



School Of Knowledge

St. Mary's Group of Schools

THEME - EXCELSIOR

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2022

Year 2



**ALWAYS
BRING YOUR
OWN
SUNSHINE**





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.**



Ms 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 Awwal 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.



A Virtual Tour of the Al Noor Mosque was organized by SPEA in the school auditorium for the students of Year 2.

The students were provided with basic information about the Al Noor Mosque and the etiquettes that should be need to be followed in the mosque. The objective of this activity was to gain endless rewards from the Almighty and to make students aware of the Islamic faith.

AL NOOR MOSQUE VIRTUAL TRIP



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

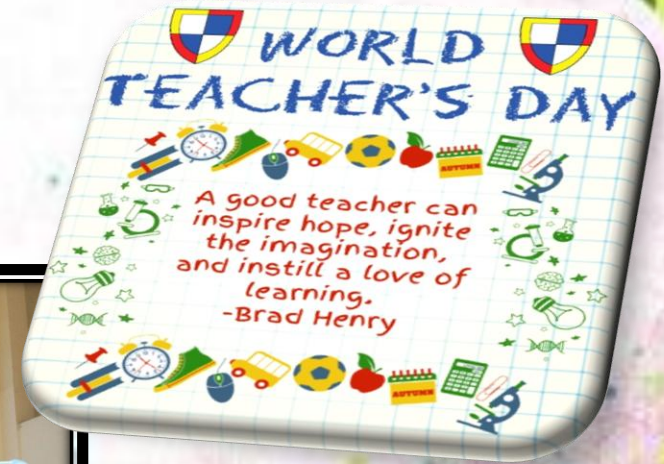
On 5th October 2022 (Wednesday), School of Knowledge organized Teachers' Day and the program was conducted by Year 2-4 students. The Director, the Principal, Vice- Principal and the teachers of the school were present at the function.

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

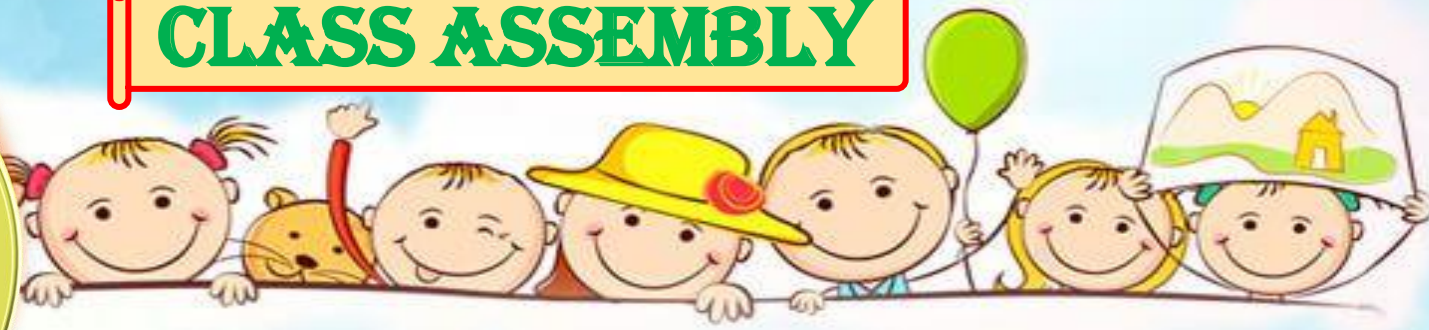
Students organized a variety of programs for the teachers.



