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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

COVID-19 made everything look surreal around us: people wearing masks, not shaking hands or not socializing. Most importantly, it meant that students were forced to stay away from campus for a prolonged period.

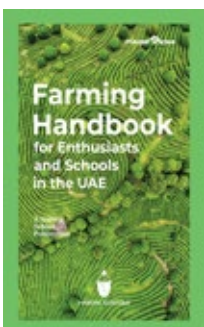
September saw a glimmer of hope where

many students started returning for face-to-face learning. In order to achieve full return to normalcy, we need the whole community to work together. We need to continue following the Health & Safety protocols laid by the health authorities in the UAE. The United Arab Emirates has led the world in dealing with the pandemic, both in the precautionary measures and in the vaccination drive. We have a duty of care towards ourselves, our families, our community, and our country to maintain this stature. I call upon all our parents and guardians to vaccinate themselves and their families, from the age of 3 and above. This is our way of saying 'thank you' to the country for all they do for us



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HABITAT FARMING HANDBOOK RELEASE (09.11.2021)



HE Ahmed Bin Rakkad Al Ameri, Chairman of the Sharjah Book Authority, and HE Sheikh Sultan bin Saqer bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Vice-chairman of Ajman Media City and board member of Ajman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, released the handbook on farming by the Habitat Schools at Sharjah International Book Fair. First copies of the books were presented to Vellasami and Shahmad, the farming staff in Habitat Schools.

Dr N.P. Ashley, who conceptualised the book, said the book details on agriculture, farming, soil, water, tools, organic farming, natural farming, farming in the UAE, the importance of learning farming in

schools along with the course design for grades from third to eighth and chronicles the Habitat School experience.

HS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remedial classes
Attempt for Guinness World Record for Website making
ASSET 2022 (Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing.)

40 YEARS 40 SAPLINGS: HABITAT STUDENTS MARK AJMAN RULER'S ANNIVERSARY (14.09.2021)

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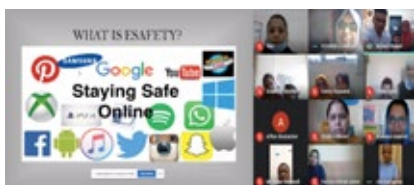
Ajman ruler H.H. Sheikh Humaid Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi has completed 40 years as ruler of the Ajman emirate. The students of Habitat School marked the occasion of his assumption of office by planting 40 saplings at Al Helio park, Ajman.

The certificates received from the Municipality & planning department of Government of Ajman, were presented to the participating students and the escorting teachers by the school Principal in a grand ceremony which was witnessed by the Onsite and online students with their parents.



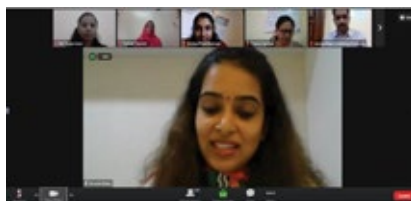
E-SAFETY ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS (21.04.2021)

An orientation was conducted by the School Counselor for the parents of grades 1-9 in two batches. The aim was to educate the parents for the safe usage of internet by their wards and information on the reporting, if any cyber bullying takes place



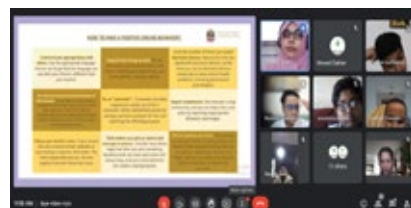
HABITAT CODING CLUB INAUGURATION (29.05.2021)

Habitat Coding club was launched for the students who have a passion for technology and programming. It will mentor students to excel and expand their horizons.



WORLD CYBER BULLYING DAY (17.06.2021)

As part of the World Cyber Bullying Day on 17th June, 2021 Counsellor and class teachers conducted a workshop for students of Grade 1- 9 titled "Positive Online Behavior", which was focused specifically on cyberbullying plus in other topics related to online safety of students in general.

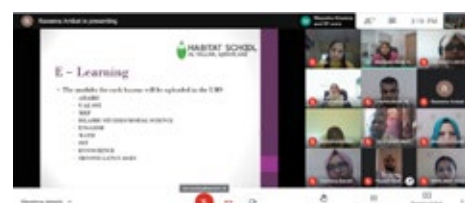


PARENT ORIENTATION (12.04.2021)

Children learn best when the significant adults in their lives, be it parents, teachers

or community members work together to encourage and support them. With this basic fact as a guiding principle for both parents and school for improving student achievement, Habitat School, Al Tallah organized a Virtual Parent Orientation Program to build strong relationships between families and educators. The parents were introduced with the school structure, school policies, E-learning

platform of school, assessment scheme of school etc. ensuring them a healthy environment for their children.





