



ENGLISH PRIVATE SCHOOL OF KALBA

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WELCOME! FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Saluting the Nation on 'Year of the Fiftieth!'

I am so fortunate that we are in the year when the country is celebrating its 50 years of hard work, 50 years of achievements and 50 years of the Spirit of the Union. The school too celebrated the occasion with great pomp and show. Scintillating performances were put up by more than 250 of our students on stage. This was to express our remembrance and gratitude towards the father of the nation, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan al Nahyan, who laid the foundation of the UAE as we see it today.

Gratitude to the rulers of the UAE for their combined vision and efforts to promote intercultural interactions and dialogues among the peoples of the world. They have laid great emphasis on health and education, on their people and nurturing in all of them civic awareness and social responsibilities. Thanks to their efforts and vision, life here has been comfortable and equally content for all natives and expats.

All staff at ESK, are trying to instill in our students the skills and tools that would help them achieve excellence and grow into responsible citizens of the nation.

I want to take a moment to thank the Management, staff, parents, and students for making ESK a great learning place.

Wishing all a safe and joyous winter break. May Almighty make this nation the world's happiest and safest place.

Long live the UAE! Long live the rulers!

Happenings

25th of Oct- Career counselling from International Education Show for Gr12/Yr13

31st of Oct- 'Najah DUBAI' for Gr 12/Yr13

2nd of Nov-Kalba Parents' Council visits school

3rd of Nov-UAE Flag Day celebration

9th of Nov-International Sharjah Book Fair for Gr6/Yr7 - Gr8/Yr 9 Girls

10th of Nov-International Sharjah book Fair for Gr 6/Yr7 – Gr10/Yr11 Boys

11th of Nov-Tosca Lee- American author addressed Senior students Gr12/Yr13

20th of Nov - Universal Children's Day

24th of Nov - National Day celebrations

30th of Nov – Commemoration Day

9th of Dec – Assessment A ends

Dec 12 to Dec 30, 2021 - Winter Vacation

Jan 3, 2022 - School reopens after vacation

PARENT APPRECIATION

كانت الحفلة مميزة جداً هذه السنة . على الرغم من الظروف التي كانت تواجه المعلمون والطلاب . ما شاء الله ابداع الطلبة كان واضح في الحفلة والمجهود الكبير يرجع للمعلم الذي كان دوره العظيم خلف الكواليس شكري لادارة المدرسه و العاملين فيها من أخصائي وإداري ومعلم على انجاح الحفل الذي أسعد طلابنا . وأولياء أمورهم . كما أشكر مدير المدرسه السيد هارون الذي كان له دور فعال في نجاح الحفل اليوم الوطني .

Ms Hind Alghafri

ن قلت شكراً، فشكري لن يوفيكُم، حقاً سعيتم فكان السعي مشكوراً، إن جف حبري عن التعبير يكتبكم قلب به صفاء الحب تعبيراً. شكرا ادارة مدرسة كلباء الانجليزية وجميع العاملين بها شكرا معلميها شكرا طلابها شكرا لكل من كان له دور في انجاح الحفل لليوم الوطني الخمسين في صورة ابهجت جميع الحاضرين وادخلت السعادة في قلوبهم بمجهود واضح وكبير جعله الله في ميزان صالح اعمالكم

Salha Al naqbi

Nurturing Self-Confidence

One of the best things we can do for our children is to instill in them, a strong sense of self-confidence. This doesn't necessarily mean they will be the loudest in the room – quiet, more introverted people can still be confident, for louder people are often masking insecurity. Self-confidence is a key to maintaining good mental health in later life. So, the more we can do for our children when they are young, the better.



Don't do everything for your child

If you do everything for your children, you are simply teaching them that you will always do it for them, or better than them. Depending on your children's age, you should expect them to be increasingly independent with tasks such as dressing up themselves, completing homework, carrying their own bags, and taking responsibility for organizing themselves.

Praise effort, not outcome

Everybody makes mistakes and gets things wrong, and most people cope and move on. But someone with fragile self-confidence can become hung up on their perceived failures and mistakes and unable to focus on the positives. Praise the effort your child puts in rather than the outcome. 'I know you didn't get 10 out of 10 in that test, but you tried really hard to learn the words, so well done. Let's see what we can do to make it better next time.'