CLASS ASSEMBLY

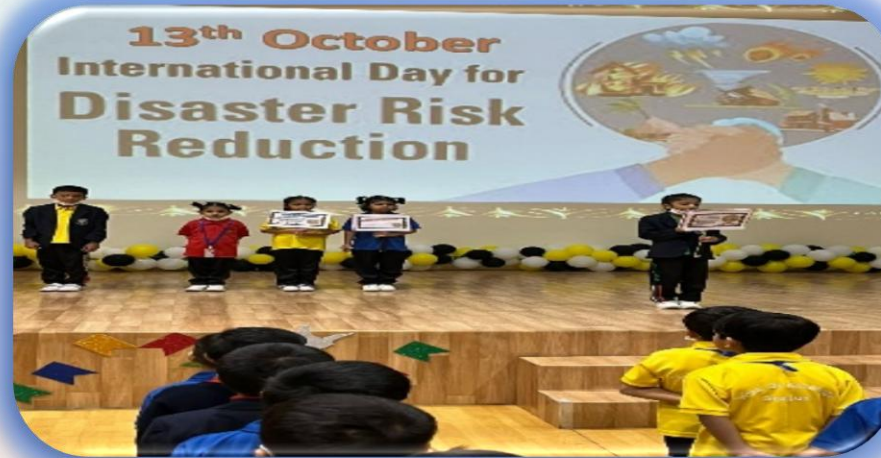
The students of Year 2B conducted an assembly on 4th October

The theme of the assembly was: "A goal without a plan is a wish or dream"



Year 2C Students
conducted an
assembly on the 13th
of October
The theme of the
assembly was:
“International day
for *Disaster Risk
Reduction*”

CLASS ASSEMBLY



CLASS ASSEMBLY ON GOOD MANNERS





UAE Flag Day

3rd Nov. 2022



UAE Flag Day

The UAE flag colours were spread across the school as students came to school dressed up in red, green, white and black T-shirts and caps. The morning of 3rd November 2022 was exciting as students gathered in the school auditorium for a special assembly on the occasion of the UAE Flag Day. The students and teachers grouped themselves according to the UAE flag colours and later arranged themselves to form the flag of UAE. All were excited to proudly represent each colour of the UAE flag.

At 11:00am students and staff again gathered on the school playground to hoist the UAE flag. The headmistress of the school hoisted the flag. The students saluted the flag and sang the UAE National Anthem. They raised the flags high during the assembly and expressed their love for the country. A presentation was shown to students that explained the importance of the day. The students learnt what each colour stands for and other facts about the UAE flag.

UAE FLAG DAY



UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

The 51st UAE National Day was celebrated with a mini carnival at School of Knowledge on November 29, 2022. The occasion was graced by the guest of honor, Ms. Ranah Nazzal, Arabic Advisor at Sharjah Private Education Authority along with the honourable Senior Leadership Team of the school. The center of attraction was a display of numerous UAE customs and traditions including the majlis, artifacts, Henna corner and Arabic food. Parents of Year 4 pupils in collaboration with the members of the Philanthropist and Entrepreneur Club set up stalls of Arabic food with the intention of using the proceeds for charitable purpose.



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 honoured. 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.



Global Handwashing Day



Global Handwashing Day was conducted on October 15. The students of Year 2 sang a song about handwashing and were encouraged to remember the steps of handwashing.



The World Food Day

World Food Day is an International Day celebrated worldwide every year on the 16th of October to promote global awareness to highlight the need to ensure a healthy diet for all. Every day we should encourage our students to eat healthy food to grow up well-nourished.

The students of Year 2 brought a “Healthy Snacks Box” on 17th October, Monday.



CHORAL RECITATION

A Choral Recitation Competition was held on 25th October 2022. Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words. The Year 2 students enthusiastically participated in the competition as they got an opportunity to exhibit their talent and confidence. Parents and judges appreciated and applauded the performances of the participants.

The Winners of the competition were as follows:

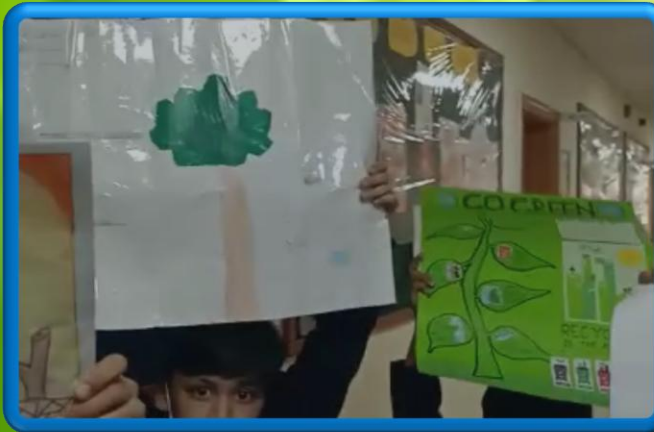
Winners: Year 2A, Second: Year 2G

Third: Year 2F



GO GREEN

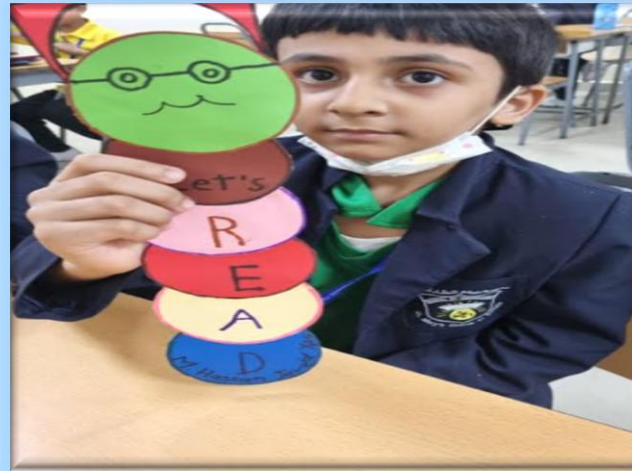
To raise environmental protection awareness, the students created informative posters on the theme 'Go Green'.



Activity: Go Green Bookmark

The students of Year 2 made bookmarks on the theme Go Green.

This fun-filled activity shows their creativity on paper with a message to read. They created and decorated the bookmarks using innovative ideas to make them look more interesting. These bookmarks will help to develop reading habits in students. This activity reinforces the theme of the year Go -green. Students used recycled paper to create bookmarks.





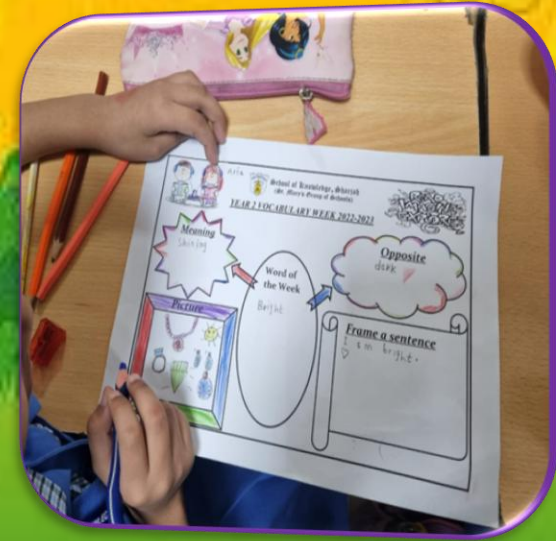
A fire drill was conducted on 26th September 2022. It was a program to spread awareness about fire alarms and exiting the premises and reaching the Fire Assembly Point.



VOCABULARY WEEK ACTIVITIES



Vocabulary week was observed in Year 2 to improve the vocabulary of students. Each day a new activity was done with a new word. Pronunciation and meaning of the word was emphasized upon.





**Fruit and
Yoghurt
Activity**
**Students were
able to
write simple
instructions
through this
activity.**

Learning another language
is not only learning
different words
for the same things, but
learning another way
to think about things.

- Flora Lewis





On 21st November 2022 (Monday), School of Knowledge organized Children's Day and the program was conducted by Year 2-4 teachers. The Director, the Principal, Vice-Principal and teachers were present at the event.



مسابقة الخط ومسابقة القراءة

Reading And Arabic Calligraphy Competition



Arabic Calligraphy

مسابقة الخط العربي

Competition



الاسم: _____ الشعبة: _____ التاريخ: _____

أنا أجب الإمارات

أنا أجب الإمارات

أنا أحفظ على الصلوات الخمس

من جد وجد ومن سار على الدرب وصل

مع تمهيننا بالتوقيع لتدابير المسابقة



Arabic calligraphy

مسابقة الخط العربي

Competition



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مع تمهيننا بالتوقيع لراعي المسابقة

اقرأ الفقرة التالية في دقيقة واحدة

فصل الزبيج

حل فصل الزبيج ، فالحذت العصافير ثغزذ على أغصان
الأشجار ، وتغنى الحاناً رابعةً وامتلات الغابة بالأزهار
الجميلة

الطيور في الصباح

إذا أشرقت الشمس ، خرجت الطيور من أوكارها ،
واستقبلت بؤمها السعيد تشيطةً مسرورة .
وقد رأيت صباح اليوم عصفورة خرجت من غنيتها ،
فغرنت بصوت جميل ، ثم طارت في الجو ، لتبحث عن
الزرق .



