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OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL - FUJAIRAH

Welcome Early Years! “Ahlan”



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MESSAGE FROM HONOURABLE PRINCIPAL DR. S. RESHMA



Education is a life-long learning process. Surely our distinctive educational program and innovative research & learning methodologies encourages our students and staff to be the critical thinkers thereby developing key personal and social values where each one of us take the ownership of our activities which helps us to set goals to realise and release our own potentials.

It has certainly been an exciting and energetic re-opening of School after Summer break (new session for IGCSE and continuing of CBSE segment respectively). No one can deny that COVID-19 has posed loads of challenges, adaptations and acceptance towards new normalcy, but we feel with the support of the parents' community, our effective team and our strong, consistent health and safety protocols we all will march ahead confidently to take our students a step ahead towards normalcy & progress.

At OOEHS, we aim to empower our students with all learning connects to grow as smart individuals with strong open discerning minds with an international perspective, preparing them to make the mark globally.



We value igniting our students' young minds to spark their creativity & curiosity in the environment which has a framework of discipline that is flexible yet supportive with a freedom which allows our students to learn even from their errors developing themselves into an individual personality moulded by the correlations of freedom and responsibilities.

Communication is essential and we strive to connect to our students, parents and families, and community each and every day. With our health measures in place, OOEHS has been able to remain a busy place in regard to academic activities and its development for all. We will continue reaching out to you with our updates and happenings via audio, video, text via different modes. We also encourage you to visit our School website and follow our official social media pages including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Telegram Channel for announcements, information, and celebrations. Please keep yourself updates with all happenings at OOEHS.

As always, we wish to express our sincere gratitude toward our entire school community. We would not be the amazing school that we are without the help and support of all of you.

Thank you.

**Dr. S. Reshma
Principal**



ACADEMIC LEADER'S MESSAGE!



“Whose child is this?” I asked one day, seeing a little one out at play

“Mine”, said the parent with a tender smile, “Mine to keep a little while, to wash his hands and comb his hair, and each day do the things he should” “Whose child is this?” I asked again, as the door opened and someone came in “Mine”, said the teacher with the same tender smile, Mine to keep just for a while, to teach him how to be gentle and kind, to train and direct his dear little mind, and get the best he can from school”

“Whose child is this?” ask once more, just as the little one entered the door “OURS” said the parent and the teacher as they smiled, and each took the hand of the little child, “Ours to love and train together, ours this blessed task forever!!

Beautiful lines by the unknown author is the reflection of the journey of each student, parent and teacher !

My dear young charges, you all have already made your mark in the galaxy with your own craft This Newsletter is the perfect amalgamation of many moments of learning and growing together.

On behalf of the entire Our Own family would like extend our gratitude to our honourable Members of the Management, respectable Principal for whom the priority is : Students' wellbeing, safety and education. Heartfelt Thanks to my students, parents and teachers !

Keep shining!!!

**With Every Good Wish
Ms. Diba Siddique
Supervisor**

Early Years and Junior School : CBSE-IGCSE

WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK...

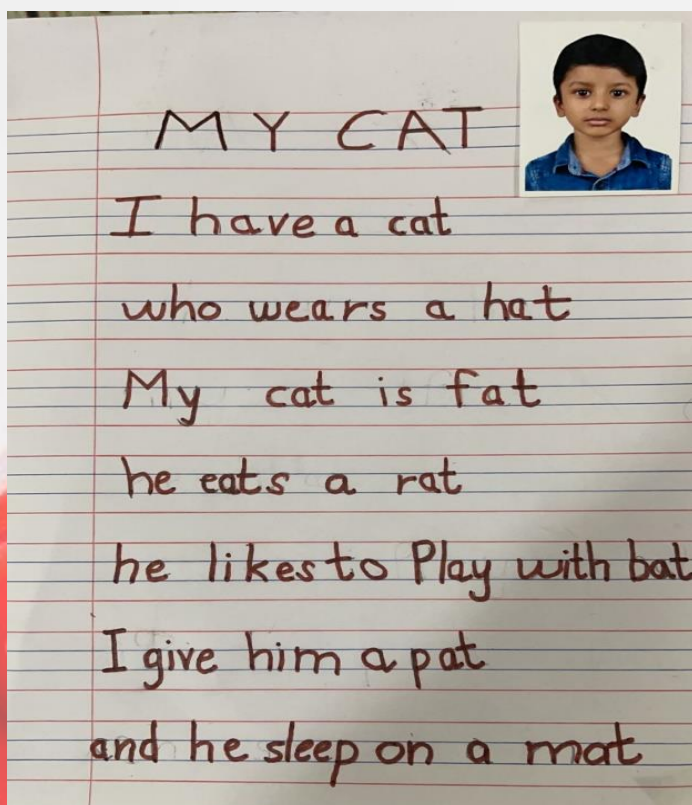
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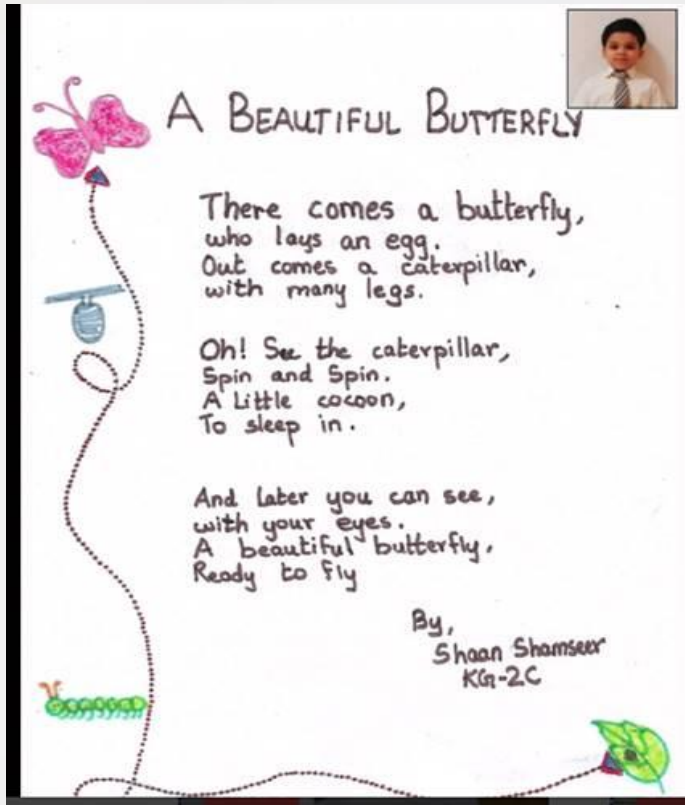


