



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

# ***NEWSLETTER – 2022-2023***

## ***THEME - EXCELSIOR***







**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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.





# International Peace Day: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022



The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day is observed every year on 21<sup>st</sup> September. This day is celebrated around the world to strengthen the ideals of peace, students of Year 4B conducted an assembly to spread the awareness of this important event and to promote peace among each other.



# WORLD HEART DAY

World Heart Day is part of an international campaign to spread awareness about heart disease and stroke prevention. This is the perfect day to start exercising and start eating healthy food to improve the health and well-being of people all over the world .

World Heart Day is an opportunity for everyone to stop and consider how best to use ♥ for humanity, for nature, and for you. Beating cardiovascular disease is something that matters to every beating heart.

Year 6 and 7 boys celebrated the event by giving awareness on World Heart Day on 29th September 2022.





I keep my heart healthy,



I feel my heart beating





# **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY**

**World Teachers' Day (also known as International Teachers' Day) is 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.





A festive banner for World Children's Day. At the top, four balloons in red, yellow, blue, and green float against a light blue sky with white clouds. Below them, a large pink ribbon banner with a 3D effect contains the text 'HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY'. The main text of the banner is in a bold, black, serif font. At the bottom, silhouettes of four children in red, yellow, blue, and purple are shown jumping or dancing in front of green bushes. Small butterflies in blue, red, and yellow are scattered around the children.

# **World Children's Day**

**HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY**

**World Children's Day is UNICEF's Annual Day of action for children, by children. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future. This World Children's Day, it's more important than ever that the world listens to their ideas and demands.**

**On 21<sup>st</sup> November Children's Day was celebrated in School of knowledge. A speech was given to explain the importance of this day. Teachers did a skit and a beautiful song was performed by teachers to show their love for the students.**







# World Mental Health Day

## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022



World Mental Health Day is celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

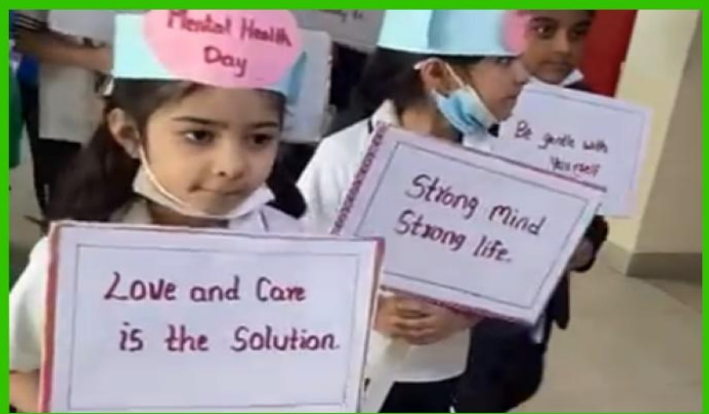
Students participated in a “RALLY”, holding placards with different quotes and echoing a slogan “Heal the world”.

This initiative helped to spread awareness about the importance of Mental Health among students.





# World Mental Health Day - Activities







**“Give an Ear”**

***Listening  
Activity***





Listening involves the identification of the difference among sounds. This identification and discrimination leads children to the understanding that sounds are grouped together to form words. When we teach listening, we allow students to follow directions, understand expectations, and make sense of oral communication. Listening like reading, is an active process. Listening and reading requires the use of a similar thought process.