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مسابقة القارئ الصغير

The little reader



تعن مدرسة العلم بالشارقة عن قيام مسابقة

(القارئ الصغير) للعام الدراسي 2022-2023 .

قارئ اليوم قائد المستقبل .

شروط المسابقة :

1- قراءة النص قراءة صحيحة خالية من الأخطاء .

2- مراعاة التراكيب اللغوية .

3- الالتزام بالوقت المحدد .

4- يتم اختيار الطالب الذي تنطبق عليه الشروط .

ARABIC READING COMPETITION





DEAR TIME

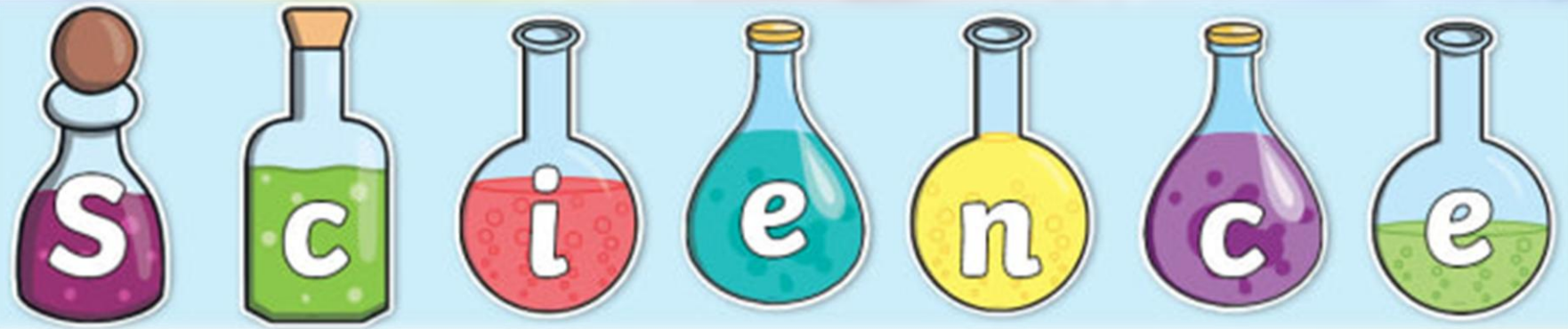
*A child who reads will be
an adult who thinks.
D.E.A.R time activity is
conducted every day.
After the second break,
the students
'Drop Everything And Read'
a book.*



