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THE EDITORIAL NOTE



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LIFE'S A FUNNY THING, ISN'T IT? WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT I WOULD BE LEADING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER. I AM HONOURED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD OUR TALENTED TEAM AND CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE THAT OUR PREDECESSORS HAVE ESTABLISHED.

IN THIS EDITION, YOU'LL FIND A DIVERSE RANGE OF ARTICLES THAT DIVE INTO CURRENT EVENTS TO PERSONAL REFLECTIONS. OUR TALENTED WRITERS, WORKING TIRELESSLY ALONGSIDE OUR DEDICATED TEAM, HAVE METICULOUSLY CRAFTED EACH PIECE TO OFFER UNIQUE INSIGHTS AND STIMULATE CRITICAL THINKING.

THE BELL ISN'T JUST ABOUT INFORMATION, IT'S A SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO SHARE THEIR VOICES AND CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER. THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER TO SPARK YOUR INTEREST.

AS A SMALL BUT MIGHTY EDITORIAL TEAM, WE'RE COMMITTED TO BRINGING YOU HIGH-QUALITY CONTENT THAT IS BOTH ENGAGING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE BELL PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN FOSTERING A VIBRANT INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR SCHOOL, WHERE STUDENTS CAN EXCHANGE IDEAS, CHALLENGE ASSUMPTIONS, AND GROW AS INDIVIDUALS.

HAPPY READING!

NOTES FROM

THIS WAS AN AMAZING OPPURTUNITY GIVEN TO ME, I LOVED BEING A PART OF THIS UNBELIEVABLE TEAM AND BEING ABLE TO DESIGN THIS MUCH ACCLAIMED NEWSLETTER. I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WHO READS THIS NEWSLETTER HAS AN AMAZING TIME.YOU WILL LOVE IT AS MUCH AS WE DID WHILE MAKING IT

IF YOU HAD TOLD ME I WOULD BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE BELL NEWSLETTER, I WOULD HAVE FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE. BUT HERE I AM, EMBRACING THIS UNEXPECTED TWIST OF FATE! IT'S A TRUE HONOUR TO COLLABORATE WITH SUCH A TALENTED TEAM ON THIS AMAZING JOURNEY

I AM EXTREMELY PRIVILEGED TO BE A DESIGNER FOR 'THE BELL'. I AM GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS AMAZING PROJECT ALONG WITH THIS TEAM. IT WAS A TOUGH TIME TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THIS, OUR TEAM EFFORT PAID OFF.

THIS IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR ME, I HAVE ALWAYS HOPED TO GET SUCH AN EXUBERANT POSITION. I HAVE DONE MY VERY BEST FOR THIS NEWSLETTER. I HOPE EVERYONE HAS AN AMAZING TIME READING THIS NEWLETTER

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PISA Triumph

A Benchmark of Academic Excellence



Our Principal & CEO, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, warmly received this honor in the Elite Excellence Ceremony. This honor recognises our accomplishments as students and our commitment to nurturing individuals who ask the right questions and inhabit the world correctly. At OOB, we tend to produce students who are willing and prepared to face the world. Our holistic developmental focus has made our learners perform well in other external tests and produce competent leaders who can face 21st century challenges.

THE GOLDEN LAUREL

The OOB school has received golden status in the Health Promoting Schools Programme First Cycle 2023-2024. This speaks volumes for the kind of school that we are - healthy, supportive, and inclusive. The ultimate award is the HPS Gold Status given to schools that demonstrate superior performance in health education, student support services, physical activity, and across the school. On behalf of OOB this award was accepted by the Principal and CEO Srivalsan Murugan and School Doctor Summiya.



TEACHERS' EXCELLENCE AWARD 2024



At the event organised by the Indian Association of Ajman and the Consulate General of India, OOB's Srivalsan Murugan, Principal & CEO and two teachers; Mary Lizy Franco, and Najla Mohamed were awarded. The event was also honoured by Consulate General of India Dubai Satish Sivan, and Director CBSE Regional Office Ram Shanker.

