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DUNES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

AL-KHOBAR SAUDI ARABIA



Daratassalam International School



FIRST BATCH OF GRADE XII

6th ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2016-2017

Saturday 21st January 2017



Dunes International School ardently believes that Games and Sports are not only important for faring well in academics but also forms an integral part in shaping the overall personality of the child. Our Annual Sports Meet cultivates this competitive spirit and sportsmanship among the students.

The 6th Annual Sports Day started formally by receiving and welcoming the respected Chief Guest, Mr. Tariq Dasouki, (Vice President Al-Khaleej Training and Education), distinguished Guests of Honour and our worthy parents and students. The well coordinated march- past and mass drill by the KG Section, grades 1 and 2 and the boys of grades 3-5, were a beautiful sight to see.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Tariq Dasouki, Mr. Dharminder Manon (Principal CBSE Section) and Mr. Amir Khan (Principal International Section) delivered their inspirational speeches respectively. They motivated

the students and thanked all the parents for their whole hearted support and participation.

The mind-blowing stunt and the spectacular Human Pyramid surprised one and all as it was performed very diligently and meticulously that required proper balance and adequate stamina. All the viewers went gaga over the students who presented this gallant event.



The Score-Board team continued updating the score and kept the pulse rate of the entire Dunitions ticking

Finally, The Tabernas House was declared the proud winner of the Champions Trophy for the Academic year 2016-2017 in both Boys' and Girls' Sections. The students were over joyous and enjoyed a lot. The whole event was a huge success with some amazing results and performances. It was a nail biting and thrilling experience throughout the day.



Performed by GRADE II

From the Principal's Desk (CBSE)



Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela

Dear Readers,

The academic year 2016-2017 was indeed fruitful. Students have performed very well in Academics as well as Co-curricular activities at different Levels. My Congratulations to all the achievers.

In my view, education does not mean only to get promoted to the next class but it also serves as a mean to get well adjusted and compatible with the changing scenario of the society. Moral values play a vital role. If a student is morally strong, having good ethics in his life, he will be an asset to the society. At DUNES, sharing, caring and making a personality strong enough to face the society with good moral values is always kept in mind by the mentors.

I am too glad to announce that this year our third batch of grade X and first batch of senior secondary i.e. XII will be appearing for the CBSE Board examination. Our 10th graders gave their best and the school secured excellent marks. We have ensured that they are well equipped and confident to give their best. We wish them 'All the Best'.

Our school not only excels in academics but also offers countless opportunities for students to take part in all sorts of co-curricular activities and community services to broaden their exposure and insight. Our students have had some great memories to cherish this year, by exploring themselves in different areas through co-curricular activities that they have participated in. Students of Dunes have given tough competition to our neighbouring schools by participating in Clusters and Zonal meets of different sports activities. We are happy to share that Aryan Shelke represented Dunes from Saudi Arabia by playing Nationals for Badminton Under-14, Boys' category. Furthermore, our student Ms. Kulsum Ayub represented Saudi Arabia for 800 m flat race at Vadodara (India).

Dunes School has come up with excellent reputation. The achievement of school does not come easy. In this pursuit of excellence, we appreciate our parent fraternity for supporting the school in every aspect. We also laud the relentless efforts of our teachers for giving their best in bringing out their best in each child. But we would exhort the students to be always modest, humble and disciplined, while being ready to expand the horizon of their knowledge and skills by dreaming big and working hard.

Dharminder Manon
Principal (CBSE Section)



KINDERGARTEN REPORT

Dear Readers....

Through *play*, they *learn and grow* and discover the world- DUNES International School, Kindergarten makes it magical for our Tiny Tots!

Dunes Kindergarten is a center of learning where the fine motor skills and the gross motor skills are developed through various activities.

The Academic year 2016 – 2017 was a wonderful school year. Your involvement, interest, and enthusiasm helped us to make this a fabulous year of growth for your child. We are looking forward to the same cooperation for the new Academic Year 2017 to ensure that your child can achieve his/her highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, your child needs support from both ends i.e. at home as well as school. As partners, we share the responsibility of your child's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.



