



Keeping in Touch

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On behalf of the Principal and CEO, Srivalsan Murugan

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“All dreams are within reach. All you have to do is keep moving towards them.” – Viola Davis

Dear Parents,

We attribute OOB's **Optimism, Opportunity and Balance** to the close relationships we've built with our pupils. Our boys emulate optimism day in and day out. They take up the ownership of being responsible for their actions. This is the culture we foster at OOB. To the ones who continue to stoke the fire of success, we pray that they pursue their dreams with all their might, as they equip themselves with the passport to the future. We have had an action-packed month inundated by laurels.

It is with great pride that I would like to inform you that two of our grade 12 boys, Harsh Parth Desai and Deepak Raj, got a chance to represent the UAE under 19 cricket team against England on 4th December and 6th December respectively.

Our under 19 cricket team became the champions of the 12th Skyline University Inter School Sports Festival. In the finals, we defeated the Delhi Private School, Sharjah by 61 runs. Karan Dhiman of grade 12 G was awarded the 'Man of the Match' for his crucial 70 runs from 46 balls. He was also awarded the 'Man of the Series' of the Tournament. He scored total of 196 runs from 3 matches including a century in the league match against Indian Academy Dubai. Our under 19 Table Tennis team won the runner up trophy in this Sports Festival.

Our under 17 cricket team became the champions of the Max Talent Vision Cup, 2022. In the finals, we defeated the Delhi Private School, Dubai by 16 runs. Deepak Raj of grade 12 became the Man of the Match in the finals for his 97 not out. He was also awarded 'Best Bowler of the Tournament' as he took 10 wickets in 4 matches. He got the 'Best player of the Tournament' for his 10 wickets and 222 runs in 4 matches. Madhav Manoj of Grade 10 was declared the 'Best Batsman' of the tournament as he scored 285 runs in 4 matches.

The under-13 Cricket Team and their coach Mr. Sanoj brought home the Runner-Up cup of the Max Talent Vision Tournament. Devam of grade 5F won the 'Man of the Match' title.

Geon Jibi of grade 8D won 3 Gold Medals in the TMS inter-school Swimming Gala - 50 mtrs freestyle, 50 m butterfly and 50 m backstroke. He also bagged the Individual Champion's Trophy in the under-14 category.

At the 25th Speedo Swimming Competition held at Hamdan Sports Complex, Dubai, Geon Jibi of 8D won the Bronze medal in 100m Butterfly Stroke and 100m Freestyle and the fourth position in the under-13 category.

Rayhan Sayed of grade 11 won the 2nd position in the 5km run in the Unity Run under the 15-99 category.

Tharun Vimala Muthukrishnan of 6A won the first place in the Pravasi Sree Sharjah Chess Tournament, under 11 category.

Children who are well-versed in math and science are better able to create innovative technology, find solutions to real-world issues and make educated judgments in their personal and public lives. It's also a great technique to train your brain and becoming more focused and disciplined, as it promotes analytical thinking and intellectual rigor. In a Scientific Case Study conducted by Science India Forum, Harishankar Ranjit Menon (12A), Harshit Kumar Saini (12A), Nithin Santhosh (12A) bagged the first place in the Senior category for finding a viable solution to a pertinent global issue. The team worked under the guidance of Ms. Lizy Franco and did a detailed research on Bio fuels – a reliable and a green alternative to the fossil fuels.

The ebullient trio of Iraj Nair (11E), Manav Pandey (10A) and Mohammed Ayaan (9H) retained the Rolling Trophy of the Inter-School NRI Friends Quiz Competition organized under the aegis of the Sharjah Indian Association on 5 November 2022. Kudos to the avid quiz aficionados!

Adithya Anush of 8G and Amarnath Sreevalsan of 7E won the 3rd prize in the Science Quiz (Junior Category) of Children's Innovation Festival organized by Science India Forum.

Aditya Rajesh of 8D took part in the Kenken International Championship and secured the UAE National Rank of 27. He received a Certificate of Excellence. David Shaun Dsilva of grade 5H was awarded a certificate of achievement for successfully clearing the Emirati level of Kenken International Championship – UAE edition.

Aditya Rajesh of 8D participated in the Genius Cerebrum Mathematics Olympiad and received a Certificate of Excellence. Shaan Pinto of grade 8F received the Champion Award during the 8th International Abacus Competition held at Indian High School.

Prasandhip Jawahar of 8D received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating at the Star Quest Audition programme conducted by Peace Radio at Sharjah International Book Fair 2022. Kudos to his mentor Ms. Zainab!

Our Kindergarteners have emerged proud champions in the 7th edition of the 'Interschool Choral Rhyme and Recitation Competition' hosted by NMS Al Khail. Kudos to our Champs!