OOB recognizes the achievements of its educators at present. The attitude of the school is to develop students in the best and safe environment possible. This acclaim is richly deserved and shows that paid professional attention to education is worthy of their commitment.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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The 16th season of the Akshay Bolar Memorial Battle of the Bands, held on September 26, 2024, at the Sheikh Zayed Multipurpose Hall, featured the theme 'Retro Revived.' Five talented bands reimagined classic 1970s hits, creating an electrifying atmosphere. A highlight of the night was a mesmerizing drum solo by Ms. Poonam Kewlani, a gifted faculty member.

The event was graced by our esteemed Principal and CEO, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, along with a distinguished panel of judges. Shubhadip Saha (12 A) was crowned 'Best Guitarist,' Jeflin Victo (12 C) earned the title of 'Best Performer,' and the band 'Aeon' claimed the 'Best Band' title. This musical extravaganza celebrated the incredible talent and passion of our students. We can't wait to see what next year's edition has in store!

"Spectacular! I had the pleasure of being a member of such a great group of talented people, and a great round of applause after the competition simply topped it all off. We were glad that each of the awards was received by students from our band which was fabulous!"

— Emmanuel Matthew | Guitarist of Aeon



Career Fair



A Career fair was organized at Our Own English High School Sharjah Boys, it was a massive success for students where they get to know about academic and future career prospects. With the students from Grades 9 to 12 in attendance along with their counterparts from Sharjah Indian School, the occasion on September 14, 2024 allowed the students an insight into different types of schools and career opportunities.

The Our Own In-House Internship Programme commenced on the 24th of September 2024 which was a valuable opportunity for the students to gain practical experiences. Intended to connect knowledge acquired in class and experience acquired on the job, it promotes important competency for future professions.

The Principal highlighted the logo for the programme, created by the 10th Grade student Munadir Ahammed Sabu, accompanied by the slogan “BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE.”





At the TECH FEST 2024, students of Grades 5 to 12 were able to shine and showcase a remarkable portfolio consisting of forty-two exceptional ideas that address actual problems. With the world's young people seeking proper representation, this year's showcase seeks to feature sustainability, advanced technology, and social justice. All the projects highlighted each company's ability to think creatively and to apply innovative problem-solving techniques, whether their focus is on the environment or on bold new technologies.

AI Seminar

On September 20, 2024, a group of 46 students from Grades 10-12 attended an AI seminar at GEMS Our Own English High School, Dubai. The keynote speaker, Mr. Majed Akl, Director of Education Industry at Microsoft, provided a captivating overview of AI's landscape, delving into its current state, future trends, and the essential skills that students need to equip themselves for the technological advancements to come. Mr. Majed Akl's insights ignited curiosity and sparked a lively discussion among the students.

He emphasized ethical AI use and opportunities beyond traditional education. Two students engaged in a dialogue with Mr. Majed, gaining valuable insights. This seminar inspired our students to explore AI's potential and consider future careers in this cutting-edge field.



EDUPHORIA



This year's Teachers' Day was a joyous occasion filled with laughter, fun, and heartfelt appreciation for our dedicated teachers. The student body organized Eduphoria, a vibrant event designed to express our gratitude to our hard-working teachers.

Eduphoria featured a variety of engaging activities, including a Fancy Dress Fiesta where our teachers dressed up as their favorite characters and competed for the coveted 'Best Dressed' title.

From cultural attire to eccentric costumes, the fashion show was a blast!

The Superlative Award show was another highlight, where four teachers from different departments were awarded various titles based on votes from their colleagues.

The event concluded with a melodious performance by our talented teachers, followed by a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by our Student Council Advisor, Sreepadmanabhan Vimal Kumar.

Eduphoria was a memorable event that showcased the spirit of camaraderie and appreciation at OOB.



