



KEEPING IN TOUCH

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On behalf of the Principal and CEO, Srivalsan Murugan

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“The impossible cannot be where there is perseverance and faith. There is no impossible in life.” – His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Dear Parents,

With the resumption of classes after the summer break, the School is moving forward with renewed energy and steadfast commitment to safeguarding, nurturing well-being, and fostering the holistic development of every learner. In this spirit of gratitude and purpose, we proudly celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students and the milestones that continue to define our journey of excellence.

SPARKX 2025: Think, Tinker, Transform, Innovate

The school proudly marked the grand success of SPARKX 2025 on Saturday, 20th September 2025. The event was a vibrant celebration of creativity, commitment, and collaboration, showcasing the remarkable talents of our students and teachers. Classrooms across all subjects and clubs — Science, Math, Social Studies, Commerce, Languages, Arts, PE, Music, and more — were transformed into dynamic spaces of innovation, where ideas came alive with energy and imagination. With the enthusiastic participation of over 1,500 students from KG to Grade, SPARKX 2025 came alive with more than 300 projects and thus truly embodied the spirit of inspiration and excellence. We were honoured to welcome Dr. Suleiman Hamdan, School Improvement Advisor from SPEA as the Chief Guest for the day.

Celebrating Student Achievements: Academic and Competitive Excellence

Our students have made us proud with their remarkable accomplishments in academics, competitions, and creative pursuits:

- **Adithya Anush (11A):** Honored with a certificate and trophy in the Student Category at the *Sharjah Award for Voluntary Work*, being one of only eight students from the UAE. The award was presented at the Cultural Palace by H.E. Dr. Jassim Mohammed Al Hammadi, Secretary General of the Award.
- **Aachal Eeshwar (4G):** Entered the *India Book of Records* for identifying 72 country flags in just 30 seconds.
- **Advay Sumith (5B):** Won the Scholars Trophy, Certificate of Excellence, and International Rank 2 in Science Olympiad; Certificate of Excellence and International Rank 47 in Math Olympiad; 1st place in Critical Writing and 3rd place in Creative Writing in the *National Student Literacy Challenge*.
- **Mohammed Rayan Syed Ali (6C):** Earned Certificates of Excellence, Genius & Appreciation in the Science Olympiad by Genius Cerebrum and a Certificate of Appreciation in the STEM Olympiad.
- **Aayush Supal (5E):** Awarded the title of *Elitist* in the International Math Challenge Competition, June 2025.
- **Ramin Rayn (5C):** Secured a Gold Medal in the Ei ASSET Talent Search.
- **Chrison Daniel (5D):** Placed in the top 15% in ASSET 2024-25 and qualified for the ASSET Talent Search 2025-26.
- **Rohan Rajesh Nair (8B):** Achieved International Zonal Rank 14 in the *Unicus General Knowledge Olympiad*.
- **Omar Ahmed Khan (7D):** Secured 2nd place in the National Interschool Writing Competition and titled *Young Critic in the Making*.

- **Advaith Kottarathil Ajith (7G):** Completed the *Keolis MHI Summer Internship Program*, gaining valuable industry exposure.
- **Shrujan Hariharan (7C):** Excelled at *International CREO 2025* as the sole GCC participant among 3,365 students, standing out in the ‘I Inspire’ category for promoting reading.
- **Aditya Rajesh (11A):** Secured First Runner-up in the *Santhwanam Rapid Chess Tournament* on 3rd August 2025 at Al Bustan Centre, Dubai, organized in collaboration with the Dubai Sports Council and CDA. He was also awarded the *International Math Challenge Elitist* title in June 2025.

Celebrating Excellence in Sports

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding performances of our students in recent sporting events, demonstrating skill, dedication, and teamwork:

- **Under-14 Basketball Team:** Secured the *Runners-Up Trophy* in the CBSE UAE Cluster Basketball Tournament held at Our Own English High School, Al Ain.
- **Avaneesh Sai (8C):** Awarded the *Top Scorer Trophy* for his exceptional performance throughout the tournament.
- **U19 4x100m Relay Team:** Secured 3rd place at the CBSE UAE Cluster Athletic Meet. Team members: Affan Mohammad (12E), Mohammed Aahil (12G), Stan Pachen Marokey (12D), Ahamed Armaan Asif (12E), and Siddi Vinay (9E).
- **Sahil Veeran (11C):** Achieved 3rd place in the 100m (U17) with a timing of 11.74s.
- **Affan Mohammad (12E):** Secured 3rd place in the 100m (U19) with a timing of 11.64s.

Celebrating Student Talent and Contributions

- **Arnesh Sinha (9A), Mithil Pramod (12G), Aarav Singh (11E):** Shared their creative writings at the *Mohammed Bin Rashid Library, Dubai*, as part of the student edition of “*What the UAE Means to Me.*” The event was graced by H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Minister for Tolerance and Coexistence.
- **Mohammed Hamza (10H):** Showcased exceptional cricketing talent at the *UK Global Cricket Festival*, taking 9 wickets and leading his team to victory in the Oakham Cup.
- **Advay Sumith (5B):** Collected 500 kg of paper waste for the “*Recycle. Reforest. Repeat*” project by Emirates Environmental Group, earning the planting of a tree under the “*For Our Emirates We Plant*” initiative.

