



“OOB receives the Khalifa Award  
for Institutional Educational  
Excellence”

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# FROM THE EDITOR

A few moons ago, the very idea of working in a team was frightening to me. Yet, life has a peculiar way of teaching its lessons, and today, I find myself in the unexpected role of Editor-in-Chief of this quarterly publication. It appears that life enjoys a good laugh, and my journey from solo flier to team player is proof of that.

This issue stands as a testament to the extraordinary journey of teamwork that brought it to life. Picture a rollercoaster, with its unexpected drops, loops, and the occasional screams (mostly mine). We've emerged from this adventure not just unscathed but more robust and wiser, a living, breathing example of what a group of determined individuals can achieve.

What's more, you'll notice that 'The Bell' has undergone a stunning transformation, sporting a fresh, vibrant look that will enhance your reading experience. This new and improved aesthetic adds an extra layer of enjoyment to the stories we're thrilled to share with you.

Within these pages, you'll uncover a delightful assortment of insights and stories, each contributing to celebrating our school's vibrant spirit. 'The Bell' aspires to resonate with each and every member of our school community. We hope you find it as enjoyable to peruse as we found creating it.

**Happy reading!**  
*Shiva.*

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# KHALIFA AWARD<sup>FOR</sup> EDUCATION



Our Own English High School, Sharjah, Boys, won the award for institutional educational Excellence in the 16<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Khalifa Educational Awards 2023. The Khalifa Award for education was established to enrich the field of education.

Principal and CEO, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, received the award from His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence at a glittering ceremony at the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi.





## SPEA REVIEW



Amidst an air of celebration, OOB basked in the recognition of achieving a prestigious '**Very Good**' rating in the Itqaan review, organised by SPEA. The glittering ceremony, held at the Sharjah University City Hall, underscored the collective efforts that led to this achievement. This accolade not only marks a significant milestone but further fuels our dedicated journey towards continuous improvement and educational brilliance.



مدرسة الخاصة الإنجليزية، الشارقة  
**Our Own English High School**  
**SHARJAH**



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هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص  
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# CBSE BOARD EXAMINATION

2022  
23

In a remarkable and unprecedented achievement, OOBites have demonstrated extraordinary performance in both the Class X and XII CBSE Board Examination, 2022-23. This exceptional success is a testament to the unwavering dedication, enduring perseverance, and unrelenting pursuit of excellence that defines the OOB community. The attainment of such heights signifies a monumental milestone in the academic journey of these students, heralding a future rich with promise and potential.

## ALL INDIA SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION (AISSE)

SCHOOL TOPPER



Mirav Prajapat

2<sup>nd</sup> SCHOOL TOPPERS



Bharat Karnik



Adilomar

3<sup>rd</sup> SCHOOL TOPPERS



Shreyas Burra



Vidit Shah



Mohammed Nehan

## ALL INDIA SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (AISSCE)

SCHOOL TOPPER



Aditya Menon

2<sup>nd</sup> SCHOOL TOPPER



Allen Benny

3<sup>rd</sup> SCHOOL TOPPERS



Mayank Upadhyay



Ruben Sajeer

SCIENCE

COMMERCE



Hamza Ratlami



Joel James



Amar Aji



A chorus of congratulations echoes as Adithya Anush (9E), Amarnath Sreevalsan (8E), and Sreepadmanabhan (10F) stand proudly as recipients of the prestigious 2023 Diana Awards. Their outstanding achievements have garnered them this remarkable honour, underscoring their commitment to making a positive impact on the community.

Winning the Diana Award filled me with an overwhelming sense of pride and accomplishment, knowing that my efforts and contributions to my community had been recognized and celebrated.



ADITHYA  
ANUSH



AMARNATH  
SREEVALSAN

I am very happy and very honoured to receive the award. It means a lot to me. It serves as a motivation for me to go forward and do more social work and keep serving the people.

Being recognized for my hours of service has provided me with that little bit of support I need to continue to persevere in this field.



SREEPADMANABHAN  
VIMALKUMAR



T H E  
D I A N A  
A W A R D ®

Applause resounds for the remarkable educators of class 3G - Ms. Gini, Ms. Reshmi, Ms. Anitha, and Ms. Juanita - as they clinch the prestigious Best Class Award for outstanding performance across all ASSET-affiliated schools. Their unwavering dedication and commitment have not only secured their place at the pinnacle of excellence but have also left an indelible mark on the shaping of young minds.



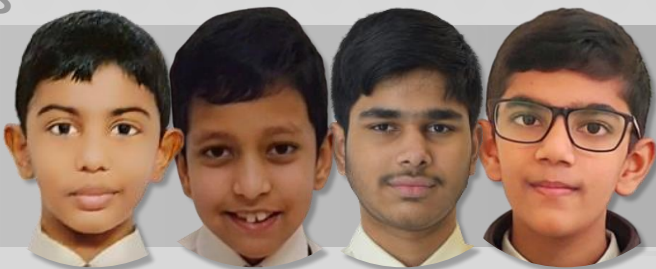
Celebratory cheers to our exceptional students who have proudly earned Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals in the esteemed Ei ASSET Talent Search, showcasing their remarkable skills and unwavering dedication. These achievements testify to their commitment to academic excellence, highlighting their personal growth and steadfast dedication.

