



مدارس الكثبان العالمية

DUNES
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AL-KHOBAR SAUDI ARABIA



**WELCOME
BACK TO SCHOOL**



OPENING DAY

Phew... another year of academics, challenges, learning etc... The new session for this academic year began on 2nd April, 2018. The teachers were all set with their Time Tables and the class rooms to welcome their fresh batches. Excitement and curiosity could be seen everywhere among the students to have a great beginning and knowing their new set of teachers.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.
-Marian Wright Edelman

Dear Parents,

I'm glad to reach out to you once again through our quarterly Newsletter 2018. I feel proud to be the mentor of this great institution Dunes International School where the students are groomed to become confident, articulate and have enlightened minds. In other words, we are preparing our students to face the challenges of the rapidly changing world.

It gives me immense pleasure when I see that our school has earned a good name and fame in the region and has come up to the expectations of the people around. We have come a long way in terms of academics and co curricular activities where the students of our school are trained enough to compete others in debates, quizzes and of course sports.

Besides... We are known to be innovative in our

teaching techniques with teaching modules and technically equipped classrooms which foster a conducive learning environment.

The in house and outsourced workshops and interactive sessions provide the necessary guidance needed to enhance the teaching learning process.

The previous academic year ended on a great note where our students who wrote their Board exams of grades X & XII, got excellent results and now settled in different colleges and universities in different countries and of course back home in India. We have many more plans to upgrade ourselves for this ongoing session.

I am thankful to the parent fraternity for having supported our school throughout and with this constant support, we are sure to achieve the dreams we have envisioned for our school....

D. Manon
Principal



Dear Valued Parents

It's with extreme pleasure and humility that I welcome you again for the Newsletter 2018. **DUNES International School** has yet another year of success in its path which has now been a measure of excellence in the expat community of Saudi Arabia.

Your most precious gifts are with us for the major part of the day; learning, socializing, excelling and creating value based character throughout, under the able guidance and supervision of our team of professionals. The year 2017-18 highlighted itself far more expressive than we expected. We had students achieving excellent results in both the board exams. Apart from studies, our students continued to make a mark in sports, swimming and co curricular competitions and outperformed each other in the Olympiad and Shastra Pratibha exams.

The school has a proactive approach to holistic education. We track student performance, ensure that they equip themselves with best tools of education, become techno savvy catching up with time and work to be bold & fearless as we foster creativity within them through CCA.

The spectacular shows of the **DUNES Kindergarten** makes us spell bound. Each activity nurtures creativity in the tiny tots as they gain expertise on their initial treads of success. The active participation thrives in their artistic ability that leads them to higher challenges in the days ahead.

Keeping track with the CBSE Board, grade 3 was inducted in the system and to be at par with the MOE a few changes were incorporated into the system of schooling this year. We hope and work to achieve greater heights with more indulgence of the authorities. I look forward for a fruitful collaboration in the coming years as the motto of the school is to adopt, support and create a better community.

Thank You.

Mrs. Sumiya Tasneem

Head mistress (Girls Section)



EDITORIAL

The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

-Malcolm Forbes

Here we are yet again presenting the fifth edition of the Dunes Newsletter highlighting the events conducted during the months April- June 2018.

It is indeed heartwarming to showcase and appreciate the talent, sincerity, dedication and hard work displayed by the students in the various activities conducted in the school. This edition will brighten your day and mood as you go through the wonderful and thrilling moments experienced by your child at school. We are indeed blessed and happy to present you the glimpses through our newsletter.

Happy Reading..... **Vasanta Gadoo & Anisha Shivdas**

Editors -in- Chief



MASTER CHEF COMPETITION

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. Girls showed a lot of creativity and presentability with their mouth watering dishes. Most of the girls participated in Master Chef Competition held on 25th April, 2018. They showed a lot of enthusiasm and proved that Girls are the God's all in one package.





Education is not merely learning, but the training of the mind to be creative. Inter-house flower arrangement competition for grade 6-12 was held on 2nd May, 2018. This competition saw enthusiastic participation from the students. The competition was based on the theme of Environment Day where highly imaginative and creative skills of the students were seen. The whole library was looking like a spot for some grand flower show. One could also not miss the interesting captions added to the arrangements. On the whole, it was a beautiful display of creativity, symmetry and a blend of colours.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY



If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more do more and become more, **YOU ARE A LEADER.**

Investiture Ceremony was held on 17th May, 2018 where the leaders for this academic year were chosen after a round of interviews and considerations over scholastic and non scholastic areas. Two new posts like Environmental and Cultural Secretary were added to the cabinet list. The invited chief guest for the ceremony was IIS Jubail principal **Dr. Syed Hameed** who invested the council. His speech delivery was so inspiring and motivational that all the students present over there gave him a standing ovation.

The Head Boy Master **Yashendu Paresh Pandey** and the Head Girl Miss **Zainab Syeda** took an oath along with their cabinet.