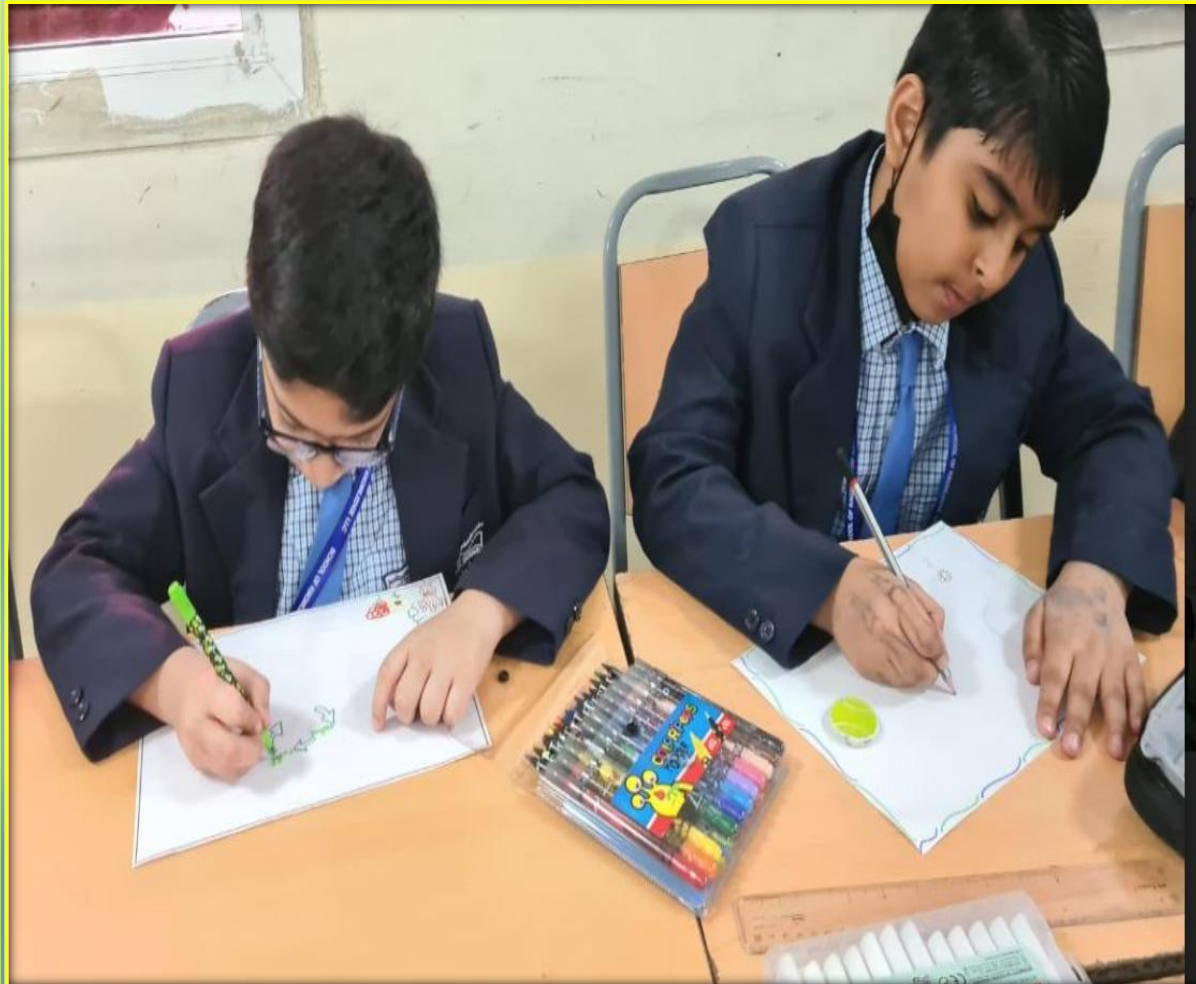
### **‘Give an Ear’**

**‘Give an Ear’** activity was conducted by the English Department to enhance the listening skills of the students. They enjoyed and took active part in the listening activity.



## **“ GIVE AN EAR ” LISTEN AND DRAW ACTIVITY**

Year 6 - ‘Listen and draw’ was an activity which was conducted where the teacher reads out a set of instructions for the students to draw and colour. The students are expected to listen carefully to the instructions and draw accordingly creating a poster. This activity helps students to be attentive and bring out their creativity.





# Math Race – 17/10/2022 TO 20/10/2022

**To indulge students in physical activities using mathematical and analytical thinking, a math race was conducted in the outside area during the Math classes.**

**A competition was held among the students of each class and the students who took the least time to finish all the three levels were the winners.**





# INVESTITURE CEREMONY

School of Knowledge celebrated Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2022-23 with great enthusiasm and dignity in the school AVR, on September 28th, 2022, with the aim that the drivers of tomorrow's success need to possess a high level of problem-solving skills and leadership qualities . A School Council provides a platform to the pupils in a meaningful way in which many aspects of school life impact one's development in a positive way. Donning the mantle of accountability, the newly invested office -bearers also pledge to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities.