GOLD SCHOLARS



L to R: Govardhan Vimal Kumar, Adwaith Mukesh, Abel Reji, Aditya Rajesh, Ayaan Ayoosh, Adhib Zayaan

SILVER SCHOLARS



L to R: Shyamanand Umeshbabu, Swastik Aneesh, Arnav Meenesh, Timothy Matthew Chummar

BRONZE SCHOLARS



L to R: Mohammed Reez, Philip Thomas Chummar, Gokul Prasath, Kevin John, Atharva Mahesh



# STEM TEACHERS AWARD 2023



Ms. Nisha Remesh and Ms. Radhika Misra were honoured with the Best Teacher Award at the inaugural STEM Teachers Awards, hosted by BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, in collaboration with SIF, UAE Chapter.

This significant achievement reflects OOB's ongoing commitment to delivering an exceptional educational experience and cultivating a culture of excellence among its staff and students.



Ms. Nisha Remesh  
Best Teacher Award for  
Excellence in Instructional  
Leadership



Ms. Radhika Misra  
Best Teacher Award for  
Initiating Diversity, Inclusion  
and Well-being

# PREFECTS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY

SENIOR

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2023–2024 was held in grandeur at the Sheikh Zayed Multi-Purpose Hall on May 2, 2023.

Dr. Arindam Banerjee, associate professor of Finance and Deputy Dean for the full-time Global MBA and Master of Global Business programs at SP Jain School of Global Management's Dubai Campus, served as the Chief Guest for the day.

As the newly appointed leaders proudly wore their badges of honour, the auditorium gleamed with the promise of a brighter future, resonating with the school's dedication to nurturing confident and responsible individuals.

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality, and leaders are role models who inspire and motivate all to reach the pinnacle of success.

With this as the central ethos, OOB held the Primary Prefects' Investiture ceremony on 11th May 2023, where the newly elected officers of the Primary School were given their badges of honour.

Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, the Principal & CEO of OOB, addressed the zealous trailblazers, speaking about the 'important qualities of a virtuous leader' and the 'significance of being a pioneering pathfinder'.

PRIMARY



# THE ACE SCHOLAR CEREMONY

The 'Ace-Scholar Ceremony' held on May 8th, 2023 notched yet another chapter to the tales of its glorious history in the firmaments of OOB's endeavours.

The meritorious cohort of 40 students were awarded exclusively designed neckties as a manifestation of their fervent efforts and mammoth resolve thus marking a worthy culmination of their tireless efforts.

A sense of elation and reverence engulfed the Sheikh Zayed Multipurpose Hall as these 40 meritorious students were pitched in the firmaments of OOB's academic exploits





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# ALTERNATE Realities



Gathering intellectual sparks, TEDxOOBSSchool 2023, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of TED Talks hosted at OOB, illuminated minds with 15 powerful ideas echoing the theme "Alternate Realities." Diverse and thought provoking, the event welcomed speakers from 7 distinct schools, each contributing their unique perspective to the discourse. The stage buzzed with innovation, igniting discussions that transcended boundaries and enriched the collective intellectual landscape.



# THE ANNUAL PRIZE DAY



Nujoom Al-Masa'aa, meaning 'Stars of the Evening', the much-anticipated Annual Prize Day for the academic year 2022-23, was held on June 15, 2023, at the Sheikh Zayed Multipurpose Hall and was a resounding success. Distinguished guests, including Mr. George Abraham, a prominent Social Entrepreneur and Disability Activist, graced the event. This event shone a spotlight on exceptional academic achievers and paid tribute to the dedicated educators who shape young minds. Nujoom Al-Masaa' was a true embodiment of celebration, a testament to the brilliance and triumph that characterized the academic year 2022-23.

# OOB Iftar

On April 17, 2023, OOB organised a heartwarming Iftar event to commemorate unity during the holy month of Ramadan. The gathering, which included students, families, and staff, served as a poignant reminder of the importance of togetherness. OOB's Iftar event reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing connections and underscored its role as a dynamic centre for learning and compassion devoted to embracing diversity.





# Sinbad

## *A Modern Saga*

With a mesmerizing performance, the Primary School Concert, 'Sinbad: A Modern Saga', transported its audience into a realm of boundless imagination. The young, gifted actors, the intricately designed props, and the thoughtfully arranged setting harmoniously intertwined with the overarching theme – 'A World Beyond.'

The event was a resounding success, leaving the audience spellbound and thoroughly impressed.





# VISION BEYOND SIGHT

## *In Conversation With...*

The Literary Club of OOB orchestrated a remarkable 'In Conversation With' session featuring the distinguished guest, Mr. George Abraham. Mr. Abraham stands as an exemplar of social entrepreneurship, disability advocacy, and motivational enlightenment. This occasion was a tribute to Mr. Abraham's remarkable accomplishments and the inspiring path he has paved. It illuminated his significant contributions to inclusive education and unwavering commitment to aiding visually impaired individuals. The event culminated with renewed motivation and a collective pledge to foster an inclusive and empathetic society.

*Mr.  
George  
Abraham*





Dr.

# WALE OKEDIRAN



The 'In Conversation With...' session hosted by The Literary Club, showcasing Dr. Wale Okediran, emerged as a consummate work of linguistic artistry and profound insight. Transitioning seamlessly between captivating narratives and enlightening discussions, the event left an indelible impact on attendees, kindling their intellectual fervor and love for literature.



*In Conversation With...*

# A CALL TO ACTION

A crucial dialogue on safeguarding children's rights took center stage in a recent session featuring Ms. Renu Thomas, a dedicated advocate associated with "Save the Children." Ms. Thomas emphasized the transformative power within each individual and how they can act as catalysts for positive change globally.