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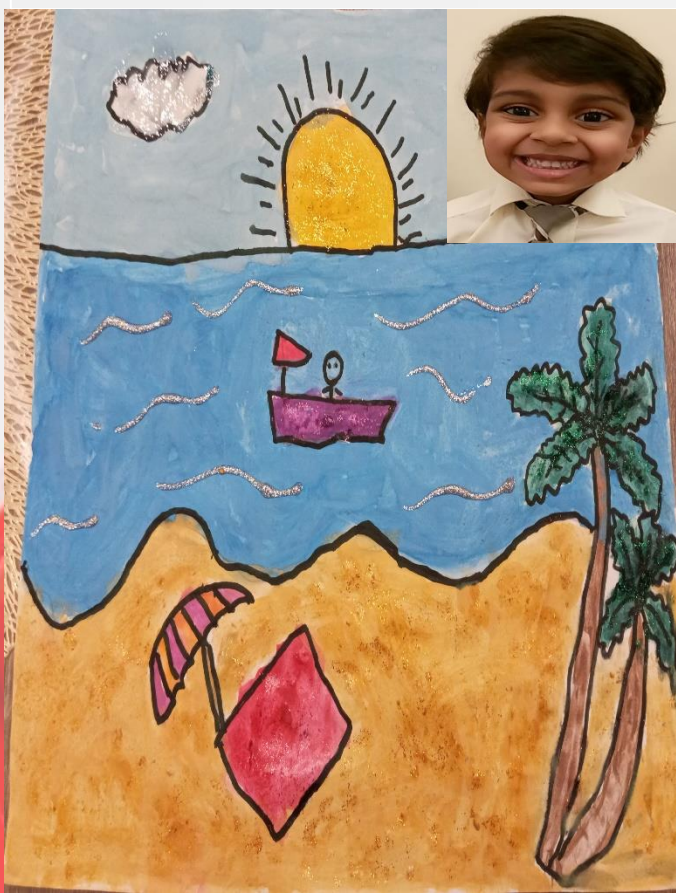
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OUR OWN TEACHERS!

The new norms...

By Ms. Shamsun N. Sherin

Masks are the new norm of the day,
With half our faces covered, our eyes have a lot to say,
Where elbow bumps have replaced hugs and handshakes,
Meeting a friend or family? Covid-19 has upped the stakes!

The phrase 'long time no see', has become clichéd,
The threads of societal communication have almost frayed...

Oh, when will we all meet without these restraints?

Oh, when will we get the news that there aren't any new Covid strains?

There was a time when the e-world was dominated by the younger generation,
Today, everyone's on social media, trying to bridge the distance caused by current situation,

A while ago, e-learning seemed like a vision for the future,

But now, for educators worldwide, it's become second nature!

One day we shall meet without masks, shake hands again and laugh together in delight,
That day we shall look back at the past and muse over how we all jointly survived this harsh plight!

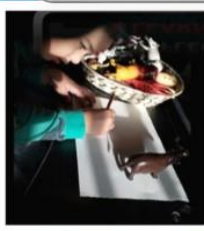
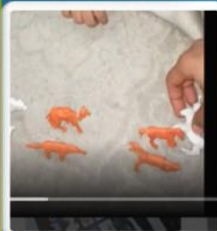


STEAM in Early years- Continuous and dynamic improvement process.

By Ms. Hema Cruz

Why STEAM ?