The curricular and co-curricular activities in KG section are carefully thought out to meet the nature and ways of learning of the young children. They are a great means of enhancing social interaction, healthy recreation, leadership, self-discipline and self-confidence. Free hand drawing, painting, collage, finger and thumb printing, crafting with recycled products, origami are some of the activities covered in Kindergarten.

Thematic days like color day are observed where students are asked to come dressed up in a particular color to emphasize and promote awareness of the same.

Mere book learning within the walls of the classroom cannot bring out the best in students. Encouraging them to participate in more and more competitions brings out their latent talent necessary for the balanced development of their personalities. During the course of the year, various activities and competitions like coloring, clay modeling, Recycling, Drawing, Recitation, Story Telling are held.



To enhance the effectiveness of learning, we have created a Learning Center which has six work stations-Reading, Perception, Art, Block, Drama and Discovery Corners. We have also cultivated a garden where the students themselves plant the seeds and observe them growing.

An important part of learning is exploring new environment. Fun Trips are a wonderful way of expanding a child's horizon. New places and new experiences can have an amazing effect over the young children. During the third week of November 2016, Kindergarten students went on a field trip to Venicia Mall. It was a memorable day where they enjoyed all the rides and the yummy kid's meal.

'Participation is our Motto and Winning is our Goal.' With this thought in mind, our Tiny Tots were given a thorough practice to participate in various races which were held on Annual Sports Day on 21st January 2017. The KG students performed Aerobics and Zumba with full zeal and energy. The Tiny tots



performing the Pyramid formation were applauded by the guests and audience present.



Year full of fun and frolic activities culminate into the Graduation Day ceremony when our UKG students receive their honour rolls in front of the parents. The Pre-KG and the L-KG students put up a cultural show to honour and bid farewell to their seniors, the UKGites.



The following are some of the things you may need to know for the academic year 2017 - 2018 in the months to come.

Please make sure your ward reaches school by 7:30am every day. We don't want your ward to miss the Circle Time (7:35am – 8:00am) which is an important element in Kindergarten curriculum.

See that your ward comes to school every day wearing the ID card which will be given from school. If your child is not feeling well it will be better for them to stay at home for the day where they are comfortable and can recuperate.

Students should come to school in proper school uniform. They can wear color dress for their Birthday and class party.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your child's education and unwavering dedication to DUNES International School.

Ms. Shameem Saleem
Headmistress, Kindergarten

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children are the source of joy, love and peace to everyone. The Childrens Day was celebrated on November 14th in great pomp and style. The children were in for a great surprise to see the teachers all dressed up like different fairies.

The skit performed by the teachers sent the children into fits of laughter. They were all excited and danced to the tunes of the songs along with the teachers.

Teachers dressed as fairies were a beautiful sight to see. They gave them the message of love, harmony, peace and compassion. The Children's Day ended on a Happy Note and the students thanked the teachers for having made their day so wonderful.

From the Principal's Desk (IGCSE)

Dear Readers,

Stepping into our seventh year as a wholesome community of faith and learning in a campus we own now, and having grown from 400 students to nearly 2000, we are looking forward to graduating our first senior most batch in 2017. Structuring this school has been an exercise in patience with perspiration and delayed gratification, we have built the school slowly, deliberately and sturdily so that we might reap the rich rewards of seeing our students grow to think well and live wisely in the global perspective. And we are thrilled indeed to see the fruits of our collective strife and Allah's grace in the kinds of students we have and the community we have fostered. The ever improvising Management, zealous faculty, supportive parents and enthusiastic students deserve hearty congratulations on exemplary growth of the institution.

