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As the school year comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their hard work, dedication, and achievements over the academic year. It has been a year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Now, it is time to take a well-deserved break and enjoy the joys of summer vacation.

Kindly stay connected with us over the summer by visiting our school website and the Parent Portal for the updates.

We wish all our students and their families a safe, happy, and rejuvenating summer vacation. We look forward to welcome everyone back in the new academic year 2024-25, ready for another exciting year of learning and growth.

***Warm Regards
Editorial Team***

OUR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Staff, Parents and Students,

We come to the close of yet another remarkable year of our school. As the director here I am along with you all take a few moments to reflect on our collective role we have played during the academic year 2023-2024. At the very outset I owe my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to everyone of you in our esteemed school community.

This year has been blessed with growth, resilience, and numerous accomplishments par excellence. Our students have excelled academically, demonstrated outstanding character, and participated enthusiastically in a variety of extracurricular activities. From the innovative projects in our classrooms to the spirited performances on the stage and a “GOOD” grading granted in the Inspection, you have proved your worth and brought laurels, for which I am immensely grateful to you and this calls for a celebration and thunderous applause.

I offer my honest appreciation and gratitude to our dedicated Principal, Vice Principal, SLT, MLT, teachers and staff. Your unwavering commitment to our students' education and well-being has been the source and solid foundation of the success of our Institute. Your passion for teaching and mentorship has guided and empowered our students to reach their full potential. Our dear parents and guardians, your support and involvement in our school community activities has been tremendous and invaluable. Your partnership with the school and motivation to your children's education and discipline ensures a nurturing and supportive environment that fosters learning and growth. Our dear and marvelous students, you have shown incredible resilience and adaptability, you have proved your real worth in the face of various challenges this year. Your hard work, determination, creativity and enthusiasm have made us proud of you. We are confident you will continue to achieve great goals and dreams in the years to come. Continue to have respect towards your school as a house of Knowledge, your teachers as your mentors and Discipline as your passion to grow. This will lead you to greater heights.

As we look forward to the summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Let us return refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Thank you all for making this school year truly exceptional. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you all.

Warm regards,



Sr. Bobina Soares
Director

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we reach the close of another remarkable year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Our journey together has been marked by significant milestones and unstoppable momentum, driven by our commitment to collaborate, empower, and excel. We have witnessed the transformative power of collaboration, working hand in hand to create a supportive learning community. Through this unity, we have empowered one another, unlocking potential and fostering a culture of excellence in every phase of our school community. We faced challenges together, celebrated triumphs big and small, and witnessed both happiness and tough times, all of which have shaped who we are as a school community.



Ms. June Amanna
Principal

Let us take a moment to celebrate the spectacular achievements of our students—their academic journeys, artistic expressions, activities that paved the way for sportive spirit, and the moments of joy and kindness that filled our classrooms. Each of these experiences has instilled valuable lessons in our students with the values of perseverance, dedication, collaboration, empathy, and the joy of discovery. These lessons don't vanish with the calendar. They become the foundation for the years ahead. Our students carry the knowledge they've gained, our teachers refine them based on experience, and together we create an even more enriching environment for growth. The words of Hal Borland ring true: "*Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us.*" This year-end isn't simply a closing chapter; it's a turning point where we carry the lessons learned forward. The wisdom gained from this past year fuels us for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to push boundaries, embrace innovation, and cultivate a love of learning in our students. Let's approach challenges with resilience, celebrate successes with open hearts, and embrace the continuous journey of learning that lies before us.

As we look to the future, let us carry forward the lessons learned, and the bonds formed. Together, we will continue to build a brighter future, where every student's dreams are nurtured and realized.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer, filled with blessings and happiness.

Thank You and God bless!

Warm Regards.

OUR VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we conclude this academic year at the School of Knowledge, it's a time for reflection and celebration. Our students have excelled in numerous fields, from academics to sports and the arts, demonstrating their dedication and talent. We've embraced new teaching methodologies and technologies, enriching our students' learning experiences and preparing them for future challenges.