Through promoting education STEAM lessons will guide students to become effective by learning throughout life, "equipped " with appropriate knowledge, generic skills along with values and attitudes needed to meet the challenges of the 21st century .



What would STEAM look like at OOEHS Early years?

An important part of our approach at OOEHS is introducing children to the right activities at the right times. We introduce children to new skills and concepts when they are developmentally ready, making learning fun and natural. Science, technology, engineering, art and math are part of daily life. So children explore these subjects in an integrated way every day through books, discussions, experiments, art projects, educational games and more.



CELEBRATIONS

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY



Our Own English High School , Early years conducted 'Literacy day' on September 8th 2021. Formally, literacy is defined as the ability to read and write. Early Literacy is the recognition of letters and sounds in the alphabet, and is the understanding of print concepts such as reading left to right and how to form letters and also listening to the sounds, intonations, phrases and sentences. It is the development of oral language to communicate to others. Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) celebrations have taken place annually around the world. Literacy Day is meant to bring public awareness as a matter of dignity and human rights.

Here's what we did: Teachers conducted age appropriate activities with students of R1 and R2.

Students and teachers were encouraged to dress up as story characters and come to school and choose any one of the activity to perform:- A puppet show / A role play/ Character Portrayal and Characters Walkathon.



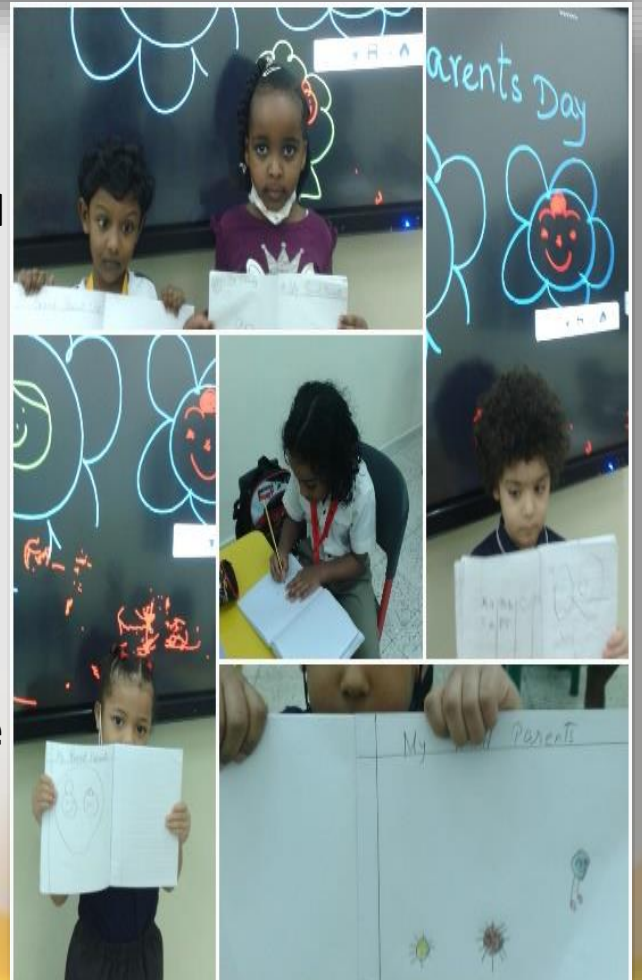
GRANDPARENT'S DAY



EYFS took the opportunity to express the love and respect towards the elderly people in the society and also to model this culture in children. We had organized Grand Parents' day which was celebrated virtually on 13-09-2021.

Teachers asked the students to select from five activities which are as follows:-

- Share memorable picture of your grandparents
- Make a video call and sing together
- Dance for your grandparents favorite song
- Story telling activity with grandparents
- Reading Qur'an with grandparents



