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"ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING WONDERFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN."

As OOB transitioned to on-site learning at full capacity, the sullen woes of the yesteryear were replaced with cheers of gratitude and unfeigned bliss that reverberated through the walls of OOB. The peculiar follies of 'Zoom' were replaced with invigorating and effervescent on-site events that etched their names in the annals of history, thus sending out the message that having braved the odds with immense fervour, OOB is back in all its glory – stronger than ever! This phenomenon resonates of something much more profound -all these gratifying moments that we took for granted pre-pandemic , the small but eternal moments with friends and teachers alike are actually the most treasurable. It's astounding that it took an apocalyptic pandemic to make us realize this-'Better late than never'.

The predecessors of 'The Bell' have imparted such an everlasting legacy that each succeeding edition has to do something new to set itself apart from the legendary provincial. Bearing this in mind, we proudly introduce two new segments – 'Alumni Rendezvous' and 'Reader's Forum'. In our quest to immerse our readers into this beautiful craft, one of these columns are entirely reader-oriented. Find out more in the pages ahead!

On that note, it is only fitting that we dedicate this edition of the newsletter to the unsung heroes of OOB, some of whom we've featured on the cover page in recognition of their efforts toward lifting OOB to the helms of greatness. These unsung heroes work in the shadows behind each event at school while people sing praises of their work. We, at Team Bell feel that this is the quintessential platform to honour and recognize their efforts. While it is not possible to feature and appreciate all the unsung heroes within the confines of mere pages, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for all that you do!

Last, but definitely not the least, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the people who were involved in the making of this edition of the Newsletter.

An exciting and ebullient Newsletter awaits you in the trailing pages!

Happy Reading!

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Juan Mathew





Alumni Talks

AYAN KAZI

Tell us something about your tenure at OOB...

The last 7 months of 2021 have been invaluably crucial to me in terms of horizon widening life experiences, which largely comes from my tenure at OOB. The time I have spent teaching and interacting with the exciting future of OOB, my constant learning under the experienced teachers and administration who are now my colleagues, have definitely played a key role in giving me a whole new professional perspective. In my humble attempt at doing justice to the role of an educator, the major impact on me was the realization about the need to unlearn and accept new ideas and new creativity, to cater to the needs of young minds than catering to the paradigm of education.

You are widely known within the school circles for your basketball prowess, what are some valuable lessons that you have learnt on the sports field?

It may sound cliche, but it is true that "teamwork makes the dream work"coordinated effort with the right people is bound to get the task done. Aside from the lesson of teamwork, I'd say perseverance; and its importance is something I learned and continue to learn every time I step onto the court. You can never stop trying to be the victor since the tide can change at any time, so I'd say tenacity is what determines who crosses the finish line first.



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Alumni Talks AYAN KAZI

Describe a typical day at school as an intern and how is it different from being a student.

A typical day as an intern teacher involved about 4-5 classes a day, constant interaction with inquisitive young minds and lots of experience to take in from my colleagues. The obvious difference of course lies in the role and responsibility of a teacher and that of a student but, the major psychological difference that I felt was the interaction. As a student, you have so many similarities with your peers and yet you try to stand out as a unique and different individual because you know that your status boils down to that of a pupil. But as a teacher, knowing that your students see you as different from themselves makes you feel the need to establish a connection and make them feel that you are a part of their views and approaches . As a student my mindset was YOLO but as a an 18 year old teacher my mindset was FOMO-the fear of not being able to connect with my students and teach them effectively.

How has OOB helped in moulding your personality?

Character development and personality growth, in my opinion, are strongly rooted in situations and experiences. Crucial events and fresh experiences teach us in ways that no other can, and OOB has been my universe of opportunities since the beginning. From being the school's Head Boy to being able to lead a National Student Leadership endeavour such as the GEMS Student Leadership Council, and then an exceptional warm reunion with my school in the opportunity to be an Intern Teacher for brand new subjects such as A.I and Design Thinking, all of these opportunities, among many others, have stood out as pivotal moments in my life that have not only created a professional but also a personal impact in my life.

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Alumni Talks

AYAN KAZI

In your capacity as OOB Alumnus, what is one piece of advice that you would like to give the OOBITES of today?

It's never too early to start thinking about what you want to do professionally. During your research, you will come across many possibilities and their benefits and drawbacks, which will help you determine how well you can grow in that field. Internships are a great way to learn new professional abilities and figure out what skill set is best for your future. This will offer you a better picture of what course and path to take once you are ready to enter university.

What is one thing that you wish you had known in your school years?

More information on professional internships. Back to what I said earlier about determining what you want to do professionally, I believe internships really give you a sense of what it is like to be present in that professional atmosphere.