Engaging and Insightful Assemblies

- **Grade 2:** Conducted an assembly on “*Unplug to Recharge: From Screen Time to Me Time,*” highlighting the importance of stepping away from gadgets to embrace play, creativity, and real-life connections.
- **KG2E:** Presented an assembly on the significance of world peace.
- **Grades 5C & 6C – World Music Day:** Celebrated “*The Rhythm of Life*” with music’s power to unite cultures.
- **Grade 7 – Teachers’ Tribute:** Organized an assembly to honour teachers as the architects of curiosity and builders of character.
- **Grades 9–12 – Islamic Assembly:** Commemorated the birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) under the theme “*Rahmatullil ‘Aalameen.*”
- **Grades 5 & 6 – Arabic Assembly:** Focused on “*Eating Right: Healthy vs. Unhealthy Food,*”

Celebrating Creativity and Learning

OOB Achieves Outstanding Success at the Sultan Award- We proudly nominated 39 students for the prestigious Sultan Award, and we are delighted to share that all 39 nominations were successful.

Our students excelled brilliantly, bringing home:

- 17 Gold Awards
- 7 Silver Awards
- 15 Bronze Awards

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Abdul Tayyeb Mustafa Ratlami, Abhinav Sumith, Adithya Anush, Ashwin Sathishkumar, Joash Varghese Joseph, Madhav Shanoj, Kailas Sudheesh, Kayaan Joshi, Samford Sebin, Sreehari Deepu Nair, Sreepadmanabhan Vimalkumar, Muhammad Mahdi, Gokul Prasath, Mohammed Kashif, Marcelino Abiru, Pushkal Mammula, Siddhartha Prabhakar

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Mohammed Ayyan Zahir Mullaji, Ammar Mir Ali Khan, Mohammed Yousuf Shareef, Nevan Rojin, Sahal Muhammed Sadiqe, Rashid Ahmed Zaheer Ahmed, Navrang Ramesh

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Aansh Manish Motta, Ali Asger Saifuddin Raj, Govardhan Vimalkumar, Izaan Fudayl, Jaideep Anandan, Lohith Sriram, Milan Tom, Mohammed Risham Pallikandy, Muhammed Shadan Shamzeer, Mukulraj Pushparaj, Nandakishore Riju, Nandakishore Sudeep, Rathan Ramakrishna, Rayhan Mohammed Shafi, Zian Muhammed Rafeek

This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, and excellence of our students, along with the guidance and support of our teachers and parents. Congratulations to all our winners – you have made the OOB community proud!

OOB proudly hosted the inaugural Summit 2025, a pioneering initiative of the Student Council in collaboration with Generation Global. The summit brought together 64 changemakers from grades 8 to 11, united by one vision – to explore SDG 4: Quality Education through dialogue, curiosity and collaboration.

In Kindergarten, Talent Hunt Week was a delightful celebration of creativity and self-expression, with boys showcasing singing, dancing, guitar performances, storytelling, and rhyme recitations. They also celebrated *International Teddy Bear Day* and *Health is Wealth Week* that highlighted the importance of a healthy mind and body while *International Day of Peace* taught the value of friendship and harmony.

In the Primary Department, students in Grades 2 to 4 demonstrated focus, patience, and critical thinking during the Chess Competition. *International Literacy Day* celebrations brought stories to life, as children shared their favorite books and authors, adding props and illustrations to make storytelling vibrant and engaging.

Our Principal and CEO, Mr. Srivalan Murugan, continues to lead by example. He recently represented us at the International School Leaders Summit 4.0 in Bangalore, India, held under the theme “*Empowering Innovation and Sustainability in Education.*” He was honoured to be among the distinguished speakers at the summit, where he shared his insights and vision on shaping the future of education through innovation and sustainable practices.

Our teachers Ms. Hajira Nazar and Ms. Gini Anish led SPEA workshops on pedagogical practices for schools In Sharjah.

Before I close, I’m reminded of the quiet strength of a mother — guiding with patience, shaping with love, and yet humbly learning from her child at every step. Angela Schwindt captured this beautifully when she said, “*While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.*” It is a reminder for us as educators too — to remain open, not just as teachers but as lifelong learners, continually inspired by the curiosity, resilience, and hope our children so naturally embody.

Sending good vibes your way and a promise to ‘Keep in touch’. For streamlined updates on the vibrant life of the OOB campus, please feel free to check out our Twitter account @OOB_GEMS, Our Instagram @gems_oob and our Facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/GEMSOurOwnBoys/>.

We thank you for your unstinted support and collaboration.

Warm wishes,



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