This year, the collaboration between students, parents, and faculty has been instrumental in creating a supportive and nurturing environment. Our community's collective efforts have made this year truly special. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year of growth and discovery. Thank you to everyone for your unwavering support and commitment.

Enjoy your well-deserved break, stay safe, and see you all in the new academic year!

Warm regards.



**Sr.Sarala Christi
Vice Principal**



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 School of Knowledge is viewed as a talent reserve and the school works relentlessly towards empowering each and every child.

School Assembly



Theme- Positive Thinking.



Theme- Value of Time.

THE HONORING OF THE EXCELLENT SCHOOLS FOR ARABIC BENCHMARK TEST

ABT assessments extended an invitation in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Majid bin Sultan bin Rashid Al Nuaimi to honor leading schools in the Arabic language at the annual summit of ABT assessments, to be role models for schools looking for excellence, and to provide high-quality education in Arabic Language and Islamic Education. Our school was selected to be one of 95 schools out of 880 schools conducting ABT assessments that will receive the trophy at the ABT summit.



ARABIC WRITING CHALLENGES

The Arabic language holds significant importance globally, both culturally and historically. It is the fifth most spoken language in the world, with over 300 million native speakers across more than 20 countries. Arabic serves as a unifying force within the Arab world, fostering cultural cohesion and identity among diverse populations.

SOK's Arabic department's emphasis on creative writing has been instrumental in fostering students' proficiency in both spoken and written Arabic. By encouraging creative expression, students have been able to explore and develop their linguistic abilities, deepening their understanding of the language's nuances and structures.



THE ARAB READING CHALLENGE

Embark on a Journey of Imagination

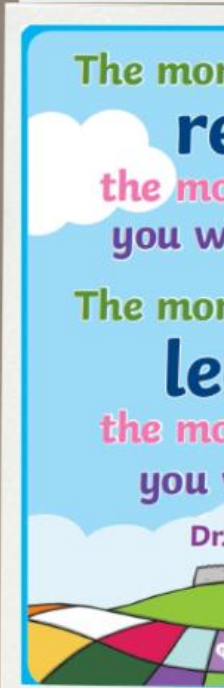
The Arab Reading Challenge is an initiative launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to promote the love of reading and knowledge among Arab youth. The challenge aims to encourage students to read in Arabic and contribute to building an educated generation capable of contributing to the renaissance of Arab society.

The Eighth Edition

The eighth edition of the Arab Reading Challenge was launched in 2023- 2024 and out of six students two students were selected from our school for round 3



INTERNATIONAL READING DAY



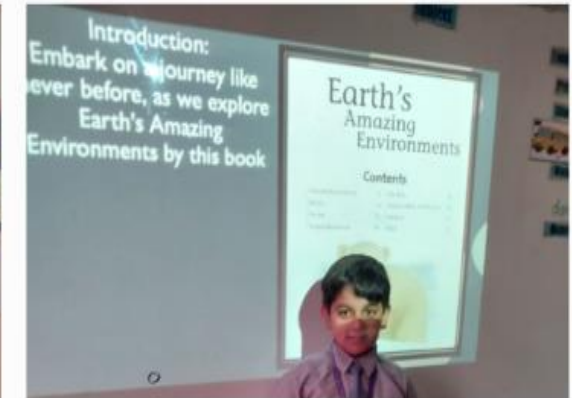
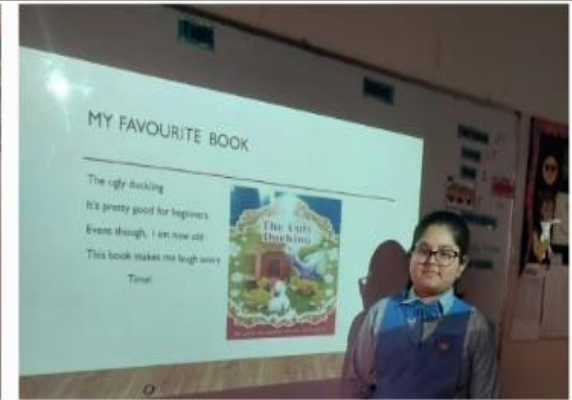
Reading is crucial for students as it enhances language skills, critical thinking, and academic success across all subjects. It fosters imagination, creativity, and empathy by exposing readers to diverse perspectives and experiences.

