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# Editor's Note

**"Thy fate is the common fate of all; into each life some rain must fall.."**

**This line from Sir Longfellow's classic, 'The Rainy Day', has always struck a chord close to me.**

**The rain has a certain feel to it, a certain temperament. It is somewhat disconcerting when it pours without a notice, and yet, we still derive a certain pleasure from it- although chaotic in nature, but welcoming too. The other half of the glass says -"without rain nothing grows", and the same rain starts to make more sense metaphorically.**

**Recent times have been a kaleidoscope of bittersweet emotions; both the world at large and the OOB community have endured the discomforts thrown at us by harsh circumstances, but we have nevertheless advanced and prevailed. Our students and faculty who have withstood these difficult times and embraced the roaring storms are deserving of a thunderous round of applause. However, are we not superhuman? We have the ability to adapt and accept, and it is because of these challenges that we have developed into superior beings.**

**The difficulties have brought us closer together and served as a reminder that we are all one - we are OOBites, and we can overcome any obstacles with perseverance, hard effort, and commitment. The issues we face are analogous to rain, and I believe that hurdles are the stepping stone to success. To display the accomplishments, a platform that represents the OOB narrative of endurance, I feel honoured to present to you this edition of 'THE BELL' -Volume 7 ISSUE #1.**

**This issue would not have been achieved without the collaboration of students and faculty to whom I express my deepest appreciation and want them to know how much I value their work. As always, my Team and I anticipate your feedback and suggestions...**



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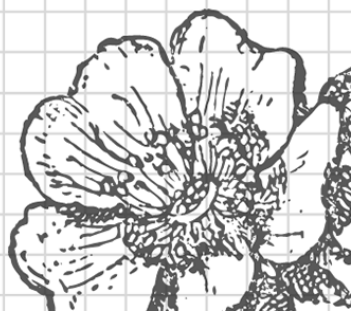


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# **Stupendous Achievements**



# SOARING HEIGHTS



OOB congratulates Irfan Mohammed Olasheri Kalathingal , the recipient of the prestigious Diana award 2022. Irfan's exemplary community initiatives fetched him this prestigious award.

Irfan and his team organized several events, chess competitions, dialogues, and workshops on subjects like the importance of volunteering and achieving your goals. He has also achieved the feat of cycling across the 7 emirates of the UAE, which has inspired many to face their fears and chase their dreams. OOB lauds the exemplary achievement of this inspirational youngster!





# Stupendous Achievement



OOB is ranked amongst the top 20 performing schools in Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing (ASSET) 2021-22.

Jeon Johnson of Grade 8 and Jershom Renjith of Grade 4 made us proud as they emerged UAE toppers in English and Science respectively. They were felicitated in a glittering ceremony at the Educational Initiatives ASSET Awards 2022



# Eloquent Aficionados

On June 16, 2022, Mohammed Afraaz (2G), Sarang Varma Pariankad (7H), Samford Sebin (9F), and Amogh Arun (12D) competed in 'Waxing Eloquent', the annual inter-school English elocution competition conducted by The Millennium School, Dubai. OOBites performed the thoughtfully selected elocution pieces to acclaim, garnering applause from all.

Samford Sebin won first place in the sub-senior category, Mohommad Afraaz and Amogh Arun won second place in the sub-junior and senior categories, respectively, while Sarang Varma secured third place in the junior category.





# Delegate Extraordinaire



**AUMKAR MISRA (IIE) WON THE TITLE AND TROPHY OF THE 'BEST DELEGATE' IN THE 'PSYCHED' PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE, SCHOOL EDITION AT MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, DUBAI ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF MAY.**





# OOB'S INNOVATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Nithin Santhosh (12A), Allen Benny (12E) and Harshit Kumar Saini (12A) secured the silver medal at the Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation Mubadala Health competition. They won the Most Innovative Project award at the same competition and earned a half day tour at Schneider Electric.



Team comprising of Anuj Manjarekar, Rohendar, Syed Adan Nayeem Akhtar, Aashey Rane , Taha Hussain developed a solution for the client Schneider Electric, which won the most innovative project award.





# *Creativity Sparkles*

**OOB brought home  
14 awards in  
different categories  
in the TWS Creative  
Arts Festival hosted  
by The Westminster  
School, Dubai.**





# **ECO WARRIORS**

**Gaurav Jayaprakash of Grade 8F won the 1st prize at the GEMS Modern Academy Annual Sustainability EduFest under the category-‘Sustainability Video Appeal’.**

**He also bagged the 1st Prize in Sustainnovation - Wrap, and Rap at Credence Convergence.**

**Our Own Eco Warriors, Samford Sebin of Grade 9F and Adithya Anush of Grade 8G presented their project on Sustainable Garden at the Sharjah Education Forum held under the aegis of SPEA. The event was graced by H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah. The Green team was led by Ms. Priya Sajit and assisted by Ms. Poonam Kewlani and Ms. Shemitha Saleeth .**







# Events Extraordinaire



# TEDxOOBSchool



18th June, 2022 marked the 6th edition of TEDxOOBSchool. Embodying the essence of change and development in the 21st century, the theme for the 6th edition of TEDxOOB was 'Paradigm Shift'.