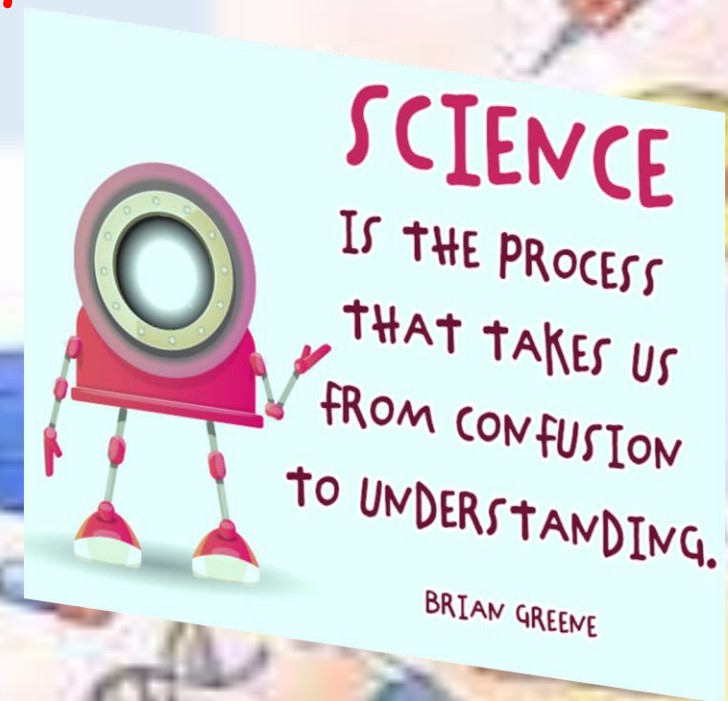
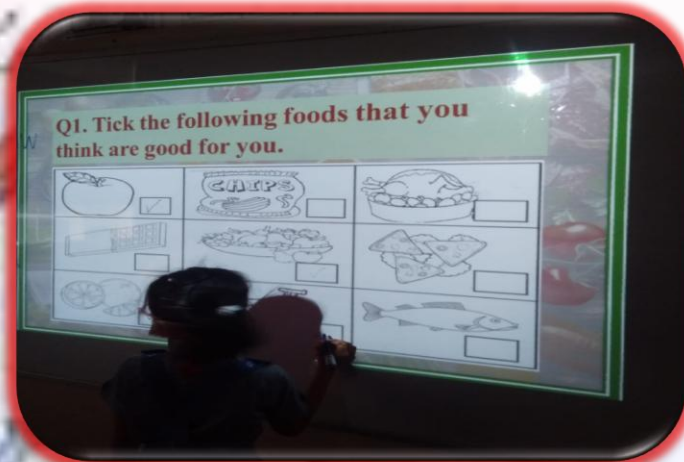
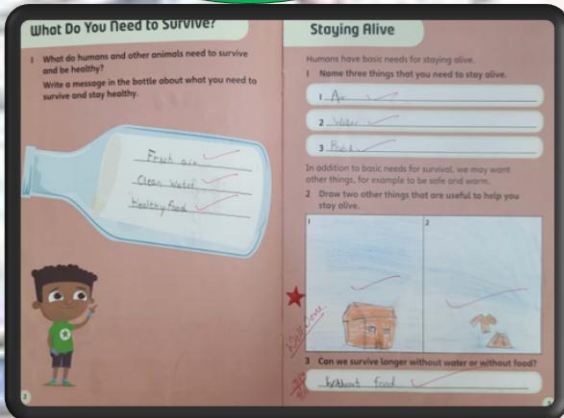
Anti-bullying week

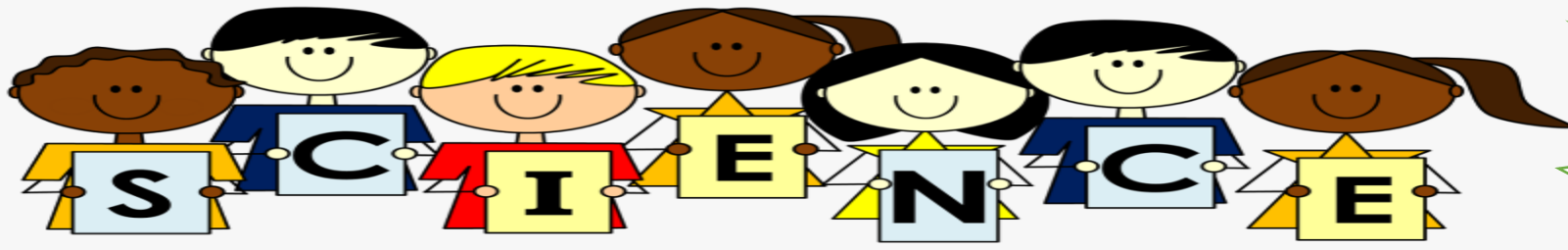
The students of Year 2 did an activity on the theme – “Reach Out”
Students traced a hand in their art book and wrote the names of people whom they can seek help if they are bullied on each finger. The counsellor spoke about the Anti -bullying policy to the students.