The elected Leaders from Year 6 and 7 were conferred with badges and sashes. The Student Council took the pledge to hold the school motto of Loyalty, Truth and Honor in high esteem. The Prefects, Captains of each house took an oath along with the Junior and Senior Head Boy and Head Girl, to abide by the school rules and the school motto- **'Service before Self.'**







# SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY



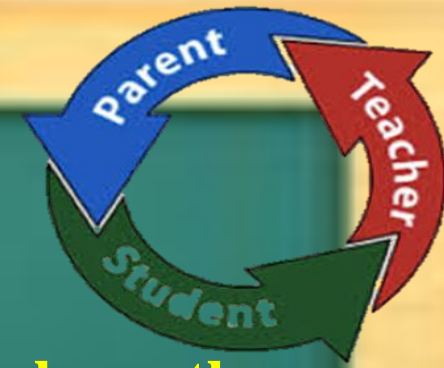






# Parent-Teacher Meeting

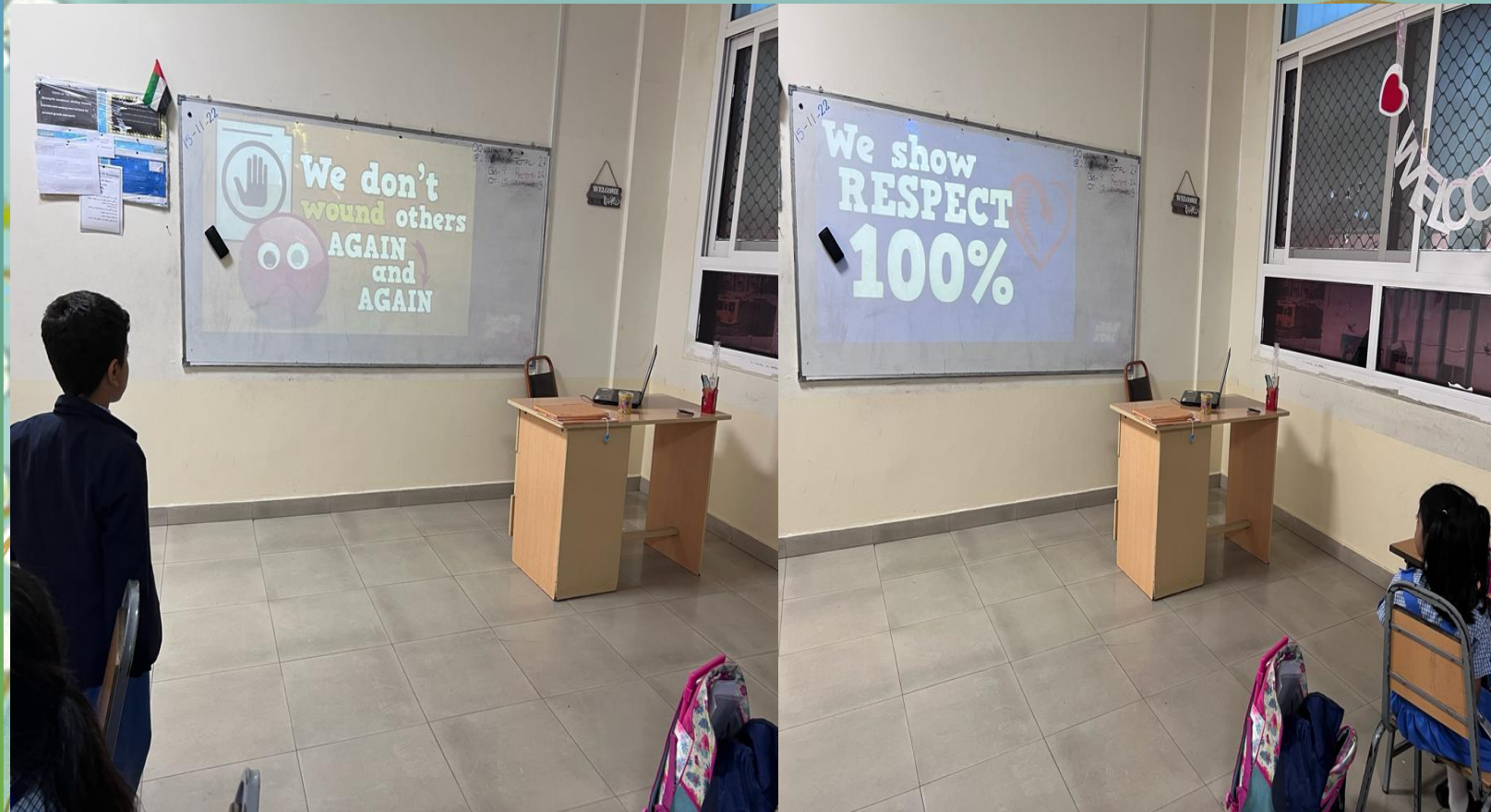
29.9.22 & 27.10.22



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 their child.