COFFEE WITH PRINCY

In order to have a cordial informal chat session, the Principal met School Council (Girls) on 28th October 2021 and boys on 1 st November 2021. They excitedly attended the session and shared their opinions and varied concerns with the Principal. They also shared their opinions on various school activities which can be conducted throughout the school year. They ensured to work side-by-side with the student body and the administration to ensure student events throughout the year are successful. The Principal too assured the combined support and coordination in the working of the School Council.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

To inculcate the leadership qualities among students and to give them a feel of functioning of the administrative body, the school prefectorial board was formed after scrutinous interviewing and selection. The Virtual School Investiture Ceremony was held with grandeur on the 27th May 2021.

The outgoing Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captain, Environment Secretary and Vice Captains and their parents shared their experiences and gratitude to the teachers and management in their speech. The

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

School Counsellor conducted training on Reporting procedures in the educational institutions for grade 5 to 9 students (onsite and online). Counsellor explained the reporting procedure by using PPT shared by the Ministry of Education. Counsellor included: Educational Rights, Abuse types and definition, System of sequenced procedures in the field of child protection in the educational institutes, Tasks and functions Child Protec-



tion Unit, Tasks and functions Child Protection Specialists, Briefed about Wadeema Law, Reporting procedure in the educational institutions, Reporting procedure outside the scope of educational institutions, etc

QURAN RECITATION (07-09.04.2021)

Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was revealed as a guidance for humanity with clear evidence and standards to distinguish between right and wrong. In the Quran recitation competition students memorized and recited different surahs. They participated with great enthusiasm and Certificates were awarded for commendable performance.



ceremony retained an aura of pride, honor, integrity and leadership spirit among all present there.



STORY LAND (23 - 25.05.2021)

"Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world "

The Kindergarteners and students of Grades 1 to 5 participated in a story land activity during their virtual classrooms. Children have dressed up in different characters, landed in other stories and performed confidently. They came up with the twist of many creative ideas and innovation in their stories

WORLD MATH DAY (05.05.2021)

Mathematics reveals its secrets only to those who approach it with pure love, for its own beauty.”- Archimedes

On World Math Day the students of Grade 1 to 9 competed on a global platform through the largest online-Math Competition conducted by Mathletics which is an educational platform for Educators and learners. It was a great thrilling experience for both the students and teachers. Grades 1,2,3 and 5 came under 100 world top-schools and Our 17 students came under 500 world toppers. Grade 2 bagged 3rd position in the Hall of Fame.



MEP ACTIVITY

Moral education seeks to instill universal values in students and empowers them to become active, responsible, and global citizens. It enables them to develop mutual understanding, respect for difference and empathy, in order to sustain our cohesive, and prosperous society.

Moral Education Activity- was conducted virtually for the students of all Grades on 31st May 2021. Students participated with great enthusiasm and showcased their creativity through posters, PPTs and the puppet show videos enriching their learning experience.



MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day was celebrated on 9th May 2021 in an exuberant fashion, keeping intact the sentimental values of the occasion. The Home Room period of the students was spent in creating beautiful Mother's Day souvenirs each one unique and special, which they presented to their mothers. The smiling faces of the mothers receiving them was a heartwarming sight. They spoke devotedly and recited poems about their mothers further enhancing the sentimentality of the day.



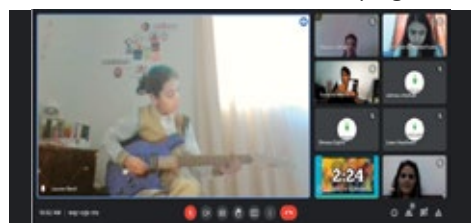
COLORING COMPETITION

To inspire and encourage creative skills, the virtual platform was given to bring out the creativity and the artistic talents among the children, through a 'Colouring Competition'. It was conducted on 2nd June 2021 for the Kindergarteners. Our young artists participated with zeal and enthusiasm and they came up with amazing drawings and expressed their innovative thoughts on

paper through a splash of colors. They have astonished our judges with their cute, lovely, and beautiful art.