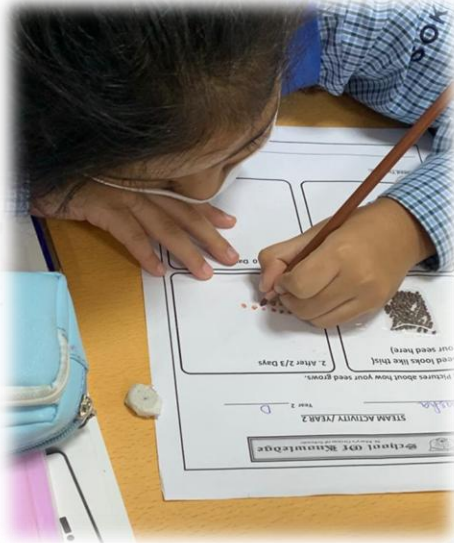
Science is explored with hands-on activities. Students learnt about healthy food and the sources of ingredients of different foods.





Steam Activity

Students observed and learnt the process of germination through the STEAM activity.



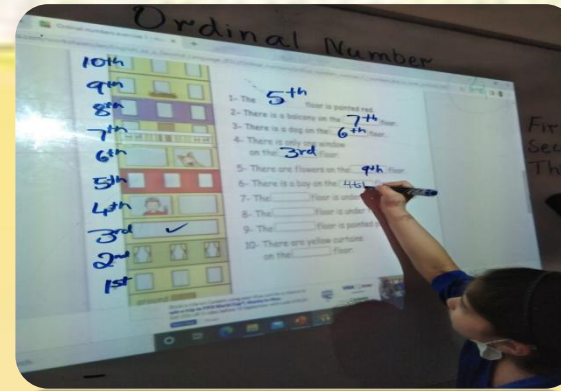


They learnt about the food chain and created their own simple food chain.



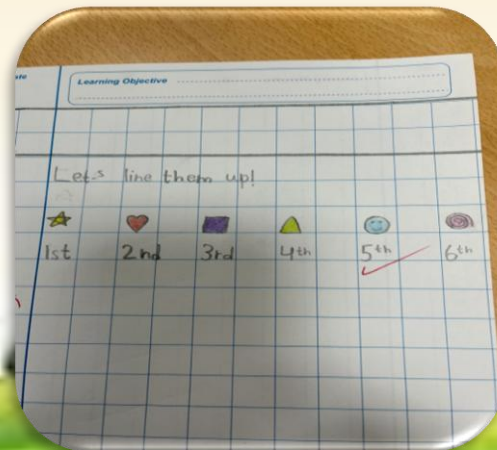
**Investigation done by students
What do birds eat?**





MATH
IS
FUN

Math provides a remarkable opportunity for children to engage in activities. They learnt ordinal numbers using flashcards, playing games, forming lines and standing in positions.



Without mathematics,
there's nothing you can do.

Everything around you
is mathematics.

Everything around you
is numbers.

-Shakuntala Devi



Students enjoyed the STEAM activity during Math class. They learnt the number bonds.