Moreover, reading broadens knowledge in various domains, from history to science, and promotes lifelong learning beyond formal education. It also contributes to mental well-being by reducing stress and promoting relaxation. Ultimately, cultivating a habit of reading equips students with essential skills for academic achievement, personal growth, and success in a rapidly changing world.

SOK celebrated reading day by providing different activities to the students from Year2-7. Students enjoyed talking about their favourite book, making new covers and trailers for their favourite books.

INTERNATIONAL READING DAY

INTERNATIONAL READING DAY ACTIVITY



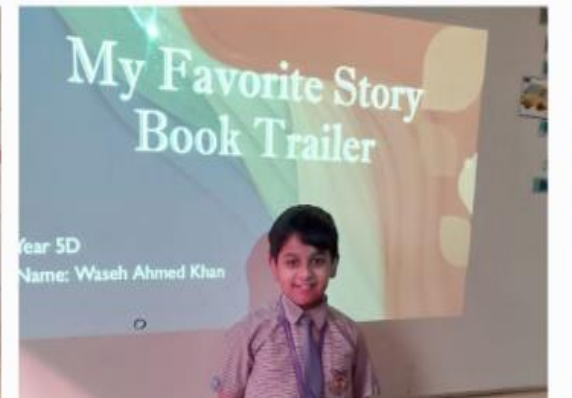
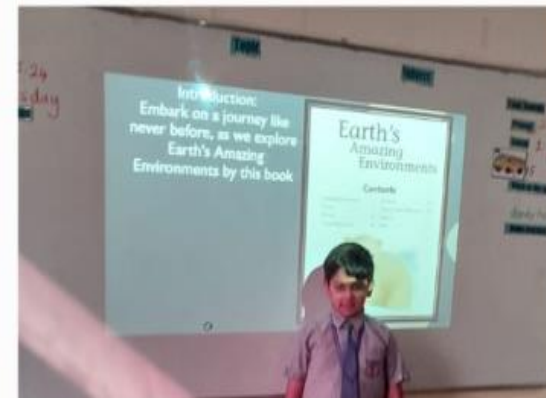
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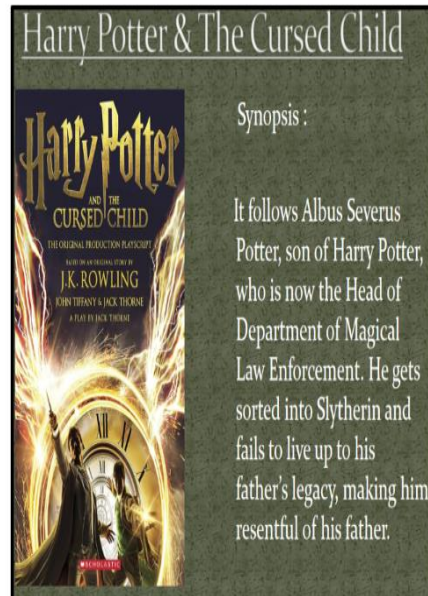
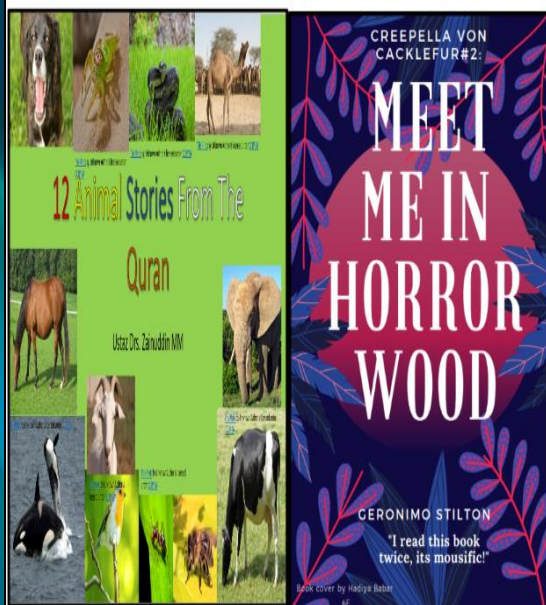
My Personal Review