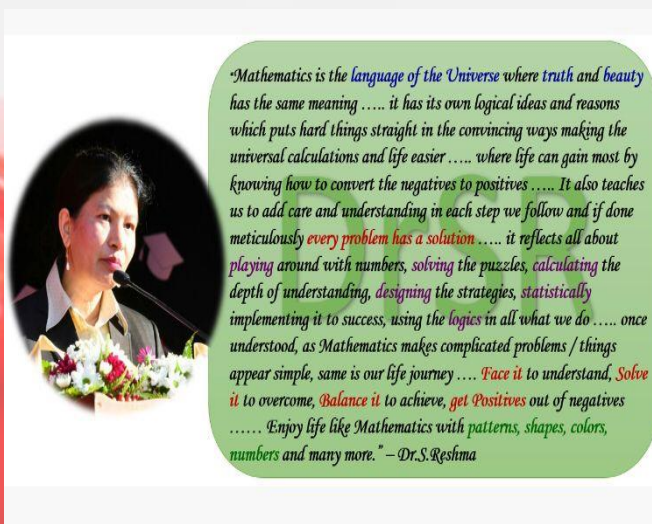
VIRTUAL MATH DAY

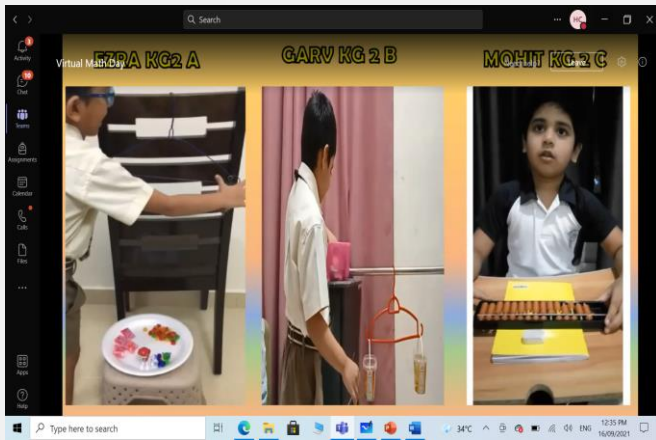
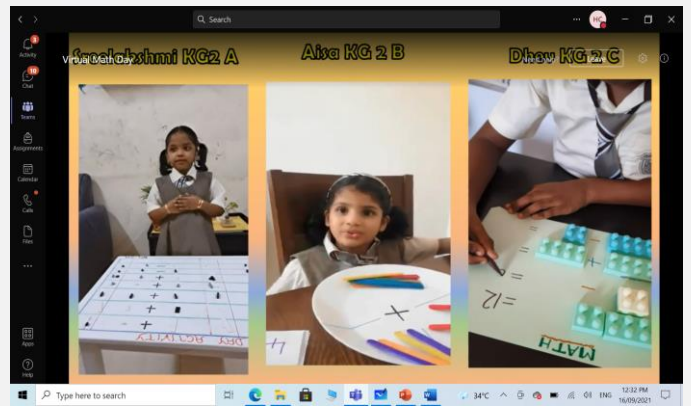
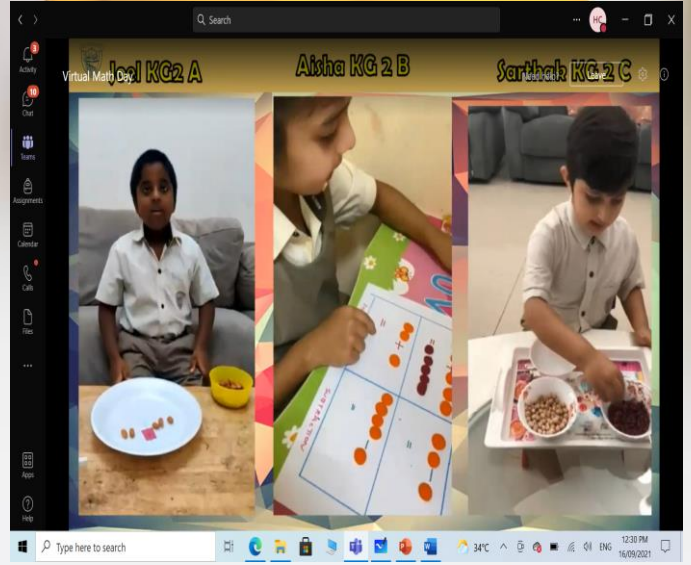
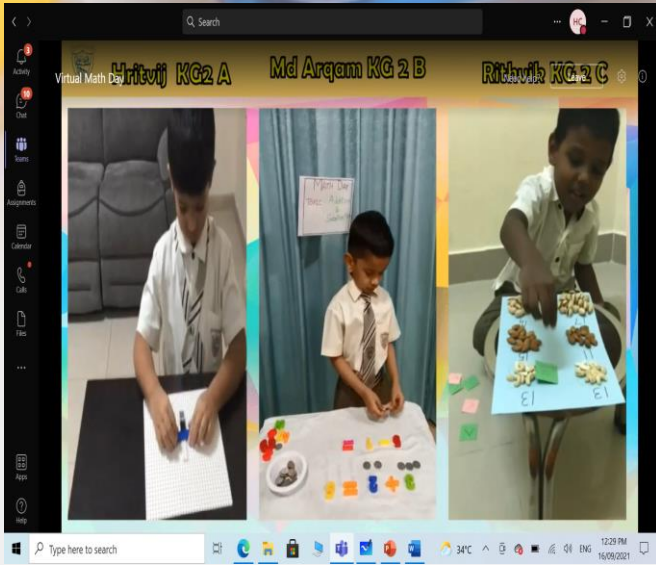


MATH DAY ACTIVITY KG2 A/B/C

The Virtual Math Day was held on 16/9/2021. The programme started with UAE National Anthem followed by a welcome speech by Neerav Chopra from KG2B and address by our Esteemed Principal Dr. S Reshma followed by a message from our Section Supervisor Ms. Diba Siddique. The thank you speech was given by Evelyn from KG1B. Virtual manipulatives benefit children in several ways. It helps students understand abstract mathematics concepts, leads to a richer and more complex understanding of concepts.

Students of KG1 & KG2 did a wonderful job by exploring their talent in the Virtual Math Day program.