Encourage their passions

Whatever your children enjoy, nurture it and value it. Whether they are avid readers, excellent at chess, great dancers or amazing at programming, let them explore, learn and grow in something that they love.

Nurture optimism and 'stickability'

When your children face setbacks, encourage them to be optimistic and learn from their mistakes rather than making them think – they are no good at a task or skill. Praise the hard work and effort they put in, or the fact that they didn't give up – let them see that there is achievement in trying even if they don't succeed. 'What matters is not how many times you fall, but whether you pick yourself up again.'

UAE FLAG DAY 2021

On the 3rd of November 2021, the staff & students of English School of Kalba, celebrated UAE Flag Day.

The students proudly raised the flag of the UAE and sang the National Anthem, reminding themselves of the vision and values of the UAE.



SHARJAH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

Girls Gr6/Yr7 to Gr8/Yr9 and Boys Gr6/Yr7 to Gr10/Yr11 visited the Sharjah International Book Fair on 9th and 10th of November respectively.

The Book fair offered a wide array of books which ranged from Arabic authors to English authors, displayed in different bookstalls. The students toured through the different stalls leafing through the books on display. The books catered to all age groups, bringing joy and nourishment to all young minds. The range of activities, including sessions with prominent authors speaking about their journey of publishing their books, and the story behind their success, were a huge attraction for all.

The students were delighted to be a part of this educational trip, enjoying every learning opportunity, the Emirate offered the kids.

Student Achievement

Abdulrahman Ehab Elshisheny from Grade 12/Year 13 won the first place in the u/17 fencing competition across the UAE. The event took place on 6th September 2021 at the Sharjah Men's Club. He secured second place in the u/20 fencing competition across all Arab countries, held on 30th October 2021 at the Sharjah Ladies Club.

According to the champion, "Although factors like fear and tension, were playing active, I stayed focused and learned new experiences as I am still a new player to fencing." He added, "I had to face fencers with 5-10 years of experience between the ages of mostly 18-19. I a 17 year old, faced their attacks and believed in myself. And won!" Abdulrahman has proved that with perseverance and unwavering determination, one can achieve what they want to. Well, done Abdulrahman! Indeed, hard work and determination are keys to success.



Wafa Ali Majid of Gr2A/Yr3A received an award from Community Authority Development in Dubai Expo 2020 for spreading of positivity through her outstanding volunteer works.



Popular American Author Tosca Lee addressing senior students



VISIT BY KALBA PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council of Kalba visited the school on 2nd November, to provide a variety of support frameworks for the students including educational courses, workshops, and national engagement.

The Principal welcomed the council and thanked them for their interest in promoting communication through various techniques, that can help in serving the students. They were informed of the students' participation in a variety of school activities and educational school excursions, which provided not only learning experiences to the students but brought them joy and excitement.

The visitors took a tour of the classes of Gr12/Yr13 Boys & Girls, and awarded Abdul Rahman Ehab, for attaining first place in the 'Sport of Fencing.'

FATIMA AL REFAEI, Social worker



School Parents' Council Meeting

The Parent Council meeting was held at school on 15 November. There was a good exchange of thoughts with the President Ms Mooza and other members, bringing concerns of the parents to the forum, and the Principal Mr. Haroon Ahmed & other members of school faculty elaborating and taking note of the concerns. Members were appreciative of the school being able to bring 100% students on campus. The good work done by the teachers was also appreciated.

NAJAH DUBAI 2021

An insight into the future

A trip to Najah Educational Fair, Dubai, was organized for the students of Gr12/Yr13 on 31st of October. The students had an enriching exposure to the numerous universities in the UAE, offering valuable courses & programs. The purpose of the visit was to know the universities' admission criteria for different courses & programs. The representatives of distinct universities informed us about what each university offered, the certificates that can provide added privileges into being accepted, or the scholarship opportunities available. Some were honest enough to inform about the university's drawbacks, so that students do not fall into traps or must deal with unmet expectations.