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Redefine the Impossible





JA'FAR NIZAMI & IRFAN (12-A)

SparkX 2021 was held virtually on the Zoom platform on October 7, 2021. The event brought together projects and exhibitors from multiple industries for the first time in the event's ten-year history. Expert speeches from academics with years of expertise in a range of fields were designed to pique students' curiosity and inspire them to achieve their goals. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Lieutenant General Zameeruddin Shah. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Michael Guzder, Vice President of GEMS Education, expressed his gratitude to the organizers and students for the outstanding presentation.









KATHLEEN ANTRIM

OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL SHJ BOYS'



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"As the age-old saying goes- 'The pen is mightier than the sword', literature has the power to inspire and influence impressionable young minds." - Kathleen Antrim

On November the 9th , 2021 OOB bore witness to yet another edition of its famous talk-show series – 'In Conversation With.' This year's effervescent interactive edition of the event was graced by the presence of Ms. Kathleen Antrim under the auspices of SIBF. The event that was organized by the Drama and Literary Club, was attended by the members of the Literary club, the Debating society and students from classes 9 - 11. True to the ideals of OOB, this was yet another great avenue for knowledge. In conclusion, this event truly exemplified the values of SIBF and the EXPO 2020 – 'Connecting Minds, Creating the Future!'



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STRIKING A CHORD!



Fallout The winning band



After a hiatus of eighteen months, OOB made an extravagant return to onsite events by hosting the most exuberant Student Council initiative that has consistently been a colossal hit- the very popular 'Battle of the Bands'an event renewed for its 13th season. Mr. Michael Guzder, Vice-President, GEMS Education, graced the event as the Guest of Honour. The bands demonstrated their musical prowess and impressed the audience through their power packed performances of pulsating soundtracks of the decade gone by (2010-2020). Honourable Principal and CEO, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, made the heartening announcement that the succeeding editions of this event would be named- 'Akshay Bolar Memorial Battle of the Bands.'



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TALENTED TOPPERS



Our Own English High School, Sharjah, Boys' has once again put forth a stellar performance in the Grade 10 and 12 board exams. Amidst overwhelming odds, our dedicated teachers, supportive parents and most importantly, the committed grade 10 and 12 students, have carried forth the torch of honor and excellence. The result reflects the perseverance and the very spirit of OOB that never attenuates in the face of challenges.



International Literacy Day

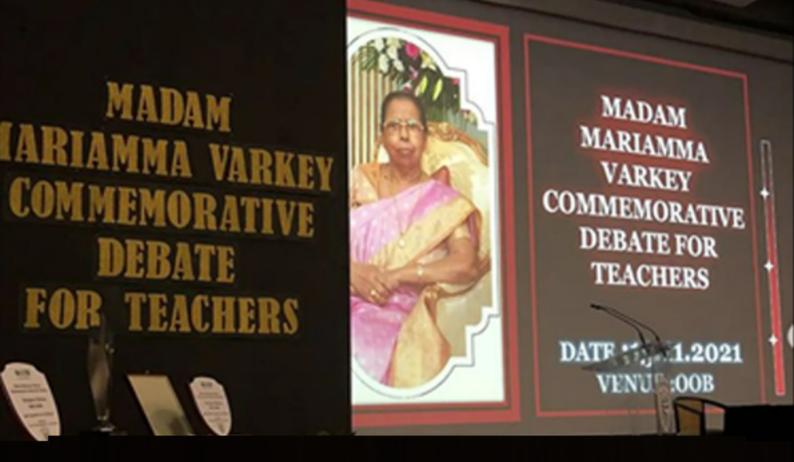
In an age of enlightenment, technology and modern living, when literacy is considered a basic requisite to a dignified life, it is astonishing that 800 million adults lack the even the most basic premise of education. A large profusion of activities reverberated through the walls of OOB to deliberate and raise awareness about this noble cause and to remind students how literacy is a privilege and not a mere chore.





A mind-boggling career guidance session was organized to kindle the career making-decisions in students of grades 10, 11, and 12. It included a wealth of information about psychometric testing, alternative career paths, the World of Work, 21st-century skills, etc. Ms. Sudha Srivalsan, Cluster Lead & Sr. Counsellor, Our Own English High School, Dubai, facilitated the workshop.

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Adept Debaters!

OOB played a proud bost to the inaugural edition of Madam Mariamma Varkey Commemorative Debate For Teachers on 13 November, 2021. The event truly proved to be an invigorating platform of divergence of views and wherein the power of persistence and persuasion of views reigned supreme. Eleven schools with twenty-two participants deliberated and debated for and against the motion "There are no weak students". The Moderator for the day was Mr. Michael Guzder (Vice President- Education).

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LONG LIVE THE UAE!



OOB reaffirmed its patriotism to the nation by celebrating the 'National Flag Day' with immense zest and vigour. This historical day was commemorated with a large profusion of celebrations thus marking the true spirit of the event.