READ TO LEAD



The festivities were held from the 9th till the 12th of September with the International Literacy Day, featuring a Story Circle where students shared their favourite books and authors with their peers, sparking enthusiastic discussions and a shared love for reading.

OOB's staff added a special touch to students' literary experiences. Vice Principal Sindhu P. Nair enchanted Grade 3 students with a story reading and Kindergarten Supervisor Raisa Khan captivated Grade 1 students with a story session. Grade 2 students shared stories with KG 2 students, fostering mentorship and lastly Grades 9 and 10 Supervisor Mili Thomas engaged Grade 2 students with her reading session.





Doctor's Talk

Health is Wealth Week

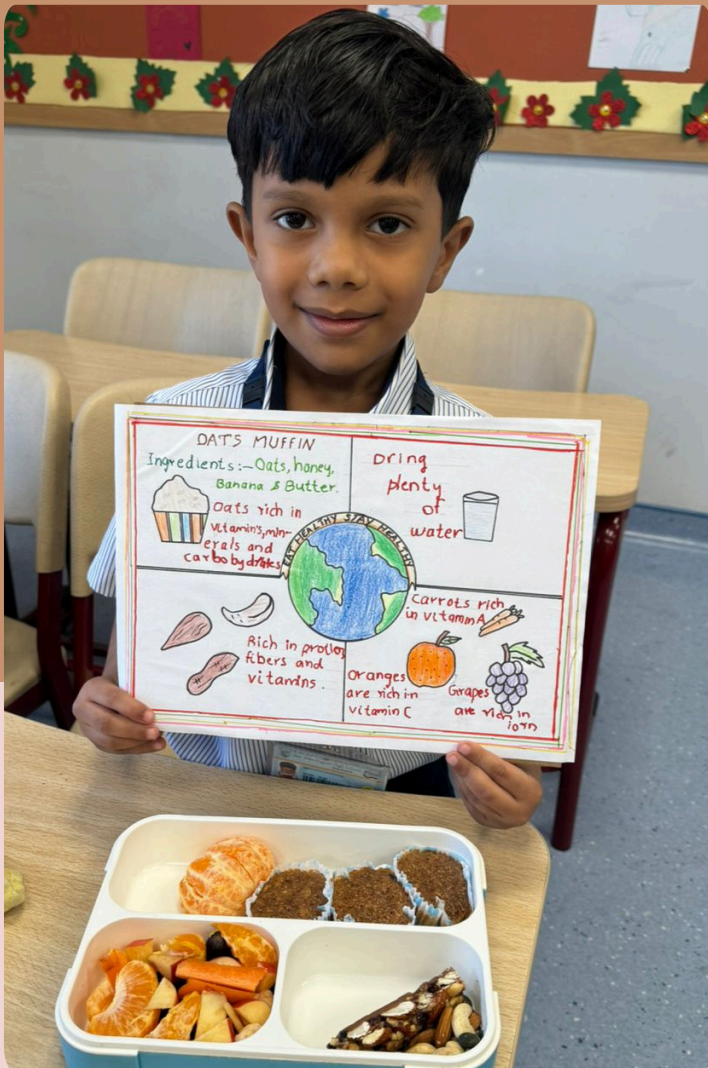
"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

— Mahatma Gandhi

From September 23rd to 26th, 2024, the Primary Department at OOB came alive with energy and excitement during "Health is Wealth Week". Focused on fitness and nutrition, the week encouraged students to discover the joy of staying active and making smart food choices through fun and interactive activities.

With activities like upbeat aerobic dance sessions, fitness challenges, and calming mindfulness exercises, students learned that staying healthy can be both fun and rewarding. "Our goal with 'Health is Wealth Week' was to inspire students to embrace healthy habits in a fun and engaging way. Every activity was designed to show that well-being is a lifelong journey."

