
I like to read my story books.  
I like to read the shop names.  
I like to read the books of my class.  
I like to read my story books at home.  
Reading makes me happy and I like to read.



**Meerab  
YEAR 1 D**

LIBA  
My favourite.  
My favourite pet is cat.  
I like to play with my cat.  
I love my cat.  
The colour of my cat is brown and  
white.  
My cat is soft.



**LIBA  
YEAR 1 - F**

My friend name is Hamna.  
I like to play with my friend.



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hamna

**AYAT FATIMA  
YEAR 1 E**





## My School

My School name is

School of knowledge.

I study in year 1-G class.

I love my school we, learn, play  
have fun at school.

I love my friends and teachers.

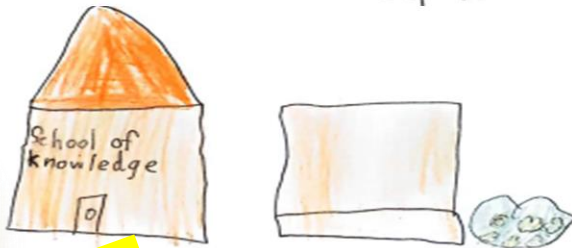
We have lots of plants in our  
School.

I am proud of my school.

by Hanok



Hanok  
Year 1-G



## My School

The name of my school is School of

Knowledge. I go to school by car with

my parents. I have a lot of friends

and I love going to school.



Shanika Elise  
Year 1-H

## Ramadan

It is a holy month.  
We do fasting in this month.

We read the holy Quran.

We pray 5 times a day.

**Shayan Muhammad**

FS2 - A



## TRAIN FOR SOK

**Wilson Owen**

FS2-B



This is a train.

The train is long.

It is faster than a bus that goes to SOK. SOK is beautiful.

Also wonderful. One day my school will have many trains. We will travel in trains.



1. I have a pet cat.

2. His name is Tom.

3. I like to play with him.

**Marwa**  
FS2 - C



1. This is a ball.
2. The ball is blue.
3. A ball is in the bag.



KIYARA  
FS2-D

This is a ball.  
The ball is big.  
The ball is blue.  
Look at the black  
ball.



FATIMA  
FS2 E

My Mother



Althea  
FS2-F

My mothers NAME is Cherryl.

She is pretty.

My mother gives me hugs and kisses.

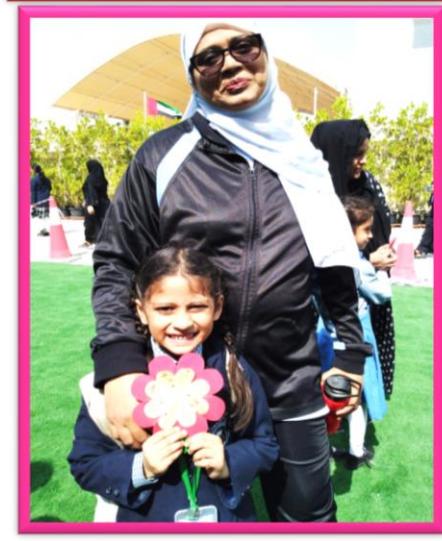
My mother cooks Food.

I love My mom. ♥

# Mother's Day Celebration : Year 1

Mothers are an invaluable gift from God, embodying a symbol of love. On Thursday, March 21, 2024, the students of Year 1 excitedly celebrated Mother's Day expressing gratitude to their mothers for their love and care. Creating handmade cards and sharing hugs undoubtedly made the occasion even more special. Such gestures of appreciation strengthen the bond between children and their mothers. To mark this special day, these heartwarming and memorable moments were captured.





# SHINING STARS OF OUR SCHOOL



*Isabella Gladson, Year 3F had attended both Science and Maths Olympiad conducted by Genius Cerebrum International Science Olympiad (GISO) in February 2024 and has excelled admirably.*



# SHINING STARS OF OUR SCHOOL



*Yahya Mansoor*

*YEAR 5*

*Won the Orange Belt in  
Karate conducted by  
Okinawan Martial Arts  
Academy*



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# SHINING STARS OF OUR SCHOOL

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MUHAMMAD HASHIR ALAM  
YEAR 2 D



@ Brainobrain International Abacus Competition Festival  
DUBAI, UAE





# *Guiding Lights - A Parent's Perspective on Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders"*

## **'A JOURNEY FROM 'SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE' TO 'SCHOOL OF WISDOM'**

We all are intelligent parents because we enrolled our child to one of the topmost schools in the UAE – School of Knowledge. But how many of us have the wisdom to realise that a child's real development happens at home?

