# THE FIRST ACADEMY MAGAZINE



#### Ramadan Kareem!



Ramadan is the month of piety, charity and blessings. It is the holiest month of the year as it was the month in which the Quran was revealed to Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) on the night of Laylat Al Qadr, one of the last ten nights of Ramadan.

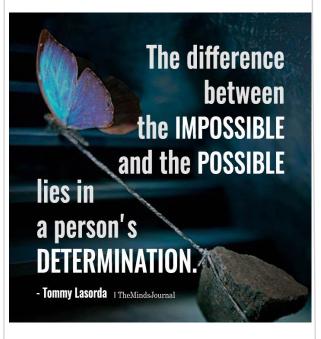


The First Academy School has always been a core factor in promoting the values of Islam among our young generations.





## Theme of the Month: DETERMINATION



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UAE guarantees people of determination the equality and non-discrimination between them and people without special needs in all legislations, as well as economic and social development programs and policies.





Welcome to another fun and fact packed edition of the school magazine.

This has been another month of great achievement. Firstly, the school scored very highly in the recent inspection by our US accreditors Cognia. Congratulations to all the teams that worked hard to make that possible.

Furthermore, the school has signed Memorandums of Understanding with many reputed universities in the UAE. They include American University of Sharjah, American University of Dubai, University of Dubai, Gulf Medical College, Ras Al Khaimah Medical and Dentistry Colleges, alongside Ajman University. This will facilitate our students applying these universities including availing scholarships. These past few weeks saw school's Recitation Ouran Competition Poetry Slam, Arabic Speech Competition, Read Aloud Challenge, Ramadan Charity Drive - it has indeed been a period of intense activity both online and now in class. We are planning more challenging and fun activities in the coming weeks.

I hope and pray all our students join us in these activities - in class, as now the school is open for face-to-face learning.

Mr. Rizwan Jawaid

Principal

### **Our School Events**

The First Academy has started a program called "MoneyMasters" for Grade 11 students by cooperation with Action Care and HSBC for three weeks during Ramadan.

The MoneyMasters financial capability program gives high school students the advantage to navigate financial realities faced in adulthood, setting them on a path to financial wellness.

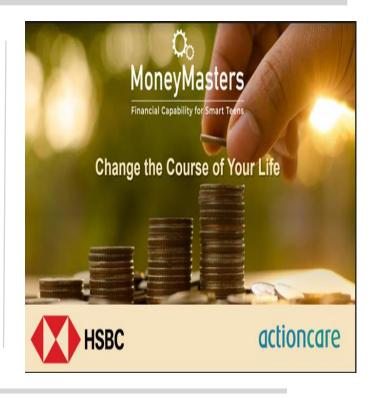
The program will equip students with knowledge of core financial concepts and practical skills to support their personal and professional goals and long-term wellbeing.

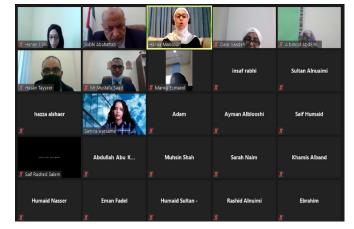
Research indicates that financial capability is connected to lifelong well-being and it is expected to impact students in the following aspects:

- Confidence in money management
- Understanding checking and savings accounts and how they work
- Perception of money and its connection to their futures
- Concepts for budgeting saving for emergencies and retirement
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Protecting your money from scammers and fraudsters

The College of Humanities and Sciences at Ajman University carried a webinar for our Grade 12 students last Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 on Zoom platform as an orientation session on EMSAT, IELTS, Time Management and University life induction and requirements. The session included virtual journey, and it was attended by our students and staff.







The First Academy's Student Red Crescent Committee started a food collection drive in conjunction with the UAE Red Crescent.

Parents, students, and staff joined our students in this meritorious initiative, and brought non-perishable food items to the school.

Those items included:

Flour
 Rice
 Oil
 Sugar
 Tinned food
 Dates
 Lentils
 Honey









## **Professional Development Center**







By the end of the second semester, the school inaugurated the Professional Development Center in the presence of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Nuaimi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, School Principal, Vice Principals and heads of departments and a number of employees.

This centre aims to raise the level of efficiency of school personnel, whether they are academic or administrative. through specialized courses and training in a number of fields.

professional The school completed a development program held at the end of the second semester, which consisted of face-toface attendance training and online courses, as the training courses varied between academic and administrative topics.

The school administration look forward to expanding the target groups and beneficiaries of the services of the Career Development Centre to include students and parents.









## Moral Education

The Moral Education program is an innovative, engaging curriculum designed to develop young people of all nationalities and ages in the UAE with universal principles and values, that reflect the shared experiences of humanity. It covers four pillars of teaching and learning: Character and Morality, The Individual and the Community, Civic Studies, and Cultural Studies. In FAS we provide opportunities for the students to reflect on what they have learned and review their learning.