Each event spotlighted different aspects of health, ensuring that students left with a deeper understanding of the importance of both physical and mental well-being. "Health is Wealth Week" was an unforgettable and enriching experience, thanks to the dedicated teachers and subject coordinators—Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Sripriya, Ms. Gini, Ms. Syeda Irfana, and Ms. Mehrin.



LA SYNCHRONIC RHETORICA

On September 17th, the Senior Middle Department hosted an enchanting Read-Aloud event, "La Synchronic Rhetorica," where 'Nature' was the central theme. The atmosphere buzzed with creativity as each section showcased their poetic talents, delivering performances that deeply resonated with the audience.

Students captivated everyone with synchronized recitations, blending rhythm and rhetoric to create a harmonious celebration of nature. The clarity and expressive articulation of each poem brought the words to life, especially during chorus performances, amplifying the poetic charm and leaving a lasting impression.

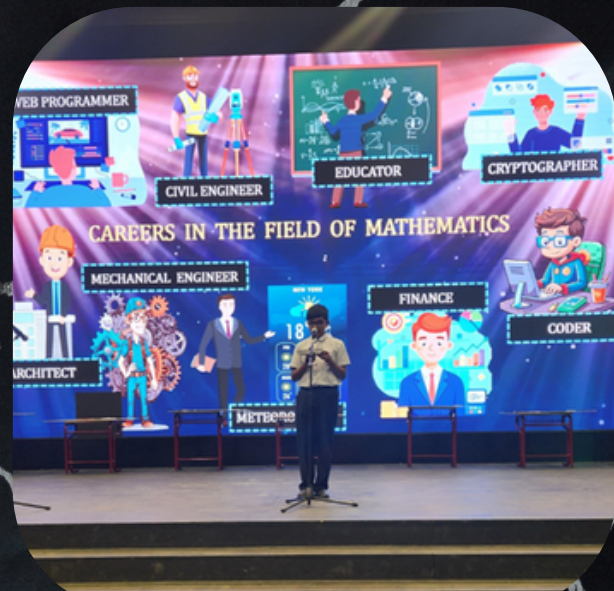
This event not only highlighted the students' skills but also fostered a profound appreciation for the beauty of nature, making it a memorable occasion for all involved.

MATH WEEK



OOB celebrated Math Week from the 16th till the 19th of September 2024, making math accessible and engaging through activities designed to spark curiosity and enhance problem-solving skills.

Primary students enjoyed interactive, grade-level activities, while Junior Middle students attended a Math Assembly themed "Numbers Speak – The Language of the Universe," featuring Tangram Puzzles and a celebration of Hindi Divas.



Senior Middle students tackled puzzles, games, and hands-on challenges, transforming the auditorium into a hub of intellectual curiosity. Overall, Math Week 2024 successfully fostered problem-solving skills and inspired a lasting appreciation for the beauty of numbers.

GENERATION GLOBAL VIDEO CONFERENCE

The Generation Global Video Conference for the academic year 2024-25 focused on the engaging topic of “Health and Wellbeing.” Held on the 10th of September from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the science lab, the event featured our esteemed guest from Indonesia, Ms. Pinki. Schools from Indonesia and India, along with students from OOB, came together for this enriching global exchange.

During this engaging conference, students expressed their views on various aspects of health, including physical, mental, and social well-being. Their enthusiasm and respect fostered a lively and meaningful conversation as they confidently shared their thoughts. A question and answer session allowed students to deepen their understanding of the topic.



DESERT DISCOVERIES



Throughout September 2024, students from Grades 1 to 4 embarked on an exciting adventure to Sharjah Desert Park for a hands-on learning experience. The field trip aimed to foster a love for wildlife and a deep appreciation for environmental conservation through up-close encounters with nature.

At the park, students explored fascinating exhibits and interactive activities that brought the desert's unique ecosystems to life. Guided tours helped them discover the incredible biodiversity and the importance of preserving natural habitats.

This unforgettable trip enhanced students' understanding of wildlife and environmental science, igniting a lasting passion for conservation!