- I really like this book because it has some of my favourite genres on it, it has fantasy, and adventure which I like the most on books. But this book is different, it has these secret codes, fantasy language, Kingdom of the Witches, Trolls, Dragons, Gnomes, Fairies, Glams, and Mermaids.
- So basically the story is about Germino having a bad day and the actual date is June 23 which in their time is a magical day. So going back, Germino is having a very bad day at the office, but when he comes home, there is no electricity so he basically needs to go to the attic to find some candles, but he stumbles into this Music Box with all precious Jewels in it like Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Sapphire, Citrine, Topaz and Amethyst. So there is this message that is in Fantadan Language.
- Germino enters a world of Fantasy and other fun things that he is afraid of. So now, he needs to travel 6 Kingdoms to save the Fairy Queens named Blossom. You need to read the rest of the book to find out what else happens, I tell you, it is interesting. I recommend this book to the people who really likes fantasy and adventure books plus Germino Softon books!!!

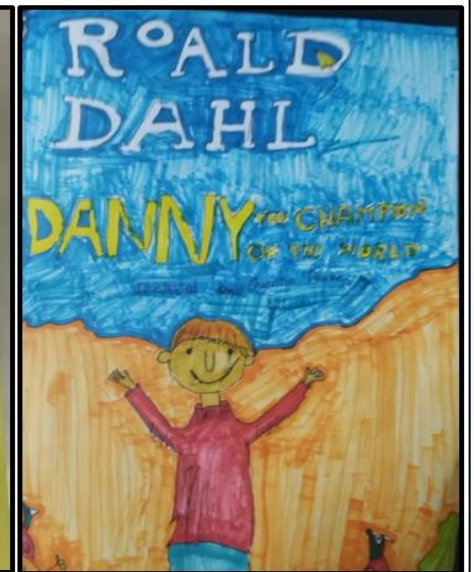
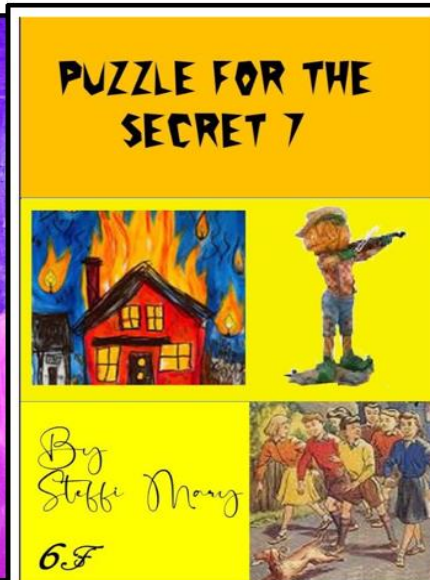
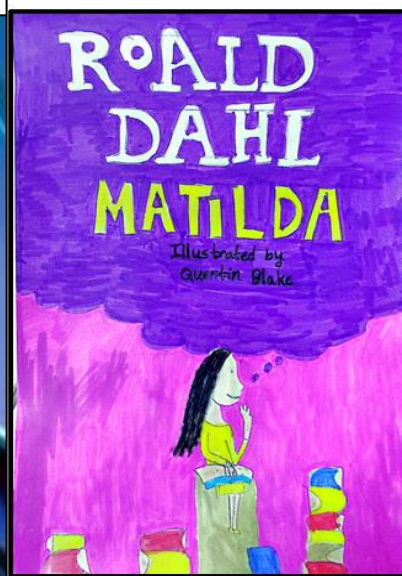
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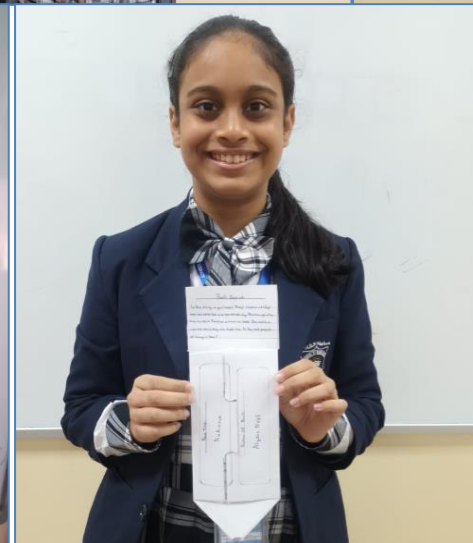
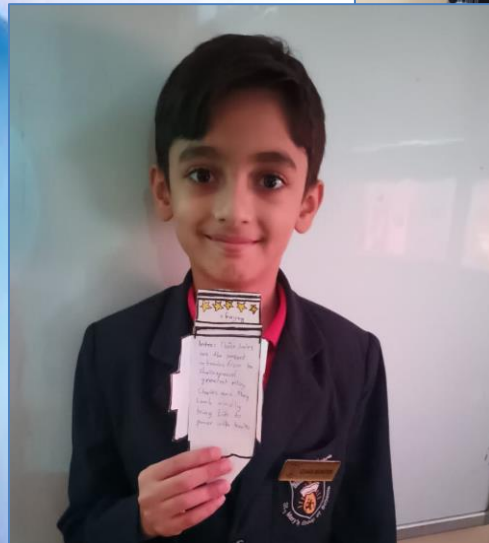
INTERNATIONAL READING DAY



