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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (GIRLS SECTION) MS. ZINAH AL-KHALEWI

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته ..

التعليم هو أساس تطوير ميادين الحياة والنهوض بالأمم لذلك أولت حكومة المملكة العربية السعودية اهتمامًا كبيرًا بتطوير التعليم كأحد دعائم تحقيق رؤية 2030 في المملكة ، ونحن في مدارس الكثران العالمية بالظهران نسعى لتحقيق التوجّهات المستقبلية للتعليم ، لبنني الطالب للحصول على أهدافه ،

Greetings!

Education is the basic requirement for the development and advancement of nations. To achieve this, the government of Saudi Arabia has always paid great attention to the enhancement and advancement of education which is also a core pillar to achieve its VISION 2030.

We, at DUNES International School strive to achieve excellence in education to help students achieve their goals.



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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
(BOYS SECTION)
MR. HOSSAM AL-ZAHRANI**



أود أن اقدم بكل فخر وعرفان جزيل شكري للجميع من مدراء
ومعلمين وطلاب على ما قدموا من إنجازات عظيمة خلال
مسيرة المدرسة منذ أن أنشئت وما بذلوا فيه من جهد وعطاء
متمنيًا لهم و لطلابنا الأعزاء دوام التوفيق والنجاح.

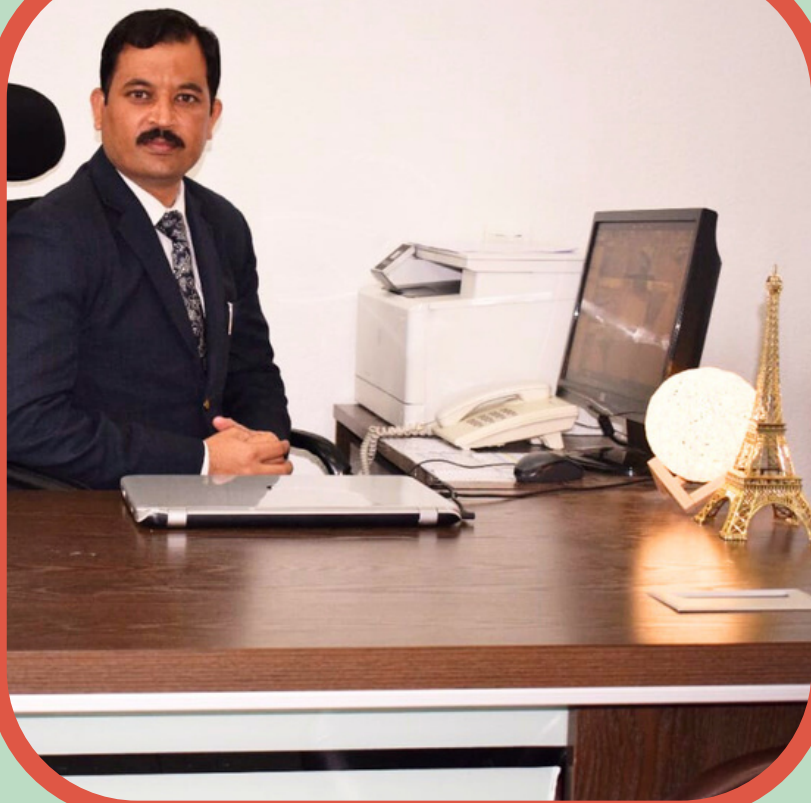
I would like to present, with great pride and gratitude the next
edition of our Newsletter and extend my Congratulations to all
our teachers, students, parents and the Admin Staff for a
successful & fruitful Academic Year 2022-23.

Wishing them and our dear students continued success.



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FROM THE V.PRINCIPAL'S DESK MR. SHAHZAD BALAL

The journey we started a year ago with an oath to groom our students in all aspects of learning comes to a fruitful end this March, and henceforth we commence the New Academic Year 2023-2024 with new ambitions, high spirits and lofty hopes to achieve remarkable goals with incessant dreams. It has been undoubtedly one fulfilling amazing year where we incorporated various teaching-learning pedagogies to bring outstanding results leaving exemplary imprints of success stories and accomplishments among our students.

Parents are the primary educators of their children, but as they begin school, we must combine our efforts to shoulder the responsibility together. I, on behalf of the entire teaching fraternity and my worthy management, would like to welcome you to the DUNES family. Hopefully, the journey of your child with us will yield fruitful results and prompt us to dream anew about what we share. Let's aim above the mark to hit the mark.



A WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR, MRS. RACHNA RASTOGI



It gives me immense pleasure to share that we have successfully concluded yet another year of academic excellence. I am heartened to observe that all our students, from kindergarten to Grade Nine, have performed very well in their examinations. The results are a testament of the hard work our students have put up as well as the dedication of our faculty and staff.

The school has been untiring in its efforts to ensure the holistic growth of its students. From striving to provide quality education to instilling the appropriate temperament, DUNES International School remains committed to providing a well-rounded education that fosters the growth and development of each student.

I remain grateful to the parents and all other stakeholders for their continuous support and encouragement. We look forward to yet another successful year ahead.





