



English Private School of Kalba



# ESK CHRONICLES

**NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **Vision**

Student preparation in the K to 12 education system for leading a productive life in this dynamic world to contribute to the sustainable development of the UAE society.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

### ***Greetings dear Readers.***

*It gives me immense pleasure to announce that the school newsletter is now the responsibility of the English Department. ESK. I, Dr. Shilpa George, (Secondary English Teacher and HOD, ESK), will be overseeing its editing and publication, under the patronage of our Principal, Mr. Haroon Ahmed. For our newsletter, we've chosen the name 'ESK CHRONICLES' as it will predominantly be a record of monthly events at ESK. At the same time, we hope to add new and interesting sections to it in our upcoming issues.*

*To begin with, I'd like to brief you up on the school-news to date, since the reopening day. ESK welcomed its dear students back to school on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. We witnessed eager and enthusiastic smiles spreading around the school as the lifelines of our school were greeted and received by happy mascots at the school gates. The balloon clusters, the snack-packs, and the smiling ESK staff at the entrances amplified the welcome cheer. ESK has been buzzing with activities since the reopening Day. Emirati Women's Day was celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, with an enriching session by Ms. Rowaya Al Kindi (parent of Wafa Ali Majed Y5A). The Parent Orientation was conducted on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for the EYFS, Primary and Secondary School respectively. The school observed Charity Day with a special assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The English Department organized a Literacy Fest on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to commemorate Literacy Day. An edifying workshop on Obesity Management was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023, by the School Clinic with Dr. Yousra Abuhamed (public health consultant, Kalba Public Health Center) as the keynote speaker. The ECE period has been successfully launched and students have enrolled themselves in various clubs to suit their passions.*

*The very thought that all this is just the beginning of an array of activities that await our students around the year fills me with inexplicable excitement! I wish our enthusiastic learners all the luck and cheer as they eagerly commence their race through an exciting academic year ahead!*

***Dr. Shilpa George***  
***Editor-in- Chief***



## From The Principal's desk:

It is another academic year 2023-24! And we at ESK are excited to have our staff, students, and families back. I can see, all have returned with renewed vigor, elevated spirits, and joyful hearts. This will make the new academic year more exciting and more stimulating at every step. There will be new learning, new exploration, and new determination all through.

I am happy to share that this academic year we have taken a new initiative in our school. We have introduced extra-curricular activities on Wednesdays. These activities will focus on enhancing students' communication skills, written and oral, in both English and Arabic. The activities will also focus on fostering innovation, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, while instilling a deep appreciation for nature and our national heritage.

I am delighted to announce that we welcomed our tiny tots of FS1 on the 11th of September, overtime, they are sure to develop in confidence and poise.

Congratulations to the editorial team of teachers and students of English department for their inaugural newsletter, "ESK Chronicles -1" This will serve as a valuable source of information about school events and insights from our students.

Mr Ali Al Hosani, Director of SPEA visited the school on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 & was impressed after interacting with our students. Students assured him that they were happy learning and coming to ESK.

Together, as a united school community, let's embrace this new academic year with unwavering enthusiasm and a resolute determination to achieve greatness.

Sincerely,

**Haroon Ahmed**  
**Principal, ESK**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

World Heart Day(Red Day)	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September
World Space Week	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October
World Teachers' Day	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Mental Math Competition	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October
World Mental Health Day	Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Spelling Bee Competitions	Tuesdays, 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> October
World Food Day	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Character Day	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October
United Nations Day	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Quran Recitation Competition	Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October





# LITERACY DAY

ESK celebrated International Literacy Day on Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. The theme for the year is 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'.

A special assembly was organized by the girls of Year 6 to Year 11 to promote Literacy and highlight its importance.

Students wore t-shirts or hoodies to school with appropriate printed words or quotes and engaged in the fun activity of reading each other's t-shirt quotes and words.

On this special day, a plethora of activities were conducted across the primary and secondary levels. The activities ranged from bringing books to school and exchanging them with peers, poetry recitations, presentations by students on their favorite books or authors, poster and bookmark making, and creative writing. There were also competitions like the best literacy hat competition and reading contests in the primary section.

A number of students, juniors as well as highschoolers presented speeches, poems, show and tell, and power points in a special gathering to commemorate Literacy Day, while creative writing, poster making and bookmark making activities were conducted as in-class events.

An American author Garrison Keillor, once said, 'A book is a gift you can open again and again.' Let us encourage our children to read every day to increase their vocabulary and develop reading skills.