Wisdom is confused with knowledge. Knowledge is the information and understanding of a subject, but wisdom is the ability to make correct judgement and decisions. The source of knowledge is learning/education whereas the source of wisdom is personal experience and expertise. At its core, wisdom is an ability to take the knowledge you have and translate it into good decisions, discerning what is right and wrong. The good news is that wisdom is not reserved for old age. Even with their limited life experiences, children can demonstrate wisdom when they put good sense into action, find solutions to conflicts or weigh their options and arrive at a logical conclusion.



Dr. Roslind Johnson

## *As parents how can we foster wisdom and good decision making in our kids?*

- 1} *Lead by example:* Most of the values are ‘caught and not taught’. If children see us weighing our options before making a crucial decision or we share with them our process for arriving at a particular conclusion, they will see wisdom operating in real time.
- 2} *Allow natural consequences to play out:* Watching our child struggle or make a poor choice is one of the hardest parts of parenting. However its important to allow our children to make mistakes.
- 3} *Stay involved with our child and their learning:* Children grow up and change everyday but the more we talk and stay connected the easier it will be to identify their strengths/ interests and help them to develop a long-term view of the future.
- 4} *Stay aware of their friend group:* No matter our age, we tend to become like the company we keep. Our child’s world revolves around their social interactions so as parents we can help our child process the attributes they are looking for in a friend, so they can make a wise decision.

While knowledge and critical thinking skills can certainly be taught in a classroom setting, wisdom is often thought to be gained through life experiences. Hence, as parents we play a significant role in planting the seeds of wisdom and impart a holistic education that will help our children to navigate the complexities of life with grace and purpose. But do not confuse experience with expertise. Our children having faced a problem does not guarantee that they have mastered the solution. Also do not mistake expertise for wisdom. Having deep knowledge does not guarantee that you know when it applies.

Let us strive to cultivate a generation of learners who not only excel academically but also embody values and wisdom, contributing positively to the world and living lives of purpose, fulfilment, and significance.

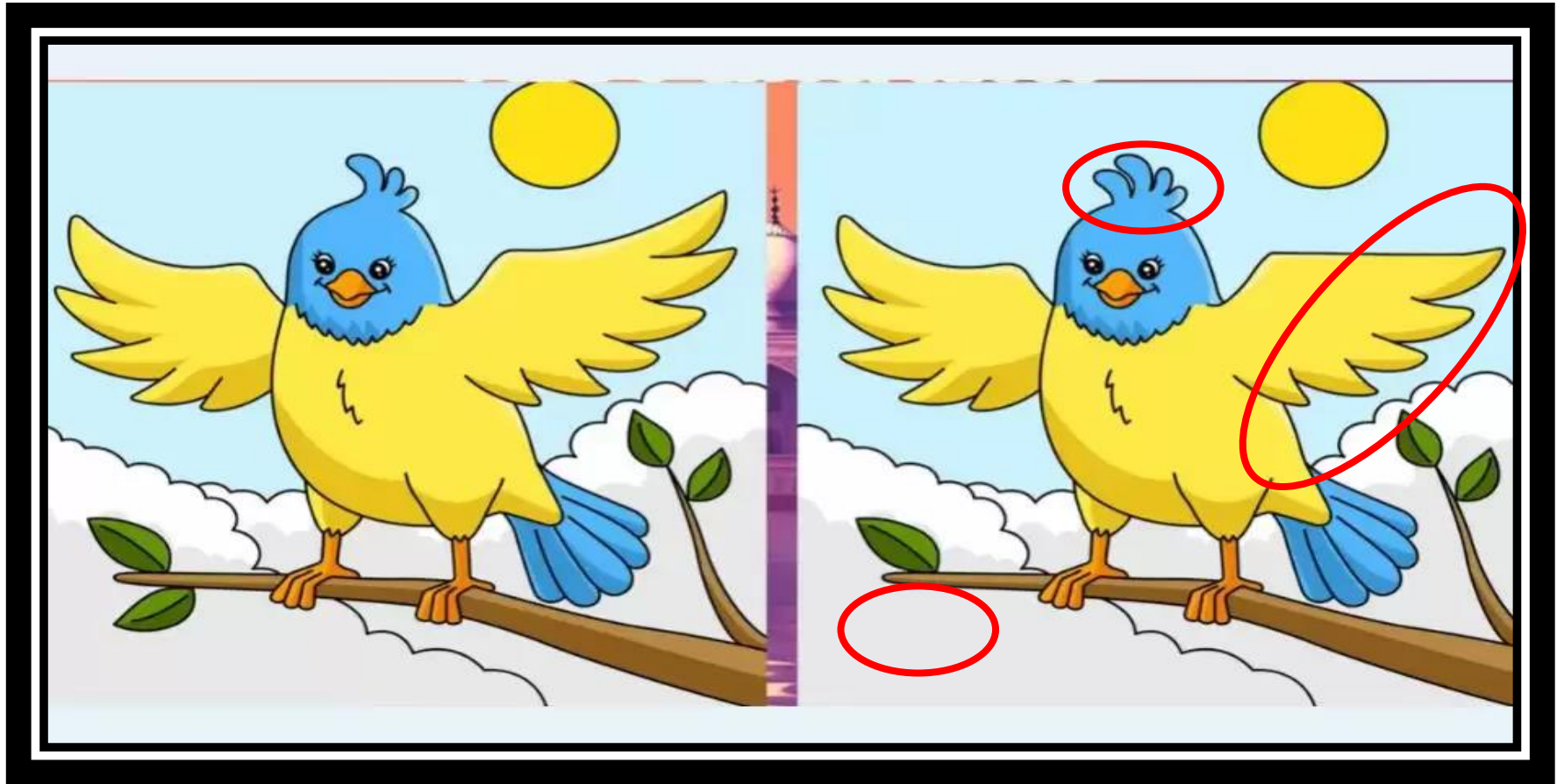
“If knowledge is power, knowing what we do not know is wisdom” – Adam Grant



