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## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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## ANNUAL DAY

On 3rd and 4th Feb 2018, DUNES International School celebrated its 7th Annual Day function. **Mr. Saleh Abdulkarim Al Obayyed**, Managing Director of Business Forum, Chamber of Commerce was the esteemed Chief Guest. The theme for the annual day was 'Compassion, Peace and Love for each other' which was presented meticulously by the students from grade 6 to grade 10 in the form of Welcome Song, Cultural Dances, Skits, and Mimes etc. The icing on the cake was Ostrich Dance which was exclusively appreciated and enjoyed by one and all. Students of International Section depicted different cultures through colourful performances hence unfurling the traditions and the values around the world. One such dance that stole the hearts on Annual Day was the 'DRAGON DANCE'. It is a very important aspect of Chinese culture. It symbolizes the supernatural power, goodness, fertility, vigilance and dignity. Teachers and students worked together to bring the powerful dragon on to the stage. The artistic work of the team brought life to the structure through its elongated horns, whiskers, a tongue, and mysterious eyes.







Making that giant 4 meter dragon, dance on the stage required special skills. Students were trained by the teachers and they skillfully depicted the Dragon Dance in a graceful and breathtaking manner. Students ducked in and out on the soothing and energetic music and put their best foot forward for the well choreographed dance.

The Prize distribution ceremony was held to felicitate and recognize the academic excellence of the students from various grades.

Finally, the guest of honour, Dr. Nadeem, Tarin, Managing Director of Dunes International School, acknowledged the efforts of the students and thanked the esteemed guest for their precious time from the busy schedule to attend the Annual function.

The event closed with a grand finale celebration by all the participants with the Kingdom and Indian National Anthem respectively. It was indeed a spectacular display of talent and fervour.



## VISIT OF MOHD. VAKIL TO DUNES



The popular Bollywood singer **Mr. Mohd. Vakil's** visit was an opportunity for the students to get inspiration and motivation for their talent in singing. The students got a golden chance to interact with Mr. Vakil and thereby clarifying their basic concern and doubts regarding music. The



students were given chance to expose their talent on stage and were well appreciated by Mr. Vakil. It was a great motivation for the children to know that there is no dearth of career options but one should have a passion and will to fulfill it.



The Splendid Graduation Day at DUNES International School was celebrated on 17th March 2018. A total of 150 students were seen graduated on this day. The color theme of blue/silver/pink added extra glitter to the day.

**Ms. Linda Amin**, Principal International Programs School, Al Khobar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. She expressed her joy and wished the very best to the graduating students. "DUNES has proved again and on its paramount has imparted the finest education to its students", she said. The Principal, Mr. Dharminder Manon welcomed the gathering and appreciated the hard work of the students. The members of the management, Mr. Awadh Al Qahtani, Mr. Amjad Khan, Dr. Salim Ur Rehman were also present and admired the events. Students of Pre KG, KG1, LKG and KG2 presented various performances on stage and the Grade 1 students welcomed the graduating students joyfully.

The UKG and KG3 students presented their Sweet Memories, at Kindergarten NEWS DESK. Students spoke with great confidence and recollected their days of joining DUNES as young toddlers.

In their speech of gratitude, they thanked all the teachers for the gift of knowledge imparted, moulding and preparing them for the next phase of life i.e. Grade 1. In the end, the proud graduates with great enthusiasm and zeal marched all together onto the stage and sang in chorus the graduating song – I'm ready to go.....

Mrs. S. Junaidi, Principal IGCSE proposed the vote of thanks. To make the event more memorable, a large size cake was cut by the Chief Guest in the presence of the Management and audience. It was relished by all the worthy parents and staff.







DUNES International School organized a one day Winter Camp for Grades 4-8, in the school campus on 27th January, 2018. The Students underwent different activities throughout the day from 7:30 A.M - 1:00 PM. All the participants were divided equally into four houses - Tiger, Lion, Wolf and Cheetah. The entire day was planned in such a way that all the students had a fun filled and a meaningful day where they participated enthusiastically in a number of interesting games and activities like Zig-Zag race (with cones), Passing beneath the net, Toeing the Tyre, Climbing up the net and Bamboo bridge race etc. A tough competition was observed among the groups in Toeing the Tyre activity in which group Tiger won. A very innovative game called Leg Cricket was introduced in the camp where the students used their legs instead of bats. After all the in house activities and competitions, the students visited Khobar Corniche for a social service activity. The main aim of this activity was to create social awareness among the people to protect and preserve environment. The students were holding placards displaying the motivational quotes promoting awareness for healthy and clean environment. To set an example for others, the students even cleaned a part of corniche ground by picking and throwing the wrappers etc into the waste bins. They came back to school with all satisfaction and contentment where they were given a warm welcome by the school principal. Appreciation certificates and medals were distributed among the participants and the winners.

Applauds to our highly motivating and creative PE team who worked hard for arranging all the set up for the camp. DUNES take pride in organizing such activities in future to inculcate in its students, a good sporting spirit and concern for environment.