English Department



## EMIRATI WOMEN'S DAY

On September 1, 2023, ESK celebrated UAE Women's Day, paying tribute to the exceptional women educators of the United Arab Emirates. Ms. Rowaya Al Kindi (parent of Wafa Ali Majed Y5A) led an engaging and enlightening interactive session that shed light on the remarkable contributions of women in the UAE. The session was both educational and inspirational, leaving a lasting impact on all in attendance.

The girls students enjoyed Ms. Rowaya's insights and her ability to convey the importance of women empowerment. They left the session feeling motivated and empowered, ready to contribute positively to society and uphold the legacy of strong Emirati women. At the end of the session the Principal Mr. Haroon Ahmed awarded the Emirati Woman staff in the school for their appreciable work.

**Ms. Fathima Khalid Al Refai**  
Social Worker, ESK







# WORKSHOP ON OBESITY MANAGEMENT

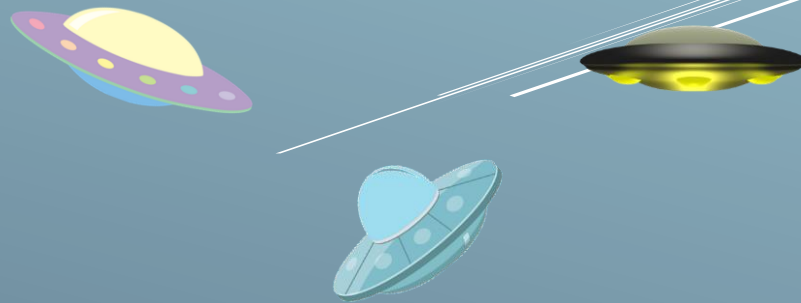
- We at the ESK clinic care about the health and safety of our students; therefore, we conducted an awareness lecture on obesity, its causes, complications and prevention.
- Dr: Yousra Abuhamed a public health consultant from Kalba Public Health Center in collaboration with school clinic, participated in educating the students about the harms of obesity and how to prevent it .
- Date of the workshop: 12 September 2023.
- Time: 1:30pm – 3:00pm.
- Targeted students:
  - Boys Yr7/G6  
Yr 9/G8
  - Girls Yr 7/G6  
Yr8/G7  
Yr9/G8

**Dr. Reem Hussein**  
**Doctor, ESK**



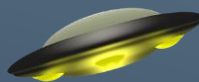
**FIGHT  
OBESITY  
TOGETHER**





### CELEBRATING THE RETURN OF SULTAN AL NEYADI

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, English School of Kalba celebrated the return of Sultan Al Neyadi with great zeal. Sultan Al Neyadi is an Emirati astronaut and one of the first two astronauts from UAE who was on a six-month mission aboard the International Space Station. Clad in beautiful space-suits, students entered their classes with radiant smiles. The entire school witnessed the return of Sultan Al Neyadi at 8.17am in their respective classes. It was indeed a moment of pride and honour for the entire nation. The students were full of anticipation and shared their vision of being an astronaut. Discussions about the way of living in space, especially the way astronauts eat and sleep with zero gravity lit up the excitement of the students. The heroic journey of Sultan Al Neyadi will always be cherished by the entire nation.



**Maheen Zeeshan**

**Teacher Year 2, ESK**







## STUDENTS SPEAK !



### Welcome to the School Year 2023-24!

Greetings everyone! I'm sure we all had a wonderful and enjoyable summer and are ready to start this new academic year. I would like to welcome our Principal, administrators, teachers, supervisors and students back to campus.

Last year, we learned a lot and faced many difficulties, but since then, we've grown and matured. Therefore, let us make the most of our time at school by setting new challenges and goals to achieve. Let us also work on our talents, dreams and passions. We should all believe that we can achieve anything we set our minds to and that we have the ability to overcome any hardship that passes our way.

Now that we are back, we miss last year more since it was an unforgettable year where we made so many memories, had fun and created friendships. We went on a school trip, ran a marathon, had sports day, besides other exciting activities. We learned about a new and thoughtful topic every week from the assemblies that were well-instructed and entertaining; it was a perfect and well-planned year.

Let's aspire to continue this year with even more enthusiasm and zeal than last year. Let us work hard, set higher goals, achieve the impossible, and try to make a difference in our community. Let us try to end this year with more knowledge and respect than at the beginning by working considerably on ourselves throughout the year.

I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead. Welcome back to school!