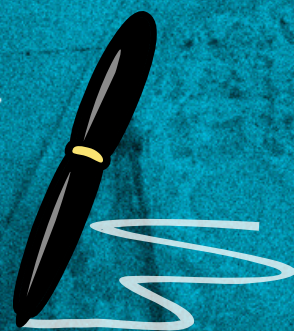




SENIOR FIELD TRIP 2024



THE WRITER'S HAVEN



THE BITTER TRUTH

Knowledge, a tool humankind has used to advance, used to conquer, used to be the pinnacle creature on this planet. We are on top of the food chain not due to our strength, speed, or agility, but due to our knowledge.

This knowledge however I would wager is one of the greatest horrors of humankind, for even though knowledge helps us do good, not all knowledge is good.

If you were asked what were the happiest moments of your brief life,

I would wager most of you would have responded that it was the younger years of your life. Why?

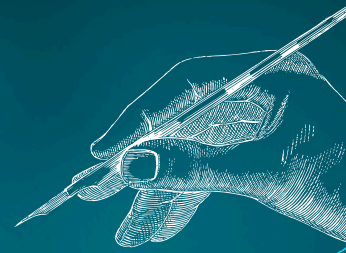
Because you were an ignorant fool. You knew nothing of what was real, you lived in a bubble of joyous ignorance that protected you from that harsh truth and knowledge of this forsaken world.

When that bubble slowly kept breaking, slowly drowning you in this whirlpool, you came out of it as if a new person, a miserable form of your once cheerful self, swarmed with knowledge to change or destroy, and crying out to go back to that bubble that protected you, and kept you a blissful ignorant fool.

-ABDUL TAYYEB MUSTAFA RATLAMI

GRADE 10 F

FRIENDS FOREVER



In quiet moments, friendship grows,
Like gentle winds where kindness flows.
A bond not born from blood or name,

Through laughter shared and tears that fall,
a friend will answer every call.
No distance dims the spark they bring,
Or fades the joy their voices sing.

When shadows stretch across our skies,
And doubts and fears before us rise,
A friend will stand, both strong and true,
A steady hand to guide us through.

For in their eyes, we find our way,
A light that never fades to gray.
In friendship's arms, we rise and soar,
Together always, evermore.

- ABHIRAM SUNITA BINU
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ARTISAN ALLEY

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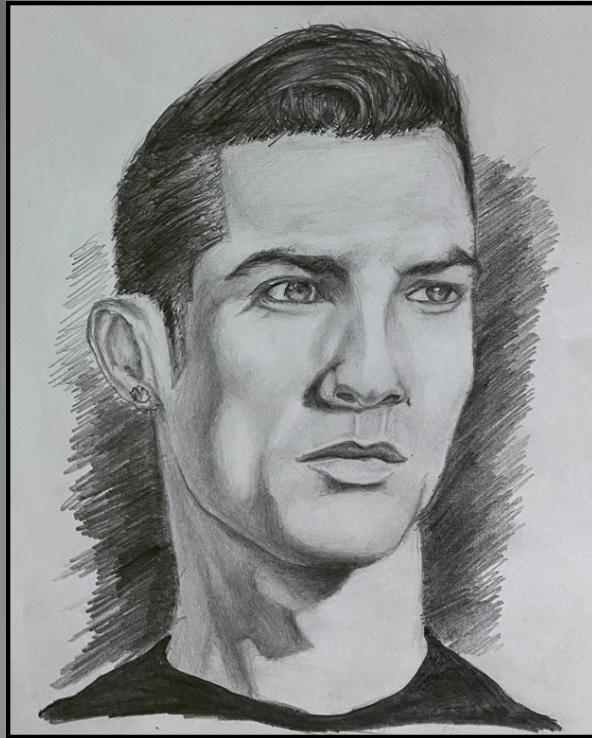
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Khaleejan** 10A