Her words resonated as a powerful call to action, highlighting our collective responsibility to enhance the lives of children and society.

*Ms. Renu Thomas*

*Conversation  
In With...*



OOB's Senior Middle Literary Club organized two engaging 'In Conversation With...' sessions. Middle School students were treated to lively discussions with Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, Principal & CEO of OOB, and key members of the Senior Leadership and Management teams. The theme, "Bonding over Bond," inspired by author Ruskin Bond, highlighted the significance of relationships and community spirit within the OOB community.



In another instalment of 'In Conversation With...', Vice Principal Ms. Sindhu P. Nair served as the esteemed guest and speaker, sharing her insights on the theme 'Always Learning.' The Guest of Honour, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, Principal & CEO, also emphasized the benefits of continuous learning. The event was graced by the presence of Ms. Bindu Gopalakrishnan, Head of Section, Middle School, and Mr. Shane Alliew, Senior Middle Supervisor. This event provided an interactive platform for boys in grades 7 and 8 to engage in discussions and articulate their thoughts actively.

# مَهْرَجَانُ الشَّارِقَةِ الْقِرَائِي لِلطِّفْلِ

Sharjah  
Children's  
Reading  
Festival



At the Sharjah Children's Reading Festival, 2023, four outstanding students - Adhib Zayaan (5C), Mohammed Rayan (4C), Niranjan Priya (5B), and Samarth Srijesh (3E) - demonstrated exceptional artistic abilities. Their skills encompassed diverse areas such as singing, keyboard playing, storytelling, and art.

Additionally, the festival was graced by the enchanting performance of the Primary Choir students. Their harmonious voices and captivating melodies resonated with the audience, leaving a delightful and enduring impression on all attendees.



# Lasting Impressions

Our Middle School boys had the delightful opportunity to meet Ms. Sudha Murty, the renowned Indian educator, author, and philanthropist, at an interactive session during the Sharjah Children's Reading Festival (SCRJF'23). Her inspiring presence left a lasting impact, reminding the students that learning never stops.





# Tales of Tradition

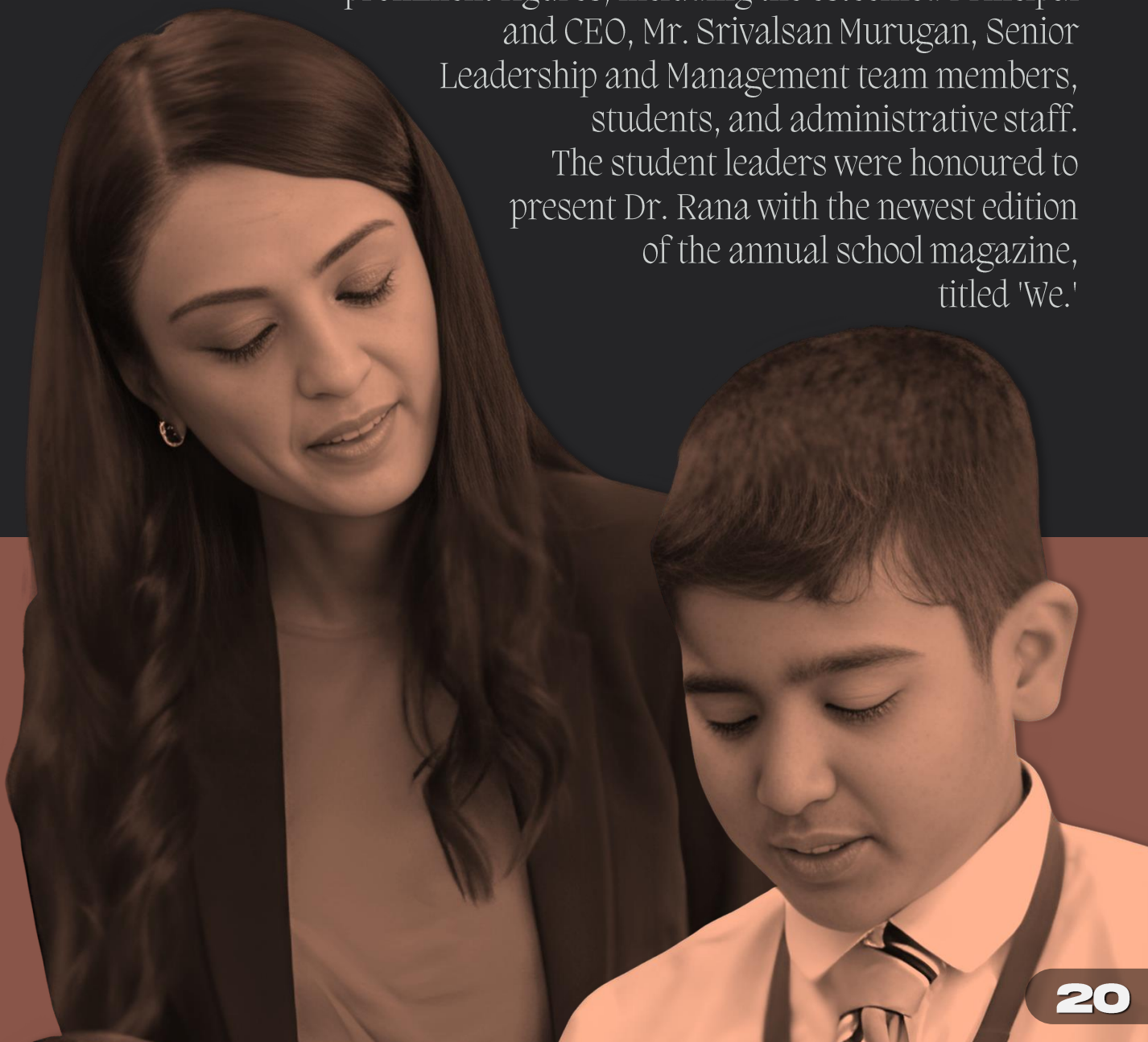
Demonstrating partnership with the local community, we had the honour of hosting Ms. Alya Al Suwaidi from the Sharjah Social Services department for a reading session on Emirati culture and traditions for our boys which highlighted the various aspects of the life of the Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Nahyan (may Almighty have mercy upon him).