The event witnessed 14 speakers from different schools in the United Arab Emirates, contributing to the mission of TED - 'ideas worth spreading'.



The success of the 6th edition of TEDxOOBSchool is a testament to the prowess of the OOB faculty and volunteers in organising events of such a magnitude and stature.





# PREFECT INVESTITURE



On May 25 2022, the most important event on the school calendar- the Prefects' Investiture Ceremony- took place, during which the newly elected members of the Prefectorial Board and the Student Council were invested with responsibilities. The occasion was honoured by OOB School Improvement Advisor from SPEA, Ms. Bochra Kadoura.





# Ramadan Karēēm



**The Department of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, under the leadership of Arabic Supervisor, Ms. Samira, prepared a variety of Ramadan-centered activities for the entire school. On campus, a special Iftar celebration was also organised for faculty, students, and parents.**





# Arboretum

From the 20th to the 23rd of June 2022, the Department of English hosted 'ARBORETUM-a walk in the woods', a four-day literary festival. Students had the opportunity to discover their hidden talents and sharpen their critical thinking skills through a variety of school-wide competitions, such as elocution, show-and-tell, pantomime, and more....





# IN CONVERSATION WITH ASHRAF THAMARASERRY

On the 21st of June, 2022, Mr. Ashraf Thamarassery, the harbinger of hope graced OOB with his presence. He struck innate chords of humanity and wisdom in the fledgling social workers of OOB as they reveled in the riveting and inspiring dialogue with Mr. Thamarassery sharing several anecdotes from his variegated experiences.







# **CREATIVE CORNER**



# IF I COULD MAKE A CITY FROM SCRATCH

If I got to make a city from scratch, I would carefully and considerately plan the town's foundation so that people would love to live in it and visit it. Unlike most modern cities, I would focus a lot on greenery. I would try to plant these beautiful gifts of nature: trees and flowers wherever I can, between roads and beside houses. I would make it illegal to cut down trees or even attempt deforestation. I want my people to know about wildlife, but I don't want animals to stay in cages, so in my city, there will be many wildlife parks rather than zoos so that people can explore wildlife and animals can live happily. Next, I would ensure every house, mall, and store in my city uses renewable energy like wind or solar energy instead of burning fossil fuels. And that's my plan, what would you do???



-Mohammad Ayan Ashraf, 6D



# ***SPORTS IS THE ONLY WAY***

Sportsmanship teaches you how to handle adversity with dignity. It is very unlikely that everything will always go your way in life. There are going to be instances in which you will not get your way or you feel you are defeated out of something you deserve. It is these adverse situations that sportsmanship plays a key role in. If you have been a good sport your entire life and are taught self-control from a young age, adversity will come easier for you because you have experienced it before. The sporting spirit is not merely confined to the playfield. It must also be carried into the other walks of life. There are so many mishaps, worries and troubles in the world that a man needs sportsmanship at every step. A man gifted with the sporting spirit has an optimistic view of life. He considers the world a big play field and pays his part without grumbling. He is satisfied with doing his duty best. It is not his job to think of the consequences.

**-Mohammed Shezan 11F**



# I Can Do This

When I walked on stage to say my poem,  
I heard some strange voices blaring in my head!  
"Can you really do this?" "Are you the right one?"  
What if you mumble and fumble or stumble in the end?  
"What if the crowd called you names?"  
I paused and pulled myself together again.  
Who are these naysayers?  
From where did they come?  
They are the spoilsports of performance and fun,  
My foes, called "Insecurity, Fear, and Doubt".  
Then I heard a familiar voice beckon me from within,  
There is nothing to fear and success is sure,  
You can do anything when you have Confidence, Faith,  
and Hope.

All you have to say is "I CAN DO THIS"

-Johan Elijah Justin, 6A





# Rise!

We were born on this planet  
So, we can live, and then die.  
But now here's a question,  
How are we going to keep our resources alive?  
This place is getting hot like a microwave.  
With every drop of fuel we all waste,  
We use private cars instead of the train.  
If we had enough money,  
We'd even go to college on a plane!

But one day my people,  
All these resources will drain.  
And then we'll be sitting in a cave,  
Calling for help's name.  
Wondering why we weren't conserving,  
When we had the time.  
We wasted all the good we had,  
Without any shame.



We don't care about diesel,  
We waste it like a weasel.  
Drinking coke and pepsi, watching the world squeal.  
Not to forget we need working fans,  
But we won't even wash our clothes by our own hands

We know we are going downhill,  
And we are going very fast.  
We will lose everything, all life we'd kill.  
If we don't learn a lesson from the past.