# Anti-Bullying Week



**Students watched an awareness video during anti-bullying week. It made them to understand more about anti-bullying.**



# Anti-Bullying Week



Children made their own slogans to raise the awareness against bullying.



# Anti-Bullying Week



**Special  
assembly  
conducted on  
Anti-Bullying.**



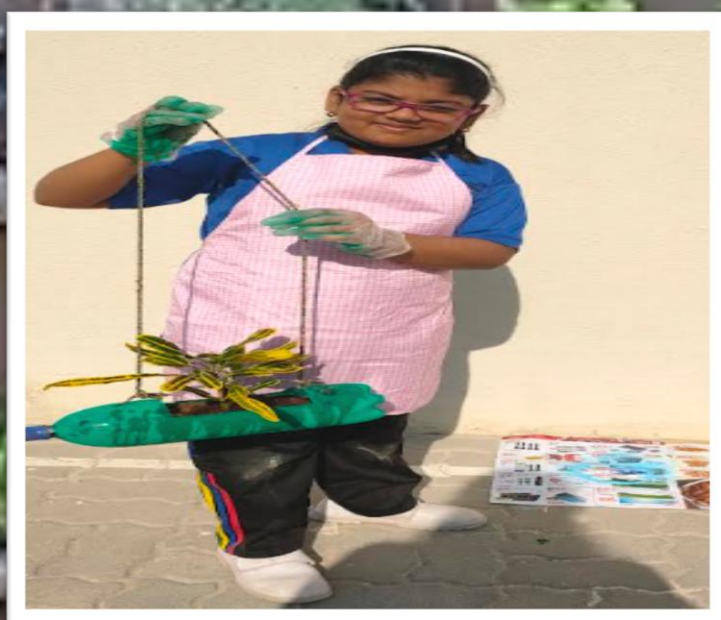
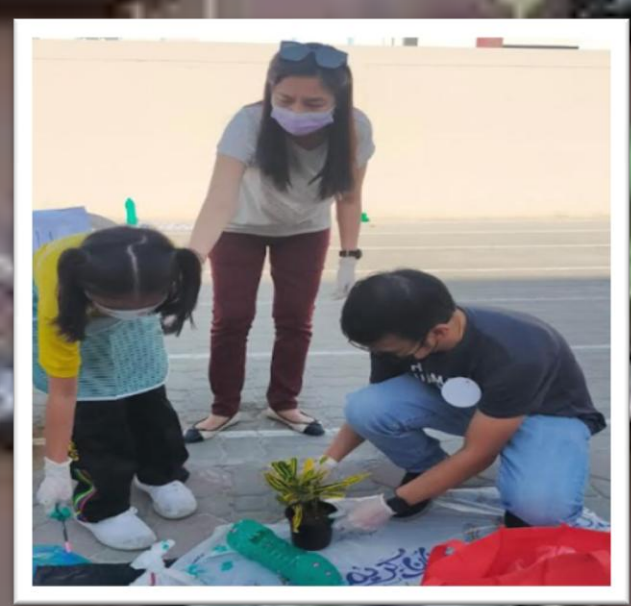
# VERTICAL GARDENING

Vertical Gardening activity was carried out on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, under the theme '**Go Green**'. The aim was to bring together a team of 'Parents-Students-Teachers' to put up a vertical garden of flowering plants. This was to build community spirit among the students and closer bond with the extended school community.

Vertical Gardens have become very popular in recent times. They not only create an atmosphere of having a garden, but they also have economic, physiological, and environmental benefits. It's a technique whereby vegetable plants, and flowers are grown up and off the ground. The plants are held on a panel suspended vertically making use of hydroponics.

Vertical Gardens are a good alternative to using plastic plant pots to grow plants in a restricted place. It adds to the beauty of the surroundings, improve health and air quality, reduces stress, help improve mood, saves space, and helps reuse waste.