Year 6 students designed new cover pages for their favourite book incorporating the elements and important characters in the books.



Year 8 students celebrated world reading day by making presentation of their favourite author and book.



Year 7 students collected details about their favourite author and book.

SPELL BEE - YEAR 5-7



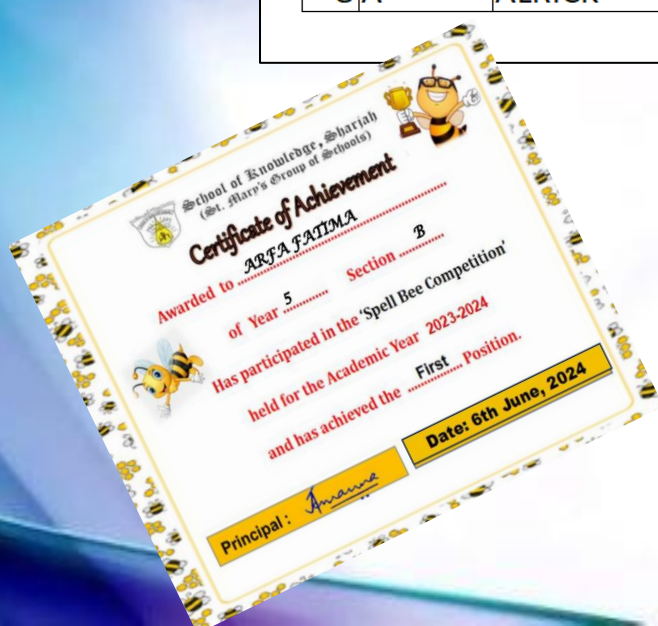
Spelling is crucial for clear communication, professionalism, academic success, cognitive development, self-confidence, cultural understanding, and navigating technology effectively. Mastering spelling enhances overall communication and fosters success in various aspects of life.

