



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

NEWSLETTER – 2022-2023
THEME - EXCELSIOR

FS1, FS2 AND YEAR1



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 Saif
Headmistress**

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUEST EDITOR

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.



**HOD Science Department
Ms. Roopa Shenoy**



**WORLD
HEART
DAY** 29 SEP

FS1, FS2 & YEAR1



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.



FS1, FS2 & YEAR1





Colours Day- 26.10.22

All things on earth have their own colours. Nature itself wears the smile of colours which makes the world look beautiful! With the objective of developing and reinforcing their visual perception of colours, students in FS1, FS2 and YEAR 1 of School of Knowledge celebrated Colours Day on 26th October 2022, Wednesday with great zeal. All the tiny tots were attired beautifully in rainbow coloured clothes.

In FS1, Group activities was conducted by each class with the theme "Friendship Tree."

FS2 conducted different activities creating balloons, umbrellas, butterflies, kites were all done with various shades of crayons, sponge painting butterflies with vegetable painting. Beautiful "Rainbow Twirlers" were made in Year 1 with splashes of colours.

Colours Day Activities



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.

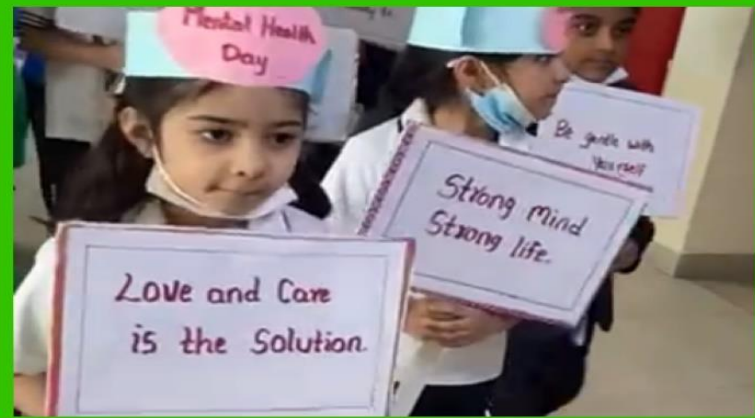
To support and bring awareness about the importance of Mental Health, teachers showed a Power Point presentation and a video was explained about the importance of Mental health.

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.

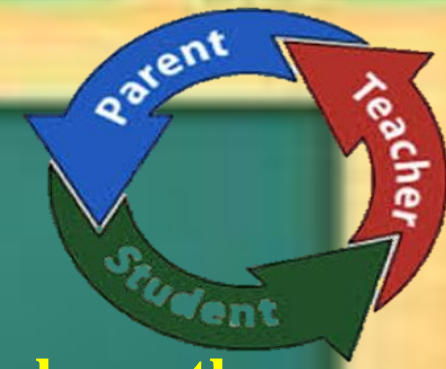


World Mental Health Day - Activities



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.

FS1, FS2 & YEAR1



THE KINDNESS CHAIN





Raise it high. Raise it proud!

FS1, FS2 & YEAR1

The UAE Flag Day was celebrated to show the importance of the flag which has united the UAE's seven emirates together. The UAE Flag is flown with pride across all the emirates in an enduring display of national unity.

The UAE Flag represents the ideals of courage, strength of mind, peace, and hope, and it is these ideals we celebrate. The Flag was proudly raised and saluted by the FS1, FS2 & YEAR1 students, they sang the National Anthem to renew our commitment to these values.

To mark the occasion, the UAE Flag Day was celebrated in different ways.





FS1, FS2 & YEAR1

Every year, SOK proudly presents the UAE National Day celebrations. The momentous occasion of the 51st National Day of the UAE was celebrated by FS1, FS2 & YEAR1 with great enthusiasm on 29th November, 2022. The students took pride in wearing the UAE Flag coloured dress.

The spirit of the celebration spread throughout the campus and showcased the Emirati culture in different stalls, with face painting, Henna and food stalls to mark the UAE's National Day.