By Farah Mohamed  
Yr 11 G



### The New Academic Year at EPSK

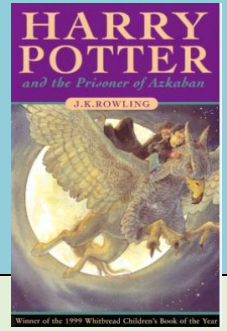
The New academic year kicked off with a bang! With our lovely school renovated, it brings even more anticipation and wonder towards the new students. We welcome our new students to our family. Speaking of the new students, our school is filled with wonders! Socially, we are a very engaging school whilst at the same time upholding high academic standard. I look forward to the exciting academic year that lies ahead of me.

Overall this is a well anticipated year which we hope to make the best of! Thank you.

**Imaad Gaidien**  
**Year 12 B**



## STUDENTS SPEAK !



### HARRY POTTER: THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

I'm a student who loves reading books, especially novels or series of books. I'm going to be talking about my favorite series of books, **Harry Potter**. Harry Potter is a very famous novel written by J.K Rowling, a popular British writer. Harry is a kid whose parents were killed by a witch at Hogwarts so he takes his revenge after he returns as a great wizard of Hogwarts School. My favourite character in the book is Hermione; she is very kind, has a great personality, and is a great friend to Harry. There are 7 books in this series and the fourth one (**The Prisoner of Azkaban**) is my favourite. The book is about a witch who chases Harry Potter in his fourth year at Hogwarts and it continues with the interesting events. Series books are really interesting to read as every book encourages you to read the next one to see what would happen in it. Books are very interesting to read as Garrison Keillor said "A book is a gift you can open again and again."

**Saeed Ahmed**  
**Year 10 B**

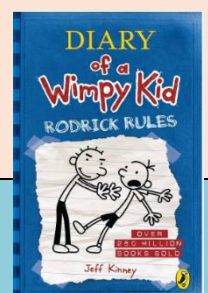
### DIARY OF A WIMPY KID : RODRICK RULES

My favourite book is **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**, I like it because the comic illustrations in the book make it very enjoyable to read, especially the thoughts and comments in the bubbles. There are 17 books in total but my favourite one is **Rodrick Rules**.

The reason I like this book the most it's because Greg Hefley, now in seventh grade, thinks he has it all together. He has mastered middle school and got rid of the Cheese Touch. However, Greg's older brother, Rodrick, is itching to cut him down to size. He gets the perfect opportunity when their mother tries to force the boys to bond. Rodrick may be Greg's chief tormentor, but he feels his constant pranks are just what his little brother needs to prepare him for life's hard knocks. Greg's older brother Rodrick now knows one of Greg's biggest secrets. It is the existence of his diary.

In this story, Greg now tries to make Rodrick keep his secret and not tell anyone, and the story ends with Greg helping Rodrick with his Science project for school called "Do Plants Sneeze?"

**Talya Ahmed Alasqar**  
**Year 10 G**





# OUR SUPERSTAR !



Wafaa Ali Majed of Year 5A achieved a remarkable feat, securing a position in the top 10, at the International Mental Arithmetic Competition in Thailand, competing at Level 1 with a standard above 8 & received a bronze medal.

Congratulations!







# PICTURE GALLERY

## SPEA DIRECTOR'S VISIT





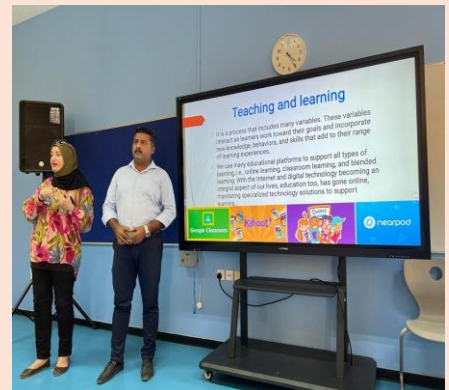


# PICTURE GALLERY

## ESK WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL



## PARENT ORIENTATION





## Pledge to my school

EPSK is my school,  
where I will obey every rule.  
I choose to always do my best,  
and study hard for every test.

I promise to respect both big and small,  
to always be kind to one and all.  
From my mistakes I will learn,  
Respect from others I will earn.

I'll be the best speaker and reader,  
for I am tomorrow's leader.  
Answers to questions I will find,  
To stimulate my growing mind.

I will honor our school's vision,  
Striving to succeed is my mission.  
Loyalty to my school I have vowed,  
To always make my teachers proud!

***Shaakirah Mesias***