Spelling bees are important because they improve vocabulary, enhance spelling skills, boost confidence, promote language appreciation, and offer cognitive and academic benefits. They also teach life skills like perseverance and sportsmanship. Overall, spelling bees are a valuable educational activity that enriches language proficiency and personal development. The English department conducted different rounds of spell bee in each class to assess the students.

The spelling bee competition not only improved students' writing skills and expanded their vocabulary but also sparked their enthusiasm for participating in the event.

YEAR 5-8 SPELL BEE COMPETITION WINNERS

5 B	ARFA FATIMA
5 C	MUHAMMAD RAYYAN ZEESHAN KHAN
5 E	ADIBA ISHTIAQ
5 H	HASSINI KHRETTE LOKESH
6 A	MUHAMMAD HASHIR
6 B	MUHAMMAD FAWAD AHMAD
6 C	MUHAMMAD TAHA KASHIF KASHIF MAHMOOD
6 D	HAFSA AHMED AND AREEJ FATHIMA
6 E	TOOBA NASIR
6 F	STEFFI MARY
7 A	AARIZ BIN ATA
7 C	KRISH DYLAN MALI
7 D	FATIMA NABEELA
7 E	ANVITHA ROJITH
8 A	ALRICK



SPORTS- INDOOR GAMES

Indoor sports provide a versatile and engaging way to stay active and enjoy physical activity regardless of weather conditions. From the fast-paced intensity of basketball and volleyball to the precision of table tennis ,chess and carroms indoor sports offer something for everyone. SOK held the indoor games in term 3.The students were excited to participate and winners were awarded with certificates.



THE SCOUTS AND GUIDES CLOSING CEREMONY



The Scout and Guide closing ceremony for the 2023-2024 academic year was held on May 23, 2024, in the school auditorium. The ceremony celebrated the achievements of 32 scouts and 35 guides, marking the successful culmination of a year of activities and personal growth.

SOK's ORIGINALS

Presenting the works
of creative young
writers of SOK








THE LIFE OF A BUTTERFLY

JAIME BERNICE
YEAR 6F

I hatch out an egg
And then I explore
I wonder what I'll be
Butterfly, Moth? I want to know
more!

I snack on leaves
And on the greenflies.
Then I go into a pupa,
To turn into a moth or butterfly
Alas! With my attractive wings
I felt like I could happily cry!
The metamorphosis magics
Turned me into a butterfly.



NATURE

KRISH DYLAN
YEAR 7C

The grass is green ,
The fruits are sweet
Nature is a treat !

The sky is blue ,
The ocean is too.
The Nature is a place for
Me and You!

Go outside and explore,
There's a lot to do ,
I 'm very sure



OUR JUNE MA'AM

In a school with students bright and keen
Stands a principal whose name is Ms. June

With a heart full of love and care.
She guides and leads with patience rare.

Firm but fair, she rules the hall
Encourage each child as they stand tall

Ms June, a beacon of light
Guiding students towards success and right

With the knowledge and wisdom she imparts
shaping minds and molding hearts

In her presence, all feel secure
For in her hands, their futures are pure

So here's to Ma'am June, our guiding star.
Leading us towards who we truly are

Poem written by Moosa Hashir
of Year 6A for June ma'am's
birthday





By Ayub Rizwan

Year 6A

Believing in oneself will lead to successful life. We need to build confidence and courage and push our self from our comfort zone. It will not be easy and you will have some failures in the beginning but eventually you will find yourself enjoying the process.

Student life is the perfect time to built your confidence. You will have so many hurdles to cross which needs courage and belief. You also need a positive environment around you. So make sure you have group of friends, teachers and others who will correct, guide and encourage you to overcome the hurdles.

Learning from mistakes are also part of building the confidence. Every student should be aware of their mistakes and get the opportunity to correct themselves.

Students should also never give up on themselves. They should always try to achieve more and keep checking their progress which will result in success. This all will happen only if you believe in yourself and believe that great things will happen in your life.