We have goals to improve our student's skills, these goals linked with the MOE goals for Moral Education Subject and these goals are:

- students make virtuous-honest. responsible, and compassionate.
- To make mature students informed and reflective about important and controversial
- and wrong.
- -To teach diversity, tolerance, mutual respect, and pluralistic values.

### Samples of students' projects in Moral Education









-To help children and young people to acquire a Moral Education is integrated in all subjects because it set of beliefs and values regarding what is right touches on every aspect that students are engaged in.

## E-Safety School



Since the outbreak of the Corona pandemic, the TFA has taken upon itself the duty to raise the awareness of school community members, provide them with important information about digital safety, enhance achievement, support the professional work of staff and enhance the functions of management.

The school also believes that cyber security is an essential component of protecting students and adults (parents and employees) in the digital world when using technology such as computers, tablets, cell phones, or game consoles.

Therefore, the school created its own E-Safety policy and formed a specialized team for E-Safety, and it worked to train members of the school community to understand this policy, and it also published information and videos of interest to students and parents on its social media and educational and education platforms.

The school has also worked on implementing a new system for reporting and following up on digital incidents. It has also created a system to solve technical problems that school members may face during school hours.

On the academic side, the school integrated the E-Safety curriculum with all academic subjects in addition to introducing weekly activities to raise students' awareness about digital safety. Cyber-Thursday is a good example of this.









### The First Academy School

## **Virtual Library**

The virtual library is one of FAS's initiatives during the distance learning program.

The aim of this initiative is to support our students in their learning with different methods and activities.

Imagine how comprehensive our library could be! All students can participate in this library only by logging into their account through the distance learning platform - Schoology - for grades 1-12.

### What do we offer?

Through this library, we launch a number of activities targeting the different stages of our students, such as the reading challenge, PDF books for reading, and audiobooks to listen, in addition to publishing various links to a number of websites and libraries, which is interested in reading and provides a large collection of books in different fields targeting all age groups .We also publish cultural and scientific information on various events such as Digital Safety Week, Hope Probe, Emirati Children's Day, the blessed month of Ramadan, and guidelines on health, healthy food and reading month activities.



## **International Day of Happiness**



The Department of Happiness and Well-being celebrated the International Day of Happiness by distributing sweets to express and spread happiness feelings.









### **Little Writers**

The Little Writer is exciting platform allowing kids to publish and share their creative writings. initiative encourages students to explore their creative writing without limitations

صيام شهر رمضان المبارك من أزَّان الإسلام العظيمة، و له فضائل "ثثيرة وآثار جليلة منها:

- الصيام سنر للعبد الصائم من النار، ويؤيد ذلك قول الرسول-صلى الله عليه وسلم-: {الصِّيامُ جُنُةٌ وحِصْنٌ حصين من الثار }.
- 2. وقعة الدرجات ومضاعفة الأجير، ويؤكد ذلك قبل الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم: {قال الله مسحاته وتعالى: لى وأنا أَجْرَى بِهِ، يَتُرُكُ طُغَامِهِ وَشَرَابِهِ وَشَهْوَاتِهِ مِنْ أَجْلَى}
  - ني والنا الجنوعي بعد يون صفحه وسورية وسهوسه مين . جي. تحصل للصائم فرخًا عظيمًا في الدنيا والآخرة كما ذكر ذلك الرسول صلى الله عليه {لِلصَّائِمِ فُرحَنَانِ يَقُرْحَهُمَا: إِذَا أَفْطَرُ فُرح بفطره، وإذًا لَقِينَ ربه فَرخ بصَنْوْمَهِ}
- ومن قضائل الصيام أن راتحة فم الصائم أطيب عند الله من ربح المسلق، قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم :
   «والذي قض تحقيد يبده لحلوف في العمائيم أطّتيب عند الله مِن ربّج المستلم».
- وفي الصيام تكفير السيتات ومغفرة الذنوب، كما في الحديث المشهور: «مَنْ صَامَ رَمضَانَ إِيمَانًا والحِيسَابًا
- 6. ودوية الساام مستحادة كما روى أبو هرية رضى لله عنه قال: قال رسول لله صلى الله دايه وسلم : «فلاطة لا تؤلّد تعولهم الصابح على يتمينز والإنتام أنفيال ودغوة المنطقوم يتوقفها الله فوق المغنام ويتمتنع لما النواب السنماء ويقول الزبّ وعزّي الأنصريك ولا يقد جين».