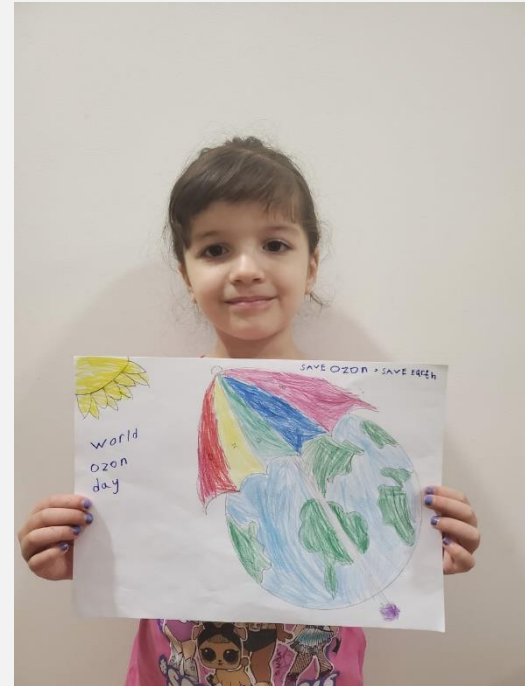


WORLD OZONE DAY



The ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. This year, we celebrate 36 years of global Ozone layer protection.

The teachers demonstrated the concept of the ozone layer protecting the Earth as a huge umbrella which protects us from the harmful rays of the sun. They used the example of how we use an umbrella to protect ourselves from the sun. The depletion of the ozone layer was shown by explaining how if our umbrella had holes in it, what would happen? The children answered that sunlight would come in through that. The teachers then informed the children that the same was happening to the Earth's huge umbrella as it was getting holes in it and hence the harmful rays of the Sun are coming in through it.



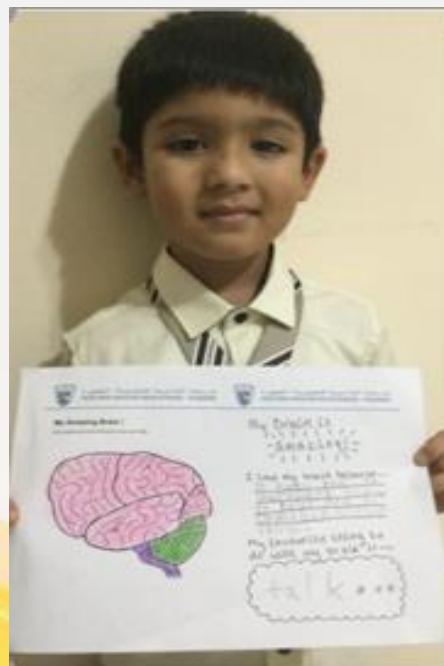
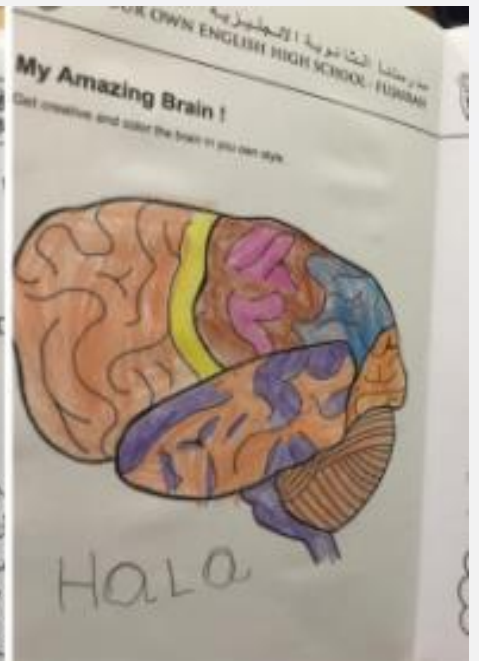
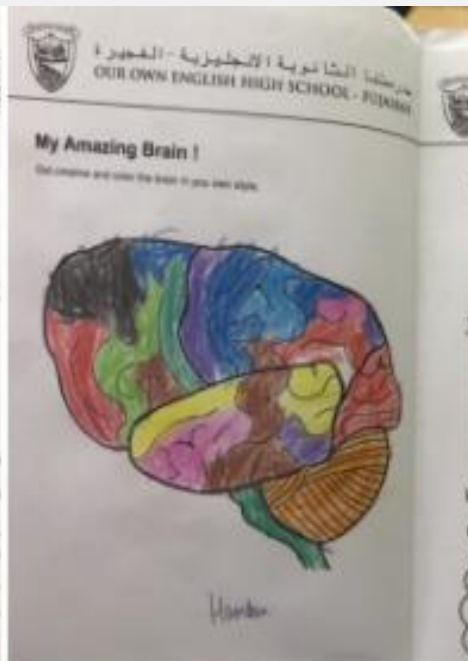
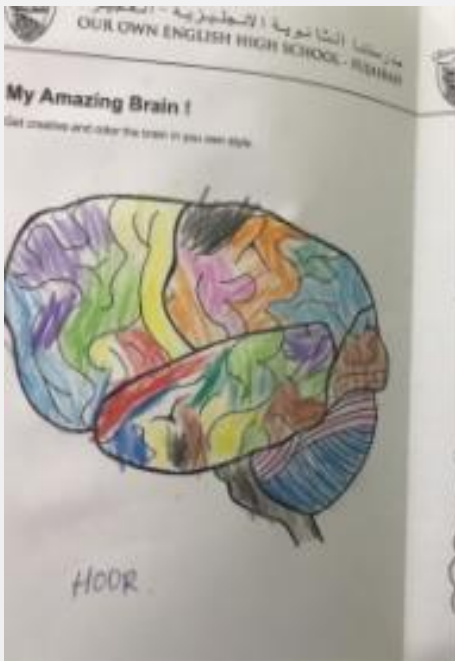
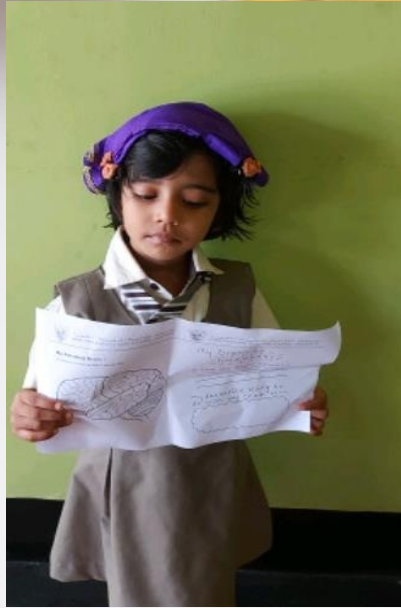
INTERNATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DAY