Apart from that, students learned to take responsibility and communicate well; this was evident as the students were observed having quick conversations with the spokespersons, where they revealed about the programs they were interested in and enquired enthusiastically about opportunities and career paths. Additionally, some universities gave away brochures and even souvenirs, which was quite impressive as well as informative.

Overall, the day provided the students with much-needed information. The students found it to be a valuable experience, thankful that the school organized this educational trip and pleased to be given the opportunity.

The feedback from the student participants of this trip was a positive one, as it exposed them to the many opportunities and numerous universities available in UAE. However, many students thought that there should have been more universities participating in the event, as most of them focused on studying in UAE, Canada, or the USA, which limited their knowledge about applying to other universities, the UK or Australia, for example. Adding of more universities from different countries was the common feedback and suggestion given by the students.

Report by: Kaltham Mohamed Gr12/ Yr13

PARENTS' OPEN DAY 2021-22

English Private School of Kalba conducted its first Parent - Teacher meeting for the academic year 2021-22, on 9th of November 2021. In fact, it was the first physical meeting held in two years. Students, with their parents received the mid-semester exam papers from the teachers. There were discussions and inquiries about the students' performance in the exams, measuring the extent of parents' satisfaction with their children's results. Most parents were happy about the shifting back of their children to school campus, which they felt, has resulted in a positive and better performance by students.



Let's Salute the UAE - NATIONAL DAY Celebration

On 24th November 2021, English Private School of Kalba celebrated UAE's Golden Jubilee National Day with elegance and style. It was a spectacular show with 44 items that commenced at 9.30 a.m. and culminated at 1.30 pm. The school witnessed maximum participation of students right from Kindergarten to Gr12/Yr13. The programmes ranged from colourful Arabic dances to speeches dedicated to UAE's honour. It was a momentous occasion as this was the first post-covid public event organized by the school after two years of lockdown and quarantine days. The covid protocols were strictly followed with everyone including the participants, teachers and the audience masked-up and maintaining social distance.

Maha from Gr12/Yr13 and Aliza from Gr11/Yr13 were the English comperes for the event, while Abdulrahman from Gr12/Yr13 compered in Arabic. The show commenced with the National Anthem followed by the Holy Quran Recitation. The Principal addressed the audience highlighting UAE's greatness and welcoming the distinguished guests. The official welcome address was given by the Head girl, Kaltham of Gr 12/Yr13. Muhammad Ali of Gr12/Yr13 welcomed the eminent guests and the audience in Arabic. A plethora of programs followed, beginning with the tiny tots of KG whose delightful performances charmed everyone. Gr1/Yr2 – Gr12/Yr13 put up a remarkable show with an array of patriotic speeches, dance performances and songs. The national day theme-based live drawing by Shezza of Gr12/Yr13, the solo singing by Maya of Gr7/Yr8 and the poem recitation by Madhiha were noteworthy. The Vote of thanks was delivered by Muhammad Al Ali Gr12/Yr13 in English and Aseel Gr12/Yr13 in Arabic. The entire show was well organised, the efforts of the teachers and the school staff in putting up the remarkable event was very visible in the quality and standard of the programmes. The event was indeed a patriotic gesture, a nationalistic tribute to our great nation on its 50th National Day.

Report by: Ms. Shilpa George, Senior English Teacher, ESK.



EARLY YEARS UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



As UAE celebrated its 50th Birthday on 2nd December 2021, staff and students of English School of Kalba, joined the nation enthusiastically to celebrate it in campus. The entire campus was beautifully decorated with colours of UAE flag.

Students from KG1/FS2 and KG2/Yr1 conducted a special performance to celebrate the UAE National Day. There were melodious songs, colorful dances, fashion show, role-play on the culture and traditions practiced in the UAE. The formal ceremony began with the Principal Mr. Haroon unfurling the national flag with the National Anthem being played. Principal's message emphasized on the need for all students and staff to be respectful to UAE's culture and heritage and to contribute to UAE's overall growth. Children enjoyed the day while getting acquainted with the culture and heritage of the UAE and the hearts filled with love and respect towards the country and its leaders.