We are honored to have been assigned with the task of delivering high-quality education to our students in a safe, structured stimulating environment. The administration has always been deliberate and focussed on accomplishing this task as we support our teachers and students in their areas of challenge, and celebrate their areas of strength. Education, for us, is not a destination but a journey of discovery, exploration, introspection and interrogation – a journey full of hope, promise and endless possibilities. We are looking at happy children, eager to learn, positive in outlook and ready to take on any and every challenge. We offer a comprehensive academic curriculum which is supported by a system of instruction that is pragmatic and encourages children to be logical, critical and analytical in thought and in application. Our focus is to reach out to each and every child of the school because for us, each child is unique and every child is precious.

DUNES provides a warm, caring, stimulating and challenging environment in which our students learn and develop. We aim to provide an education which explores and strengthens the potential which is innate in every individual but awaiting expression. In order to do so, we seek to provide an environment which enriches the intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical development of the pupil in an atmosphere that is happy and nurturing. Emphasis is thus placed on promoting personal achievement, building a sense of responsibility and ultimately securing a strong sense of self dependence.

At Dunes, there is a strong ethos of parental involvement for we recognize the need for open communication between the school and the home. It is only when teachers, students, parents and other members of the community work in partnership that a child can grow into an adult who displays sensitivity, integrity, good citizenship and respect for human diversity. We believe that education is not about mere imparting knowledge but more about opening the child's mind to self expression. I have realized that with little hard work, some attention from parents, guidance and a pat on the back from teachers make the process of learning easier, acceptable and enjoyable. I wish everyone a rewarding future of association, success and growth in the years yet to come.

Mohammed Aamir Khan
PRINCIPAL, International Section

SAUDI NATIONAL DAY

Saudi National Day was celebrated at Dunes with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. All the teachers had maintained a colour code "Green" that is the colour of Saudi National Flag to show unity. The day was marked by organizing a special assembly by the senior graders. The celebrations commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran followed with a PPT presentation showing the economic growth, customs and traditions of Saudi Arabia. The students showcased a short play "Right Decision at the Right Time" while conveying a motivational message how right decision taken at the right time changes one's life. It was followed by the wonderful speeches by our CBSE and IG Principals. The celebration ended with the recitation of the Saudi National anthem.



SAUDI INDIAN HOCKEY FEDERATION

Dear Readers....

The first Federation Cup tournament was organized by Saudi Indian Hockey Forum (SIHF) and supported by Saudi Gazette. Five international schools participated in the senior league tournament. In the junior league, held earlier, Al-Muna International School lifted the trophy beating International Indian School, Jubail. Five schools that participated in the senior league included Al Muna International School Dammam, Sunshine International School Dammam, International Indian School Jubail, Dunes International School, Al Khobar and International Indian School Dammam. The top two teams after the preliminary league matches were International Indian School Dammam and Dunes International School, who battled for the championship trophy. The tournament was conducted at Al-Iteffaq Sports Stadium Dammam. The excellent hockey sports performances were seen there. Because of persistent and efficient efforts of Mr. Shaheryar Mohammed Khan, the founder of SIHF, the hockey sport is being promoted even in the Kingdom of



Saudi Arabia.

The grand Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized on Friday 3rd February, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the auditorium of Dunes International School Al-Khobar. Dr. Hamad Al- Quayid, Chairman Bait ul Salah Company, was the chief guest where as Mr. Abdul Waris, Chairman IISD, Mr. Tashkin Mohammed Akbar, Chairman Indian International School Jubail and Dr. Atique Khan, Dr. Sleem-ur-Rahman, Mr. Dharminder Manon (Principal DIS), Mr. Rashid Umar, Dr. E.K. Mohd. Shafi presided over the function.

Pearls of wisdom from the headmistress (Girls Section)

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."
- Mark Twain

When he said the above, I assume he meant that an individual gets educated all through his life. It's not imperative for everyone to spend time in a school. Education can be procured from any source but it's the school that incorporates discipline for life. Speaking of discipline, Appreciation and Applaud is obligatory for all those students who adhere to the regulations and norms of the school. All instructions given are being followed by our students and we genuinely appreciate discipline. It's because of the efforts of our diligent students and the teachers, that the school enhances its performance on the academic map.