Early years at OOEHS, conducted Alzheimer's awareness event. Students were told about the importance of brain in our body . Students were encouraged to keep themselves and their mind fit by including a regular physical activity, eating a healthy diet and keeping their brain active through lifelong learning.

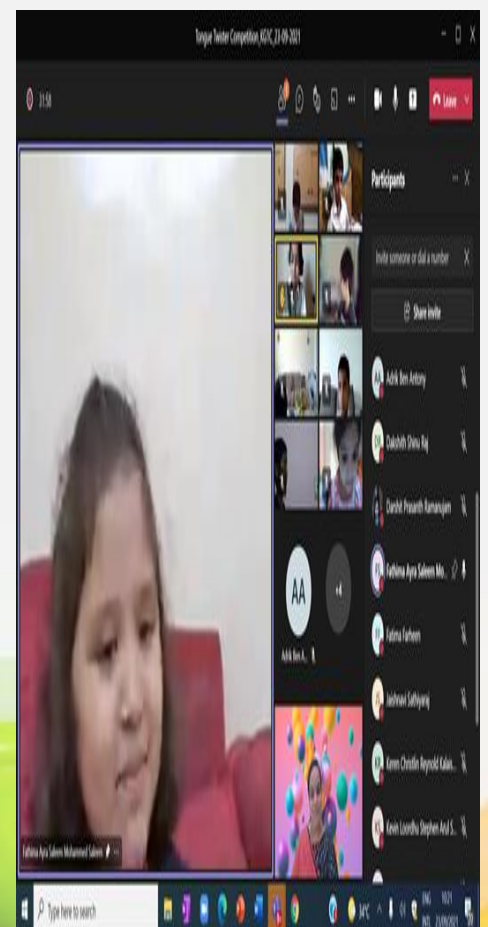
Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurologic disorder that causes the brain to shrink (atrophy) and brain cells to die.

Here's what we did: Students were encouraged to colour a picture of the brain using their creativity , followed with a parental engagement questionnaire. – My Amazing Brain.