Year of the Fiftieth!



Long live the Nation ! Long live the UAE, the Sheikh Zayed Multipurpose Hall resonated with these words on 29 November 2021, as OOB celebrated the Year of the Fiftieth. The event to celebrate the momentous occasion involved nearly 149 students from across the Departments as the culture and traditions of the UAE were on ample display with an array of traditional songs and dances.

'Golden Hues,' a collection of articles, poems, and images in English and Arabic tracing the meteoric growth of a nation that achieves the impossible and believes in the beauty of its ambitions, was released in its signature edition by the Principal and CEO, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan. Indeed, the show's pomp and gaiety delighted everyone, including the vast number of parents in attendance.



#हिंदी दिवस2021



On September 14, 2021, OOB observed Hindi Diwas. The day was celebrated with zeal, fervour, and enthusiasm. This Hindi Diwas was unlike any other, with a myriad of activities taking place around the school, ranging from unconventional assemblies to technology-integrated projects.

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A NEW HORIZONI

The inaugural session of Coffee, Cookies & Conversation was hosted by the Principal and CEO - Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, and Guest of the Day, Ms. Clarissa Martins, on the 28th of November, 2021. The library became a hot seat of discussion and deliberation on the legacy left by the stupendous author Wilbur Smith – a favourite of many.



THE KINDERBLASTERS.



On October 7, 2021, the 'Kinderblasters' left their imprint in OOB history by showcasing their talents in art, reading, numeracy, and comprehension of the world at the inaugural virtual SparkX exhibition of OQB. The event was a huge success, with a lively showcase of all the talent that the OOB Kindergarten has to offer.



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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The studious and tech-savvy teams of OOB emerged as winners in Tanglethon - UAE's biggest virtual ideathon. Mrudul Mamtani (12A), Joy Das (12C) and Taha Shabbir (12F) topped in the Senior category for their startup SchoolPad, a crypto-based school record and universal credit system which goes hand in hand with the curriculum. Ammar Abdul (12D), Muzaffar Siddique (12D), Syed Abdul Mannan (12D), Mustufa Shabbir Patva (12D) bagged the 2nd position in the Senior category for their idea Scriblib, an app which has all the novels, audiobooks, stories combined in one with various added features for promising writers.

Pranav Rajesh (11B), Joshua Joseph (11C), Gilchrist (11C) and Harsh Desai (11C) secured 2nd place in the Junior category for their startup AweSkill, an app designed with the interests and needs of student disabilities in mind. **56** Vour present circumstances don't determine where you can to: they merely determine where you start.

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A SUPERLATIVE FEAT!



Amarnath Sreevalsan (6E) etched his name in the 'International Book of Records' by becoming the youngest to recall the capitals and currencies of all countries in a short time. Kudos to you, Amarnath!



PLANT FOR THE UNION!



The OOB Organic Garden was inaugurated with the 'Plant for the Union' initiative; a planting event in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Union with the mission to inculcate a culture of sustainable consumption and to promote organic farming. Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, Principal and CEO, inaugurated the project by planting a sapling followed by members of the Leadership Team, teachers, parents and a set of students representing all phases. The event witnessed the participation of around 70 attendees who planted saplings with an aim to raise awareness about sustainable and safe practices.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certificate is presented to

Shubhankar Ghosh

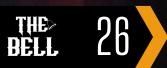
For successfully completing Estedad Program - Scientific Research Track which was held from 4th July - 15th July 2021

Dr. Ahmed Al Sharihi

Br. Ahmed Al Shasibi Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Services Walifa University of Science and Technology



Shubhankar Ghosh (12 B) has added yet another laurel to his list of achievements through his successful completion of 'Estedad' - the National Ambassadors Program (Scientific Research Track) offered by the Ministry of Education - UAE and delivered by Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi.

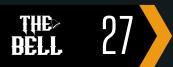


GLOBAL SOLUTIONARIES!

"You cannot discover new oceans unless you lose sight of the shore!"



OOB has been a breeding ground for aspiring innovators and solutionaries ever since its inception. This was evident in Samford Sebin (8A), Sreehari (8A), and Sarang Varma (6H) who emerged the 1st runners-up in the 'Mark-up' category at SCOPE 2020- an event hosted by GEMS Legacy School. The participants were recognized as 'Global Solutionaries' who carry the promise of leading the world to an innovative future.



OOB ON A ROLL!

Team OOB bagged the 1st runners -up trophy at ' The Sandeep Batavia Memorial U-18 Interschool Basketball Tournament' hosted by Delhi Private School, Sharjah. The team displayed their valiant effort and high spirits, going on a 4 game win streak. Aron Mathew Joseph of 12-B was declared as 'The Most Promising Player' of the tournament.





PLOGGING TO SUSTAINABILITY!