2023-2024 A RETROSPECT






AN AMAZING ACADEMIC YEAR - Maryam Atiqur 5E

This year has been a blast for me, with so much knowledge and fun and excitement throughout the entire year! I had so many memorable moments throughout the entire school year, but I'd like to share a few. The first day of school was so fun and interesting to me as I got to know about all my new teachers, laughed and enjoyed the entire day with my friends that I met after months. Then we had the prize day, it was a day that is so memorable to me, and cherish it so much. My parents watched me walk up the stage and earn my certificate meant everything to me.

The field trip was also one of the most happiest moments of this academic year where we got to go enjoy a museum, farm and a zoo with our friends and class, we had so much fun. On the other hand, with all these moments also came some challenges. Such as assemblies, throughout the year we had so many assemblies and I proudly practiced through all of them. But always before the assembly, I would have thoughts and doubts like "will I do it right?" which would make me feel nervous, then I'd have to convince myself and fill myself up with confidence as I appeared to the stage, and it would always go perfectly!

Exams at the end of every term would always be challenging, but I'd always conquer them with hard-work and dedication, resulting in amazing marks and grades! With all my efforts around the year, I academically grew very well by the support of my amazing teachers that always pushed me to do better, were always there to clear my doubts and help me out, and by the support of my parents who were always by my side throughout all the year for my academics, and my personal wellbeing.



TEACHER'S NOTE

“Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning.”



Creating a balloon lamplight can be a fun and creative DIY project! Here are general steps you can follow to make one:

Materials Needed: Balloon, String lights

Craft glue or mod podge, Paintbrush, Newspaper or old magazines, threads and Scissors

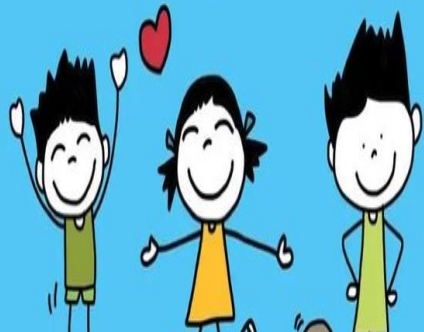
Steps:

This project allows for a lot of creativity, so feel free to experiment with different shapes, sizes, and decorations to make your balloon lamplight unique!

1. Inflate balloon to desired size.
2. Mix craft glue or mod podge with water in a bowl.
3. Use paintbrush to apply glue mixture to balloon.
4. Tear newspaper/magazine into strips./or take threads
5. Apply strips to balloon, overlapping and smoothing with glue.
6. Allow balloon and paper layers to dry completely.
7. Pop and remove balloon to leave a paper shell.
8. Insert LED string lights through opening of paper shell.
9. Customize with paint or additional paper layers.
10. Place and turn on for a cozy lamplight effect.
11. This streamlined guide should help you create your balloon lamplight effectively!



HAVE FUN
AND
ENJOY
THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



SPENDING HOLIDAYS PRODUCTIVELY

Ms.Nisha Roche

Summer Holidays are around the corner and soon many of you will leave on a 2-month break starting in July and ending in August. Many will leave the UAE's relatively safe environment and proceed to the Indian Subcontinent, in the middle of monsoons.

Monsoons call for special health precautions. Getting wet in the rain may sound exciting, but it also means falling ill. Wear proper rainwear; it's your precaution from falling sick during your holidays.

Spending time productively can be a deeply enriching experience. Here's how you can expand on those ideas:

Learning New Skills: Dedicate time to mastering skills that interest you. This could range from practical skills like woodworking, coding, or cooking, to artistic pursuits such as photography, painting, or writing.

Getting to Know Nature Intimately: Immerse yourself in the natural world around you. Explore local parks, forests, or beaches. Observe wildlife, learn about plants and ecosystems, and understand environmental conservation.

Associating with Local People: Engage with members of your community. Local residents often possess unique knowledge about history, traditions, and local resources. They can offer insights into cultural practices, local cuisine, or artisanal crafts.

Return from your holidays, refreshed and focused on a new term.



*Thank
you*