

INVINCIBLE RIDERS | GRADE 7-8

# Newsletter

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## Student Council

Our recent student council meeting with our Managing Director, Ms. Tanveer Arshad, was a unique opportunity to discuss important matters and gain insights into leadership. She emphasised our school's commitment to student engagement and empowerment.



## Empowering Students To Own Their Learning

Student LED Conference offers children the valuable opportunity to reflect on their achievements and share their educational experience



## Class Prefects and Assistant Prefects



Uzaor Ahmad CP 7A



Aml Osama CP 7A



Kayla Nokutenda Asst. CP 7B

Our shining stars of Grade 7 and 8 joined their duties as Class Prefects and Asst. Prefects. They agreed to support in maintaining the discipline. They are the role models of their respective classes.



Fares Ahmed CP 8A



Alhamd Saalik Asst. CP 8A



Misha Rafiq CP 8 B



Leigh Summer Asst. CP 8B

# World Teachers Day



**“Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions.”**



# World Food Day 2023

Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind.



## World Scholar's Cup Competition



Six students (two teams) from our school participated in the Regional Round of World Scholar's Cup 2023 conducted by DemiDec, an international academic group, on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023 at Al Ain Juniors School and UAE University, respectively.

The brilliant scholars are:

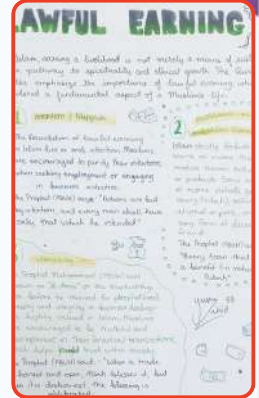
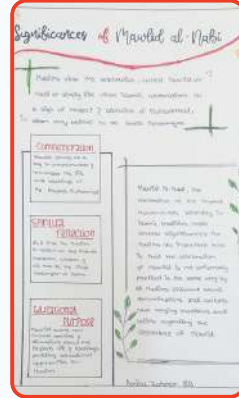
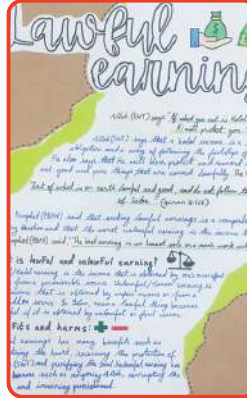
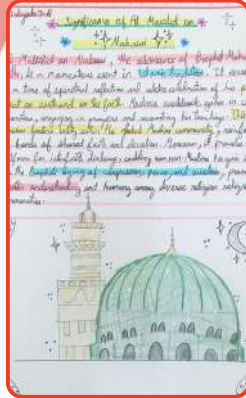
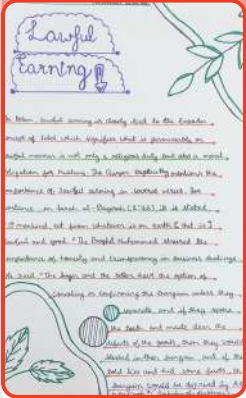
Team 1		
Sophia Viel	Grade 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Top Scholar</li> <li>Gold – Debate Champion</li> <li>Silver – Team Writing</li> <li>Silver – Team Debate</li> <li>Silver – Team Bowl</li> <li>Silver – Science &amp; Tech.</li> <li>Silver – Champion Team</li> <li>Silver – Champion Scholar</li> </ul>
Aroush Amad	Grade 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver – Team Debate</li> <li>Silver – Team Bowl</li> <li>Silver – Team Writing</li> <li>Silver – Champion Team</li> <li>Silver – Literature &amp; Media</li> <li>Silver – Debate Champion</li> <li>Silver – Writing Champion</li> </ul>
Farah Ismat	Grade 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver – Team Bowl</li> <li>Silver Champion Team</li> <li>Silver – Team Debate</li> <li>Silver – Writing Champion</li> <li>Silver – Team Writing</li> </ul>
Team 2		
Syeda Aamnah	Grade 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold – Team Writing</li> <li>Gold – Writing Champion</li> </ul>
Aamina Zaheer	Grade 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold – Team Writing</li> <li>Gold – Art &amp; Music</li> </ul>
Anbar Ajaz	Grade 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold – Team Writing</li> <li>Silver – Writing Champion</li> <li>Silver – Debate Champion</li> </ul>

Although it was their first time, both the teams qualified for the Global Round that will be held in Dubai in December 2023. Over 200 students from 12 schools participated in the event which included four competitions: Collaborative Writing, Debate, Scholar's Challenge and Scholar's Bowl.