Dunes International school is a brand name for quality- right from the selection of candidates to the infrastructure .It has progressed leaps and bounds and carved a niche for itself in the region for being one of the most sophisticated places for learning. Given the fact of its enormous success in the few years of its existence, days are not far when its popularity will reach the skies .We hold a high regard to the several parents for their unconditional support.

This is a testimony to the concern and commitment that you all share for the welfare and education of our children. Therefore it is my earnest prayer that whatever deliberations we will embark on today, will be constructive and fruitful and will go a long way towards improving upon the already very high standards that we have set for ourselves.

The perfect blend of scholastic and co-scholastic education is imbibed in every student through ample opportunities and nurturing their various talents. They acquire the confidence they need, tap their hidden abilities and learn more than usual in the few hours they spend with us.

Every precious pearl of a parent gets the affection, care and support that a child requires while he is away from the house and in the hands of a teacher. Perfection of the God given talent manifests and blooms under this umbrella and promotes the feeling of prudence amongst the students.

Our motto remains to never rest until done and always strive forward to the attainment of excellence. For this, we need all hands to be on deck as well as the unflinching support and the usual cooperation from you all as we are here to "school" ourselves.

The grooming of a great schooling is in progress.

Sumiya Tasneem
Headmistress
Girls Section (CBSE)

ABACUS - Self empowerment!



Dunes International School provides Abacus under the guidance of dedicated, enthusiastic and passionate teachers.

Learning Abacus helps to stimulate both the left and right brain at the same time, resulting in balanced brain development. It develops a child's concentration, memory, imagination, listening skills, decision making, speed and accuracy. It enables a child to specialize in arithmetic, visual and numerical skills.

We have witnessed the success of many students; some excelled in their academic performances, while others took home top awards at International Competitions held in Singapore.

We are proud to announce the "3G-Abacus Super Stars" who participated in the "5th International Abacus Competition", held in Singapore 2016 and bagged top 5 prizes.

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| 1. Adhithian Rajmohan Nair from | grade-3 |
| 2. Mohammed Subhan from | grade-6 |
| 3. Mohammed Ikhlass Moin from | grade-3 |
| 4. Abdur Rahman Safi from | grade-2 |
| 5. Hafsa Aftab from | grade-4 |

SUPW (Socially Useful Productive Work)

It is purposive, productive work and services related to the needs of the child which helps to improve and provide them with opportunities of participating in social and economic activities inside and outside the classroom. This helps to build student's confidence and students realize their hidden talents, which is nurtured by our talented teachers.

Dunes International School has committed itself to provide balanced education along with extra curricular activities and we have seen our students excel in these activities.

To name a few they prepare wall hangings, tissue holders, photo frames etc.

Message from the Desk of Academic Coordinator (IG)

"Success comes to those who work hard and stays with those, who don't rest on the laurels of the past."

Dunes International School aspires all students to succeed in their world. It offers a wide variety of challenging, enjoyable and successful curricular and co-curricular opportunities.

We are proud of our continuous efforts in providing excellent education for our students. We have dynamic and hardworking faculty who is involved in education to benefit the students.

Aristotle once said that, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

Even as we impart education to match the advancement in technology and globalization, we march our children ahead with ethos of moral values and moralities. We endeavour constantly to instill these qualities in our children. The well chalked out academic and co-curricular programme enables the students to attain their full potential to develop sound work habits. The academic work is centered on highly personalized attention and supervision.

We pride ourselves to help our children grow and develop into sensitive but responsible citizens of the next generation.

A committed and supportive management, dedicated teachers, caring and co-operative parents blend harmoniously to create a child-centric school. It is natural to find in this ambience, the intensive use of a variety of thinking activities, strategies and group dynamics so that the classrooms become alive.

Teamwork is the hallmark of DIS. We are very sure that through collaborative effort, we can achieve more to benefit our students who are the future leaders.

With thankful prayers to the Almighty we seek His grace.

