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**From the
Principal's Desk**

Mr D. Manon

Dear Readers,

At the very outset I would like to congratulate all the Parents, students and teaching fraternity for a fruitful and successful academic year so far. With all the achievements, accomplishments and the renewed energy after the winter break, the students have switched on to their study mode where they are all focused and determined to face the upcoming exams. My Best wishes to all the students especially the Senior Secondary students who will be appearing for their Board exams soon. We are confident that they

will give their best and make us proud.

Dear students, you all are special and each one of you "Unique" with different potentials. You must explore the best in you and must be focused to achieve your goal. To bring the best in you, DUNES provides you all sort of exposure to develop and explore yourself. Listen to your innermost voice and tap your potential and you will find a different you.

Apart from academics, Sports and games are given equal importance at school and the students enjoy this privilege as it helps them to relax and

de-stress from the regular and continuous academics.

Sports Day was recently held on 15th & 16th December, 2018. A wide range of exercises, displays, games and Sporting events were show cased which enthralled one and all. The competitive spirit of the students and teachers were on display on the ground and the day was filled with energy, excitement and vigour.

Education is a vast term and books are not the only source of learning. In fact, the real life skills are learned when we face all sort of situations. These learnings are indirect learnings and it

prepares us to face life.

Dear Parents, let your wards learn these skills at this stage, let them learn how to handle different situations, take their opinion and give yours but allow them to act on their own. The learning and decision making skills of your ward will be hampered if you interfere too much. Be with them, guide them and with your cooperation, we can develop the required skills in our students.

No doubt academics is the backbone of our school but emotional and social skills are given equal importance. If our emotional and social bonds are strong, we can easily achieve productive results that we are expecting from our students. Let our students be emotionally and mentally strong, ready to face ups and downs of life, be socially bonded, have empathy, respect for elders, Teachers, Parents and Grand Parents.

Students, teachers and parents are the three main components of any school. We at DUNES trust in one another and look forward to any suggestions in order to provide a wonderful teaching learning environment to our students.

Happy reading and have a wonderful year ahead.

Principal

Dharminder Manon



**From the
Editors' Desk
Ms. Vasanta
Ms. Anisha**



Dear Parents,

You have in your hands another edition of Dunes Newsletter with more news, beautiful moments and a gist of fruitful events in the last four months. This newsletter is a reflection of all those moments that we have lived to make our day to day journey with our students more meaningful in academics, sports and CCA etc. We are sure that this newsletter will once again bring smiles on your faces and you will be proud that your child is a Duniton and you, a contented patron.....

Happy reading and 'au revoir DUNES '.....

The Editors

Vasanta Gadoo & Anisha Shivdas





Message from the Kindergarten HM

Ms. Shahliza

Kindergarten at Dunes International School is a unique educational environment where students' achievement is the prime focus. The school has built a reputation for the quality of its work, from developing teaching and learning to the extra-curricular activities.

The school prides itself on its innovative and rich curriculum. We place a strong emphasis on working with parents and the community, enabling all the students to maximize their abilities, ambitions and academic potential in everything they do.

We welcome students to participate and engage in all activities and ensure that each one receives a high quality of education. Along with intellectual diversity, the differing life experiences and approaches our staff brings to our school help us understand and meet the needs of our work's ultimate beneficiaries - our students. With diversity and inclusion as priorities, we work towards achieving our mission.

Young people are the very heart of a school and although we value academic performance, we believe that students should enjoy their time at school and achieve all round development. We provide a happy and safe environment within which students can experience opportunities beyond the classroom so that they can become independent learners and

responsible and confident adults. We foster values of courtesy, consideration and individual responsibility and offer a high level of challenge accompanied by equally high level of support.

There is no doubt that the achievement of our students is built upon the partnership between students, parents and staff. Through high quality of teaching and learning, student support and commitment to extra-curricular activities, we create the building blocks of success.

I firmly believe that a strongly led school is strongly led by many. I know that with the excellent staff we have here, we have the ability to ensure that your child achieves the very best. Through partnership we continue to enhance and strengthen the success of Kindergarten at DUNES International.

I am looking forward to continuing this process with you.