The academic activities each require knowledge of a curriculum about history, social studies, art and music, literature and media, science and technology, and a special area.

# Classroom Activities

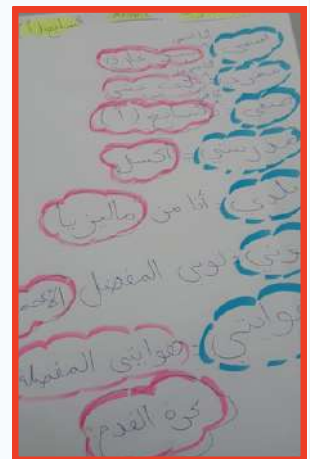
"The road to freedom – here and everywhere on the earth – begins in the classroom."



Islamic Studies: Our talented students described their ideas about lawful earnings



Math Activities: Young mathematicians calculating the area of compound shapes. Peer learning activity.



ROBOTICS: Our future Artificial Intelligence experts are discovering the new horizons with their dedication.



# UAE Through English

## Family Traditions in the UAE

United Arab Emirates (UAE) are deeply rooted in the rich cultural heritage of the region. Their customs are important in building unity and tightening up the ties that bind families together. Family customs in the UAE are diverse and active, ranging from religious festivities to social gatherings.

One of the most prominent family traditions in the UAE is the celebration of religious festivals. Islamic holidays are highly revered in this nation because Islam is the predominant religion here. Families assemble during the holy month of Ramadan to observe fasting from dawn to dusk. When they come together for Iftar, the meal that ends the fast, they enjoy customary food like Arabic coffee, dates and luqaimat, a sweet delicacy. The entire family joins in the special prayers and engages in acts of charity, reinforcing the values of generosity and compassion.

The respect and care for seniors is an essential family custom in the UAE. The concept of elder respect and reverence is well ingrained in Emirati homes. Older family members frequently provide guidance and advice to younger family members, and they frequently transmit family customs and values. This tradition supports the family's deep sense of connection and togetherness.

Mosammat Shaba Akter – 8B

## Traditions in the UAE

Traditions - They are beliefs or behaviour passed down within a group or a society to express their way of living. Here, we will talk about the UAE's Traditions.

### CLOTHING IN THE UAE

Many Emiratis, men and women, prefer traditional Emirati clothes: Kandura and Abaya. Traditional clothing is designed for comfort in high temperatures and to keep with the Islamic religious beliefs in the country. Clothing that most parts of the body is the standard choice in majority of the cities.

### FOOD AND DIET IN THE UAE

The Emirati diet is a mixture of Bedouin diet (meat and camel milk), a fishermen's diet (fish and seafood), and a farmers diet (dates and vegetables).

### GREETINGS IN THE UAE

On one hand, we have more their traditional greeting known as "Khashmak" which means "nose", both which is when their nose meets. On the other hand, we have women, who greet each other with a hug and a kiss on the cheeks. Kissing an elderly's forehead is a form of respect. Opposite genders are not supposed to touch due religious beliefs (except if they are close relatives or young partners).

Abdel Rahman Zohair – 8A

## Traditions in the UAE

Marriage is one of the hardest decisions in life, because you have to explore true love and have to get a proximal relationship with your soul mate.

In the UAE they've got some strange traditions in marriage. Traditionally, marriages are arranged by parents and it's a kind of weird because what if the man doesn't like the girl or she's hideous. To add, it is frowned upon for an Emirati to marry outside his or her tribal or kinship group. Even though some people don't, but most do. In my opinion it's not the best thing to do because maybe, in my situation I'll fall in love with other people, but luckily I'm not an Emirati. And it's not great to make 2 weddings, one for male and the other one for female like people want to have fun with each other plus you could probably find your future wife.

In conclusion, every country has its own traditions, but these are unusual one.

Ahmed Hossam – 8A

## Family Traditions in the UAE

In the UAE, family traditions are deeply rooted and cherished. One of the most special traditions is gathering together for a sumptuous meal to break their fast during Ramadan. Families come together with dates and water along with a feast of tradition Emirati food like Harees and Luqaimat. The aroma of spices fills the air while everyone digs into their meal.

Another lovely tradition is the art of henna painting. During special occasions like weddings, women gather to grace their hands and feet with henna designs. The fragrant paste is carefully applied in beautiful patterns, symbolizing joy, beauty and goodwill.