# INSPIRING BRILLIANCE

Dr. Saima Rana, Chief Education Officer of GEMS Education and CEO and Principal of GEMS World Academy, Dubai, made an exceptional visit to the OOB campus. During her visit, Dr. Rana interacted with prominent figures, including the esteemed Principal and CEO, Mr. Srivalsan Murugan, Senior Leadership and Management team members, students, and administrative staff. The student leaders were honoured to present Dr. Rana with the newest edition of the annual school magazine, titled 'We.'



# Healthcare Heroes

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Sewa Club of OOB commemorated International Nurses Day, acknowledging the dedication and tireless efforts of the nurses within the organisation.

The programme was a resounding success, offering a valuable platform to honour and express gratitude for the invaluable contributions of the nurses in the organisation.





# Empowering Educators



Dr. Tadd Kruse and Mr. Mohammed Shehabi of Sharjah Education Academy shared valuable and exciting insights about the Sharjah Education Academy's Graduate degree programs, professional development opportunities, and various SEA events and activities for teachers.

Their input provided a profound understanding of the academy's dedication to enriching education and supporting educators.



# EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

OOB was privileged to host Ms. Radhika Datar, from Corporate Gurukul, who conducted a session on applied experiential learning, providing valuable insights to our students regarding the various courses and internships available to them.







The highly anticipated in-class Talent Day was held in Middle School, exuding grandeur and excitement. A plethora of events were planned to provide a platform for talented artists.

The list of events included solo songs, group songs, instrumentalists, origami, beatboxing, art, solo dance, and other forms in which they are skilled.

The event not only provided a splendid showcase of talent but also served as an invaluable learning experience for all participants.

# WELLNESS BLUEPRINT



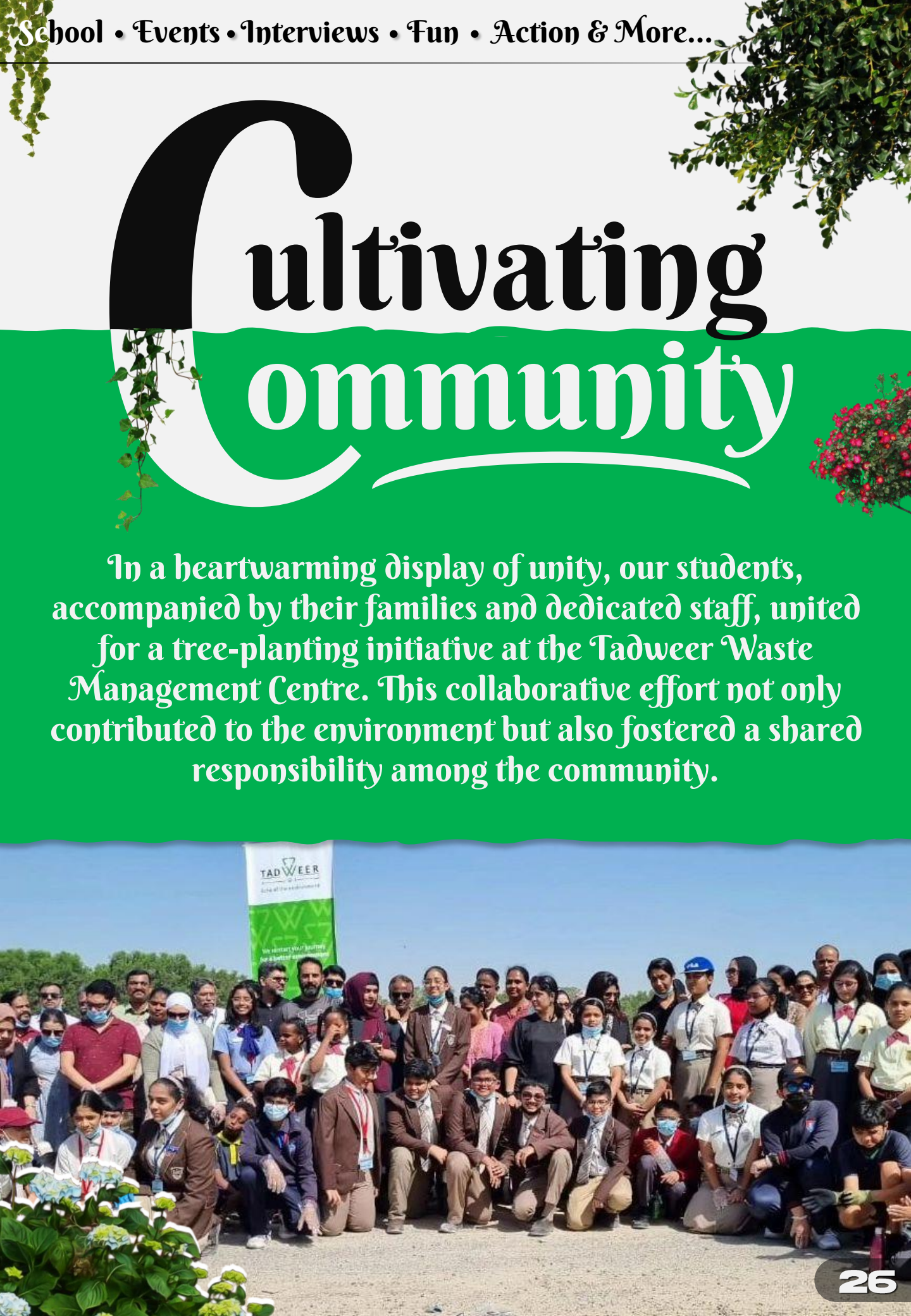
We express our gratitude to Dr. Summiya Qazi, Dr. Biji Nair, Ms. Sushama, Ms. Sripriya and Ms. Nisreen for their enlightening session on teacher wellbeing.