GEMS Education, as part of its GEMS Global Ambassadors Society (GGA), conducted the 'GEMS Ploggers' clean-up campaign which aims to steer the country towards a more sustainable future on November 20th, 2021. Several OOBITES along with 'GEMS Global Ambassador' teacher Ms. Annamma Lucy partook in this event.





Litterateurs of OOB!

LITTERATEURS OF OOB- TARUN RAWAT (10B) AND MAYUR JHAMNANI (12D) SHOWCASED THEIR FINESSE IN LITERATURE AT THE 'SPOKEN-WORD POETRY' COMPETITION HOSTED BY GEMS MODERN ACADEMY. TARUN EMERGED THE WINNER IN THE JUNIOR CATEGORY WHILE MAYUR PLACED 2ND IN THE SENIOR CATEGORY. THE YOUNG POETS ENTHRALLED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR ARTICULATION AND PERFORMANCE WHILE RECITING POEMS.



A Pale Blue Dot

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Certificate of Appreciation

Our Own English High School - Sharjah Boys

For collecting 2,100 kg of Paper and securing 2 trees Under "Recycle. Reforest. Repeat"

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In recognition of OOB's praiseworthy environmental endeavours - which included collecting a whopping 2,100 kilograms of paper and securing 2 trees - OOB was awarded with a certificate from 'The Emirates Environmental Group.'

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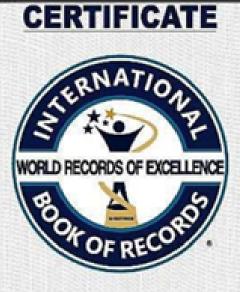


LANGUAGE AFICIONADO!

In a true exemplification of the love for the written word- OOBite Adithya Anush was awarded a certificate for his outstanding performance in the GC-International Olympiad for the English Language. An impressive feat indeed!

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INTERVIEWS



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RECORD HOLDER

THE WORLD RECORD OF "MOST FLAGS OF COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED IN ONE MINUTE" IS ACHIEVED BY ADITHYA ANUSH (UAE) ON 14TH AUGUST 2021 AT SHARJAH, UAE. HE IDENTIFIED FLAGS OF 121 COUNTRIES IN ONE MINUTE

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Vexillology Enthusiast-Adithya Anush ingrained his name within the annals of the International Book of Records by identifying the most number of flags in one minute. This enthralling endeavour included identifying the flags of 121 countries.

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SCINTILLATING PROWESS!

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Mohammed Ashaz (aged 11)

Idea: Walking stick for the visually impaired

*When I grow up, I want to study emerging technologies and be a creative innovator. It really fascinates me when I look around and see people interact with smart machines in daily life making life easier and smarter. Be it chatting with bots, surfing, shopping, interacting with smart machines, paying bills, buying and selling things, you name it. Machine learning technology has really solved many problems and continuously made life easier. I feel lucky to be living in a dynamic and vibrant Dubai city which promotes and



Sreehari D Nair (aged 12)

Idea: Calligraphy art programme 'I love art; Drawing and painting is my passion. That is why I chose this topic for my presentation. Apart from being an artist, I dream to become a space scientist when I grow up. From an early age, I was very interested in the universe and its exploration. Even in my future job, I strive to see that art is integrated with various fields. My passion for art also takes me to higher concertunities. If we the chance to take part in



ACTION & MORE

Dhanurvedin Sethu (aged 12)

Idea: Smart helmets for construction Workers I have been interested in aviation since I was in Grade 1. It's now been 7 years and my interest in aviation hasn't changed, because I love airplanes a lot. Aviation is one of the most exciting and technologically advanced industries

Budding innovators of OOB- Mohammed Ashaz (7G), Dhanurvedin Sethu (8I) and Sreehari D Nair (8A) secured the position of finalists at NextGen10. Their innovative ideas aim to circumvent novel problems with a realist and practical approach.

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The OOB Dynamic!

The Drama and Literary Club took a monumental step towards the future as it blazed the trail for the OOB Podcast.' With an aim to educate listeners on relevant current affairs, the inaugural episode was hosted by Amogh Arun and Rayhan Rizwan who delved into an in-depth analysis of a new form of digital currency-NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens).

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00B Podcast! Episode 1 : NFT's



OOBITES etch their names in the annals of EXPO history as the mellifluous quartet of Gaurav Jayaprakash(7F), Joash Joseph(6G), Kayden Dsouza (4E) & David Dsilva(4H) welcome the world with their rendition of EXPO Anthem Ceremony. Truly the world is their stage!





A work of heart!

The teachers of OOB truly epitomise the eternal meaning of being an educator by moulding impressionable young minds into receptacles of greatness. Teachers' Day was celebrated with great vigour at OOB on the 5th of September, 2021. A multitude of activities – ranging from mellifluously crafted melodies to hand-crafted pieces of unfeigned literature, the students of OOB commemorated this day as one of appreciation, thankfulness, and gratitude.