**Vibhor
Choudhary** 10H



**Abhijay
Ramesh** 10C

DISCOVER THE BEST

Symphony of Flavors

Recipe from The Culinary Club

OATS UTTAPAM

Ingredients:

1. 1 cup rolled oats
2. 1/2 cup semolina (sooji)
3. 1/2 cup yogurt
4. 1 small onion (chopped)
5. 1 small tomato (chopped)
6. Grated carrot
7. 1 green chili (optional)
8. Fresh coriander (chopped)
9. Salt to taste
10. Oil for cooking



Instructions:

1. Grind the oats into a powder. Mix with semolina, yogurt, and water to make a thick batter.
2. Add chopped onion, tomato, carrot, chili, coriander, and salt to the batter.
3. Heat a non-stick pan, spread a little oil, and pour a ladle of the batter to make a small uttapam.
4. Cook on both sides until golden and serve with chutney or ketchup.



LENS FLARE

Feast Your Eyes





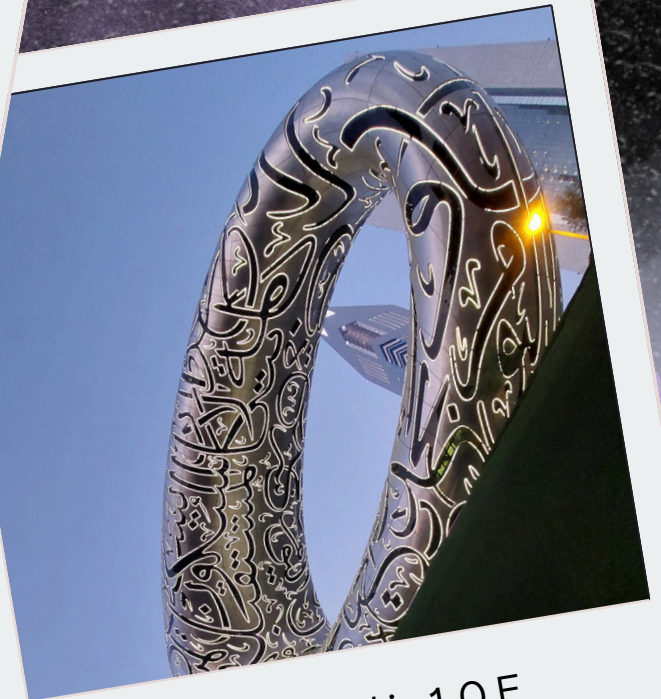
Ehan Jaleel 10E



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REACHING FOR THE STARS

THE YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE, AND WE MUST SUPPORT AND SHAPE THEM INTO THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES. ON

THAT NOTE, A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO SHAURYA MENGHANI OF CLASS 2E FOR BEING HONORED BY INDIA'S WORLD RECORDS, WONDER KIDS OF THE WORLD, AND THE NATIONAL AWARD OF INDIA'S WORLD RECORDS FOR SETTING A WORLD RECORD BY IDENTIFYING 56 COUNTRY FLAGS IN JUST 56 SECONDS. THIS ACHIEVEMENT HAS ALSO EARNED HIM A SPOT IN THE INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF RECORDS AS THE YOUNGEST TO DO SO, AS WELL AS RECOGNITION IN THE INDIA BOOK OF RECORDS, AND THE TITLE OF 'GRAND MASTER' IN THE ASIA BOOK OF RECORDS.



SHAURYA MENGHANI (2E)



AAYUSH SUPAL (4E)

THE INTERNATIONAL MATHS CHALLENGE IS A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED COMPETITION THAT TESTS PARTICIPANTS' PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, LOGICAL REASONING, AND MATHEMATICAL KNOWLEDGE. SO A MAJOR CONGRATULATIONS TO AYUSH SUPAL OF CLASS 4E FOR THE REMARKABLE FEAT OF SECURING THE TITLE OF "CHAMPION TOPPER" IN THE INTERNATIONAL MATHS CHALLENGE COMPETITION.