Labour being an inseparable part of any organization, are given due importance and care at Dunes. Teachers as well as the students contributed generously for the maintenance staff. In addition to that, a food fest was also held as part of a co curricular activity where the girls had put the stalls for selling the food items (home made as well as packed). Many games like lucky draw, henna application, balloon shooting etc. were conducted for more money collection. As a kind gesture to the cleaning staff, the auditorium was cleaned by the teachers as well the students. Later the collected amount was distributed equally among the maintenance staff.



RAMADAN PARTY CELEBRATION



Any occasion that begins and ends up in the name of God is always successful and peaceful. On the onset of Ramadan, a special Ramadan party was held where the teachers as well as the students worked hand in hand to make it a big success. A very beautiful power point presentation was shown where the Dos and Don'ts during the Holy Ramadan were discussed. The auditorium looked bright and beautiful with the traditional decoration and the children in colourful dresses. The senior students served special Gahwa and dates to the audience.



School assembly is a perfect platform to inculcate a healthy, optimistic and learning environment among the students. Theme based special assemblies like International Day of Human Space Flight, World Health Day, Chinese Language Day, English Language Day, Labour Day, Mothers Day, Plant Conservation Day etc were presented by the different grades under the able guidance of the respective class teachers. Our creative students worked very hard and constructively to set the right tone for the year 2018.

SPORTS CORNER

From April till June 2018, the first phase of sports activities was held in which a few games and events like Badminton, Table Tennis, football and Volleyball were conducted

BADMINTON

On April 21, 2018, we at Dunes Int'l School hosted the Badminton Zonal Competition for Girls in our school auditorium and the Badminton Zonals for boy was conducted in IIS Dammam. The results are as follows:

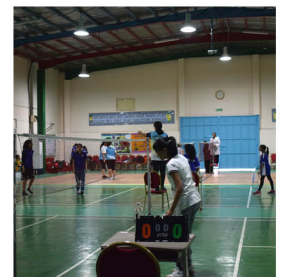
Boys: U-19 category secured 1st position and Qualified for clusters.

Girls U-19 category secured 2nd position and qualified for clusters.

Boys U- 17category secured 3rd Position and qualified for clusters.

BADMINTON CLUSTERS were held in IIS Riyadh where all the qualified categories of boys & girls from our school took part.

We feel highly proud to inform that our champs like Syed Shayaan Rehman and Mohhamed Umar with Yash Pramod and Sibyl Richard as substitutes in U-19 Boys secured 1st position and qualified for Nationals, which will take place in the month of November in INDIA. We wish them the BEST of Luck for their next level and are sure that they will carve a niche for themselves and would definitely glorify their school and the representing country Saudi Arabia.



FIRST WEEK

Dear Readers,

A hearty welcome to the New Academic Year 2018. The most important day in a child's life is the "First Day of School", and as a parent you must have welcomed this day with great excitement. As per your expectations, the first day of Kindergarten was a very exciting day. The school had arranged a MINION to greet all the students, in their classes, with a smile and a hug. That really pepped them up and made a liking for the school environment. The Kindergarten classrooms provide an enriching and exciting, learning background which caters to each child and enables them to reach their potential. The well decorated classrooms and loving and friendly teachers are an added advantage.

Kindergarten has been off to a wonderful start. The chocolates and balloons, along with the MINION made a very memorable impact on our tiny tots. The first week of school started off with ice breakers, class rules and routines, a cozy & loving, learning environment. First day of school greeted them with love, care and a welcome, crown making activity. In order to inculcate healthy eating habits and table manners, the kids were encouraged to make individual table mats. Hand prints were taken on paper doilies to make it their personal table mat. Colorful bookmarks were made with straw impressions, to put in their school diaries.

Coloring and Clay modeling competitions were conducted for the Kindergarten students. PTM's were conducted on 14th of April and 26th of May 2018. Parents interacted with their respective ward teachers to follow up and discuss their ward's progress.



HYGIENE WEEK

"Be hygienic, Say no to dirt!!"

A program to bring hygiene awareness among our tiny tots focusing on the importance of maintaining good health practices was conducted by our kindergarten teachers. They helped them to understand practically. Many important points were touched upon. It was a great show which was celebrated from 6th May to 10th May 2018.



MOTHER'S DAY

What more could have made "Mothers Day" more special than this?



The day that celebrates the essence of a mother is Mother's Day. Every year on second week of May popping up with a surprise for our special moms. One of those occasions that none of us can afford to miss. Keeping this bonding emotion in mind, the tiny tots surprised their mom with a wonderful handmade card by our tiny tots. The outcomes of their efforts were marvelous.



ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK

"Small hands change the world"

Multiple activities were conducted in the Kindergarten section by our amazing teachers. Sowing and sprouting of seeds-It was great impact on tiny tots for seed germination. On daily basis they observed the seeds sprouting out as a plant by watering them and keeping them in sunlight. The Next was "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle- A wonderful paper bag prepared by them with a collage and logo of "SAVE EARTH".



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