On 20th January, 2018, DUNES International School organized the Farewell Party, one of the most awaited events by the students of grade XII. It comprised of several cultural events. The students of grade XI presented very interesting and colourful dances and other programmes and did not leave a single chance to impress their seniors. The senior students were all in style and grace where the girls were clad in beautiful sarees and boys were donning their formals. Our students transfigured into young ladies and gentlemen all set to face the challenges of the new world. The junior students shared all their beautiful moments spent with their seniors. The event overall was an amalgamation of bright dreams and loads of water in everybody's eyes where the outgoing students left behind numerous memories and took with them all the blessings from the teachers for their bright future. Among boys, Master Vatsal Vatsyayan was given the title of Mr. DUNES 2017-18 whereas Ms. Fatima Zohra Kaleem was crowned as Ms. DUNES.





A Talent Hunt was organized in IGCSE Section from 18th to 22nd Feb 2018 for boys and girls respectively as an FLC activity. Students participated enthusiastically in the event and displayed their abilities magnificently.

The participants entertained the judges with their mesmerizing performances which included various activities like dancing, singing, magic tricks, playing Casio, guitar etc.

It not only helped the participating student to showcase their abilities but also motivated other students to participate and show their hidden potential.



## QUIZ (25th February – 1st March)

*'Education is the passport to the future; for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today' – Malcom X*

Quiz instills in the child a sense of awareness. General knowledge helps sharpen a student's intellectual mind.

A General Knowledge Quiz was conducted on 25th February – 1st March where all the students participated whole heartedly to support their teams. The highest scorers made it to the final round.

Students participated with zest and zeal. They did not limit themselves to the classroom learning but indulged themselves in learning from e-library & books from the library and the links provided to them to give their best.



## SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

DUNES - IGCSE section conducted an inter house Spelling Bee on 18th – 22nd April with the aim to help students improve their spellings, pronunciation, build vocabulary, learn concepts and develop correct English usage not just for literature but for holistic success. The competition was conducted in two categories; category I representing Grades 4-6 and category II representing Grades 7-9. All students attempted the preliminary test. Students who scored the highest in inter house preliminary round qualified for the Spelling Bee finals. The competition was fierce as the students, all aged 9-11 and 12-14 years respectively, were extremely well prepared, having studied extensively for all the rounds.

We are proud to be super heading this super event, which celebrates spelling prowess, free and fair competition, and academic rigor, and we look forward to hosting an inter house competition in the next academic year.





Dunes - IGCSE section proudly held a Master Chef competition on 26th – 29th March 2018 to encourage the young, elite, epicurean and culinary artists. The young aspiring master chefs from grades 4 till 9 competed inter class to showcase their culinary skills in their respective FLC periods and qualified for the first, second, and third place by presenting the most innovative and appetizing platters without the use of fire.

The judges, Miss Salma Nargis and Miss Syeda Sakeena, with their optimistic and cheerfully encouraging remarks boosted the confidence of the young aspiring chefs. Our honorable principal Mrs. Shehla Junaidi graced the occasion with her presence and significantly encouraged students to include healthy options in their diet.



## JUNIORS MEMORY TEST

*'Memory is the faculty of the mind by which information is encoded, stored, and retrieved.'*

This FLC activity was devised to test the storing, retaining and retrieving prowess of the students. Memory Test Competition for juniors was held on Monday 14-16th February, 2018.

The students were shown 25 random items for 1 Minute, after which the items were removed from sight and each student had to recall and write the 25 items on a given paper. The student who could recall the maximum number of items was declared the winner. This was an excellent activity to sharpen the student's long term and short term memory.

## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Once again, it was that time of the year when students of 1- 3 could dress up in the most creative way possible. To let imagination run wild, 'Fancy Dress Competition' was arranged for FLC on the 19th of February, 2018.

It was an Open Theme where the child could come dressed as anybody or anything creative.

The Judging Criteria for the competition was: Innovation, creativity of the Dress, Presentation and Confidence. The students were successful in displaying their creativity and excellence in the most spectacular way making it impossible for the judges to select the top 3 winners. All the students made sure they came as their favorite character and took on their roles with complete sincerity and seriousness.





On 7th March, 2018 Oxford publication team visited and conducted a workshop on teaching methodology, 21st century teaching tools, book review, Oxford Show-Tell and Phonics. It was an amazing workshop presented by Ms Terrie Craddock, who guided teachers on how to make classroom more creative with e-Book, games, flash cards etc. Its demonstration and concept delivery was briefed to teachers. It indeed helped teachers to be well versed with the new books introduced.

## IGCSE SECTION - WORKSHOP ON MOTIVATION

On 4th January, Ms. Lucy, a renowned member of British Council team conducted a workshop on how to motivate the students.

*'It's the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom'.*

Interesting activities, such as student centered teaching, technology based, collaborative learning methodology were well explained with examples for teachers to upgrade themselves and be well informed towards the same in order to boost the quality of learning.



## INTER SCHOOL - SPEECH COMPETITION

*'Speech is power; speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel'*

Inspire International school conducted a speech competition on 22nd February 2018. Four students from our IGCSE section participated.

It was indeed a great opportunity for the budding speakers who were selected after a preliminary round to represent DUNES International School and give their best towards the same.

## FRIENDLY BASKET BALL MATCH

Al Hussan International School conducted a friendly match, where our basketball team participated. The team was trained by PE department headed by Ms. Preeti and Mr. Israr guided them for the same. It was marvelous to watch the energetic, high spirited students playing with zest and zeal. It was a great exposure to our students and has definitely ignited the sportsmanship and interest towards athletics.