On behalf of the OOB student fraternity, Team Bell would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude for all of your efforts in shaping students into 'the best among scholars.'



BREAKING RECORDS!



Hearty Congrammations to Advay Sumit on being titled 'Grand Master' in the India and Asia Book of Records! He achieved this superlative feat by becoming the fastest to identify 100 species of dinosaurs.



QUIZZING PROWESS!

BIS 2021 Bhayans Middle East BISQ - 2021 SEASON - III Bhayans Interschool Quiz



Adithya Anush Grade 7 G



Amarnath Sreevalsan Grade 6 E

FIRST RUNNER UP - BISQ 2021

Mohammad Ayan Ashraf Grade 5 D

Congratulations to the Quiz Team comprising Adithya Anush (7G), Amarnath Sreevalsan (6E) and Mohammad Ayan Ashraf (5D) on clinching the first runners-up position @ the Bhavans Interschool Quiz Competition!





Small Voice, Big Difference!



Dhairya Bhasvar Pradipbhai (8C) won the Grand Prize of the 'Small Voice, Big Difference' competition hosted by Oasis Dubai. His innovative idea that aimed to circumvent novel crises was well-received by the judges. Kudos to you, Dhairya!

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Sastra Pratibha!





SREEPADMANABHAN VIMALKUMAR (8F) AND SHUBHANKAR GHOSH (12-B), WERE HONOURED BY VIBHA SCIENCE INDIA FORUM FOR ATTAINING THE 2ND HIGHEST POSITION IN THE SASTRA PRATIBHA CONTEST. THEY WERE FELICITATED AT THE INDIAN PAVILION EXPO 2020 IN THE PRESENCE OF DR.N.SUDHEER KUMAR, DIRECTOR ISRO.

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SCIENTIFIC CHAMPS!



Shubhankar Ghosh and Mahin Poptani of Grade 12B, clinched the 2nd prize in the Senior Category at the National Science Congress, whilst the team consisting of Harishankar Ranjit Menon, Harshit Kumar Saini, and Nithin Santhosh– all of Grade 11-A, won the 2nd prize in the Scientific Case Study, Senior Category.





Gaurav Jayaprakash's LITERARY FEAT!



Results for the National Qualifier October/November 2021

Name of Candidate Gauray Jayaprakash Candidate ID Grade/Year School Name

IOF20-060683 GRADE 7 Our Own English High School, boys



Qualifier: National English Qualifier

UAE National Rank: 1

Congratulations! You have won a gold medal

GAURAV PRAKASH OF 7F PARTICIPATED IN THE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL ENGLISH QUALIFIER OCT/NOV 2021 CONDUCTED BY INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION AND SECURED THE 1ST RANK (GOLD MEDAL) IN THE UAE NATIONAL RANKING. CONGRATULATIONS TO GAURAV ON HIS STUPENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT.

MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE!



Ehaan Waheed

"EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH VISUAL EFFECTS."

To celebrate the International Day of Tolerance and to uphold the values of the UAE, students of the Innovation Committee - Primary School of JSSPS organized Montage 2021 on 13th November 2021. Ehaan Waheed of 3H having participated in the event, Tell-A-Tale through 60 seconds advertisement was declared the winner in the 'Best Visual Effects Category'. The presentation was based on theme - UAE in the next 50 years.

TRYST WITH DIPLOMACY



The 16th edition of United Nations Simulation conference was conducted virtually on 13th November, 2021 by Our Own Indian School, Dubai. OOB carried forward its awe-inspiring tryst with diplomacy trade as Juan Mathew (9B) clinched the first position in the 'Best Speech' category and the 1st runners-up position in the 'Best Position Paper' and 'Best Draft Resolution' categories. Abijith Madhavankutty won the second runners-up position in the 'Best Position Paper' category.

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BURNING AWAY

My heart, its strife, burning away It wasted its life, burning away

The sun will shine till the earth's around It then would clive, burning away

I requested- 'Oh Dark Clouds! Open the gates' But no water, stife. Burning away

Laurel wreaths, sweet words, all stopped Now my words were jive, burning away

My dreams stifled, pen strangled. Ambitions! The cliches were rife, burning away

How are you Mayur? They asked All this while, I lied, burning away

Mayur Jhamnani- 12-D



THE ENVIRONMENT

"The surroundings near you", is probably one of the most basic definition of an environment. Observing from a natural perspective, it includes rivers, seas. plants. mountains, soil, animals and the list goes on and on. Whilst each region has its salient features to be proud of, the Earth is too vast enough to include them all in one article. I have chosen one element of the environment that does not receive that much attention for its importance to the Blue Planet, and that is Glaciers. Probably the first thing that strikes your mind is ice, (and yes it is a huge mass of ice) but in reality, it is much more than that. Glaciers are found both in massive oceans like the Atlantic and Arctic and sprawling mountain ranges like the Himalayas and Andes. Glaciers are constantly in motion. They move under their weight. Glaciers influence the climate of the Earth. They are also a habitat for many animals and are the largest freshwater reservoirs on Earth. It is due to these masses of ice that life is possible at the poles. Moreover, the glaciers in the mountain ranges melt to form perennial, crystal clear, and ultimately life-supporting rivers like the Ganges. The fact that Glaciers have been dubbed 'air-conditioners of the world' speaks volumes of their significance.