Sincerely on behalf of, all of us at DUNES International Kindergarten team.

Headmistress, Kindergarten

Ms. Shahliza Yousuf Khan



CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day was celebrated in school on Thursday, 15th November, 2018 and the show was hosted by the teachers to entertain their young audience. A very interesting quiz on Indian songs was organized where all the teachers and the students participated. A comic skit "Eggzam Shegzam" was staged by the senior teachers where they pointed out the exam fears and general anxiety among students and how to deal with it positively and effectively. The school principal Mr. Dharminder Manon visited each and every class and distributed candies among children as a token of love and affection.



TEACHERS' DAY

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations".

The Dunes Students Council arranged a small event to celebrate the 'Teachers' Day' on 5th & 6th September, 2018 by girls and boys section respectively. The teachers were invited on the stage and presented with flowers by the students. The School Captains assigned duties to students to act as teachers to teach in all the classes from 4 to 12 in order to pay tribute to the dedicated teachers. The programme included short skit, riddles on teachers, dance and singing performances. The teachers were overwhelmed to see the children taking efforts to make them feel special.



SPORTS DAY

The 8th Annual Sports Day was held on Saturday 15th & 16th December, 2018 in boys and the girls section respectively. It was unbelievably a spellbinding event of the current academic year. This day was a reification of our love for sports, where the Dunes family presented apt and synchronized sports events. All the respected invitees enjoyed the day with zeal and zest. The Chief Guest, **Mr. Craig Smith**, CEO Dhahran Techno Valley and the Guest of Honor **Dr. Nadeem Tarin**, Managing Director – DUNES Int'l School and all other respected dignitaries were warmly welcomed by the school delegate. The whole day witnessed a plenty of different events i.e. *March Past, Lighting the DUNES Torch, Oath Taking Ceremony, Races, Drills, Pyramid Formation etc.* The CCA Coordinator, Mr.Yashpal Rana who represented Indian National Hockey Team in Malaysia and secured gold medal, was felicitated cordially by the school management.

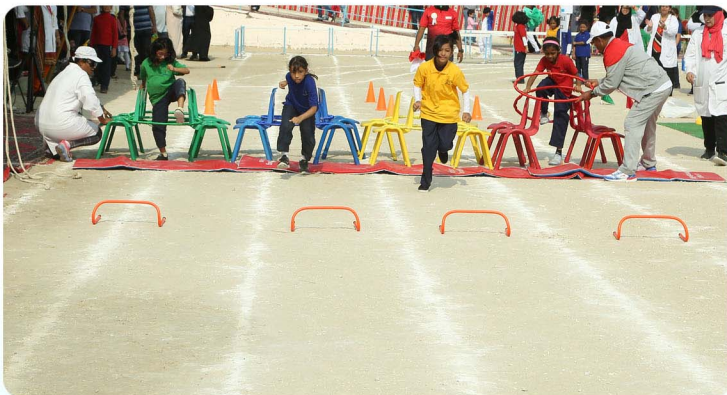
It was the most thrilling moment when Arabian House bagged the Champions Trophy in Boys section and Thar House in Girls section for this year. In summary, the ceremony in its grandeur, outshined even our best functions from the previous years.



SPORTS DAY



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KINDERGARTEN REPORT



Welcome to
Kindergarten!



It has been an extremely exciting and fun-filled term. All the children have worked very hard and produced some amazing pieces of work across the curriculum.

To begin with, we celebrated Pyjama Day, Saudi National Day through which the children engaged in sensorial activities. Saudi National Day celebration strengthened their sense of belonging to the homeland and symbolized the unity and integrity as it joined the nation in celebrating the 88th National Day.

"Play is the work of a child"

Keeping the growing kids in mind, a few sensorial activities are practiced every fortnight here in Dunes Kindergarten. Easy sensorial ideas were taught to the children through play, dough molding and sorting objects. Kindergarten section hosted Exercise Day to improve child's cognitive abilities, health and standardized academic performance. The Children wore track suits and had a fun filled invigorating day.