On 'International Artist's Day', our boys demonstrated their belief that everyone has artistic talents and shared their thoughts and feelings through dance, song, sketching, and painting. To show their appreciation for the people who make our communities better, students of KG 2 held a 'Show & Tell' in which they paraded around the school dressed as community workers and spoke about their work. In addition to these wonderful events, the department showcased some very promising assemblies too. To celebrate 'World Science Day,' the teachers of Kindergarten set up a lab where our budding scientists could learn more about the fascinating field of science. Espousing the virtue of tolerance on 'International Day of Tolerance', our boys demonstrated the values of being a global citizen through wonderful artworks.

Our budding artists made their presence felt at various inter school activities. In the poster making contest conducted by Science India Forum, Ashwin Krishna (11E) and Bennet Abraham Shaju (11H) bagged the second place. The suggested theme was '*Climate change – A reality*'.

Ashwin Satish Kumar of 7B won the 3rd prize in the Pencil Drawing Competition at the NRI Friend's Forum, UAE Chapter.

Jacob Abu Varghese of grade 7F won the 3rd Prize in the Instrumental Music - Guitar category at the Santhwanam Youth Fest 2022, Season 5 held at Gulf Model School, Dubai.

Environment is the fundamental source of all possible existence on planet Earth and our eco warriors are constantly championing the cause of environmental awareness in their endeavor to make a difference in the world. Hamad Aamir Baig of grade 6F was a part of the beach clean-up campaign held on 22 October 2022. This clean up drive is not just about cleanliness, but about contributing to a better living in our environment.

Kanishk of grade 6B volunteered for planting Ghaf trees in a Ghaf project on Friday, 18 November 2022 organized by (Du Telecom) at Al Khazzan Park.

Aditya Rajesh of 8D participated in the “One Root, One Communi-Tree Project” (Phase 2) organized by Emirates Environmental Group and collected 260 kgs of e-waste. He received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Anish Jena of 7C received a certificate of appreciation for participating in the Emirates Environmental Group 2022 Virtual Students' Workshop themed 'The Quintessential Net Zero'.

The Sharjah International Book Fair, in its 41st annual edition, has been the gateway to a wide audience of people who come together for the love of the written word engaging with thousands of readers and industry professionals. 55 students of the middle school literary club and 150 senior school students visited the SIBF. The senior school students were fortunate to meet the acclaimed writers Pico Iyer and Ms. Geetanjali Shree.

Members of the Leadership Team had an invigorating discussion with the boys of grades 7 and 8 at their ‘Book Café’ where they discussed 'The Portrait of a Lady' by Khushwant Singh. Joining them was Mr. Rakesh Nair, the former Head Boy of the class of 2001.

Our boys from the Senior and Secondary Department participated in the Story of Cultures organized by SPEA, as part of the Sharjah International Book Fair, showcasing prominent scientists and authors of India on 13 November 2022. Amarnath Sreevalsan of grade 7E won the 2nd Prize in the English Poem Recitation at the Santhwanam Youth Fest 2022, Season-5 held at Gulf Model School, Dubai.

As part of the National Anti-Bullying Week, which was held from November 14 to 20, our members of the Anti-Bullying Committee reiterated the zero- tolerance policy of the school towards all kinds of bullying. Radio OOB also took an active part in the campaign to drive home the message of ‘Be a Buddy not a Bully’. They also emphasized on the role of being an upstander.

On Nov 14 2022 the school celebrated Children’s Day through special assemblies and varied fun activities across the departments.

‘Long Live the Union, Long live the UAE’ resounded across the campus as the school celebrated the 51st National Day with ceremonial pomp and gaiety on 29 November 2022. The stellar event was coordinated by the Supervisor of the Arabic and Islamic Department - Ms. Samira Moosa al Balushi.

On 30 November 2022, the school honoured the martyrs through observance of a minute silence and offering the Du’aa prayers.

'CATS' - a tale from the feline world, the Our Own 'meow'sical adaptation stunned the audience with its phenomenal choreography, contagious exuberance and soulful singing as the felines prowled and pranced into the hearts of the audience. The virtuosos of OOB in their luxuriant pelage, transported everyone to a world of flickering streetlights and eonian music on 7 December, 2022 when 'cat'astrophe struck the Sheikh Zayed Multi-Purpose Hall as an investigative prowl began at the Jellicle Tribe.

As Paul Theroux said, "Winter is a season for recovery and preparation."

The Winter Break will offer some time for quiet reflection as happiness and joy surrounds the city with festive celebrations. We hope that students use this time to indulge in all of their favourite activities, rejuvenate and refuel. We hope you have the opportunity to relax, reconnect with friends and family and enjoy this break in the academic calendar. We would like to offer you and your family the best wishes for the holiday season and a happy and healthy 2023.

We look forward to seeing our students back on campus on 2nd January, 2023.

We post regular updates on the day-to-day happenings of our school on our Twitter account @OOB_GEMS, Instagram @gems_oob, and our Facebook account. <https://www.facebook.com/GEMSOurOwnBoys/>. Do follow us on social media so that you never miss the happenings in the school.

We thank you for your unstinted support and cooperation.

Stay in touch!

Warm Wishes,



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