# VERTICAL GARDENING





# **UAE FLAG DAY**

**Flag Day activities were conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> November to commemorate the richness and diversity of UAE. The aim was to give parents and pupils a platform to showcase their creativity and also to honour the flag of UAE.**

**Pupils from section 5A and 5B with the help of their parents created beautiful designs for the badge and it was later distributed to the parents as a gift. Section 5C and 5D showed their delicious side by making food items based on the flag theme. They prepared food as per the colors of the UAE flag.**







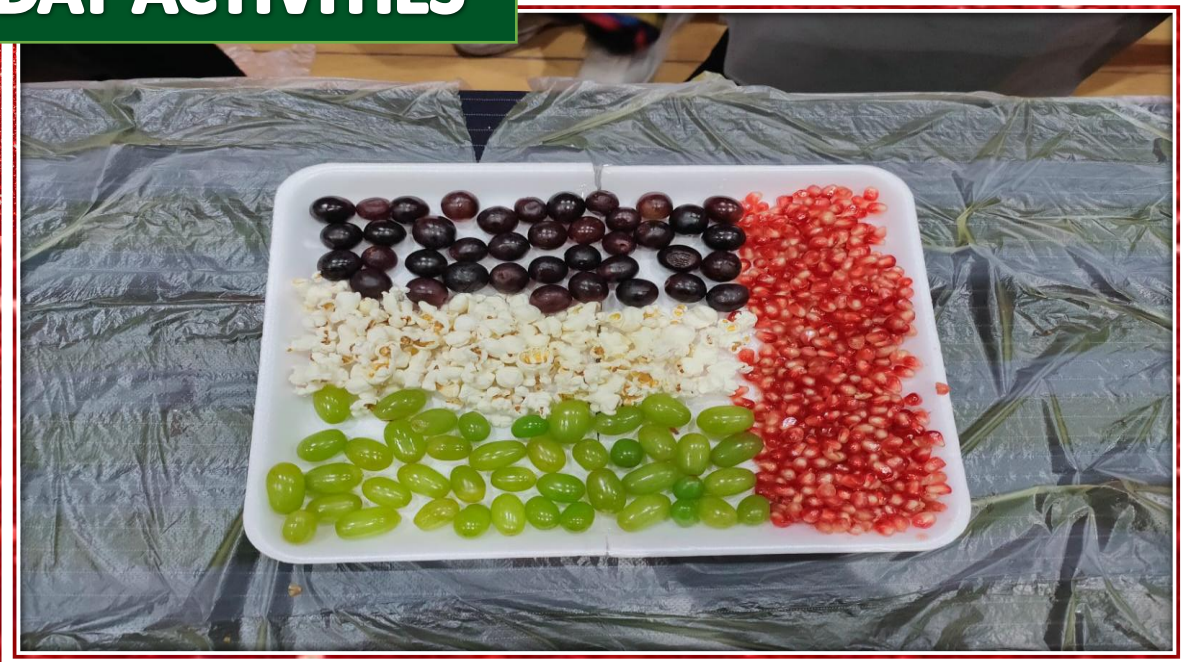
**Section 5E and 5F had to prepare placards with slogans and quotes from great UAE leaders, with the assistance and guidance from the parents they made amazing placards and read out the slogans with much enthusiasm. All the activities imparted the value and morals taught by the UAE flag. This activity also declared our pupils and parents love towards the UAE.**







## UAE FLAG DAY ACTIVITIES





# UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

**The 51<sup>st</sup> 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.**





The event included a spellbinding performance of revered traditional dance, song, and poetry as well as gratifying addresses in Arabic and English were given by the students of Year 4 to Year 7 to laud the nation's journey of success. Furthermore, the pupils swore an oath to defend national sovereignty. Through a variety of events the students demonstrated their tremendous patriotism and pride for this nation.









# 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.

Our respected Principal Ms. June Amanna, hoisted at the UAE National Flag at 11:31 a.m 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.