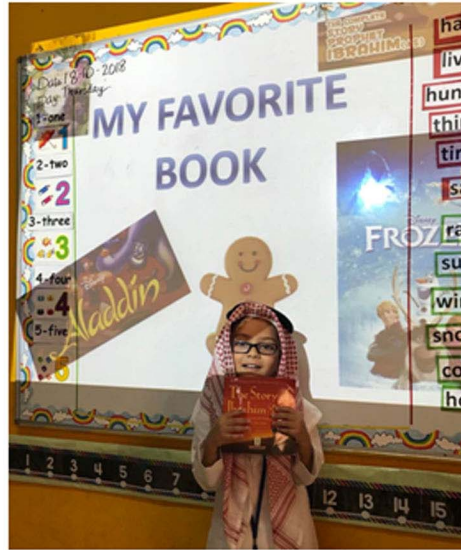
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"Books are Portable Magic"

Book Day was celebrated on 18th of November 2018. Our tiny tots were excited to be dressed up as their favourite story characters.

Teachers read stories to them and created an environment to learn the moral stories and their application in their daily life.



The 'Crazy Hat Day' was celebrated on 1st November, 2018. The kids were asked to design their hats based on their choice of theme, color and interests. The kids exceeded our expectations by wearing beautiful and unique hats.

The students of kindergarten joined hands to showcase their regional culture and tradition by celebrating **ETHNIC DAY** on 25th October, 2018.

Displaying ethnic dresses, the students came on to the stage and walked the ramp for a grand fashion show.



KINDERGARTEN REPORT

Prepare and prevent,
don't repair and repent.



Safety week was organized in KG section with a motto of being SAFE: Staying Accident Free Everywhere. On the first two days, various topics on general safety like safety on roads, safety at school and safety at home were discussed and explained to the students. The mock drill was a big success as the children followed the instruction and performed very well. A special assembly was organized where the students were dressed up as helpers of society responsible for people's safety.



KINDERGARTEN REPORT

World Children's Day



Children are gifts of God. United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. This year our activity was "Handprints". Our children imprinted their hand impressions around the picture of Earth which depicts that they are the Hope of our future.



We're 100 days smarter!!!



The 100th day of this academic year was an exciting time for the Kindergarten section. Dunes Kindergarten section celebrated 100 days of school on the 29th of November 2018. 100 Days masks were cut out and students decorated their own masks beautifully. Certificates were distributed among the little ones for successfully completing 100 days of school.

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Their joy knew no bounds when they saw the corridors and the entire section decorated with 100 balloons, banners and bulletin boards with a bouquet of flowers. A lovely cut out of 100 was made where children walked through it. The biggest surprise was witnessing a meter long cake being cut by the respected guests present. A 100 days quilt was made. Each number from 1-100 was decorated by the students, teachers and administration staff. Later, the numbers were compiled onto a beautiful quilt and displayed on the bulletin board..

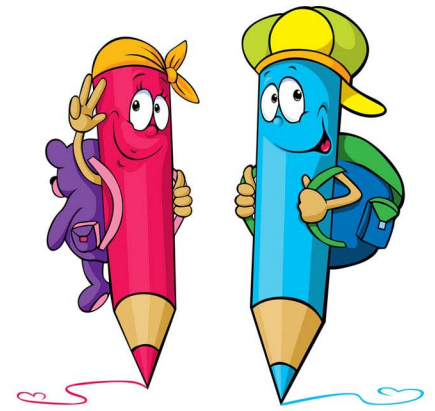


Colors Everywhere



"Fun days with colours" were celebrated in the month of September, October & December. Children were excited to do the activities like lemon print, hand print, sponge printing, finger printing, orange peeling and colouring an attire of a boy and a girl. Teachers and children discussed colors during class time and sang rhymes on them. They painted a huge teddy bear and an apple as a group activity.

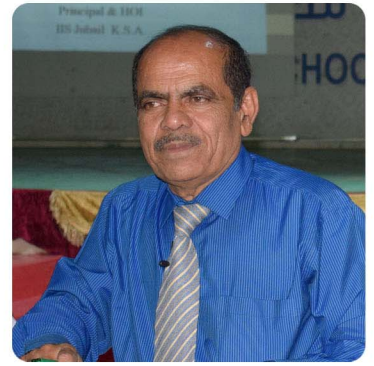
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A Parent Teacher Meeting was conducted for Kindergarten section on Saturday, December 8th, 2018 in the school auditorium. The key agenda of the meeting was to hand out the assessment papers and to discuss the performance of the students with their parents. Headmistress Ms. Shahliza Yousuf was officially introduced to the parents.