MESSAGE FROM KG ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR, MRS. FATIMA JABEEN

welcome to
kindergarten



Kindergarten is the first opportunity for children to begin to understand that school is a Place for learning and having fun.

Our kindergarten program provides initial learning experiences in language development, number concepts, creative skills, and social and physical growth. Using concrete experiences, students are given the building blocks for perceiving, thinking, and problem solving. We, Dunes International School encourage our students for academic as well as physical education and hence celebrated Various Sports, Cultural and academic events throughout the year. We also stay connected to our Saudi culture and have celebrated Saudi Founding Day for the whole week in the month of February, 2023 with sheer joy. We brought in our Annual Graduation Day on 11th March 2023 with much pomp & Show as our tiny tots achieved a big milestone and graduated from kindergarten with flying colors.





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

Day of Education is celebrated every Year in the month of January, to impart the importance of education to our little ones and reflect on the value of learning for development and peace.

To mark the importance of this day, teachers displayed slides through power point presentation explaining the significance of Education for each and every individual.

Question and answer session was conducted in the class and an activity of poster making was given to the students. Students enjoyed learning through visual display and had a fun filled day.



INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY



Customs Day recognizes the role of custom officials and agencies in maintaining the flow of goods across the world's borders. It was celebrated on 17th January with an objective of creating awareness amongst the students. To mark the importance of this day, kindergarten students were asked to color the worksheet provided in the class.



GRANDPARENTS DAY



Grandparents Day was celebrated on 24th January, to instill and treasure the connection students have with their grandparents and spend some quality family time together.

On this occasion Pre KG & LKG children prepared a handmade card with the message to their grandparents whereas the UKG students recorded a message for their grandparents as their token of love and respect which was uploaded on their flip account.



SPORTS DAY



KG Sports day was held on 2nd February along with the Girls section. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", an apt quote to instill spark of willingness and excitement among our kids. The students came in colour coded sports attire with great zeal, excitement and frolic. The event commenced by a spectacular drill which the students put up for the entertainment. They performed various exercises using sticks, pom-poms, footballs, which were followed by Zumba exercises. Mothers were invited to witness the program who enthusiastically cheered on as the students took to the track to compete with their peers. It was a fun filled day for one and all.



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Dunes Int'l School celebrated its 10th Annual Sports Day on 25th & 26th Jan 2023 with zeal and zest. All the four houses namely Sahara, Arabian, Thar, and Tabernas competed in various sports events and left unforgettable memories behind.

Rich, vibrant and colorful drill performance added some perk and enthusiasm to the day. Everyone enjoyed themselves with the spectacular Flag Hoisting Ceremony, March Past, Races, Long Jumps, Hurdles, Shot Put and Relay, etc.

The students of Dunes Int'l School showcased their sporting skills and talents, and the cheering and encouragement from their fellow housemates added to the excitement.

Apart from the track and field events, the tiny tots amazed the spectators with their skills and amazing performance in Three-Legged Race, Tug-of-War, and Sack Race.

The day was filled with plenty of fun, excitement and enthusiasm. The victorious Houses of Tabernas and Thar of both Boy's and Girl's Section respectively celebrated their ecstatic victory. Furthermore, in the Girl's section Sports Day, mother were also the part of the event.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



International Women's Day was celebrated on 7th February with an objective of creating awareness amongst the students.

To mark the importance of Women's day, teachers explained the values and importance of this day and educated students to respect each and every woman they come across in life. As a task, the students were asked to prepare a show and tell on the topic "My Mother" and which run through PPT in the class.



WORLD WATER DAY



World Water Day was celebrated by students on 14th February, with an objective of creating awareness and importance of water amongst the students.

To mark the day, teachers explained the importance of saving water in each and every possible way. Students prepared a stick puppet with the slogan "save water, save life" to spread awareness amongst the community.



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SAUDI FOUNDING DAY

Saudi Founding Day celebrations started from 12th February 2023, marking the anniversary of the kingdom's Founding Day, and continued for a week. Students prepared creative projects on Saudi Founding Day and submitted them to their teachers which were beautifully displayed on the final day of celebration, 16th February 2023. All the students came beautifully dressed in Saudi traditional attire; boys in thobe and girls in Jalabiya. Our dear Saudi teachers prepared special treats and activities along with traditional music and dance. All the students happily enjoyed the program with much fun and frolic.



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Saudi Arabia's Founding Day is celebrated on 22nd February every year. DUNES organized significant events to celebrate and honour the history and culture of the nation throughout the week.

Students made different theme-based Projects to mark the significance of the day. They sang National songs to Saudi folk dances and wore traditional Saudi attire to showcase their national pride and heritage. The school premises was decorated with colorful banners, flags, and traditional artwork depicting the diverse and rich culture of Saudi Arabia.

Saudi vision 2030 videos and presentation were shown to the students. The Saudi Staff also displayed an amazing corner with the Saudi traditional food items. Students made different models to demonstrate Kaaba, Medina, and the futuristic NEOM city. Students also briefed the significance of each model. The stalls of the different cuisines from various provinces of Saudi Arabia were amazingly fascinating.