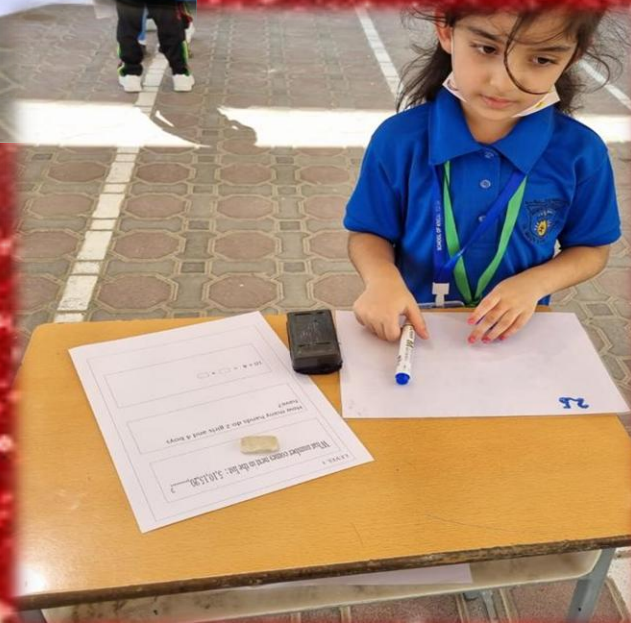




STEAM
Activity
Count in 2s,
5s and 10s



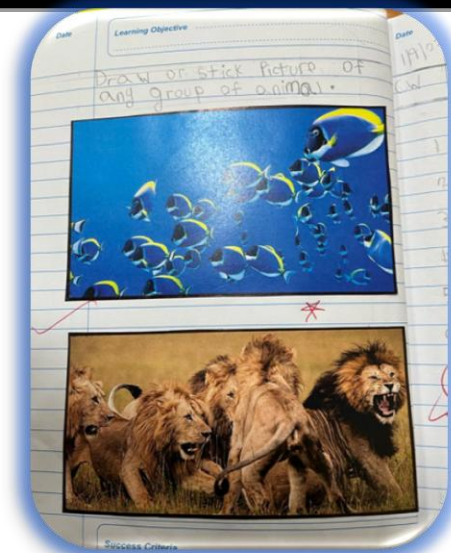
Math Race



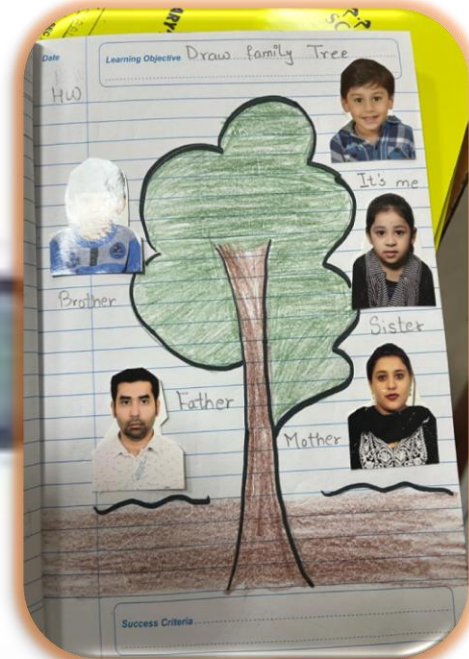
To inculcate the spirit of games and competitions an outdoor game named 'Math Race' was conducted.

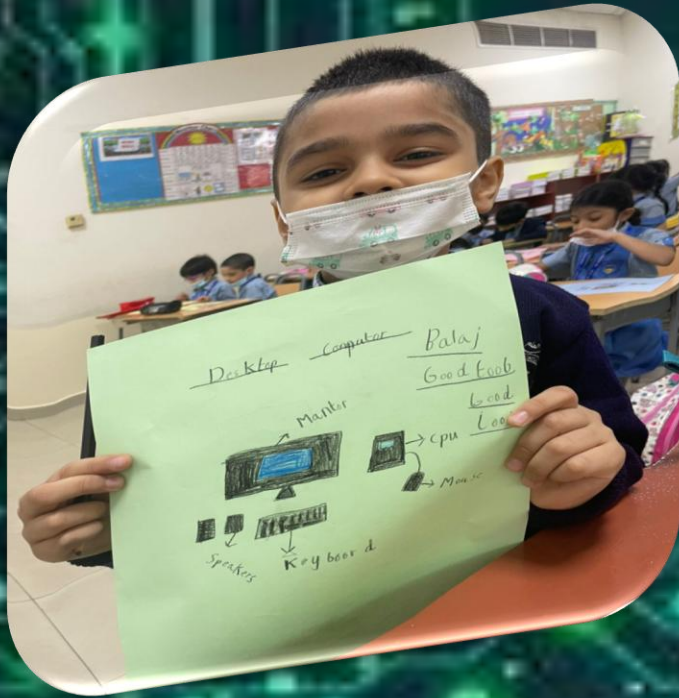


MORAL, SOCIAL & CULTURAL STUDIES



Students made a family tree and drew pictures of their school and learnt the importance of school and family in one's life.

