



LEADERS PRIVATE SCHOOL, SHARJAH

KINDER DAYS

April – June 2023

MOTOR DEVELOPMENT



Acquiring motor skills is just one part of children's development. Mastering both fine and gross motor skills are important for children's growth and independence. Having good motor control helps children explore the world around them and also helps with their cognitive development.

Children use their fine motor skills when writing, holding small items, buttoning clothing, turning pages, eating, cutting with scissors, and using computer keyboards.

Aiding to the motor development of the tiny tots, LPS KG1 had planned a week long program of Motor Development activities, in the month of April. The week from 17th to 19th of April marked the Motor Development week which included activities like beading, lacing, tearing, paper crushing, folding and dough play. The tiny fingers browsed through the beads, laces and dough, figuring out what to do and how to do about with these materials. It paved way for improving the muscles in the fingers and hands, stimulating their cognitive areas as well as creating a collaborative learning environment. They worked in pairs and groups, projecting their work and feeling happy and excited about their formations.

Development of fine motor skills during the early weeks in kindergarten sets the foundation for future skills and helps aid in a child's ability to be self-sufficient. This developmental process continues through the day-to-day activities of the child's life and at LPS, we engage the kids in activities that molds and strengthen their delicate hands and exploratory thoughts.

SENSORIAL WEEK



Children learn by using their multiple senses as they explore their world. Sensory play is important because, play experiences, combined with the five senses, helps build cognitive skills. Sensory play is the foundation of all the skills that a child will learn in school such as reading, writing, and solving math problems. Children learn best when they engage their senses.

Leaders Kindergarten celebrated Sensorial Week from 17th April to 19th April 2023. Different activities for developing each sense organ were conducted by the teachers. Children were taken on nature walk to develop their visual sense. Sound Games like, 'The silence game', 'Identify the instrument', were played to develop their auditory sense. Food Tasting was done to identify different taste and develop their gustatory sense. Smell bottles, pungent smelling things like ginger and onion or sweet smelling things like fruits were given to identify different smell and develop their olfactory sense. Texture trays were given to identify and develop their tactile sense. The teachers engaged the children in different hands on activity to make them aware and develop their five senses.

The purpose of Sensorial activities is to aid in the development of the intellectual senses of the child, which develops the ability to observe and compare with precision. Sensorial Week provided the children a wonderful opportunity for learning and developing their senses.





EARTH DAY

Earth Day is celebrated around the world with a beautiful message - "Our continuing efforts in our everyday lives will make this beautiful planet thrive." Earth Day is a proof that even one person can make a global impact in a positive way. Echoing the same, Leaders Kindergarten celebrated "Earth Day" through a series of activities on 24th April 2023.

Morning Message on the theme, 'Invest in our planet' was given by the class teachers to encourage the children to work towards building a healthy economy for the planet. The teachers showed PowerPoint presentations to remind the students of their duties towards 'Mother Nature' and some significant contributions that they could make to support 'Go Green' drive. The teachers also conducted a brain storming session to help the children understand how to respect and care for animal and plant life, their habitats, and natural resources. The Children were engaged in hands on activity where they were provided with cut outs of Earth on which bud printing, coloring, and painting activities were done. These Earth cut outs were turned into beautiful crowns by the students of Pre KG and KG1 which the children enjoyed wearing it proudly on their head and into a beautiful flower by the KG 2 students. It was indeed a pleasure to see the children actively participating and enjoying the activity.

Earth Day is a day to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. A key to teaching Earth Day concepts to young children is to help them realize that even at a young age they can be part of making the Earth a healthier planet.





FUN WITH PHONICS



Reading is a complex process. Most of the children struggle with learning to read. But, if given proper instruction under the five components of reading, will progress out and become strong and avid readers. One component, proven to have a severe impact on reading success, is phonics. Phonics is the relationship between sounds (phonemes) and the letter combinations (graphemes) that represent those sounds. In phonics-based instruction, the goal is to teach children to read and write the most common sound-spelling relationships so that they can easily sound out words. This is a crucial step in the reading process.