Dr. Rosalind Johnson

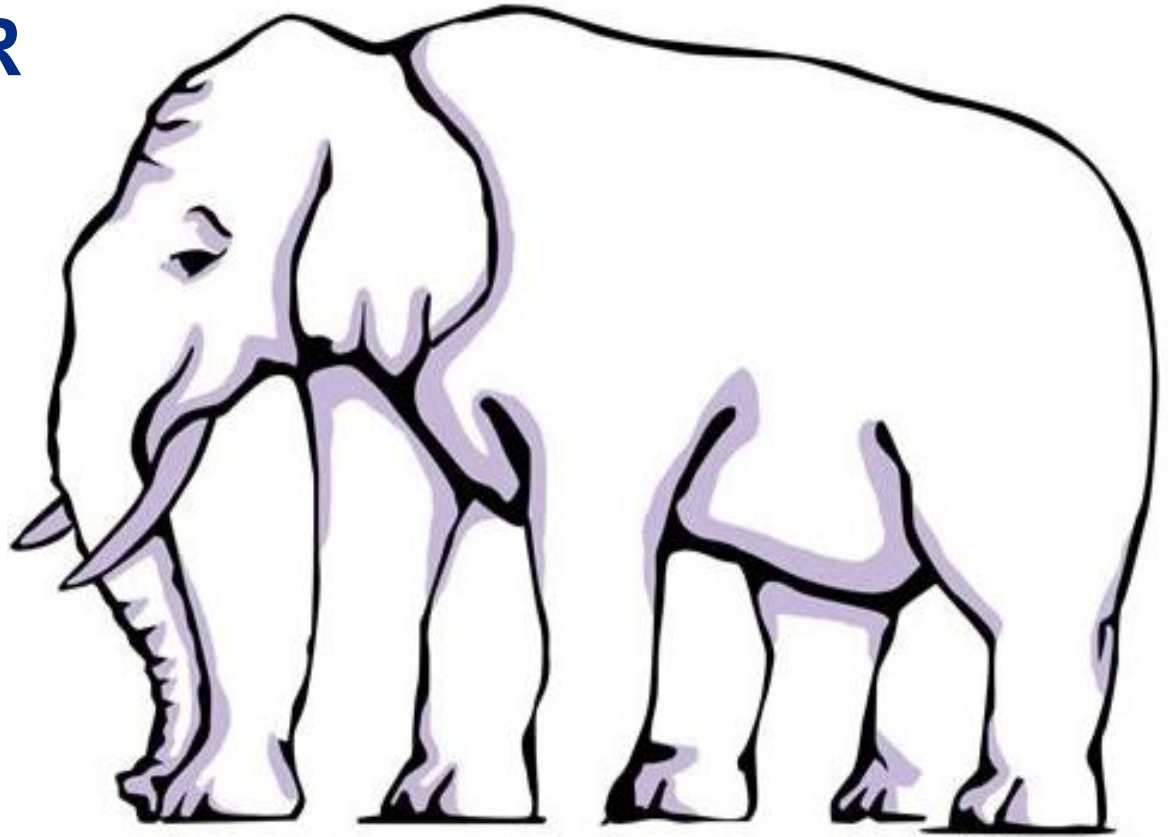
# KIDS CORNER

Quick Catch: Answers of Spot 3 differences in the picture.



## KIDS CORNER

How many legs do  
you see  
with visible feet  
and invisible feet ?





**PUT THIS  
on YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



**World health day  
(8 April)**



**World earth day  
(22 April)**



**World day for  
cultural diversity  
(21 May)**



**Year 1  
Graduation Day**



**Heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you – our dedicated staff, exceptional students, and supportive parents. Your unwavering commitment to our school’s success fills me with immense pride.**

**Together, we create the heartbeat of School of knowledge, and it’s your collective efforts that make our community thrive. Thank you for your hard work, collaboration, and enthusiasm. Let’s continue to inspire and support each other on this incredible journey of learning and growth.**