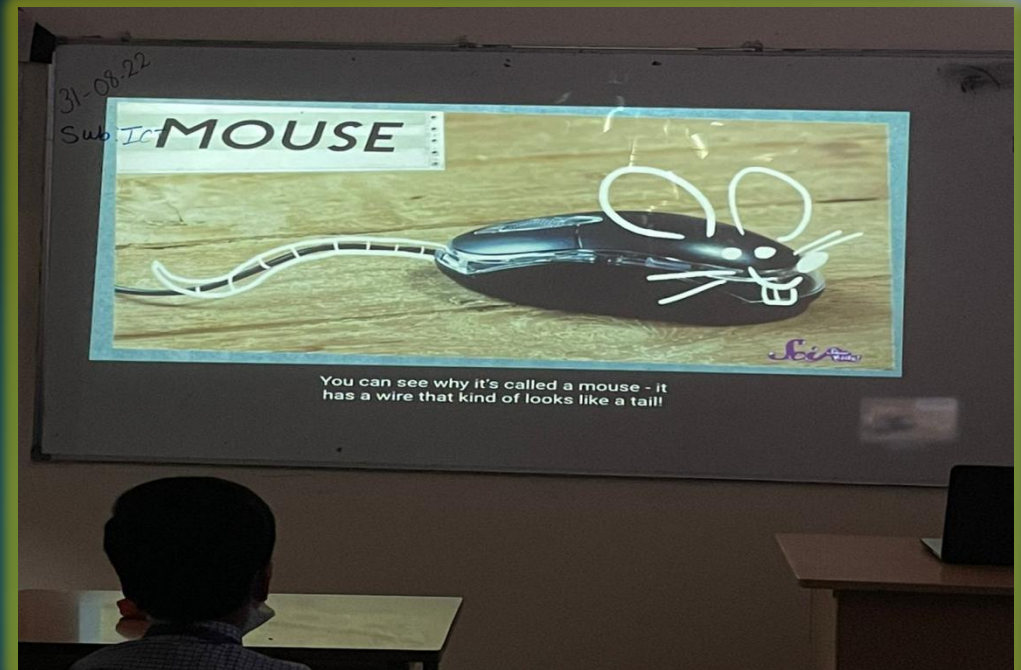
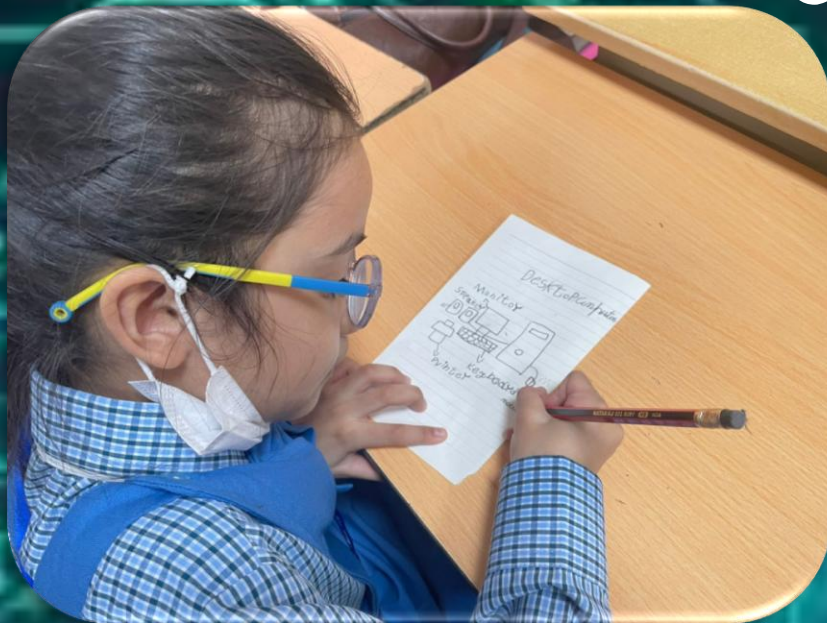




Students learnt about the different parts of computers.

"In education, technology can be a life-changer, a game changer, for kids who are both in school and out of school."

QUEEN RANIA OF JORDAN



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MASS DRILL PRACTICE



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

Parent Teacher Meeting
Creative Writing Competition
Annual Day
International Day of Human Fraternity
Puppet Show
Math Quiz
3D Model Making
Sports Day
UAE Reading Month
Mothers Day
World Water Day



The image features a central rectangular text box with a light beige background and a thin brown border. The text "Thank You!" is written in a dark brown, elegant cursive font. This box is surrounded by a lush arrangement of autumn-themed elements: several large maple leaves in shades of bright yellow and orange, clusters of small red berries on green stems, and delicate, thin brown branches. The entire composition is set within a large white oval, which is itself centered on a dark red background with a fine, sparkling texture.

*Thank
You!*