To develop phonic awareness among children, Leaders Kindergarten organized a fun filled activity, “Fun with Phonics”. The teachers engaged children in different phonic games like ‘Who has the card?’, ‘Picture – letter association’ and songs to strengthen their phonic skills. The children had a fun time playing these games and also enjoyed singing the phonic songs.

Phonic games and activities will be continued throughout the year to strengthen their phonic skills and give them a strong foundation in developing their reading skills. To become skilled readers, children need to have a strong base in phonics. This tells us that early phonics exposure and instruction in the foundation stage has a longitudinal impact on reading success. By teaching students to decode words and understand the relationships between sounds and letters, phonics instruction can help students become more confident and capable readers and writers.





MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day is a special day of the year, dedicated to all mothers. It is one of those occasions that none of us can afford to miss. Keeping this bonding emotion in mind, LPS Kindergarten celebrated Mother's Day on 11th May 2023.

Mothers hold a special place in the hearts of children. To show their love and respect for their mother, the young, enthusiastic KG1 students crafted a DIY purse with a card expressing the warmth of their love. Students of KG2 made variety of cards, like the MOM card, bouquet card, ice cream card and hand print card to convey their love and gratitude towards their mom. Students were encouraged to speak on what makes their mother special to them. Words never ceased while speaking about their mother. Kids were bubbling with joy as the gift for their mother was ready.

Teachers imparted the importance of mother in a child's life through effective thematic presentations, stories, and video clippings. Mother's Day celebration put across to our little ones, their duties as sons and daughters.



LABOUR DAY

Instilling the habit of recognizing the labor of those who help us and respecting them is one the most important habit to be cultivated in our young generation. LPS Kindergarten dutifully celebrated International Labor's Day on 1st of May 2023, involving all the kindergarteners to lend a helping hand to the labors around them and to those who help them in their day-to-day school routines. Students were made aware of the day's importance through morning message and presentation. The school organized a 'share and care program, 'LPS CARES' for all students, wherein parents and students joined hands with the school in contributing various items like food items, bathing items and clothes for donating to the support staff and to the Red Crescent Society. The practice motivated the students to realize the importance of donating items and honoring the service of support staff. It was an initiative to make the students understand the importance of sharing and caring.

The purpose of Labor Day is to appreciate, honour, recognize and celebrate the contribution made by workers. The day's message also highlights the difficult conditions under which laborers' work. Our workers are the inspiration for all of us. Their hard work and dedication always motivate us to work for the growth and development of our nation.





COLOUR WEEK



Children are often tuned in to the aesthetic nature of things at an early age and can appreciate the nuances of colour, as well as the way colors are blended, tinted and shaded. Colour words are key vocabulary in any language, at any age. Children love learning about colours through stories, songs, art and crafts.

The merriment of colours was a week-long celebration for LPS Kindergarten. The colour week was celebrated from 15th May to 18th May 2023. KG1 focused on the primary colors: red, yellow and blue while KG2 on the secondary colours; orange, green, purple and brown. Each day started off with the colour songs and discussions on connecting colours to their immediate surrounding and familiar things. The students were made to observe the colours in the rainbow and national flags. The colour week fetched lots of enjoyment for the students with various art and craft as well as colour mixing activities. All of them were dressed in the particular day's colour and were excited to exhibit their things that represent the day's colour. Each day was planned with colour related activities. The theme for KG1 activities was cartoon characters like Angry bird, Tweety and the Genie from Aladdin. KG2 took up the maple leaf, coconut tree, periwinkle and deer to reflect the secondary colours. Students performed art activities like tear and paste, tissue dabbing, Q-tip printing and painting on their picture for the day. The colour song was a chant on every child's lips.

The motive of celebrating the colour week was to make the children aware of the colours and their significance and to develop learning skills and fine motor skills in the students. They spent each day with playful learning activities. The colour week boosted their energy and it had a positive influence on our tiny tots.