MUSIC COMPETITION

Music helps students expand their minds and increase their self confidence, Keeping this in



view , an Online Music Competition (Vocal / Instrumental) was organised from 9th to 16th September 2021 where students were asked to sing their favourite songs /play songs of their choice on the instrument (real or virtual) of their choice .

Students were very excited to participate and the winners were awarded with the certificates .

FATHER'S DAY

Father's day is a celebration to honor fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. Kindergartners celebrated Father's day with a lot of enthusiasm on 20th June 2021. They were very excited and thrilled to come along with their fathers in virtual class as it was a rare occurrence. They made delightful greeting cards, badges for their adorable dad, played games and had fun with dad. The day was very special and everyone was startled by their cute words



CULTURAL HERITAGE DAY

Language is a reflection of a culture. Cultural Heritage Day was organised for all the Second Language students of grade 4 to 9 on 1st July 2021. The objective of the activity was to discover the hidden talents in the students and also to experience the different cultures of different countries which add to the flavor of languages. Talents like poetic recitation, self-composed poems, dance, skit, debate, song, and live cooking were performed very beautifully by the students. It was heart-warming to see amazing performances which indeed was a result of hours of practice.



KG JUNIOR MASTERCHEF

Kindergartners were donned in their 'Chef Caps' to exhibit their culinary skills in the 'Junior Master Chef' competition held on 13th and 14th October 2021 for KG 2 and KG 1 respectively. The competition was for both online and onsite students. Children participated with full zeal and enthusiasm as they doled out nutritious yet delectable recipes. Dishes were judged on independent work, presentation and speaking skills. They interacted with the Junior chefs to find out the ingredients of the recipes, nutritional value and the name of the dishes prepared by them. The event provided a platform for the students to foster their creativity and decision making skills.



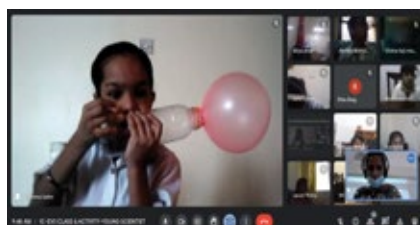
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

International Children's Day is a commemorative date celebrated annually in honor of children. It was first proclaimed in Geneva during the World Conference on Child Welfare in 1925. It is celebrated on 20th November in honour of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the UN Assembly. Habitat School, Al Tallah celebrated International Children's Day on 18th November, 2021. The students came to school dressed in beautiful blue colours. The children were exuberantly active for the celebrations. The teachers presented the video prepared by the Ministry of Education detailing the need to celebrate Children's Day. They beautifully coloured a Children's Day Poster. As Oscar Wilde promptly stated, "The best way to make children good is to make them happy", The activities designed by the school were successful in engaging the students and ensuring their happiness.



YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The Science Department conducted a Design challenge activity in September 2021. They were asked to choose their favourite topic and create something to explain it. They made still models, colourful charts, designs, working models, and so on.



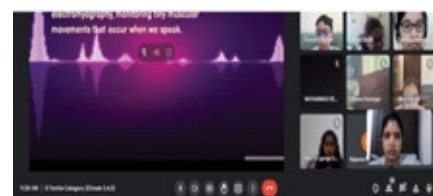
KG LITERACY WEEK

Habitat School Al Tallah observed Literacy Week with an array of activities through the week from 27th to 29th September, 2021. This week is observed each year to ignite and fuel new interest in reading, writing, speaking etc. The activities were planned to hone listening and verbal skills, decision making, creativity, abstract thinking etc and the week turned out to be an extremely engaging experience mixing learning with fun for the children.



EI TECHIE COMPETITION

By working on Presentation skills and public speaking skills, even the quiet and shy person can learn to present with confidence. As part of El Techie group activities, a Virtual PowerPoint Presentation competition was held on 23rd October 2021 for coding club members. The objective of the event was to enhance students' knowledge on the Trending Technologies with their creative streak and to express their ideas through PowerPoint presentations. Some of the interesting and innovative topics were: Artificial Intelligence, Google Lens, Cloud Computing, Silent Sound Technology, Virtual Reality, Scratch, Robotics, 3D-printing, Cloud Computing etc which were presented remarkably by students.



TALENT HUNT COMPETITION (24.25.10.2021)

Students of Junior wing participated enthusiastically and displayed their abilities magnificently in the Talent Hunt competition.

All the students were dressed up beautifully according to their role. They displayed their talent by dancing, singing, painting, drawing and storytelling and. The judges had a brainstorming session to reach their judgement.