WORKSHOP

on Effective Lesson Planning and Innovative teaching techniques



A progressive and effective training is incumbent to enhance the skills of the teachers. Dunes took a positive initiative by organizing a workshop on "Effective Lesson Planning and Innovative teaching techniques". It was conducted on 15th November, 2018 in the school auditorium. The teachers from several schools of the Eastern Province like IIS Jubail, IIS Dammam, Al- Muna Int'l School and Al- Khozama Int'l School were invited. The chief guest of the event and the potential trainer for the workshop was Dr. Syed Hameed, the Principal of IIS Jubail. He trained the teachers effectively and shared his expertise on various topics and focused on the ways to be more creative and innovative in classroom teaching and stressed on the dire need to develop effective lesson plans that enables teachers to become well planned for their classes. He shed some light on classroom management skills also so that the teachers can effectively use them in their daily teaching learning processes. At last, the teachers were felicitated with the certificates of participation.



WORKSHOP

On E-Waste Management



Electronic Waste or E-Waste describes discarded electrical or electronic devices or components. To spread awareness of the proper disposal of E-waste, members of the Environmental Club at Dunes conducted a workshop in the month of October. This was the first student organized workshop at Dunes and was a great success. We were able to convey the importance of e-waste management through an explanatory presentation by the Environmental Secretary, Huda Fatima.

A speech was given by Jasmine Syed of grade XII regarding E-waste collection centres and how they work. The students were also informed about the nearest centre located in Jubail.

The highlight of the day was the lucky draw, in which eco-friendly gifts were given away. The audiences actively participated throughout the workshop as they responded very well to the Quiz organized by Haneefa Moiz of grade VIII.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Honouring the recent move from CBSE, a daily routine of 25 minutes of physical exercises like Yoga, zumba, aerobics etc has been introduced before the commencement of classes every morning. Both boys and girls take part in these activities enthusiastically.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

DIS has registered with Science Olympiad Foundation to provide the students a stimulus to study and expose them to competitive exams which will enable them to excel in their academics. We feel privileged to share that our bright students Aayush Rohan Borgaonkar and Ayesha Ali of grade 1 respectively have made us proud by achieving 1st rank in IGKO and 5th rank in NSO at international level.

CLUSTER MEET

The Cluster Meet for the academic year 2018-19 was held in IIS Riyadh in October. Many schools from different provinces participated.

Total of 42 students from our school participated in different categories. Following are the achievements:

- ✓ In U-19, Pratulya K.J. won the third place in 100 and 200 mts. Flat Race.

- ✓ Kulsum Ayub won the second place in 800 mts and third place in 400 mts Flat Race.

- ✓ Zainab syeda won the second position in the Discus Throw.

- ✓ The Relay team won the third position in the 4x100 mts U-19 category.

Pratulya K.J, Kulsum Ayub, Aamna Abedi, Janice Vincent and Jasmine were the winners of the Relay Team.

□ Ayesha Arif Bhat won the third position in shot put in the U-17 category.

□ Kulsum Ayub and Zainab Syeda even made it to Nationals by representing Saudi Arabia in Devanagree in Karnataka, India. We are proud of all our girls.



STRESS MANAGEMENT ORIENTATION

The Stress Management Orientation session for parents of Grade 10 and 12 was held on December 8, 2018.

The session was hosted by the Principal Of the school Mr. Dharminder Manon where he talked about the stress faced by the students from parents, teachers and the society with regard to their performance in school. He advised the parents to support and motivate the students and also to interact with their children on a daily basis in order to understand their thoughts, feelings and aspirations.

Mr.Saad Mashood, one of our valued parents, interacted with other parents and some of them were able to put forth their thoughts and concerns and hoped that every child would emerge as a winner in his own way.



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