DAZZLING DRINK



Whatever the occasion or event there is always an excuse to have drinks that Dazzle! Long summer days' call for creativity to get kids interested in learning activities. When teaching children about nutritious choices in their early years, it is important to include lessons and activities about healthy drinks. Planning engaging children's activities and setting a good example are powerful ways to get kids to make healthy drink choices, like milk and water. Keeping this in mind, Leaders Kindergarten organized a fun filled activity "Dazzling Drinks" on 4th May 2023 for the tiny tots. Each class was engaged in making delicious drinks like, Strawberry sizzle, Mango Mania, Purple Pleasure, and Banana Fun. The children were asked to bring the marked items in disposable bags, and the teachers showed step by step method of making delicious drinks in a hygienic manner. The children were also made aware of the nutritional value of fruits and the importance of drinking fluids during summer. The children were happy to help their teacher in making the juices and enjoyed drinking it too.

Dazzling Drinks provided hands on learning experience to the children to make healthy food and lifestyle choices by their teachers. When children are actively engaged in what they are learning, they are more likely to remember and develop healthy habits as they get older.



RECREATIONAL TRIP TO SHARJAH AQUARIUM



The Sharjah Aquarium paves way to explore the fascinating hidden world of the deep sea with its amazing creatures. It's a captivating world encompassing more than 100 species, including the beautiful clown fish, star fish, jelly fish, delicate seahorses, moray eels, sea rays and reef sharks. It also throws light to understanding fishing and pearl making in UAE.

The students of Pre – KG, KG1 and KG2 were taken to explore this wonderful world, on 30th and 31st May 2023. The children went around viewing the varieties of fish in the aquariums and were in awe of the hues and colors of the breeds of different fish. They were also taken to the Museum where they got an insight on the fishing and pearl trade exhibited through life size models and posters. The huge boats with their fishing nets and baskets were a visual treat to the students.

The trip was aimed at exposing the students to the underwater world and to create a sense of admiration to the sea creatures.



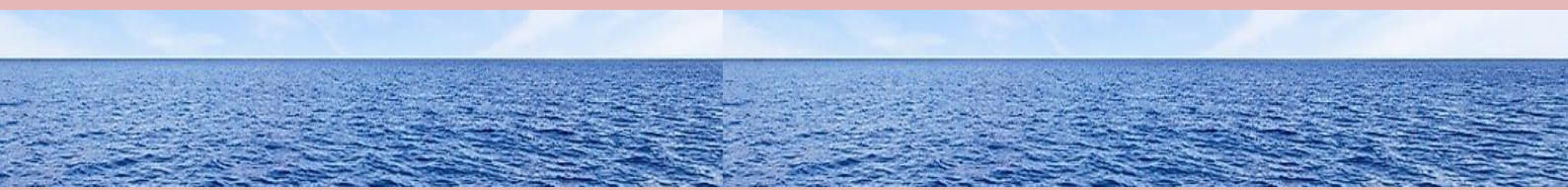
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



The world environment day is celebrated every year on 5th June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet earth. It is a day that reminds everyone on the planet to get involved in environment friendly activities. The theme for 2023, "Solutions to plastic pollution," is a reminder that people's actions on plastic pollution matters.

To raise environmental awareness, World Environmental Day was celebrated in LPS Kindergarten to guide the kids to make changes in their everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife – and our own health. Through morning message, awareness was created among the students about saving our environment from various types of pollution and to plant more trees. To mark the day, the focus was that everyone needs to work together for a cleaner world by minimizing plastic usage. To add colour to the day a 'best out of waste' activity was held where the students used plastic bottle caps, and plastics to make beautiful trees. The tiny tots grew excited as they saw the unusable plastic take the shape of beautiful and colorful trees.

World Environment Day teaches us that we have the power to make a positive impact on our planet. By taking small steps we can create a healthier and more sustainable world.