PRAISE TO RATHAN RAMAKRISHNA OF CLASS 8B FOR HIS REMARKABLE SECOND-PLACE WIN IN THE NATIONAL CRITICAL WRITING COMPETITION, HOSTED BY THE YOUNGEST MAGAZINE. HE WAS GIVEN THE TITLE OF "YOUNG CRITIC IN THE MAKING". THIS SHOWS HIS DEDICATION AND BELIEF IN THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD.



RATHAN RAMAKRISHNA (8B)

REACHING FOR THE STARS

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE FROM AMIN AHMED OF CLASS 9F WHO WAS AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN THE 8TH INTER-SCHOOL QURAN AND ADHAN COMPETITION, HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER IN AL AMANA PRIVATE SCHOOL, SHARJAH. THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT SAW A VAST PARTICIPATION FROM 20 SCHOOLS AND OUR STUDENT'S ASTONISHING PERFORMANCE STOOD OUT, EARNING ADMIRATION FROM ALL ATTENDEES



AMIN AHMED (9F)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TALENTED ADITYA RAJESH FROM 10G WHO WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS STAR ACHIEVER TITLE AT THE INTERNATIONAL STAR KIDS AWARDS 2024! HIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS SPAN SINGING, PUBLIC SPEAKING, ACADEMICS, CHESS, ENVIRONMENTAL WORK, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

ADITYA RAJESH (10G)

RACING IS A SPORT THAT TAKES GREAT WILL AND IMMENSE DEDICATION. MAJOR APPLAUSE TO EHAN JALEEL FOR COMING 1ST IN THE SWS ENDURANCE RACE WHICH WAS HELD AT YAS MARINA CIRCUIT WHERE HE WAS THE MAIN RACER FOR THE DUBAI RED RABBITS TEAM. IT STARTED AT 8:30 PM AND ENDED AT 4:00 AM. HE WAS RECRUITED BY THE FERRARI KARTING TEAM. ANOTHER KUDOS TO EHAN JALEEL OF CLASS 10E WHO TOOK HOME 2ND PLACE IN THE DUBAI KARTDROME NATIONAL FAST TRACK RACE ON THE 14TH OF SEPTEMBER.



EHAN JALEEL (10E)



VICTORY LAP

CHAMPION SPEAKS

ABDUL TAYYEB: WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE YOU FACED DURING THE RACE?

EHAN JALEEL: WELL, THERE WERE MANY CHALLENGES BUT I WOULD SAY THE MOST DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME WAS MOISTURE ON THE TRACK. THIS WAS CAUSED DUE TO THE HIGH LEVEL OF HUMIDITY WHICH MADE THE CHANCES OF GOING OFF TRACK VERY HIGH.

ABDUL TAYYEB: INTERESTING! HOW DID YOU OVERCOME SUCH A CHALLENGE?

EHAN: WELL, I OVERCAME IT BY USING HARD TYRES THAT HAVE AN EXTRA GRIP ON THE TRACK WHICH MADE THE CHANCES OF SLIPPING OFF TRACK MUCH LESS.

ABDUL TAYYEB: WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TAKE UP THIS SPORT?

EHAN: IN 2021, FOR THE FIRST TIME I WENT KARTING WITH MY UNCLE. SINCE THEN THE AMOUNT OF EXCITEMENT, THE FEELING AND THE REMOVAL OF ACADEMIC STRESS IT GAVE ME WAS AMAZING. SO I WOULD SAY MY UNCLE INSPIRED ME AND PUSHED ME TO BECOME THE BEST. MY PARENTS ALSO SUPPORTED ME THROUGHOUT MY JOURNEY.

ABDUL TAYYEB: WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE GOAL ?

EHAN: IT IS MY DREAM TO JOIN F1, LE MAN'S 24-HOUR ENDURANCE. I HOPE TO BECOME THE NEXT CHARLES LECLERC SOMEDAY

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