FANCY DRESS COMPETITION (14.11.2021)

One of the most awaited events of the year, for kindergarten students. The objectives were, helping the students of the kindergarten to overcome their stage fear, bring out their inner talent, give them a platform to build their self-confidence and explore their inner strength. There was a lot of enthusiasm and excitement as the little ones walked forward displaying their vibrant costumes. A few to list out are pencil, erasers, books, rubber stamps, crayons and many more. The spectators were truly mesmerized to see the stationeries incarnated on the stage. The competition brought an amiable ambience and each participant left the stage with prolonged deafening applause.



UAE FLAG DAY



"HISTORY IS A CONTINUOUS CHAIN OF EVENTS. THE PRESENT IS ONLY AN EXTENSION OF THE PAST." -HH SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN

Flag day is marked annually on November 3 to celebrate the accession of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan as the President in 2004. It is commemorated every year on the anniversary.

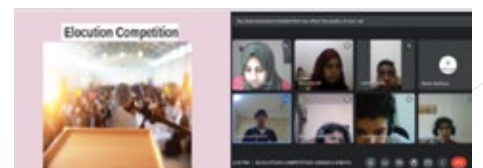
The UAE Flag Day is also an important occasion where Emiratis and residents pay tribute to the founding fathers and celebrate the achievements of the country's wise leadership. Habitat School marked 50th Flag day (3.11.2021) with a special assembly conducted as per the guidelines of MOE to unfurl the UAE National Flag at 11.00am with proper social distancing norms. The Principal unfurled the flag with the rhythm of UAE National Anthem in the atmosphere and a formal salute was given by all members followed by the speech of Principal.

LET'S CARE THIS SUMMER - 2021

A main feature of Habitat School is where students spend their time of summer break creatively while connecting to their roots and moral values. This year the theme revolved around 1)Self Care 2)Family care 3) Neighbor Care 4) Earth Care and 5)Social Care.



ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION (30.05.2021)

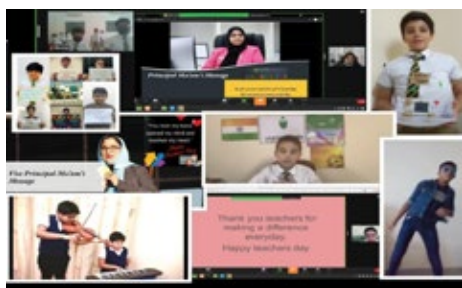


Speech is an important part of our personality because looks and beauty can gain only attraction, but speech and good language can win hearts forever. Habitat School Al Tallah virtually conducted an English Elocution Competition for students of Grade 6-9 on 30th May 2021. The students persuaded everyone with their oratory skills and the firm representation of their mind through their words.

TEACHERS' DAY (05.09.2021)

Special assembly was conducted by Grade 8B to celebrate Teachers' Day virtually on 5th September 2021 to wish and greet all the teachers.

In India, Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on September 5th to mark the birthday of the country's former President, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on this day in 1888. The Principal and the Vice Principal shared their thoughts about our teachers which inspired the students on this special occasion of Teachers' day.



SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM (09-11.09.2021)

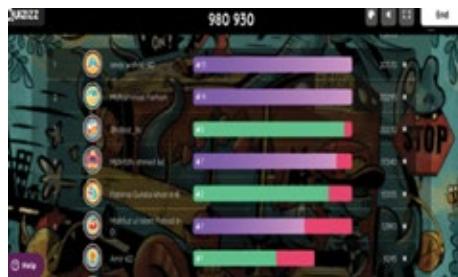
"HABITAT SCIENCE EXPO-2021" was organized in our school between 9/09/2021 to 16/09/2021

As a part of this, a science symposium was conducted for students of Grade 7-9. This activity and the presentation developed a scientific fervor and an attitude of research mindedness. It also enhanced their logical thinking and public speaking ability.



ISLAMIC QUIZ COMPETITION (11-25.09.2021)

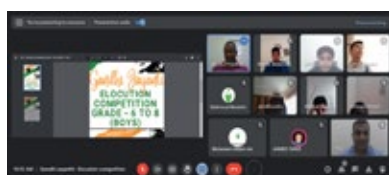
Virtual Islamic Quiz competition was held at Habitat School Al Tallah for the students of Grade 4-8 in September 2021. They participated with great happiness. Quizzes help students have a better idea of how well they are grasping the material, hopefully motivating them to study more and helping them allocate their study time effectively by focusing on the information that still needs more practice.