WORLD OCEAN DAY



Oceans play a major role in our everyday life. They are the lungs of our planet, a major source of food and medicine and a critical part of the biosphere. Leaders Kindergarten celebrated 'World Oceans Day' on 8th June 2023 to create awareness among the tiny tots, the role of the oceans in our everyday life and to inspire action to protect the ocean and sustainably use marine resources.

The theme for World Oceans Day 2023 is "PLANET OCEAN: TIDES ARE CHANGING". An interactive session was conducted by the teachers through morning message and ppt about the benefits we enjoy from the ocean, the impact of human actions on the ocean and the need and necessity to protect oceans from further deterioration. The students were asked to think blue and identify ways through which they can protect our ocean. The students unleashed their creativity by bringing life to the marine world through their artistic proficiency. KG1 did various art activities on the water animals and created an ocean scenery while KG2 made the underwater water scenario with different types of fishes and plants. The little ones were excited to display their artistic side while also learning more about marine creatures that inhabit our oceans.

Life below the water is in crisis mode. Leaders Kindergarten has taken a great initiative to create awareness among its students at an early age to take action in protecting this extraordinary life-source!





FATHER'S DAY



A father's selfless love is pivotal in nurturing the child and there could not be a more universal celebration than the one that celebrates the accomplishments and efforts of father. Honoring this precious bond, Leaders Kindergarten celebrated Father's Day on 21st June 2023.

The students were made to understand that Father's Day is a day to honor their father for everything they do for their children. The students sang along with the 'Happy Father's Day' song. Many of them spoke on how dear their father was to them and how did their father help them. The kids of KG1 made a card in the shape of a car and personalized it with drawings and decorations. KG2 decided to gift their father with a popcorn card with drawing and beautiful messages.

The objective of celebrating such days is to foster the importance of relationships and family values. The students get an insight of the occasion celebrated to express gratitude towards one's dad for all his love and support.





INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

" Yoga, an ancient practice that combines physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation, has gained significant popularity worldwide due to its numerous physical and mental health benefits. Recognizing the importance of introducing yoga at an early age, Leaders Kindergarten celebrated International Day of Yoga with great enthusiasm and zeal on 21st June 2023.

The primary objective of the Yoga Day celebration in our kindergarten was to promote the holistic development of young minds and bodies by introducing them to the practice of yoga. Through interactive and age-appropriate activities, we aimed to instill in our students an appreciation for physical fitness, emotional well-being, and self-awareness. A special yoga session was organized for our kindergarten students focusing on simple, child-friendly yoga poses and breathing exercises. The students also expressed their creativity through art and craft activities related to yoga. By using materials such as color pencils, crayons, glitter, and other items found in the classroom, they designed the letters 'YOGA' to foster a fun and creative learning environment.

The Yoga Day celebration in our kindergarten proved to be a resounding success, introducing young children to the benefits of yoga in a fun and interactive manner. Through engaging activities, the event contributed to their physical, mental, and emotional development, nurturing healthy habits and positive attitudes.



PICK & TALK

Public speaking and good communication skills are a part of personality development. Leaders Kindergarten organized 'Pick and Talk activity' on June 19, 2023, to enhance communication skills, foster confidence, and encourage interaction among kindergarten students.

The children had to speak a few lines on any one of the topics. The topics were: My family/ My home for KG 1 whereas for KG 2 it was good manners and People who help us. The children brought pictures and spoke confidently about their favorite topic. They were excited to share their descriptive narration and waited eagerly for their turn to speak. Thus, this event helped our tiny tots to build their social, emotional and language skills.

The Kindergarten Pick and Talk activity was a successful event as it achieved its objectives of promoting effective communication, developing confidence, and encouraging interaction among students. Through their active participation, students improved their communication skills, enhanced their vocabulary, and gained self-assurance. The activity also fostered a sense of community and encouraged collaboration among the students. The positive outcomes of this activity highlight the importance of incorporating interactive and engaging exercises in early childhood education to support holistic development.



Happy Holidays





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