

The Premier



Here we are, the Staff and Students of SJS, proudly presenting

The Premier

the official newsletter of
St. Joseph's School Abu Dhabi.

The newsletter will hold within its pages, the events of the term, announcements, activities and various other interesting happenings that makes our school life spellbinding and fascinating!

Special thanks to

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Principal's Message...

Our students have been engaging exceptionally well as we continue to build champions for life. As we walk through Term 1, viewing the laurels, we are filled with a sense of pride. The students have indeed achieved a great deal with the support of the teachers and parents.

In the first issue of The Premier, we have shared with you the academic results of our toppers and the success of all our students in various projects and ventures.

'The Premier' will be published at the end of every Term. Our goal with this newsletter is to inform our parents and community while we celebrate our successes.

I thank the entire SJS family, especially the editorial committee, for making this publication possible.

*Sr. Suranjana
Principal*

Elected To Lead

On the 5th of May 2023, the student parliament of St. Joseph's was invested. The "I Impact" was the theme for this year.

It is when Me, Myself and I transform to We and Us to create the I impact, that is: to Influence, Instil and Inspire, that true Leaders emerge.

Dr. Abdul Kader V.V, the principal of The Model School, Abu Dhabi was the chief guest of the day. The Principal and Vice-Principal invested the student leaders and house mistresses. The students led by the Head Girl, Shreya Pepsilal then took an oath pledging their dedication and commitment to the welfare of the school.



The Happy Beginnings of Grade 1

A cheerful 'welcome' is indeed a positive start to the young students who are beginning their school journey.

St. Joseph's School welcomed the 1st Graders to the new academic year 2023-2024 with great enthusiasm. The little ones were given a hearty welcome by the Principal, the Vice Principal, and an array of teachers! Their tables were adorned with their name plates and smileys. The little champs were humoured with rhymes, balloons and even name tents! There were little gifts too, to put a smile on their faces. The interactive sessions with the Principal, surely broke the ice and the students enthusiastically introduced themselves. The students then had a school tour to familiarize with the place. It surely was an exciting day for both the students and the teachers alike!



Bagless Day



Grades 1st and 2nd observed “Bagless Day” on 2nd June 2023. The students were thrilled to come to school with no bags. The whole day was fun-filled. All the students of grades 1st and 2nd marched to the auditorium. They did art and craft with the help of their art teacher. It was then followed by some Arabic activities conducted by the Arabic teachers. That really cheered them up! But it was the Grand Finale, the Teacher - Students dance that made the bonds stronger and delighted the little ones the most!

Children truly enjoyed the fun day without bags. It was indeed a "Feel Refreshed" Day!!

Let's Celebrate their Success!

CBSE GRADE 10



Avanthika Rajesh
99.2%



Gabriella D Silva
97.6%



Joana John
96.8%

Subject Toppers



Avanthika Rajesh
French, English, Science, Social Science



Gabriella D Silva
Mathematics Standard, Social Science



Binila Rajesh
Mathematics Standard



Anugraha Anna Manoj
Mathematics Basic



Aisha
Hindi

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CBSE GRADE 12

Science stream



Jessica Chandy
98.6%



Aishwarya Ramesh
98%



Nyra Rodrigues
98%



Rose Priya
98%



Aarya Sangeeth
96.8%

Commerce stream



Lisa Martis
94%



Sneha Rae
93.2%



Roshni Sequeira
92.6%



Shruti Rajesh
92.6%

Grade 12 Subject Toppers



Jessica Chandy
Physics, Computer Science, English



Aishwarya Ramesh
Chemistry, Psychology, Biology



Rose Priya
Chemistry, Computer Science



Nyra Rodrigues
Computer Science, Mathematics



Deldiona Prejomy
English



Ananya Vadlamani
English



Sneha Saju
Informatics Practices



Ankita Sudharshan
Biology



Lisa Martis
Accountancy, Business studies



Prasastha Seraphine
Painting



Roshni Sequeira
Accountancy, Economics, Business Studies



Shruti Rajesh
Economics



Sneha Rae
Economics

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Grade 4th organized a memorable Mother's Day celebration. Entertaining games were arranged and a dazzling Ramp Walk was the best part. The event was filled with joy, laughter, and beautiful moments as mothers, teachers and students came together. Mothers and children enjoyed quality time through fun-filled activities, creating lasting memories. It was a visually stunning and heartwarming event that celebrated the love and appreciation for mothers.



Mom: A little just above queen

VICTORY AT MUN

A group of 10 students attended the NIMS MUN- Model United Nations Conference held at New International Model School, Dubai. They participated in ECOSOC (Economic & Social Council), UNICEF (United Children's International Children's Emergency Fund), WHO (World Health Organization), UNGA (United Nations General Assembly). The students represented various countries such as Japan, India, Albania, Argentina and Syria, and debated and passed resolutions on the pressing matters of today. Our girls bagged several prizes.



Brainiacs Unite!