Shahela Naveed Junaidi

CCA (Co-curricular activities)



*My formula for living is quite simple.
I get up in the morning and I go to bed at night.
In between, I occupy myself as best I can.*
- Cary Grant

Here in Dunes, the Co-curricular activities are more focused on cognitive aspects thereby helping our children to develop intellectually, create that competitive spirit among them, craving for excellence, quality achievement, creativity, enthusiasm etc. Keeping the current scenario in mind, we just don't want to equip our children with the education but provide them with the wings of freedom that helps them to choose their own sky and fly high in any career independently. The two CCA periods are conducted every week wherein the students get a chance to try their hand and excel in different activities and competitions like debates, quizzes, art & craft, singing, dancing and lots more. Not to forget the major role of sports like cricket, football, basketball, TT, badminton etc in our CCA. Many new activities like SUPW (Socially useful productive work) have also become a big hit among the students wherein they enjoy making different and creative things.



CLUSTER MEET

The great virtue of sports teaches everybody to acquire the will to win. Dunes has always strived to inculcate the spirit of sports and sportsmanship in each and every student and the rigorous coaching and training provided to them throughout helped many students achieve laurels in the cluster meet and also the Nationals.

In the Girls Under- 11 - Cluster Badminton Championship held from 23rd May to 27 May, 2016 At IIS Jubail. Soha Rahman of VI D and Raina Ann Shaji of Grade V B were 2nd Runner up and In the U-19 Girls Cluster Table Tennis Team Championship held from 31st October to 3rd November 2016. Aisha Parvaiz Wani of X D and Cathy S. Avanthicka of IX – B were 2nd Runners Up.



Kulsum Ayub made Dunes proud by winning the 800m Gold in the Cluster Athletics held at IIS Jubail. Another feather was added to the cap when Kulsum Ayub represented Dunes at the Nationals held at Vadodara from 26th December to 30th December.

In the Athletics boys, Mahendra Shankar won the 100 meters Bronze and the 200 meters Silver. Abhilekh Dixit, Mahendra Shankar, Ashif Ali, Anas Azhar and Ibadullah Khan won the 4x 100 meters Bronze.

Sushmita Samal and Yashendu Paresh Pandey participated in under- 17 category of the Cluster Debate held at IIS Dammam where Dunes International School bagged the third position and our young speaker Yashendu bagged the third best speaker award.

FUN TRIP



School fun trip memories are the most memorable ones as it gives a break in the routine for both students and the teachers.

Taking students into a new environment gives them the experience of travelling; observing, learning in a group, to be disciplined but most of all have fun. Keeping this point in view, Dunes International School plans Fun trips for students every year.

2016-17, we have been to Sparky's Dhahran Mall (3-5) , Dolphin Show (1-2) Dammam Palace Hotel (6-10) where students were provided food and entertainment for a day.



CAREER COUNSELLING

Career counselling helps students discover their true potential and interest in various subjects in order to help them choose the right career.

Dunes strive to make a progressive world today, where technologies are booming. There are lots of opportunities with various fields where one can make a better career. Career counselling provides guidance to a person to have a clear glimpse on what to pursue and how much duration it takes to complete the course and fees.

The career counselling session held at Dunes on Saturday the 28th of January, 2017 was a motivating ,enriching and interactive session involving the students, parents and teachers. The mind games helped students and teachers assess themselves and students were able to get a clear idea of how one should organize and dedicate oneself in order to reach their goal .

TOYOTA DREAM CAR ART CONTEST:

Invites children from different schools to share and present their ideas about the future of mobility by drawing their dream cars.

'Imagine, create, Inspire' - it all begins with dreams. In 2016-2017, our school had the maximum entries and the first prizes in KSA were won by our very creative students Manal Sajid of grade 6 (under 12-14 category) and Aiesha Syed Haji (under 8-11 category).

FOOD FEST



The standout activity this year was the food fest which was held in December, 2016. The students from the girls' section planned this fest as a part of value education activity and raised funds for the maintenance staff of the school. The students had brought the variety of homemade food and beverages and other stuff and sold the same to the students of lower grades during the CCA periods. They also donated old usable clothes and medicines for the maintenance staff.