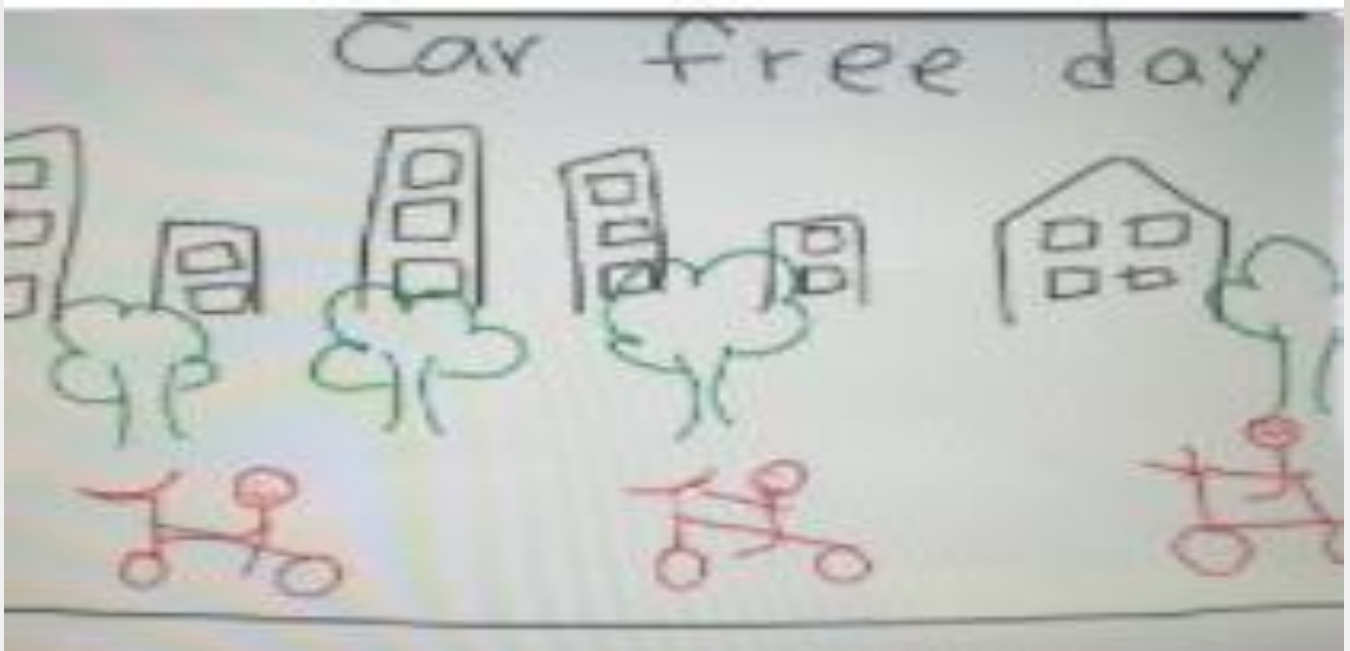


A screenshot of a Zoom meeting. The main window displays a presentation slide with a cartoon illustration of a yellow taxi and a tiger, and a sign that reads "two tiny tigers take two taxis to town". The Zoom interface shows a "Request control" button at the top, and a sidebar on the right with a list of participants and a "Leave" button. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock.

The tongue twister activity was conducted for CBSE KG1&KG2 classes on 23rd September, 2021. All the students participated in it. The activity was conducted during school hours in the respective Teams. English teachers from across the grades of KG1-KG2 observed the sessions. The teachers showed the images of tongue twisters for students to identify and repeat the same.



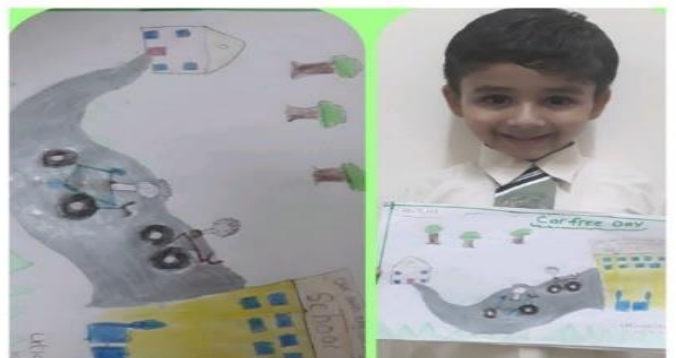
WORLD CAR FREE DAY



Why do we celebrate World Car free Day?

Motor vehicles emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which are major causes of global warming. World Car free Day is celebrated to help the environment and bring awareness to what we can all do to help. This wonderful event encourages everyone to give up their cars for a day and consider alternative ways of travelling, for example walking and cycling to school/work more often.

Here's what we did: Students were encouraged to design a poster to show how the Emirate they stay will look like if everyone avoided using cars OR to draw a map showing their walking way from home to school.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st September. The World Peace Day was celebrated at Our Own English High School, Fujairah.

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. It is a day completely devoted to promoting global solidarity for building a peaceful and sustainable world. This day is important for world peace. On the day of the celebration, students, teachers and staff started with an assembly on Peace Day. Students shared peace messages and a song. The EYFS students were engaged in different activities to celebrate this day. They made a peace dove using their own handprint and wore headgears to pass the message of peace.



WORLD HEART DAY

World Heart Day program was held on 29/9/2021. The Programme commenced with the UAE National Anthem followed by the Surah from the Holy Quran.

World Heart Day is celebrated on 29th September every year. It is aimed at drawing people's attention to heart illness and the range of health issues associated with it.

The day is celebrated to promote different preventative steps and changes in lifestyle that should be followed to avoid any cardiovascular diseases, like heart attack, stroke, heart failure and any other condition related to it.

Students of Early years at OOF pledged themselves to spread the message of importance of maintaining a healthy heart.

Activities conducted were as follows: -

- 1.Craft a healthy heart.
- 2.Discuss about heart health.
- 3.Heart hat craft activity.
- 4.Magical heart wand making.

Students enthusiastically participated by sending videos and pictures related to it.