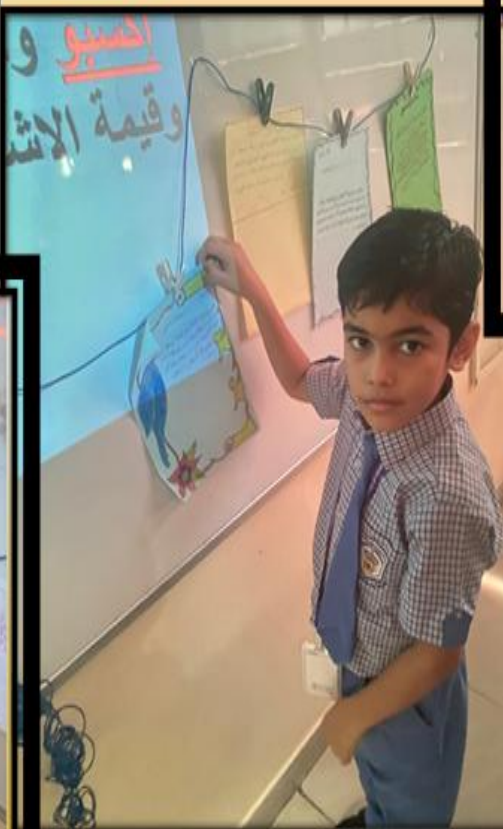
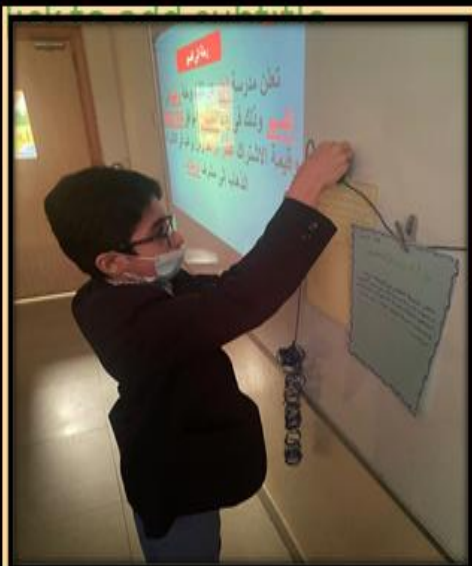


# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

# Arabic

كتابة إعلان

Make advertisement  
أعمال الطلاب students work



استراتيجية الكرسي الساخن





# A GLIMPSE AT THE ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

**PBL**



**Reading  
Activity**



**Mini- whiteboard activity**



**Convert Direct Speech into Indirect  
Speech Whiteboard activity**



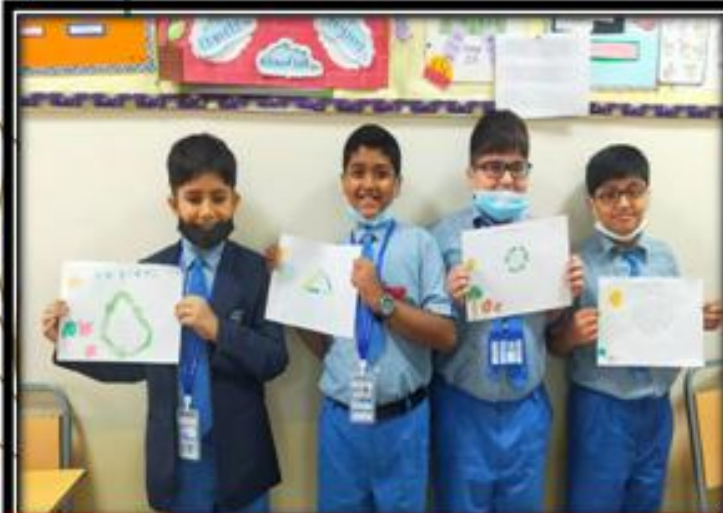
**To explore the ending  
of a play and discuss  
what might happen**



**Plan and create a timeline.**







Give an Ear Activity-  
(Listen- Draw - Create)



**My Day**

I am very excited,  
Because I feel so delighted.  
The wind is blowing,  
While the sun is glowing.

I fly my kite,  
While I hold the string tight.  
I run and run,  
In the playground and have fun,

What a great day,  
To go out and play.

Written by: Iman Fatima  
Year 6E

**MY FIRST DAY TO SCHOOL**

I woke up in the morning,  
with a loud warning,  
Its school.

As I walked to the school gate,  
I remembered I'm late.  
In a rush to my class,  
I saw my reflection in the glass.

When I sat on my chair,  
I looked every-where.  
I'm not late,  
And that was great!

Written by:  
Reignch, Reje  
6F



# Learning Outside the Classroom

Topic: Fractions and percentages (Finding Equivalent Fraction and Percentage)

MATH





# Fraction Robot /Bird – Create a figure / landscape using different fractions





# Science



PBL-Working model of  
Circulatory system



OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITY-  
Investigation,  
classification of living  
things.



STEAM Activity - Components  
of blood.





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 TEACHERS MEETING  
CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION  
ANNUAL DAY  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN FRATERNITY  
MATH QUIZ  
BAKE AND SALE  
SPORTS DAY  
UAE READING MONTH  
MOTHERS DAY  
WORLD WATER DAY







*Thank  
You!*