هذا الفطائل العظيمة التي تحصل عليها الصائم للخاص ترواد توانا وأجزا إنما "كانت في شهر روضان) لما لشهر روضان من الزارا والخصائص التي خصة الله بما من قرض سيام تجاره واستحباب قبام لياء، وفيه ليلة اقدر التي هي حبر من ألف شهر، وفيه آزار القرآن وفيوها من الخصائص العظيمة.



#### القران الكريم

سراسيد. رحبا أنا اسمي زينب واليوم اول يوم في رمضان لذلك أنا وعائلتي مسائمون . ذهبنا نصلي وبعد الانتهاء من الصلاه بداوا يقرؤون القران،فشعرت بالاهمال مستبعد الانتي لا استطيع ان اقرا اللغة

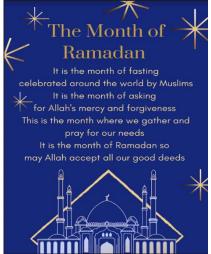


### Samples of stories and poems composed by our students in Arabic and English





### The English High School celebrated the Poetry Week artistically! May 2-6, 2021





Ramadan is an Islamic month

Muslims should fast in it

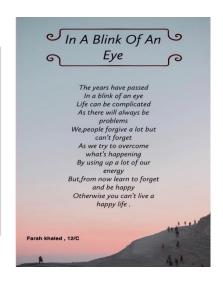
Always from sunrise to sunset

During this month we pray

And read Quran more

Night of algadir god has reveled the Quran to prohibit Mohammad peace be upon him



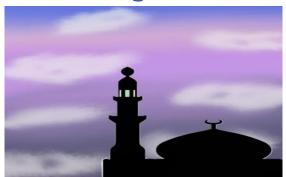


## **Gifted Artists**

TFA is a platform for passion and creativity. Here, we embrace and encourage all talents.

## **Traditional & Digital Drawings**





Our little artists made a very good use of digital software to produce agreeable digital drawings.





## **Samples of Students' Drawings**







## **ICT Geniuses**



Samples of students' work in grade 8 about building a Digital Prayer Beads App using Thunkable Platform.









## **ICT National Competitions**

Our diligent high school students participated in the **National** Competition of **Artificial** Intelligence and Robotics in the UAE logo competition 2021. The final round will be on June 5th, 2021. We wish them all the best!















Our diligent students from lower grades participated in Tynker Competition 2021.

### Our Events

**High school Students** were introduced copyright and plagiarism terminologies by playing a game about plagiarism the and avoid strategies to inadvertent plagiarism.







## **Toddlers' Art**





We are now fast approaching the final stretch of our school year, but we still have a number of exciting and fun activities lined- up for you.

#### What we learnt.....

KG1 students worked hard identifying and using numbers, recognizing letters, reading and blending, in addition to learning about new awesome Science topics. Now it's May, time to move ahead!

During the month of April, KG2 students spoke about how they help around in the house by picking toys after playing, helping Mom and Dad. They also learnt about being good citizens by being kind to others and keeping their countries clean.





What does Eid mean to KG1 and KG2 students?

Mohammed Jasem is making Eid craft and enjoying the look of his cards.









Maryam Alshamsi writes about how she celebrates Eid.

نوف عبرت عن فرحتها بالعيد وكتبت: أنا أحب العيد لأنه يوم وأخذ عيدية وأشتري بها الألعاب.



parents participated in the Read Aloud Challenge, and kg2 G got the 1st place from the First Academy School and received a Certificate of Achievement for having the most parents conduct Read- Alouds to the class.

- \* We celebrated the Dental Hygiene Day.
- \* We participated in the World Poetry Day as well!
- \* We held end of term 2 party. \* We celebrated Blue Day in KG1 and Green day in KG2 in April 29, 2021.



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## It's all Fun in our Department!

## Announcemen ts

### **Class of Week**

This month the best classes were...

Grade 1B Grade 1G Grade 1F

Grade 2C Grade 2F Grade 2

## Student of the Week

Student of the Week is announced every week in the class.

Names are displayed on the Grade 1 & 2's notice board.

### Grades 1 & 2 celebrate

### Ramadan Day!

Students celebrated this day by expressing what" Ramadan means to me" through various activities in Arabic and in English class online. Grade 1 made Dua booklets and Grade 2 made videos commenting about Ramadan and lanterns.



Hamad Ahmad





We finished April with 100% online schooling with a Fun Activity...

### Pet Day!

Students showed and spoke about their favorite pets. We saw cute rabbits and ducklings, pretty birds and handsome cats. We even saw some favorite toy pets!







### New Initiatives!

We will start a new club, have Math Competitions and Love of Languages day in the Month of May.

Check out May's Newsletter for updates!