The students of FS1, FS2 & Year 1 celebrated National Day with different activities in the classrooms, they sang for the country and danced on Arabic songs. Students then had a walk around the school to view the decorations and the setup stalls.

The highlight of the day was the camel, brought to the school. Students were all excited and happy and they enjoyed the festive mood of UAE National Day celebrations.

FS1- UAE National Day Activities

NATIONAL DAY





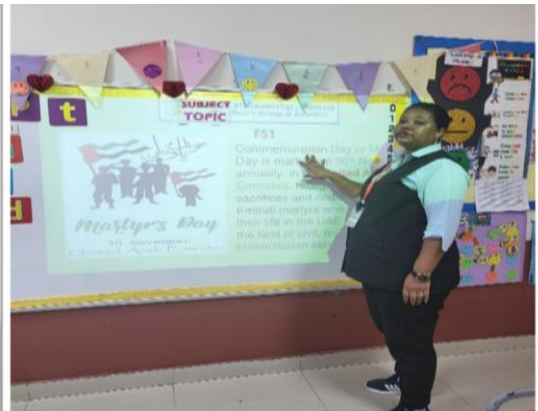
FS2- UAE National Day Activities



Year 1- UAE National Day Activities



FS1, FS2 & YEAR1



Martyr's Day also known as "Commemoration Day", remembers the honour and loyalty of the Emirati martyrs, who have given their lives to keep the flag of the UAE flying high, as they performed their tasks and duties in the homeland and abroad, in the civil, military and humanitarian fields. To pay tribute to our martyrs, a power point presentation was shown to the students of FS1, FS2 & YEAR1 that conveyed the message of why this day was remembered and honoured. One minute of silence was observed by all students from 11:30 -11:31am.



FS1

CREATIVITY

&

Innovation



FS2

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YEAR1-Creativity & Innovation

Observing plants
and leaves

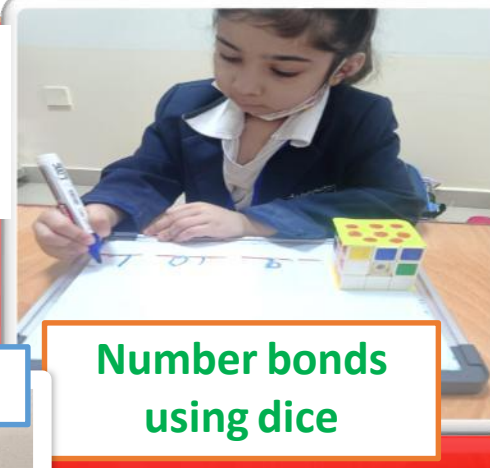


Collaborative reading& discussion



Using
addition
machine

10s & 1s with cups



Number bonds
using dice



Segregating Nouns,
Verbs & Adjectives



Emotions



Subtraction using
pegs

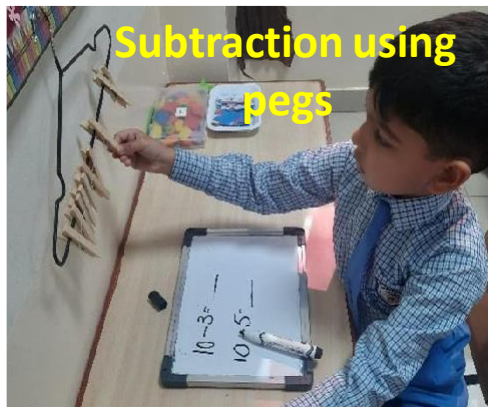


All about seasons



Leaf impression

Experiment with soap
and pepper



What we love about our
class



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 2023

- ❖ Parent Teacher Meeting
- ❖ Show and Tell
- ❖ Musical Morning
- ❖ Listen and Create
- ❖ Sports Day
- ❖ Mother's Day
- ❖ World Water Day





Thank you