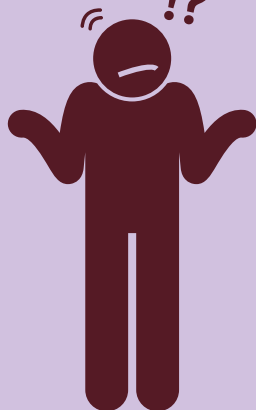
The school conducted an Inter house Quiz competition on the 26th of May 2023 for grades 11th and 12th. The competition comprised of several rounds like literature, current affairs, mathematics, entertainment, audio and visual segment, and general knowledge. The final segment was the rapid-fire round. All four teams were well prepared and participated with great enthusiasm. The Bluebell House emerged as the winner, while The Sunflower House, bagged the second position.



CAREER GUIDANCE

On the 14th of June, 2023, students of grades 10th to 12th were enlightened on university and career options in various countries worldwide. The session was conducted by Ms. Sumati Nagipogu and Ms. Simran from Intelligent Partners, Education consultants for Study Abroad programs. During the session, the students gained considerable knowledge on the various education programs and degrees most popular in countries like the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and the E.U. nations.

The students were also informed about the admission requirements in each country including aptitude tests, grades, college essays, recommendation letters and extracurricular activities that would be required. Opportunities like internships, scholarships and staying back in the country after education were add-on benefits that the students came to know about. The question-answer session helped students to clarify their doubts clearly.



AWARENESS ON HEALTH AND PERSONAL HYGIENE

School Clinic, organized an awareness programme on Personal Hygiene for all grades. The session was conducted by the School Nurse Ms. Deepu. The topics included hand hygiene, oral care, body and hair care, toilet etiquette, menstrual care and feminine hygiene, healthy food habits and the importance of drinking sufficient water. The session was very informative for the students, which will enable them to live a healthy and productive life.



VISION CHECKUP CAMP



Al Ahalia Hospital, Abu Dhabi team and an Optometrist visited our school and conducted vision tests and consultation for Grade 4th students and staff. They provided a detailed report to all the students and staff. The camp helped find vision problems at the earliest and advice and means to prevent them.

A TALK FROM THE TOPPERS

On the 19th of May, 2023, the toppers of grade 10th and 12th Board Exam for the academic year 2022- 2023, enlightened the students of grades 8th to 12th with a talk on examination preparation and study tips. The toppers explained various study techniques and methods, gave websites information as reference material, and illustrated the importance of extracurricular activities and the need to explore all opportunities and careers. The experience really made an impact, was fruitful, and filled the enthusiastic listeners with inspiration and positivity!

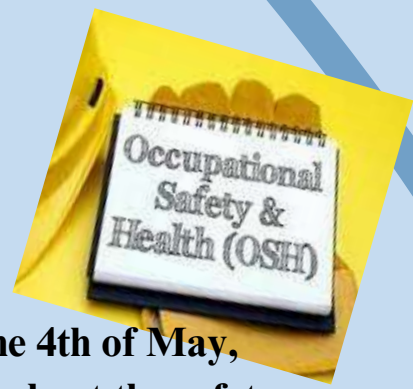


ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR AT ADNEC

The students of Grades 5th to 8th were taken on a field trip to the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair held from 22nd May to 28th May 2023 at ADNEC. The students were excited to visit the book stalls featuring different genres by well-known authors. Avid book lovers were seen excitedly browsing through books. Others were engaged in interesting workshops.



OSH WEEK



We celebrated Health and Safety Week from the 28th of April to the 4th of May, where the team conducted a variety of activities to educate students about the safety measures in the School, classrooms, and outside.

The activities were as follows:

Students dressed up like front-line workers, showcasing their importance as the backbone of effective health systems. Some did coloring tasks based on Safety Week, emphasizing the importance of safety in our daily lives, while Grades 3rd and 4th took part in the Eat Light & Get Active Awareness program, emphasizing how it helps to improve sleep and digestion, boost metabolism, and reduce blood pressure, keeping them healthy.

On May 2, 2023 In grades 5th and 6th, students made posters that created awareness among the students about the different safety measures that needed to be followed. The 7th graders had a PowerPoint presentation of the safety-related topics, and the Morning Assembly for the week was on the topic Year of Sustainability, conducted by the 8th grade.

There was also a fire drill conducted to test the overall emergency preparedness of those inside campus buildings. On May 4, 2023, the school buses were inspected by the OSH team to ensure the safety of the transportation of students.



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Talents should never go unnoticed, and talents must be showcased!
Every student at SJS is given a chance to participate and excel in various skills like art, craft, painting, poster making, and fashion designing with any 'odds and ends' to learn that 'waste matters!'

Then there is a whole chapter on Literature with creative writing, elocution, and Recitation. where students can simply pick any language and speak their mind!



Glitterati With Literati

Literature Allows Us To Be open, to listen and to be curious.

We observed Literary Day with an array of activities on Monday ,19th June 2023. The day comprised of a series of literary programs from Grades 1 to 12. It enabled the students to showcase their talents. It was a day filled with electrifying excitement and anticipation.