They are able to do so as they are able to reflect the sunlight back into space thus preventing the planet from overheating (light colours reflect light). On a second thought we often hear and converse upon the term 'Global Warming'. The excessive use of hydrocarbons often result in greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide to be trapped in Earth's atmosphere. These however trap the Sunlight and prevent it from escaping thus the planet gets overheated . This phenomena does have a lasting effect on glaciers as the exposure to the rising mercury results in melting of glaciers. The complexity of this process is both vast and necessary to look on in a pragmatic manner . Melting of glaciers results in rise of sea levels which has adverse effects on coastal people, the freshwater inside gets wasted as its mixed with saltwater, the animals who rely on it are severely threatened. Since the glaciers melt, the sunlight is no longer reflected and in fact absorbed by the darker surfaces causing more and more rise in the mercury. These affects will continue to be even more deadly. Therefore depending on the uses we just learnt how vital glaciers are for our beloved planet and noticed how industrial growth and hydrocarbons are affecting glaciers and indirectly affecting the bounties and the beauty of nature. It is mandatory that we act fast to reduce global warming and save glaciers.

Iraj Nair-10-A



HAND IN HAND, HEART IN HEART

I saw him speed through the crowd As he let go of my arm and ran across the street He was lost amidst the throng His cry reduced my heart to pieces He is my brother, my innocent companion I ran through the street, my eyes relentlessly searching for him

Thoughts ran through my mind, clouding my judgement I stopped abruptly He was very tiresome, the bane of my existence His finger always pointed at me, though I was never at fault My mind hovered on the thought of leaving him behind -It passed away in a flash

And now I realized Though irritating, I have come to admire him His anguished wail pierced my heart I remembered his heartbeat, close to mine As we lay down at night I relived his happiness and excitement When I triumphed in school I ran through the crowded lane, searching for him I finally found him, his head resting on his knee I consoled him, and walked back home, hand in hand And it hit me that he is little.... a lot closer to my heart





Sreepadmanabhan Vimal Kumar-8F

JHE LIGHTS

Lights will Guide you Home, Even in the Dark or The Cold, Follow The Roadway-Light, And You'll be home by the Night.

Light is your Best Friend, He'll Be with you till the End, He'll shine as bright as the Moon, And will sing a Beautiful Little Tune.

Even if it's mist or its Foam, Lights will guide you Home.

Ammar Quazi- 9-H



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THE BALLAD OF SPRING

When the spring is born, when it comes to life again, Oh, what joy and happiness, what a delight! Plants growing everywhere, crops sprouting on the plain, The lives of everyone, everywhere, seems bright!

Spring brings vitality and life; it represents a new beginning! The trees are laden with fruit, the bird song 'round the air, All the pastures are echoing, all the forests are ringing, Such noise and excitement of spring is its aura, its flair.

Man's life is very much paralleled to the seasons, And the spring in a man's life is his very first birthday. What joy revolves around parents when that baby gurgles, When he walks, when he talks, is such a delightful day!

Little children going to school, running, and playing, Such innocent little kids, the apple of the eye to their parents, Little children hearing the motion around and the cattle mooing, Such a happy, joyous, delicious season with no unhappy ailments.





Timothy Chummar-7G

THE WAY OF SIFE

I stand under a bridge thinking to myself, What is my use on this colossal earth? I see great minds put at work, I ponder, what is my worth?

I get advice from everywhere, To dig a little deeper into my heart. To unsheathe the man I need to be, To do something and play my part.

But when I think close to my heart, Is it really what I want to be a man in charge? But I finally listened to my conscience, <u>To go under life's big arch.</u>

Not many people give this advice, But I am a person that is willing to remind you and give it twice. Don't follow the way of man's art, Reflect and listen closer to your heart.