Their valuable contributions shed light on the essential need for educators to maintain a healthy work-life balance, and we are enriched by their insights.







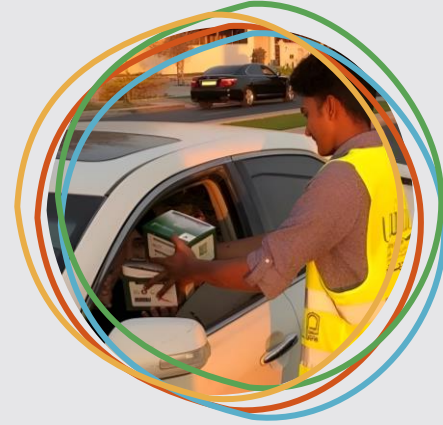
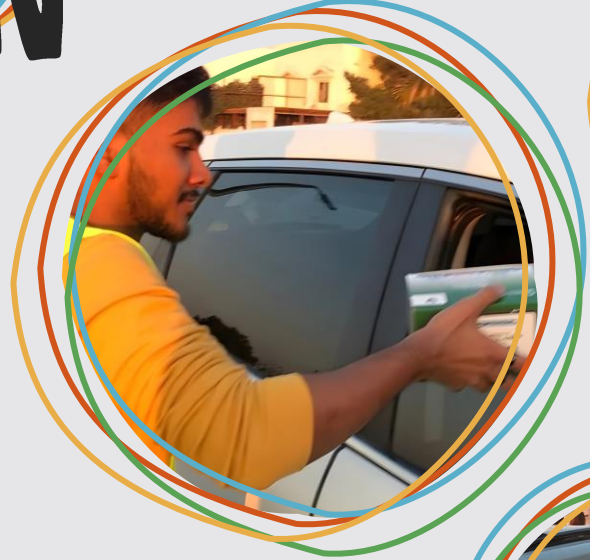
# Cultivating community

In a heartwarming display of unity, our students, accompanied by their families and dedicated staff, united for a tree-planting initiative at the Tadweer Waste Management Centre. This collaborative effort not only contributed to the environment but also fostered a shared responsibility among the community.

# DRIVEN BY COMPASSION

رمضان آمن  
A Safe Ramadan  
معاً .. رمضان بلا حوادث  
Together.. A Ramadan without Accidents

In support of the 'Ramadan Aman' campaign's goal to encourage responsible driving and strengthen community bonds, OO'Bites proactively took part by distributing Iftar meal boxes. This commendable effort not only emphasizes the significance of maintaining safe driving speeds but also underscores our dedication to serving the community during the sacred month of Ramadan. Through their enthusiastic involvement, our students exemplified unity and compassion, embodying the cherished values we uphold.



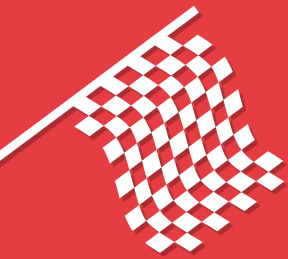


# Gallery of Gratitude

Under the guidance of Mr. Srijesh, our talented budding artists added a touch of creativity to the Vice Principals' Cluster Meet hosted at our school. Each distinguished guest received a personalized sketched portrait, making the event truly memorable. The presence of Senior Vice President of GEMS Education, Mr. Michael Guzder, added to the significance of the occasion.







# TRIATHLON TRIUMPH

**AARAV HANDE (3B) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SHARJAH TRIATHLON ORGANIZED BY THE SHARJAH SPORT COUNCIL AND ENDURANCE CLUB, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 150 METERS SWIMMING, 10 KILOMETERS CYCLING, AND 1.5 KILOMETERS RUNNING WITHIN ONE HOUR.**





In honour of Earth Day 2023, grade 7E students showcased their creativity by turning waste into wonder. Amrish Kumar, Krishaanth Rajan, Kailasnath Binesh, Syed Taaha, and Hashim Ahmed (from left to right) demonstrated their dedication to the environment through innovative upcycling.