Farah Ismat – 8B

## Family Traditions in the UAE

Family traditions in the UAE are like sparkling jewels that illuminate the tapestry of Emirate culture. Imagine the scene: the sun sets over the majestic dunes, casting a golden glow on the desert landscape.

Families gather in their majlis, adorned with vibrant traditional attire, their smiles as warm as the desert breeze. The aroma of aromatic spices fills the air as generations come together to celebrate special occasions like Eid-ul-Fitr. Laughter and joy reverberate through the air as children play traditional games. From the intricate henna designs adorning the hands of loved ones to the sumptuous flavours of traditional Emirati cuisine, family traditions in the UAE are a symphony of colours, tastes, and heartfelt connections.

These traditions weave a tapestry of love, unity and cultural pride that is passed down from one generation to the next, creating memories that last a lifetime.

Fatima Shafqat – 8B

## Traditions in the UAE

One tradition of the UAE is the constant hospitality that extends to guests. The Emirati's are also known for their warm welcome and generosity upon entering the household of an Emirati household, guests are often given dates, Arabic coffee. These traditions show the graciousness of the UAE.

Ron Christian – 8A

# My mighty pen says...

## Online Friendship

Nowadays, social media has become a part of people's routine. It has improved to a point that people have started making friends they've never met. Although online friendships have many disadvantages, I strongly believe it has more useful advantages.

First of all, online friends neither know you nor judge you. It helps keep your deepest secrets without feeling paranoid or feeling that you'll get exposed easily. Research shows that keeping secrets with someone that you don't know helps in stopping stress and removing a lot of guilt.

Further more, having online friends doesn't need much information like your looks, age, name or any personal thing. This helps people such as introverts or home schooled people to socialize and yet to get to know people around them. To illustrate, having online friends can help you meet people like you and socialize with them.

Some people believe it's dangerous to have online friends because of the malicious people around the world. On the contrary, I think they could help the evil souls become something better.

To summarise, online friendships could help people more than it can cause danger to them, and online friendships shouldn't be argued about.

Maja Moatiz – 8B

## Teenage gangs are on the rise

Moreover, teenage gangs have been a problem in society, but recently, there has been an alarming increase in the number of teenage gangs. Experts say this rise that this increase has been attributed to a variety of factors, including poverty, broken families and lack of positive role models. I contend that the rise of teenage gangs is not something that should be taken lightly.

On the one hand, the rise of teenage gangs is a significant concern for law enforcement, parents and educators. For instance, these gangs often engage in illegal activities, including drug trafficking, theft, burglary, vandalism and delinquency and they attract teenagers who are struggling with identity, mental health issues and peer pressure. It is imperative to note that gangs often operate in densely populated neighbourhoods where poverty is high and job opportunities are scarce. This makes it easier for gangs to lure young people into their ranks.

In addition to the rise in teenage gangs, there has also been a rise in the number of youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, one in ten teens in the United States is homeless or at risk of becoming or displace homeless. Homelessness can lead to a variety of issues, such as drug addiction, mental health problems and crime. Homeless teens often become targets for gang recruitment and the cycle of homelessness and gang involvement can be difficult to break.

On the other hand, gang members may try to protect their territory and prevent other gangs from encroaching on their turf, making the neighbourhood safer for the residents.

In addition, gangs can provide a sense of community and belonging for young people who may feel isolated or marginalized in society. Some gangs may also engage in community service or charity work in order to improve their image and improve relations with local residents.

In conclusion, it is essential that we address the rise of teenage gangs before it becomes an even bigger problem. It is crucial that we work together as society to provide guidance with the support they need to avoid becoming involved in gangs and to ensure their safety and well-being.

Malak Salah – 8B

## Things I will miss when I leave school

Lot of people say that they won't miss school because it is a horrible place but I totally disagree because I believe that every single moment in the school should be cherished; it is a life long memory.