CORE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

EYFS – CBSE & IGCSE

Mathematical concepts and real life connection

Tall and short, big and small, long longer and longest – these are a few concepts of sizes that our little one notice in everyday life. When sorting between big and small objects we are teaching the child basic mathematical concepts. The learning outcome which we seek to achieve is that they learn about different sizes, their descriptive terms and how to use them to compare objects in real life.



EYFS - CBSE



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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN THE EARLY YEARS

One of the developmental goals of the Early Years is to create the sense of global citizenship in the little ones, therefore our social studies activities are aimed at encouraging students to be responsible citizens and residents of the UAE and the World.

The learning outcome which we seek to achieve through these activities is for the student to be able to recognize geographical relationships of familiar locations in his/her environment (the rooms of his/her house/ divisions of his/her kindergarten).

Global citizenship begins with gaining an awareness of the local surroundings and then advancing onwards to learn more about the world.



EYFS- CBSE & IGCSE

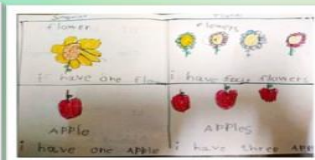


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Print awareness activities in EYFS

- ❖ Exploring environmental print using food
- ❖ Containers, labels, road signs and more
- ❖ Book and print awareness activity – ORT READING PROGRAM
- ❖ Reading corner in each class
- ❖ Word wall
- ❖ School tour to read signs and labels.
- ❖ Letter and sound activities etc

Emergent Literacy : Print Awareness in EYFS



Why is print awareness necessary for early literacy development ?
Print awareness is important because it represents a group of skills that are necessary for children to become successful readers. ... Without print awareness children will not develop letter / sound correspondence, word reading skills, or the ability to read and understand text.

SCHOOL CIRCULARS

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1	6/9/2021	OOEHS/Cir/11/2021-22	IGCSE-R1 S5- Parent Orientation Session	https://ourown.school/assets/files/11-21-22.pdf
2	9/9/2021	OOEHS/Cir/12/2021-22	School Social Media Connect	https://ourown.school/assets/files/12-21-22.pdf
3	15/9/2021	OOEHS/Cir/15/2021-22	Quran Recitation Competition	https://ourown.school/assets/files/15-21-22.pdf
4	26/9/2021	OOEHS/Cir/17/2021-22	School Re - opening (English)	https://ourown.school/assets/files/17-21-22.pdf
5	26/9/2021	OOEHS/Cir/17/2021-22	School Re - opening (Arabic)	https://ourown.school/assets/files/17-21-22-AR.pdf

TESTIMONIALS

Subject: Appreciation note for teachers and school team

Dear madam,
Good evening !

I am Anupriya Nagarajan, mother of Bhavya who is studying kg 1 A in OOEHS. On behalf of all kg 1 A parents and grandparents I would like to appreciate kg1A teacher Madam smitha and your team of teachers for celebrating "grandparents day event" This event made big smile on all our faces. You made easy to understand the value of grandparents.

My little one enjoyed very much and she was pulling my dress and asked where are my grand parents in the ppt. She was happy to see all kids along with their grandparents.when her grandparents photo and videos displayed she was blissedout. You are making huge impact on tiny brains.

Thankyou so much!
Regards,
Anupriya Nagarajan



Mrs. ANUPRIYA P/O- BHAVYA KG1A

Thanking Note

Dear Madam,

Appreciate this innovative move of teaching through e-learning. I would like to thank you for putting in so much effort during these pandemic time. The school has been off but learning hasn't, all thanks to you.

I'm extremely grateful for being so thoughtful and making the things easy for the parents. All the Activity sessions went so well, Mohammed Arqam is quite happy to interact this session so smoothly.

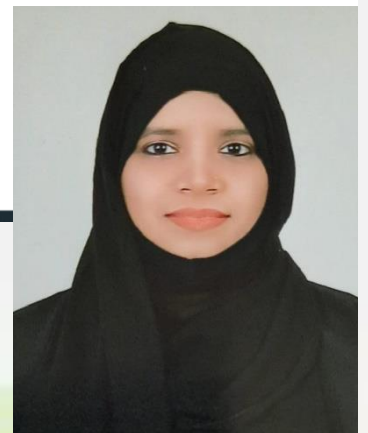
The work assigned is fun-filled and entertaining to which our child enjoys a lot. Mohammed Arqam knowledge to basic concepts are improving on daily basis. Also, he feels comfortable during the interaction session with you.

Thank you once again Ms. Esther for planning everything in such a thoughtful, mature and wise manner.

I would like to thanks the Principal Madam, Supervisor and the entire school faculty, for beautifully managing the Academic and helping us in this arduous time.

Thanks and Regards,

**Mrs. ISRA SAYED P/O-
MOHAMMED ARQAM KG2B**





WHAT'S IN STORE FOR OCTOBER...

- **WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – IG**
- **SINGING GALA – CB/IG**
- **WORLD POST DAY – CB**
- **WORLD FOOD DAY – CB/IG**
- **UN DAY – CB/IG**
- **BIRTHDAY OF
PROPHET MOHAMMED(PBUH)-IG**

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