From  
**WASTE**  
To  
**WONDER**



Niranjan Priya, a participant from Gr. 5B, demonstrated his exceptional talent by earning the 2nd Runner-up position in the highly competitive Sustainable Styles contest held at Ecophilia'23, hosted by Our Own Dubai. His remarkable achievement in the competition not only highlights his creativity but also underscores his steadfast dedication to his craft.





Amarnath Sreevalsan of  
8E received the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize  
in the UAE Mother's Day  
Letter Writing Contest  
organized by United  
Friends of Kerala Kites  
Wing.

# MOMENTS





# GAME

# ON



Shining with sporting prowess, OOB proudly witnessed six exceptional athletes qualify from the Sharjah & Northern Emirates qualifiers for the esteemed UAE School Sport Games Athletic Meet Finals.

Showcasing their dedication, they displayed their skills in the finals held on May 13, 2023, at the prestigious Abu Dhabi Cricket & Sports Hub.

Their remarkable journey stands as a testament to both their individual talents and the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded champions.

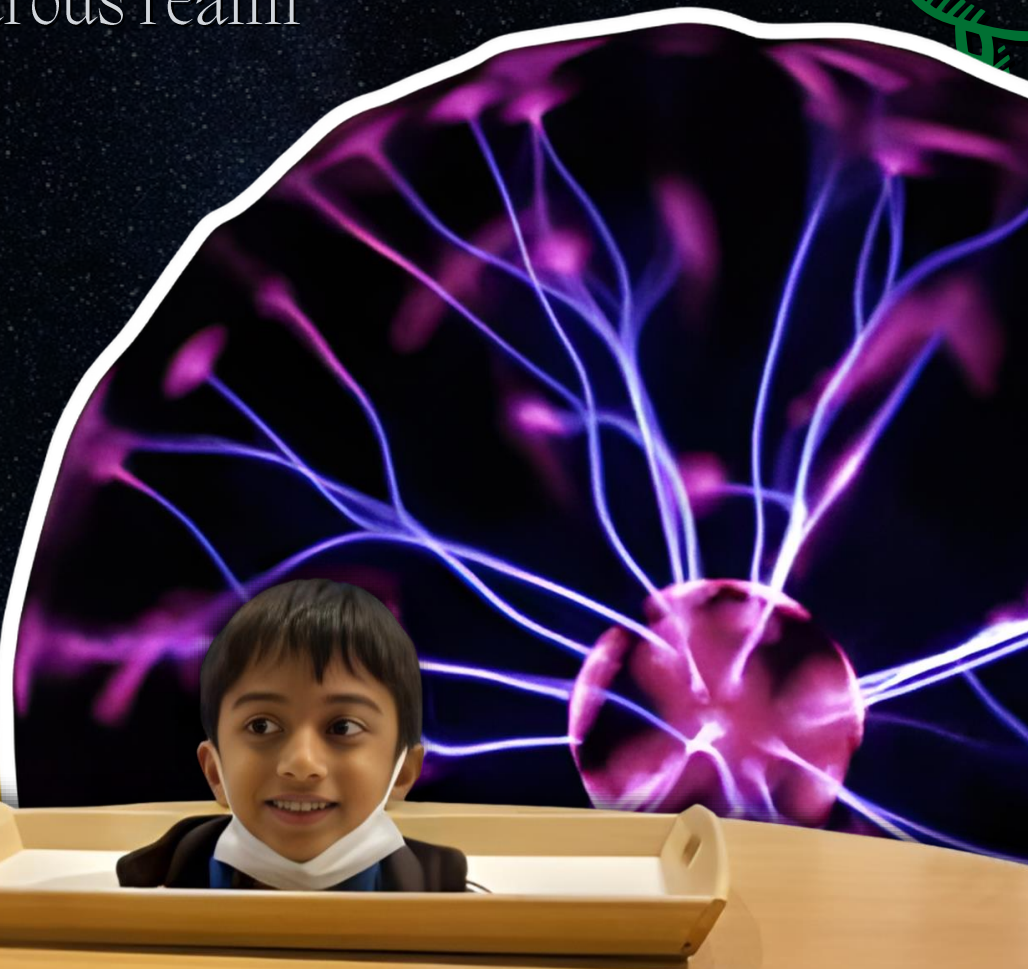





# UNLOCKING CURIOSITY



Embarking on an enthralling journey, our spirited Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 students explored the captivating landscapes of the Sharjah Science Museum during their enlightening field trip. From delving into mind-boggling experiments to immersing themselves in interactive exhibits, these young explorers passionately dived into the wondrous realm of science.





# CHAMPIONING THE TALE

***OOBITES AMOGH ARUN, HAMAD AAMIR BAIG, AND SAMFORD SEBIN WERE RECOGNIZED BY CBSE FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL STORYTELLING SKILLS IN THE CBSE STORY TELLING COMPETITION 2021-22.***



***IN A REMARKABLE DISPLAY OF ELOQUENCE AND TALENT, PHILIP CHUMMAR (7D), CLINCHED THE THIRD PLACE IN THE JUNIOR CATEGORY, WHILE SAMFORD SEBIN (IOF), SECURED SECOND PLACE IN THE SUB-SENIOR CATEGORY DURING THE WAXING ELOQUENT 2023 FINALS HELD AT THE MILLENNIUM SCHOOL, DUBAI.***





# DIVE TO VICTORY

Heartfelt congratulations are in order for Geon Jibi of 9G, whose aquatic prowess shone brightly at the CBSE UAE Cluster Swimming Championship hosted at The Millennium School, Al Khail.