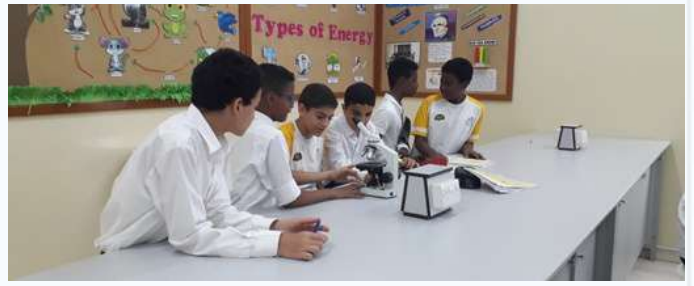
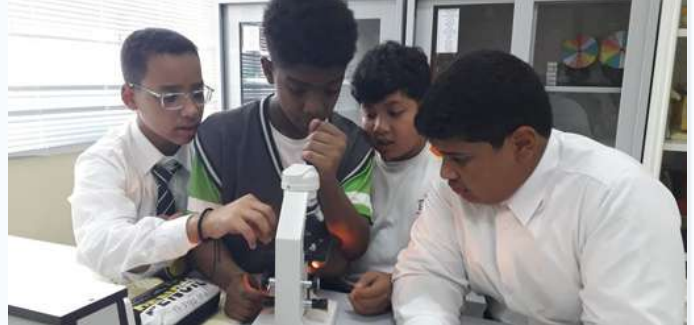
One of the things I will miss the most is when teachers forget that we have a class. We all feel so euphoric but when random support staff enters the class and asks us what class we have and who is the teacher. We always feel disappointed after that. The fact that we were yearning for no homework but we still get some. I can't stop casting connoctory looks at all the wonderful work I did and all the merry and encouraging comments I got of feeling paranoid whenever I try something new.

In conclusion, people who said that school is boring and lame will definitely regret this because when they get older they will surely say "Oh those old school days are irrevocable." In the future, when we will be busy in our work and life we will somehow remember the sights were reminiscent of my school life.

Misha Rafiq – 8B

# Curiosity Lab

Curious boys preparing a slide to view the onion cell and cheek cells under a light microscope



Inquisitive students observing and analysing the process of diffusion using different chemicals.



# Curiosity Lab

Energetic boys measure the heart rate in different scenarios like sitting inside the classroom and after running across the playground.



Students understand the reactivity of sodium metal through hands-on experiments.



Young chemists exploring the different types of exothermic reactions in the curiosity lab.





# United Nations Day



Students passionately debate global issues and practice diplomacy as they engage in a mock United Nations session, fostering a spirit of collaboration and awareness during the school assembly, building the leaders of tomorrow.

## Assembly Programs



Our students are demonstrating how should we have to be determined even in tough times. We should never give up.

## Parent-Teacher Association



Our recent Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) meeting, guided by the quote "Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much," emphasises our collective power in working towards the betterment of our students and school.

# Workshops & PD Sessions



### Importance of Spellings

- Poor spelling creates a bad impression; it's the first thing a reader notices. Examiners, teachers, prospective employers, often place weight on spelling.
- Anxiety about spelling inhibits a child's writing especially their choice of words. Even in these days of computers, there are still times when we need to write.
- Children learn spelling lists for tests but may not remember them in their writing and many words are forgotten.
- Weekly spelling list + weekly spelling test = **quick fix, but short term gains only**. Understanding words + structured teaching = **lifelong spelling skill**.
- Correct spelling is a vital lifelong skill, necessary for success in most jobs.

### Have Fun – Play Games

- At home** - Hangman, Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders
- In the car** – Use letters on reg. plates to try to make words
- On the internet** – Apps for spelling games
- Google** - <https://www.goodandbeautiful.com/blog/the-75-best-spelling-practice-ideas/>

Learning Never Exhausts the Mind. Learn continually. There's always "one more thing" to learn.

# Breast Cancer Awareness



"Our remarkable staff, donning shades of pink and leading by example, have demonstrated unwavering support during Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

# Food Waste Reduction Drive






Our students recently had the privilege of attending a food waste reduction drive at a prestigious university in the UAE. This enlightening experience provided them with a unique opportunity to contribute to a pressing global issue while learning from experts in the field.



During the event, our students actively engaged in discussions and workshops, gaining valuable insights into innovative techniques and sustainable practices for reducing food waste. They not only learned about the environmental and social consequences of food waste but also acquired practical skills to implement in their daily lives.

The event was a perfect blend of education and hands-on experience, fostering a sense of responsibility and awareness among our students. Their participation in the food waste reduction drive in the UAE university reflects our commitment to empowering them with knowledge and instilling a strong sense of social and environmental responsibility.

We are proud of our students for embracing this opportunity and are confident that the knowledge and inspiration gained will make a positive impact in their lives and the community. This experience serves as a testament to their dedication to creating a more sustainable and responsible world.

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