



Dubai Gem Private School Primary Newsletter 2018

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- The **Primary Investiture Ceremony** was held on the 24th of September. This year we have 2 new positions - correspondents and photographers reporting on the events that will be held throughout this academic year.
- **The morning assembly** in the quadrangle is a daily routine led by the young leaders of the school, supported by the staff. It helps the students stay focussed and ready to start.
- **Class assemblies** every Monday and Tuesday are conducted for students to understand their capabilities, their positive worth and their place in the community. Parents are welcome to watch and encourage the students.
- The **Baseline Assessments** in the first week of September provided the teachers with a useful picture of what each child knows or can do at that point in time.

Parent teacher partnership
plays a significant role
in a child's life.



- **'Hands on Handwriting'** was organized to reinforce correct formation of letters and to develop writing with concentration and speed. It will continue as a regular activity.
- **The World Maths Day** on the 15th of October was celebrated in the Primary with various activities throughout the week. It was a learning experience outside the classrooms.
- **Poetry Appreciation fortnight** in October helped develop an acceptance that poetry is important. Students had opportunities to create their own and also read work of different poets.
- **2018-Year of Zayed:** The students of Year 6s got together in teams to create the biography of Sheikh Zayed.
- **The Open Day** on the 10th of October was a platform of communication between the parents and teachers to understand the progress of the students in curricular and co curricular areas.
- The students teamed up with Al Jalila Foundation to raise funds towards **#HalaHeart**. The students participated enthusiastically and the support of the parents is deeply appreciated.
- KEVALI Productions from Ireland performed 2 shows of **'Pinocchio'** in the auditorium. Children had follow up activities related to the story after the show.
- KS2 students enjoyed their trip to Wafi mall to see the exhibits by **Ripley's-Believe it or not!** KS1 students look forward to their outing in the month of November.
- The **Swimming Gala** will be held on Saturday, 3rd of November.



- **Arabic** syllabus has changed this year and new books have been introduced. The curriculum is modified to apply real life situations and ICT is used often to enhance the students' learning experience.
- Reading is an integral part of teaching and learning. **ORT Programme** continues to be a segment of the English curriculum in KS1 and Year 3. **Everybody Reads In Class- ERIC** was introduced this year to develop the awareness of reading for pleasure.
- **Rubrics** were initiated in English, Maths and Science to support student self-evaluation with appropriate criteria. It also indicates written descriptions of expected level of performance.

And finally...

'Well done!' to **Zahra Afzal** (3B) for championing the environmental cause with her innovative recycled plastic book and **Riyan Malhan** (3C), the badminton champ, for his outstanding accomplishments.

If your child has done something worth shouting about in the field of community service, charity, sports or a special talent, bring the certificates, badges, medals or trophies to school and we will tell everyone about it too! For regular updates, please visit the school website, D6, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Best Wishes,
The Primary Team.