Geon's extraordinary performance earned him a remarkable tally of 5 gold medals across various events, including the 100M backstroke, 200M freestyle, 50M backstroke, 400M freestyle, and 200M backstroke.







**Achievement**  
**unlocked**

A RESOUNDING APPLAUSE GOES OUT TO ABDULLAH NASIR OF GRADE 8G, WHO HAS ACHIEVED A REMARKABLE FEAT BY SECURING THE TOP POSITION IN THE HIFZ-UL-QUR'AN COMPETITION, HOSTED BY GULF ASIAN ENGLISH SCHOOL, SHARJAH.



A RESOUNDING ROUND OF APPLAUSE GOES OUT TO SREEHARI NAIR (10F) FOR ACHIEVING A REMARKABLE FEAT AT TRUSITY'S INTER-SCHOOL STEAM COMPETITION. WITH PRIDE, WE ANNOUNCE HIS TRIUMPH IN SECURING THE COVETED "MOST IMPACTFUL PROJECT AWARD" IN THE AGE GROUP CATEGORY OF 11 TO 13 YEARS.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR SURAJ KUMAR SINGH FROM 12A, WHO HAS SECURED A COMMENDABLE POSITION AS THE 2ND RUNNER-UP IN THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE CURTIN UNIVERSITY CODING HACKATHON 2023.



SASTRA PRATIBHA CONTEST WINNERS ADITHYA ANUSH, OM ARUN THOMBRE, AARON SERRAO, AND GOKUL PRASATH EMBARKED ON A REWARDING EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO MUMBAI. THE JOURNEY INCLUDED INSIGHTFUL VISITS TO THE HOMI BHABHA CENTRE FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION, INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY, NEHRU SCIENCE CENTRE, AND IIT.

MEET THE ACCOMPLISHED VICTORS OF GWA, DUBAI'S INTER-SCHOOL QURAN AND HADITH COMPETITION 2023. CELEBRATING THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, ABDULLAH NASIR (8G) SECURED 1ST PLACE IN QURAN RECITATION, WHILE MOHAMMED SAAD (11A) CLAIMED AN IMPRESSIVE 2ND PLACE. NOTABLY, SAAD MUSTAFA (11A) AND MOHAMMED AZIM (11A) BOTH SHONE IN THE 3RD PLACE POSITIONS FOR QURAN RECITATION AND HADEETH RESPECTIVELY.



STEPPING ONTO THE BADMINTON COURT AT THE GMS-ORGANIZED TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 11, 2023, OUR OOB STUDENTS DISPLAYED THEIR PROWESS. AMONG THE SHINING STARS, PRAYAG BEJOY OF GRADE 6F EMERGED TRIUMPHANT, CLINCHING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE UNDER 11 SINGLES CATEGORY.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO AMARNATH SREEVALSAN OF 7E FOR A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE UAE INTERSCHOOL GANDHI QUIZ ONLINE COMPETITION. STANDING AS THE TOP SCORER, AMARNATH'S DEDICATION AND KNOWLEDGE HAVE EARNED HIM A WELL-DESERVED CERTIFICATE.







Celebrate the triumphs of our young debaters as Anirudh (5C) clinches the prestigious Best Speaker award for supporting the motion, and Uzair (5A) secures the distinction of Runner-Up Best Speaker for opposing the motion. These impressive feats unfolded at the Inter-School Debate Competition hosted by OOS.

OOB triumphs at UNSC held in OOS, Dubai. Juan Mathew (11E) excels as Best Delegate and Best Position Paper in WHO. Smaran Nair (12G) secures 2nd Runner up Best Delegate in UNSCW. Timothy Chummar (9C) excels in UNODC, winning Best Delegate, Position Paper, and Best Speech prizes. Rahul Saini (11A) and Preet Rajesh Bhanushali (11B) achieve 3rd Best Delegate and 3rd Best Position Paper. Abijith Madhavankutty (11E) and Tarun Rawat (12E) shine in ECOSOC, claiming Best Speech awards.



Our school's delegation stood out at AlyxMUN '23, seizing remarkable honors. Ibrahim Mohammed (11C) secured the Best Delegate award, Prince Macwan earned Best Speaker, and Mohammed Adam Khan received an Honourable Mention.

Philip Chummar (7D) shines by securing the 'Best Delegate Award' in the GA4 category at the MUN hosted by GEMS Modern Academy.



# PRESENT AND VOTING



# COUNTING SUCCESS



Roshin Rajesh of 4C has achieved extraordinary success in two international math Olympiads. His outstanding performance in the GeniusCerebrum competition earned him recognition. Additionally, Roshin clinched the prestigious UAE Rank in the International Olympiad Foundation's Math Olympiad.



Kenan Austin Pinto of 5G received the silver medal in the Mathematics Olympiad organized by the International Mathematics Foundation.