Throughout the day, Dunes School's celebration of the day had been a perfect blend of the rich culture of classic and modern Saudi Arabia.



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KG GRADUATION DAY



Graduation Ceremony held on 11th March, was the much awaited event of the year after the off line classes have resumed after the pandemic. On this day, we celebrated the promotion of our shining stars from kindergarten to Grade 1. We made the big day of our dear graduates special, by honoring them with graduation gowns, certificates and scrolls, welcoming them to Grade 1, cake cutting ceremony and various entertainment programs. They were treated with gifts and yummy meal.



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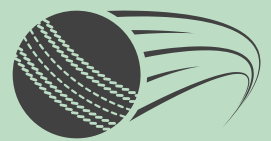
INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

GOAL!

An Inter House Football Tournament of Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior categories was organized on February 12th & 13th, 2023. The sub-junior category witnessed some exciting matches, and in the end, the Thar House emerged as victorious. The junior category was fiercely contested, but it was the Tabernas House that took away the trophy, exhibiting excellent teamwork and coordination. In the senior category, Tabernas House continued its winning streak, defeated their opponents with ease and secured their place as the Champions.



INTER SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT



On February 23rd, the Eastern Cricket Association of Eastern Province organized an Inter School Cricket Tournament in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia. The tournament was held on the occasion of Saudi Foundation Day and was a memorable event that inspired school-going students to showcase their talent in the cricket field.

The students of Dunes Int'l School played exceptionally well in the tournament, showcased impressive teamwork, skills, and sportsmanship. The team put up a stellar performance, won several prizes and added another feather in their cap.

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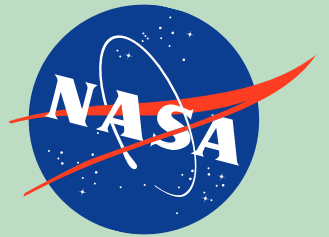


CAPTION WRITING ACTIVITY



Dunes International School hosted a very exciting 'Caption Writing Activity' to foster critical thinking and creative skills among the students. They had to write a caption on the topic 'Why choose Dunes' displaying their creative thinking. Students eagerly participated in the activity some interesting captions were displayed on the School notice board.

NASA EDUCATIONAL TOUR ORIENTATION SESSION



DUNES is committed to nurture the students offering productive and fruitful activities to its students to boost their learning standards and let them fly high in every walk of life. In this regard, another amazing milestone is set to achieve. An Orientation Session for an Educational Tour to NASA (USA) was held on Tuesday 17th Jan, 2023 in the school Auditorium. There were around 120 parents who attended the session. Mr. Shahzad Balal, V Principal, welcomed the parents and introduced the ITL Team to everyone. ITL Team briefed about the entire itinerary, Documentation, Visa Processes, and other essential details, etc. required for the trip to USA. Later, the group of 40 students appeared for the visa interview in the USA Consulate General, in K.S.A.



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GRADE X FAREWELL PARTY

Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending. The farewell was the roller-coaster ride of emotions. Grade 9 students gave an emotional farewell to the outgoing batch of grade 10 students. They were bestowed with thoughtful and interesting titles by their juniors. Dressed in their attractive Graduation Gowns on that special day, they were felicitated by the Principal and other dignitaries. The program was undoubtedly a fantabulous blend of different activities and performances that made the day memorable for everyone. The stage was set on fire when Grade 10 students did a ramp walk with brio and exuberance to compete for Mr. /Ms. DUNES, Mr. Handsome/Miss Talented titles. Teachers wished them luck for their board exams and future endeavors.



QUIZ CONTEST

The most talented, and shining stars of DUNES Int'l School participated in the Eastern Province's most awaited quiz contest organized by 'QURIOSITY', a knowledge sharing initiative by the Alumni of IIS Jubail at Humaidan Auditorium, Al Jubail. The students of Grade 10 rocked the contest and bagged a remarkable position bringing prizes and other laudable appreciation. The whole team was escorted by one of our Maths faculty member, Mr. Syed Shahzeb Saleem who not only guided, and motivated the students but also ensured the students give their best performance throughout the competition.



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SCHOOL STAFF GET-TOGETHER

The School Management arranged a grand End of Term party for its most valued staff staff on Thursday, 16th March 2023 in one of the Resorts. The party started with a lavish lunch and followed by different interesting games and fun activities.

The day was filled with laughter, fun, and enjoyment, and the teachers had a great time bonding with their colleagues outside the classroom. The staff members were able to relax, unwind, and rejuvenate themselves amidst nature away from the monotonous routine of life.

By the end of the day, all winners in various games and events were conferred upon with prizes. Dunes International School takes pride in its dedicated and hardworking staff and is committed to providing them with opportunities for growth, development, and relaxation.



APTITUDE ASSESSMENTS

The Academics going parallel with the co-curricular activities has always been DUNES top priority. External examiners conducted many aptitude assessments in Science, Maths, English, and Social Science throughout the year. The dazzling stars of DUNES Int'l School have fantabulously performed well succeeded with flying colors. Here are glimpses of our students and their accomplishments.



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