Grades 1st and 2nd had a 'Character Makeover'. Students presented themselves as writers or characters in different literary works.

The students of grade 3 performed Arabic alphabet song and an Arabic song, 'Ya Madrasi' which emphasizes the importance of school and education.



Grade 4th students got an opportunity to recite a poem 'All The World's A Stage' written by Shakespeare.



Glitterati With Literati



Grade 5 performed a song and dance to the famous Hindi song "Bum Bum Bole" from the film Taare Zameen Par.

Students of Grade 6th presented the poem "The Touch of the Master's Hand" by Myra Brooks Welch.



The 7th graders recited poems in Hindi and the meaning was portrayed through Semi-Classical Dances.

Grade 8th students showcased a captivating play titled "The Cop and the Anthem" by O. Henry.



Glitterati With Literati



Grade 9 presented a collection of French poems displayed various emotions and phases in life.

Grade 10 performed a play on "The Necklace" by Guy De Maupassant with themes of reality and illusion, beauty and happiness and ultimately, greed and sacrifice.



Students of grade 11th presented a renowned Shakespearean play, The Merchant of Venice, with their own special twist.



Finally, Grade 12 presented a skit titled "Mind your Language".



A VIBRANT DISPLAY OF TALENTS

*Showcasing of the
creativity, innovation and
leadership skills of all the
students!*



On 22nd June 2023, our school celebrated its Talent's Day after weeks of anticipation and preparation. The students of grades 9th to 12th presented their skills through a variety of performances encompassing- Songs, Advertisements, Surprise Acts and Dances. It was an Inter-house competition, judged by Dr Archana Ashok and

Mrs. Anjana Tomy. Shamrock House emerged as the overall victor, while Bluebell House followed at a close second. This talent's day truly was a showcase of the creativity, innovation and leadership skills of all the students.

We thank all our sisters and teachers for their support.



EVERY ARTIST WAS FIRST AN AMATEUR

On May 19, 2023, an Art Competition was held for grades 1st to 10th. The Art competition varied in its subtopics for each grade. Lower grades had coloring competitions, and higher grades had drawing and painting competitions. The topics were chosen to enable the students to bring out their creative ideas and train themselves to express their thoughts through coloring, drawing, and painting. All the students took part in the Art Competition with great zeal and excitement.



VERTE CLUB



Three of our students from grade 12—Karen Benny, Shalom

Roshyah and Shreya Pepsilal—were selected as the Sustainable Ambassadors 2023—Youth for Sustainability by Masdar Outreach, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalid Bin Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Our students participated in ECOPHILIA, conducted at Our Own High School in Dubai, which aimed at promoting sustainable practices and innovative solutions in the field of environmental conservation. Anahita Gupta (10 B), Caren Shelley Benjamin (11 C), and Mahalakshmi Thiruvengadam (11 C) bagged the first runner-up position in green gear, and Aaliya Sheikh (5 C) was the title champion of Sustainable Styles. To create awareness about conserving the environment, 'Verte' (the school eco club) organized several activities grade-wise on June 5, 2023, under the theme Beat Plastic Pollution.

Sustainable Ambassadors 2023



Karen Benny



Shalom Roshyah



Shreya Pepsilal



When the body and mind are in sync.

Sports and games are an integral part of a child's growth. Children who are involved in sports are seen to be more proactive in class activities. The physical training classes invoke their love for sports. While outdoor sports strengthen their physical health and make them brisk and vibrant, indoor games sharpen the mind and expand their critical thinking capacities and capabilities.



The Grade 7 Boat Race



Mass Drill



KABADDI.....

**The expert in anything was once a beginner!
A progress each day adds up to big results.**



BEYOND THE CAMPUS



GEMS New Millennium School

Invitation to CBSE UAE CLUSTER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

CATEGORY	AGE CATEGORY
Girls	Under 11, 14, 17 &
Boys	Under 11 & Under
Boys	Under 12 & Under



I TOUCH THE FUTURE I TEACH...

Good teachers form the foundation of good schools, and improving teachers skills and knowledge is one of the most important investments.


Hence, with a wide variety of PD Sessions, all teachers were enhanced with different 'guided practice' focusing on Curriculum, SQAA Framework, Assessments, Policies, Teaching and Learning Strategies, behavior, and Discipline Policies trained by the SLT members at the beginning of the Academic year 2023-2024 in April.

There were also sessions on Vocology, Teaching skills, and Motivation.

Some of our teachers also attended the various workshops outside school, conducted by ADEK and other CBSE schools.



An Overleaf Inscription



As we close the leaflets of our first E-Premier, which contain a backward glance of accomplishments and success stories, we gather a good supply of motivation for the upcoming term. We have some exciting activities planned, with the annual sports day taking up the spotlight. On the Academic side, our outgoing students will be abuzz with preparations for the final examinations.

But for now, it is time to relax, unwind, explore the endless possibilities, and gather unforgettable memories that only Summer can provide. We the SJS team, wish everyone a happy summer vacation!