# THE *Literary* lounge



*In passions' realm, where desires oft entwine,  
Two forces clashed, igniting life's design,  
The raging flames of greed, a burning pyre,  
And icy hearts that spew forth hatred's ire.*

*Beware the fire that lures with golden gleam,  
Its flames devouring, a consuming dream,  
For in its heat, a covetous desire,  
Where avarice breeds and souls are set afire.*

*Greed, a relentless blaze that knows no rest,  
Its flames consuming all within its quest,  
It feeds on wealth, on power and on pride,  
Leaving nought but ashes, where love once died.*

*But lo, the ice, a frigid, bitter cold,  
A heart encased, where hatred takes its hold,  
It numbs the soul, freezes joy and mirth,  
Engulfed in sorrow, estranged from love's birth.*

*From icy depths, resentment doth arise,  
In frozen hearts where compassion dies,  
For in this realm, where bitterness abides,  
Love's warmth retreats, as sorrow it resides.*

*Yet, in this dance of fire and icy chill,  
A truth prevails, one that can heal and still,  
For in our hands, the power lies to choose,  
To temper greed and hatred, or let them loose.*

*Seek not the flames that burn with selfish might,  
Nor let your heart grow cold, devoid of light,  
Embrace the balance, where passion finds its grace,  
And let love's warmth illuminate your space.*

*For in this world, where fire and ice contend,  
Let us choose wisely, so wounds may mend,  
In unity, we rise above the strife,  
And find the harmony that breathes true life.*

# Harmony Amidst Chaos

- Melvin Aji Titus  
(11-C)



# *A Visit to New Delhi*

- Balatharun Kirubashankar  
(3-D)

*During our last summer vacation, my family and I had a fantastic trip to New Delhi. We explored numerous historical sites, starting with the Red Fort, also known as Lal Quila, built by Shah Jahan in 1648. The fort, made of red stones, sits by the Yamuna River and was beautifully illuminated for the 75th Independence Day celebration.*

*The next day, we visited RajGhat, a peaceful place with a garden surrounding Mahatma Gandhi's tomb. Although I could only stay briefly, it left a serene impression. We also marvelled at the grandeur of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, with its intricate carvings on red marble stones. We concluded our day at Jantar Mantar, an ancient astronomical observatory.*

*The following day began with the breathtaking Qutub Minar, an architectural beauty blending pink, red, and orange stones. India Gate and other modern wonders like Rashtrapati Bhawan, Lotus Temple, and Parliament filled our afternoon. After a delicious meal prepared by my grandmother, we retired for the night.*

*The pinnacle of our trip came on the third day with a visit to the magnificent Taj Mahal, a true wonder of the world. Its symmetrical beauty and rich history left me in awe. Inside, we discovered the imitation tombs while the real ones rest below with limited oxygen supply, a testament to the craftsmanship of 20,000 workers. Even today, their descendants work tirelessly to preserve this masterpiece. As evening fell, we concluded our Delhi tour and returned home safely. This journey not only brought immense joy but also deepened my appreciation for our country's remarkable history.*

*Twittering birds always free  
Perching happily upon a tree,  
Flying up high and down so low,  
What wonderful things down in the meadow!*

*Swift deer walking to and fro  
Great brown dots its body shows,  
And great black hooves down below,  
What wonderful things down in the meadow!*

*Taking a stroll under the trees shadow  
Looking at the beauty of the wide meadow,  
Symmetrical patterns the tree's leaves show,  
What wonderful things down in the meadow!*

# Down in the Meadow

- Rino Bobby  
(6-I)



# Lost Man

- Sreepadmanabhan  
Vimalkumar  
(10-F)

*Where are those sweet daisies?  
That danced beneath the window sill  
Where are the twilight birds of blue?  
That stirred the night, when the moon was still*

*How these streets have changed  
The hills and trees are not the same  
How have I grown older, but still feel young?  
Have I done enough, has history lost my name?*

*Oh, how much has my life changed  
Went from a little boy, to a lost man  
Amidst the paced world, I stood rooted  
And against these changes, I ran*

*But change was inevitable,  
Nothing stays forever, but it's not all gloom  
Now, I am older and wiser, I have learned lots  
Once again, I see those sweet daisies, again in bloom.*



# *The Canvas of Life*

- Philip  
Thomas  
Chummar  
(7-D)

*Which would you choose,  
To win or to lose?  
The power of beauty and “bravo!”  
Would you choose to suffer and your plans to buffer?  
Or choose the easy road to follow?*

*That is what a canvas thought  
When he with an unfriendly shove was bought  
To an artist whose skill was unique  
The canvas was set to stand on an isle that was bland  
And taken to a cottage meek*

*In a room that was small  
With some paints, a brush, and a ball  
The canvas was set to rest  
It couldn't stand the paints for their fumes caused faints  
But the artist knew the best*

*The canvas was surprised  
How foolish were his cries!  
When it looked at its painted self  
Then the artist looked at his work, and the canvas said with a jerk  
“Oh, sir my being is for thyself!”*

*The same is in life  
When we look at strife,  
We think that our life is messed  
But Almighty is the artist, and when in the harvest,  
We'll find out that we are blessed.*





# Culinary corner

*Tantalizing  
Culinary  
Delights!*





# Chocolate Chunk Cookies



## Ingredients:

50 gm Melted butter  
(Salted)  
Brown Sugar (3 TBSP)  
Milk (1,  $\frac{3}{4}$  TBSP)  
Flour (8 TBSP)  
Milk chocolate



## Procedure:

- 1) Mix the melted butter and sugar together.
- 2) Add milk and then gradually add the flour in two halves: 4 TBSP at first and then the other 4 TBSP after mixing.
- 3) Mix it up very well until it forms a non-sticky doughy like structure. Chop up some good quality milk chocolate and mix it in with batter.
- 4) Place the batter on a sheet of baking paper resting on a plate and top with chocolate bits.
- 5) Microwave it for 2 mins. Use a skewer to check if its properly baked.



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