Kyle Parker- 12D

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There once was a time When I wanted a lime I thought I would find it sacked So, I looked in the sack But I got a hard whack For permission, I lacked

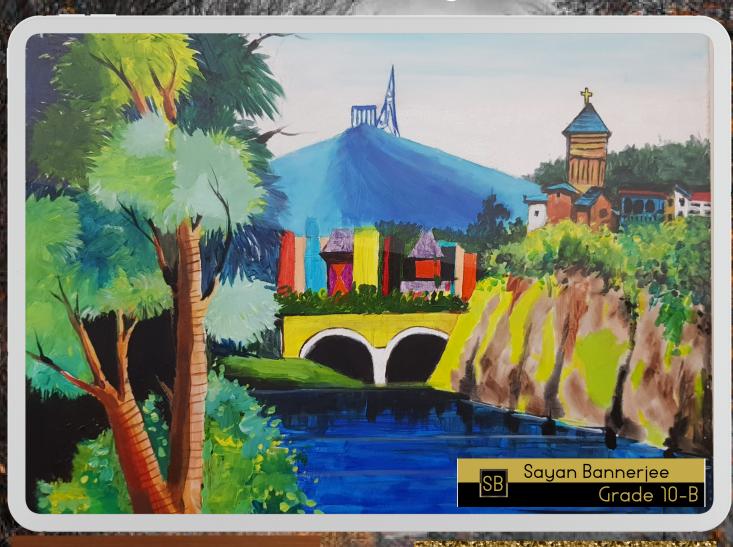
There was another time When I wanted some thyme It was certain I would find it cooked So, I looked in a pan And didn't find the thyme for which I looked

There was another time When I wanted a dime I thought of it while having cream So I did have a dime And a lime and some thyme Which fulfilled my wish and my dream

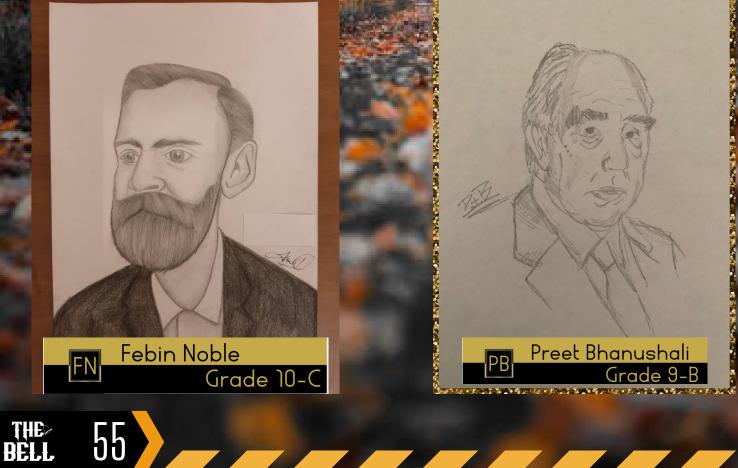


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To say that the 'Children's Jay' event was a staggering success would be an understatement.

From the start till the finish, the show enraptured everyone who was watching.

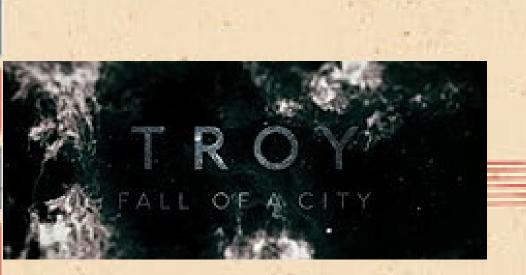
Personally, loved just how much the show appealed to the humour of the students and yet was filled with wisdom for anyone who cared to look.

Between the poems, the skit and the mellifluous medley-the teachers really showed us how to put on a show!

On behalf of all the students, would just like to say this- the show was amazing, and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.



Jorahim Muhammed 9-B



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All man made wonders are built with care and love. They're the product of the work of several people working side by side, aiming to build something larger than themselves to be admired by hundreds.

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And as they build these structures, they leave behind a fragment of themselves within it, to live on long after we're all gone.

To leave behind their legacies, to sing memories of their achievements.

These fragments melt and merge with each other to finally result in these concrete structures that we gaze at with wonder. Each fragment left behind are of equal importance and value but unfortunately some go unseen and under appreciated.

Some are obscured by others, but without these concealed fragments of their souls, the whole structure would fall and crumble. These fragments lay the foundations of what the others build on, and their roles are integral to holding up these wonderful structures.





And the same is with all our own handmade structures, built with love and care here at our school. Students and teachers work hand in hand tirelessly to make their visions come to life, whether it be on the walls, on the stage, or in the classrooms. It all starts with the conception of a dream, and we do not stop until that dream is made into a reality.

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When I say OOB, I don't mean just our students, I mean every single individual working tirelessly behind the scenes to support us as students. No matter how small the project, every student can be assured that they can find support and guidance in our staff and teachers. These aren't empty words. In my own seven years at our school, I've always been able to rely on my teachers, my peers, and the OOB staff to back my endeavours, no matter how small or unimportant it may be.