GANDHI JAYANTI (02.10.2021)

"Gandhi Jayanti" was celebrated on 2nd October, 2021 with the following programs:

- Grade 3- Story telling competition (based on real-life incidents of Gandhi)- "My Story of Gandhiji".
- Grade 4 & 5 - Speech Competition - Topic: "Why I like Mahatma Gandhi"?
- Grade 6&7(Boys & Girls)-Elocution Competition - Topic: "Mahatma Gandhi's vision on peace & non-violence".
- Grade 8&9(Boys & Girls) - Elocution Competition-Topic: "Mahatma Gandhi and Indian Freedom Struggle".



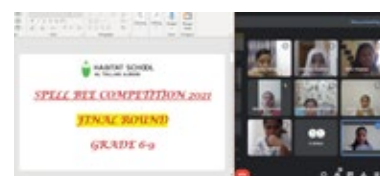
ASSET ORIENTATION (22.05.2021)

An orientation session was conducted for the parents of the students who attended the ASSET Exam last year [(2020-21) -Grade 3, 5 and 7] to provide guidelines to read the ASSET Exam report/result of their ward like Overall Score, Percentile, circular skill profile, strength and weakness under each subject Math, English and Science while reading the Report/Result.



SPELL BEE (16-23.10.2021)

Spelling Bee serves the purpose to help students to improve not only their spelling, but to increase their vocabulary to learn concepts, and to develop correct English usage for a lifetime. Considering it as a necessity of time and technology, Habitat School, Al Tallah, conducted an Online Spell Bee Competition for students of Grade 4-9 on 16th and 23rd October 2021. The Enthusiasm, the keenness, the fervor, the passion and the warmth of being in a competition to win could be a witness to one's eyes.



PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL READING LITERACY STUDY (PIRLS) 2021

This year our students of grades 5 A, B and C have been selected by the Ministry of Education to appear in PIRLS 2021 which is a comprehensive assessment of fifth grade students' reading literacy achievement and evaluates the performance of the students in reading. It is an international standardized study that has been conducted every five years since 2001.

INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY (22.04.2021)

The theme for the Earth day in 2021 was "Together we can restore our earth".

On the occasion of the Earth Day, an array of creative activities like poster making was organized to sensitize the children about the conservation of natural resources and to motivate them to do their bit towards making their planet even more beautiful. The activities of the day rekindled emotive concerns and instigated the youngsters to save, love and respect Mother Nature with all their heart and soul.



HARVEST FESTIVAL (25.10.2021)

Our students returned to the School farm, for a mini harvest. Special gratitude to our farming staff who maintained the farm well throughout the COVID 19 period. The land was never left uncultivated.

It was nice to witness the joy and excitement of our little students exploring their first harvest experience after a long time



COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST (CAT 4) -2021

As mandated by MOE our students of Grades 3,5,7 and 9 have appeared for Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT 4) which is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how students learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning. It is administered in three parts and consists of questions assessing: Verbal, Reasoning, Non Verbal and Quantitative and Spatial Reasoning

U.A.E. COMMEMORATION DAY

"An easy life does not make men, nor does it build nations. Challenges make men, and it is these men who build nations."

- HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

In the honor of those who served and sacrificed their lives to build a strong nation like UAE, Habitat School conducted a virtual program for U.A.E. Commemoration Day on 30th November 2021 to express the utmost appreciation and pay tribute to our righteous martyrs who sacrificed their souls for the sacred duty to protect U.A.E. Students could be seen excited in soldiers dress exhibiting their love and respect for great soldiers of U.A.E. One could sense the true spirit of Union among all the students and teachers.

Indeed, it is a great day to instill the values of giving, redemption, belonging, loyalty and courage our children.



U.A.E. 50TH NATIONAL DAY

"There is no glory without the glory of the country and its citizens. We have to be proud of our forefathers, who were able to face the harshness of life with a strong will and dedication to shape a better collective future"

- HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan

We salute the culture and history of a diversified country like the U.A.E. which we proudly call our second home. Habitat School virtually celebrated the 50th U.A.E National Day on 29th November 2021 with great pomp and show. We could see excited faces exhibiting their hearts full of patriotism, love and respect for the country. A Special assembly for the day was conducted. Students could be seen excited in traditional attires with U.A.E. National flag colours exhibiting their love and respect for the country. It is indeed a great day to inculcate in our children the real human spirit underlying a diversified and deep-rooted civilization like the UAE.