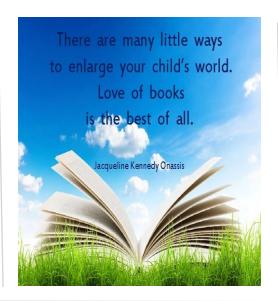


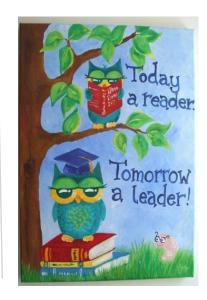
## **Amazing Things Happen Here!**

## Online Reading Program

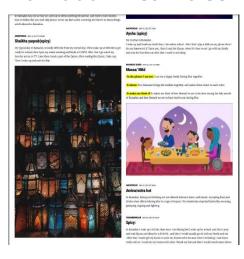
Every Thursday, our students read online.

Our Growing readers are making strides in their learning and development with increases in both reading fluency and comprehension. Students practice the four language skills in a highly integrated, communicative approach.





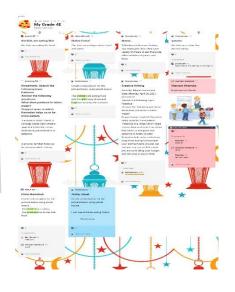
### **Ramadan Activities**



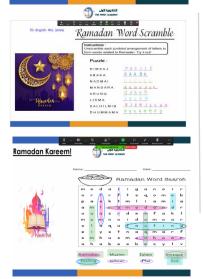
### **Creative Writing**

Students were tasked with writing about the values and purpose of Ramadan in Islam like devotion, patience, self-discipline, sacrifice, compassion, and charity for their English writing classes. They also described their daily routines and nice habits in Ramadan.





### **Brain Teasers & Puzzles solved by students**







### **Minutes of Ramadan**

Students recorded short videos about their best practices in Ramadan!







### **ASL**



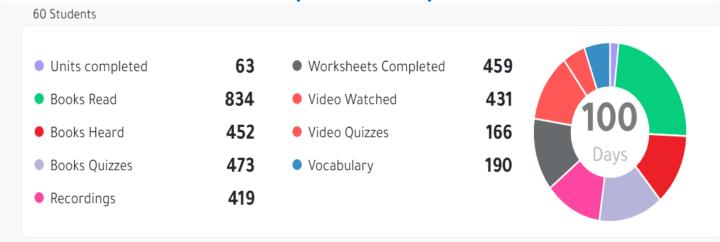
TFA is a culturally diverse school.

Our students are engaged in different programs and activities that can push them in learning the Arabic Language.

One of those initiatives is The *I Start Program*, a comprehensive program designed by literacy experts to teach Arabic as a second language in a fun and effective way through a leveled journey.



## As the chart shows, our students challenged themselves to read and accomplish as much as they could in 100 days!





## ASL students celebrate Ramadan and Eid by doing many activities.







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### National Environmental Day 2021

### The stay-at-home National Environmental Day celebration of The First Academy School in Ajman

Sunday, February 7 marks the annual National Environmental Day in the First Academy School in Ajman. But this year, the coronavirus pandemic is making it difficult to get outside and celebrate.

For the first time ever, the Science Department announced the celebration to be completely online through Zoom. The main purpose of the celebration was to spread the awareness about the need to protect the environment and ways to do it. The day was flagged off by watching videos like the Dubai Media 16th Environmental Day and UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment.

The science teachers celebrated that in many ways by preparing Kahoot quizzes, environmental games, crossword puzzles and making posters – all without leaving home. Students prepared continuous PowerPoint presentations and self-made videos about the threats to the environment.

Finally, the day came to its end after a healthy brainstorming of the pros and cons of different current environmental issues raised by high school students. The day was a huge success and certainly made a difference for everyone to the way we view our environment.





### Earth Day 2021

## Earth Day Celebration at The First Academy

Earth Day is celebrated n April 22 at The First Academy chool annually to bring an image or the students about their esponsibilities towards 'Mother lature'. As part of the Science ~urriculum environmental lective subject and extraurricular, "Go Green!" initiative as taken to engage the whole FA community in making a Earth Day was ifference. elebrated online, yet actionriented activities were done.

Banners and colorful harts were put up, reading Earth Day...think for a moment" nd "Earth Day 2021 – Road to ecovery". TFA learners learnt to importance of planet Earth reservation and conveyed their teaningful views by making hort talks during the Zoom essions.

## **Math Community**





### I love my Math T- shirt Activity

G3 and G5 students enjoyed making the Math T-shirt activity in a creative way. They designed T-shirts with math applications on either the front, back, or front and back of the T-shirt. A class contest took place to determine the top three most creative works. Bonus points will be awarded to the top three designs.













### **Math in Different Styles!**

These posters were made by high school students to express Math in different ways and styles. They were mainly about the branches of Math, how to relate Math to our real-life applications, how to deal with numbers, and how to summarize the most used symbols in Math.