I take the example of our recent mammoth accomplishment of the annual concert to underline my point and highlight the work of our unseen and unsung heroes. From the beginning to the end, despite the challenge of our limited time to prepare, our support team and producers worked without rest to ensure that the concert was performed to its fullest.

Prashant Uncle, to the prop and costume department, to our directors(both student and teachers) there were numerous contributors whose work wasn't as visible or prominent as our cast, but inarguably were just as, even more, valuable than those on stage.

It's our duty to make sure that their work receives an equal amount of admiration and applause. They've left their legacies behind and immortalized themselves in their achievements. It's now our turn to carry their memory forward.

- Azhar Ahmed (II-B)





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TAKING RISKS

By Rayhan Rizwan (11E)

You're standing at the peak of a mountain. Your vision is clouded by a thick fog that makes it hard to see past your nose. You have no idea of what's in front of you, and only the faint memory of how you got there. Will you remain standing there in the fog, convincing yourself that this is the highest point in the world? Or will you keep moving forward, to brave the elements, to challenge yourselves and find a higher point?

Human beings are naturally afraid of risk, and there's a fair reason for that basic instinct. Fear is what keeps our species alive. Fear is what kept us as individuals alive as well. Without it, we'd have been dead a long time ago. But fear also holds us back. It prevents us from chances, chances that may reap benefits that are a thousand times worth any consequence.

Everyone has regrettable events throughout their lives. Moments when you should have taken a risk but didn't because you didn't recognize how rewarding that risk would have been later. But, after a period, when faced with a similar choice, nothing has changed and the hesitancy lingers. Allowing yourself to learn nothing from previous experiences is a mistake. Recognize that there is no benefitwithout risk.



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Risks don't need to be monumental or life changing like investing your life savings in a business, or spontaneously deciding to move somewhere far away and starting a new life. Risks can be smaller or less significant but their rewards will still add up.

That's not to say that you should jump off the cliff without fear of falling, or even considering the possibility of that happening. You need to evaluate your risks and decide whether it's worthwhile jumping. But remember, the longer you stay standing on that cliff, the quicker opportunities slip away. You have to keep moving forward.

WILL VS. SKILI

In our society, it is a common belief that personal opinions are pushed upon people and expected to be acted upon, and in most cases, if you don't do so, you're regarded as a disgrace. There exists a box that everyone is forced to fit in and a label everyone is obliged to wear. It's a never-ending cycle of unbreakable "traditions". Parents tell their children to enroll themselves in difficult courses they have no interest in, just to be employed into "money-making" jobs.

By Hamza Ratlami (11F)

Why are so many doctors and engineers unemployed today and yet more engineering and medical colleges are built daily. Why? Because people carry a mindset that these and only these careers guarantee a promising future. They believe that money can buy everything. What they don't realize is that money can buy a bed but not sleep. People define happiness in terms of wealth but happiness is more than just money. Because money is a number and numbers never end. You may ask, if money is not happiness then what is?

In order to answer that, let's come back to where we started. We often see that medical and engineering streams are associated with getting good grades. But to be successful, are good grades necessary? Steve Jobs, considered one of the most successful people ever, was a dropout. Einstein admittedly did score well but was proclaimed talentless by his teachers.



WILL VS. SKILL

In my opinion, marks don't matter. Yes, they're essential for testing a student's knowledge, but they shouldn't be emphasised to such an extent that it pressurizes students and degrades their self-esteem and affects the quality of their mental health

By Hamza Ratlami (11E)

To achieve happiness, one needs a dream job, a happy family and a healthy lifestyle. How to achieve that? A happy family is a result of a dream job and positivity. The question is how to choose that dream career? There are three simple steps, find, think and pursue.

Step one: Find the potential in you, find what you're capable of, find what creativity you have. Find how you can individually make a contribution to the world. It's upon you on what you want to be and that's where our next step comes in.

Step two: Think. How can I make a contribution by using the potential within me?
Think in a way which will lead to a prosperous life and a happy family. Positivity is
the key to happiness, and for a positive mind you need a positive environment and if you're doing something you never even liked, you can't be positive.

Step three: Pursue what you've found that can help contribute. Find what you lack. Is it education? Is it money? Is it creativity?

In this age of information, we are bombarded with facts, but how to avail it, is solely upto us. . You do not need anyone else's permission to be yourself. Pursue what you want and not what others want you to.Pursue something that you love and believe me you won't have to work another day in your life.

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EXPRESSIONS!

If you happen to glance upon something praiseworthy happening at school that warrants regard or appreciation, write a small report outlining the endeavour and send it our way atnewsletteroob20@gmail.com! Partake in the Reader's Forum' and become the voice for the unheard! The same applies for sending forth write-ups, photographs, and pieces of artwork.

Join us as we immerse our readers in the nuances of this fine craft!

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