

AL DIYAFAH HIGH SCHOOL

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Eye Online

Giving

back to the

world



Editors note



Education, healthcare, security; we have it all. We live in a peaceful community, a place where we can live lavishly, but most importantly, securely within the walls of our homes; but what we fail to recall is that there are people, who don't live the same lives as we do. There are people out there who experience 'hell on earth' every day, for whom surviving a mere 24 hours is an accomplishment. People who don't get food to eat or water to drink, people who have been separated from their loved ones, people who don't have homes to live in, children who cry everyday because they're lost in a world so big, a world where there is no one to care for them.

We are privileged enough to complain about walking to the kitchen to get a glass of water, let alone having to constantly worry whether the water we drink could kill us. We need to give to those who are in need, because to the world you may be one person, but to that one person you may be the world. You may be the one who makes their life better. Giving itself, is an honor, so then why not give what we have, to those who need it the most? We make a living by what we get and we make a life by what we give. At Diyafah, we're here to give.

It is definite, that we as individuals will definitely not be able to end hunger and poverty as a whole. However, have you ever thought about why many are bound in the unending clutches of the poverty cycle? Well the one thing that can be used to conquer poverty, bring light and life back to the downtrodden is... Education! If a mere 20 AED is spent at a mini carnival, two to three pupils receive: a notebook, pencils, and maybe even new uniforms. This in turn gives rise to the number of children being educated each year. Therefore, in time, dissolving the term poverty completely!

Let's hit closer to home. Or as the saying goes: "Charity begins at home." So many of us think that we have to go out into the world to serve, but as we search for that nearby orphanage or special needs institution, we forget how many isolated, needy members of society exist in our immediate circle. Is there a nephew in your life without anyone to take him to (or pay for) his school? Is there an elderly aunt whose car needs an oil change?

How many times have you thought: "My work schedule dominates all my time, and therefore even though I would like to give back, it just isn't feasible. Well here is a thought; the value of a person's life is not determined by the amount of money in a bank account, a certain number of cars or the square footage of a home. Rather, the value of a person's life is determined by how we affect others and the impact we leave on the world. One of the best ways to renew the blood pumping through your veins, literally, is to contribute at Blood Donation Campaigns. Not only is this a good way to get a blood test and checkup done, but could also save someone's life. This way Diyafah not only involves its students, but teachers, parents and support staff. In a nutshell, any good doers are welcomed into the bosom of the Diyafah family.

We Diyafites aspire to be the change that we would like to see in the world and shall begin by giving back. Hence, we do hope that you enjoy this month's edition of "EYE ONLINE", keeping this quote by Kathy Calvin in mind: "Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."

By Maira Rafique and Leanne Gomes -9G1

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TSL Competition

Each year, the acclaimed education programmes of The Living Rainforest welcomes over 25,000 school children. The Trust for Sustainable Living invites school children around the world to share their thoughts on the future of sustainable cities. Fortunately, this year, the students of Al Diyafah High School were bestowed with the golden opportunity to enter this competition, and let their light shine worldwide.

Although the competition was tough, nine Diyafites made it through the finals, thus again getting an amazing chance to attend the TSL debate 2016 – Dubai, at the Jumeirah English Speaking School. Not only did the students learn the structure and format of debating but also mingled with students from 17 different countries. This helped in enhancing their knowledge, as well as, it raised the boundaries of thoughts and point of views to a whole new level.

Grouped randomly, teams were given tree names to keep the eco-friendly spirits up.

Brainstorming, critical thinking and of course, having a thrill were some of the exciting things the students experienced with their new friends.

First, the students delivered their speeches, answering the given ques-

tion: Are Sustainable cities possible? With boasting confidence. This was followed by group presentations, where teamwork played an important role. Lastly, the event's curtain was drawn with a note of celebration. Students received awards for their outstanding performances, both in writing essays and for presenting their arguments.

They say you can't win them all, but for Diyafites, the sky is the limit. Congratulation to :

Hamnah Waqar – Recipient of the fourth position, out of 135 other winners for the TSL essay writing competition.

Syeda Hamna Maqsood - Member of the winning team (Mahogany), one of the eight other teams for the TSL debate competition 2016.



Hamna Waqar - 8G1

And So The Adventure Begins...