RAMADAN PARTY

Ramadan Party was arranged on the last day of the school before the summer break. The school auditorium was decorated in a traditional way. The students and teachers arranged pot luck fun and the highlight for the day was Arabic delicacies. Small goodies were given to the small kids. Students enjoyed the foot tapping dances and music.

DHAHRAN BUDS

Dunes group of schools recently introduced a kindergarten school named Dhahran Buds that follows the American curriculum. **Dhahran Buds** goes with its motto "*The Future Begins Here*". It is an international school that's equipped with world class facilities like smart class rooms, e library and the surroundings are child friendly and colourful. It's not less than a magic world for the kids. They enjoy learning through all play way methods. The internationally trained teachers make them utilize their time to the fullest. Dhahran Buds is undoubtedly a boon for those who want to make their tiny tot an all rounder and a future leader.

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

The workshop for teachers conducted at various schools served as a platform for exchanging ideas among teachers of various schools which thereby enabled them to get new insight on various aspects of academics. It definitely enabled them to enhance their skills as well as to acquire expertise in new arenas of education. We are confident that such workshops would eventually lead to the setting of new benchmarks for the overall development of the institution.

These workshops were conducted on Saturday, 17th December 2016 and organized in four different schools grade wise.

The KG section workshop was conducted by our four worthy teachers Mrs. Baseera Ayub, Mrs. Jabeen Begum, Mrs. Amrith D'souza and Mrs. Farzana Hassan at Dunes International School under the guidance of the headmistress Mrs. Shameem Saleem.

The workshop for grades I and II was conducted at Al Muna International School. The workshop was inaugurated by the host Principal Mr. Mamoo Master and was conducted by Mrs. Sadiqa Wahid, the headmistress of the Preparatory section of IISD.

Al Khozama International school availed the opportunity to organize the workshop for grades III to V and the same was inaugurated by the Principal, Mrs. Sridevi Menon.

International Indian School took the lead in conducting the workshop for grades VI to XII.

It was a momentous occasion for all the participating schools as it was a first step towards a journey of discovery and enquiry.

CCA Activity (Grade I – V)

Co-Curricular activities were planned throughout the year, bearing in mind the comprehensive development of the child.

All these activities facilitated our little ones to explore their abilities, develop their strengths and eradicate the short comings. These activities were crucial to sharpen their critical and analytical thinking as well as to develop creativity.

The activities comprised of storytelling, recycling, painting, logo making, talent hunt, GK quiz, Math Olympiad, word scramble, clay modeling, mask making etc.

Competitions are also organized on a regular basis. Appreciation and positive feedback to the students individually and the class as a group sustains their creativity and enhances the sense of credibility, capability and competence.

SHASTRA PRATIBHA CONTEST

Shastra Pratibha Contest conducted by Science India Forum (SIF) was held on 25th January, 2017 in our school where total of 129 students participated in two levels- junior level (Class VI to VIII) and senior level (Class IX to XII). We are proud to announce that Aditi Gupta of grade 8 of our school bagged the title of "SHASTRA PRATIBHA" 2016. The list of achievers didn't get over here. The following students from our school also secured their positions amongst the toppers of Eastern Province in Saudi Arabia.

Grade 6: Mohd. Fawas Mohiuddin, Dhruv Jain, D. Anish Kumar, Nameera Nasir

Grade 7: Aaryan Raza Shaik, Emran Ahmed Mohiuddin, Mahnoor Zohra Shaik, Ishaan Kurmi

Grade 8: Aditi Gupta, Anita Sandria Leo, Muzaina Tauqeer, Reva Gadoo, Mohd Noor

Grade 10: Yashendu Paresh Pandey

Grade 11: Ahmed Nazeer, Ishaan Pon, Ayisha Abdul Saleem, Vatsal Vatsyayan, Kamala Jyothi Saranath, Najma Shiji, Saeed Haider, Sarosh Sameeullah, Mohd. Ashraf Ali, Abdullah Abbas Qureshi, Saniya Fatima.