- Chirag Majumder, 6A



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# *My mysterious Friend*

I saw her first on a Friday morning,  
Teeny-tiny greenish and wiggly,  
With big sparkling blackish eyes  
Munching on my garden's leaves.  
I visited her every day without fail,  
Until it was in a darkish-green chrysalis,  
With a grunting sound that was frivolous.

I missed my friend a lot.  
And after hours and hours  
Broke open the most beautiful with sparkling eyes,  
Who flew around the blooms sucking nectar,  
From daisies to jasmines and to morning glories.  
Wondering what she should be next!

-Niranjan, 4B



# NEW NORMAL

Eve of New year as world solemnised,

New way of living materialised,

Vanquished by viruses,

Ideal world demolishes,

Road traffic emission reduces,

Overall air quality rises,

New waters invite shoals of fish,

Mollies and Guppies glad swimmers,

Eggs of turtles lie on beaches,

Not afraid of rays or chasers

Trees have been chopped down,

During this lockdown,

As disrespect to nature resumes,

Your extinction is presumed.

-Immanuel Rex Fernandez, 9E





**So please don't be proud,  
For your old voice isn't loud.  
Please just be low in your journey.  
For you don't know your destiny.**

**The five-letter word, pride, Is not going  
to hide.**

**So, beware of its stay,  
As it is not going to fade away**

**-Philip Thomas Chummar -6D**





# Beware Of Pride

Who would look at life, with all its strife,  
With just a piece of glass,  
And say to themselves, "I am not in a shelf",  
My voice has only turned bass!".

I want to just say in the simplest way,  
That wealth and fame and power,  
Can never hold health, nobody can bet,  
That I, in death, will not cower.

Our life might turn in a blink,  
So, don't mind the coins clink.  
Don't take much pressure,  
Just enjoy the time of leisure



# Ouvre



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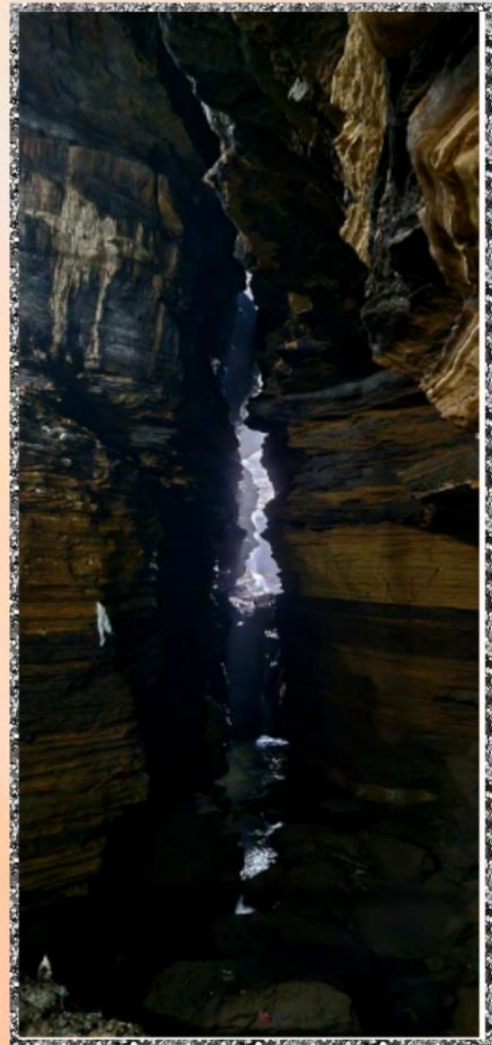


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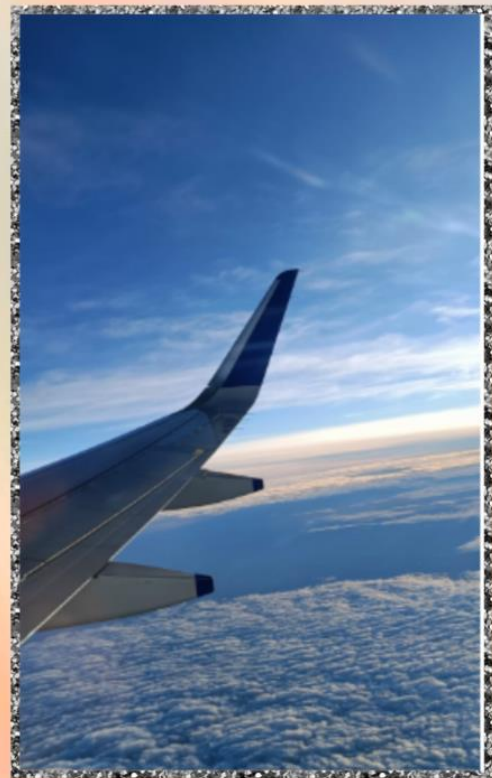
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