“A bright future beckons. The onus is on us, through hard work, honesty and integrity, to reach for the stars.” –Nelson Mandela

Through obstacles, hurdles and challenges, the Year 13 students have faced it all. On 21st April, 2016, the event that marks an important milestone in each high school student's life was celebrated – The Graduation Ceremony. Al Diyafah High School bid adieu to some of the most beloved students who walked through these hallways.

With pleasant music playing behind them, the students of Year 13 walked down the aisle, dressed formally in academic regalia, with accomplishment flickering in their

eyes, making their way onto the stage where the lights focused on all of their achievements. The Principal - Ms. Johnston, and the Head of School - Ms. Shetty, addressed the graduates with an inspiring speech that served as an encouragement to reach for the stars and follow the bright future that beckons. It then continued on to the significant part of the ceremony, the conferring of the graduation certificates. As their names were called one by one, each student beamed with pride and made their way down to the dais where the Principal, Head of School, Chief Guest - Ms. Vanessa Northway, from The Herriot-Watt University, and Guests of Honour took turns to felicitate the students with their certificates. The graduating Head Boy, Nirmal Wijesinghe, and Deputy Head Boy, Joshua De Moss, delivered speeches on behalf of the whole graduating batch. They talked about all the fun, crazy and incredible days they had with their friends and shared some fond memories from their school years. Surely their peers were left reminiscing too. The students presented a video, dedicated to the teachers, titled “Here's To You” that was truly heart-warming and it thanked each teacher for their love and devotion.



The teachers too had a surprise in store for them. With the guidance of Diyafah's own musical genius, Ms. Anne De Jonk, they performed a heartfelt rendition of Green Day's hit song "Time of Your Life," expressing their love to the graduates and wishing them the best for their onward journey.

When the lights were switched off and the whole space was painted in darkness, the school choir sang a beautiful and soulful song that conveyed a message to the graduates of carrying their candles of hope and spreading the light to the places of darkness where the helpless need it the most. As all the graduates and choir members held up lit candles, the audience waved their mobile torches high up; the illumination embraced the sky with a radiant glow. It was truly a moving and inspirational moment.



Recalling their school life, the students presented a video – "Here's To Us" that portrayed their ardent camaraderie and close bond with each other. Towards the end of the ceremony, a few students, excelling in their individual fortes, were awarded for their hard work and achievements. The ADHS Year Book, for the year 2015-2016, titled "In Our Shoes," was released and applauded.

Teekshita Kamalakannan was declared the Valedictorian for 2015 – 2016. Mohit Nihalani was declared "Student of Honour". Both of them thanked their Parents and Teachers for mentoring and guiding them through their academic journey.

Finally, came the much anticipated moment, the mark of the ceremony that every graduate looks forward to, the tossing of their hats, thus commemorating them as "graduates."

Certainly each graduate may have memories of their first day at school. Some came in as toddlers, clinging on to their mothers for support; some as timid tweens and some as confident teenagers, but on that day, despite their different entrances, they were all on the same threshold, embarking on a new adventure, a new chapter, a new story. Each of their endeavours were esteemed and all their efforts cherished and now it was their time to spread their wings and soar toward the future, with no strings attached.

No doubt each and every graduate will preserve all these precious memories throughout their life, as the whole Diyafah family wishes them the very best.
Con-GRAD-ulations!

Gianna Mathew – 8G, Raissa Islam - 9G

Law and Order-MUN

3 days – 28th, 29th, 30th of April

Venue – Indian High School

1st day- Sessions and Opening Ceremony

2nd day – Gala and Sessions

3rd day – Awards, Closing Ceremony and sessions

Students – 19

On 28th April, ADHS sent 19 delegates to attend the prestigious event, IHSMUN: Indian High School Model United Nations. It was a learning experience for all the students who attended.

The event kicked-off with a spectacular opening ceremony that consisted of three traditional dances and a band performance. The delegates were then separated into their respective committees which were: DISEC, UNCND, Legal, UN-HRC, WHA, IAEA, UNSC, and Press

Corps. Each day comprised of three sessions with lunch breaks. All students whole-heartedly participated in vigorous debates.

The second day started with another debate session. Everyone attended the Gala evening. The highlight of the evening was dancing and singing along with dinner. All the students had tons of fun. The dinner consisted of a sumptuous buffet.

The last day was fun as well. However, students were disappointed to leave their new found friends. MUN ended with the award and closing ceremony with all the chairs signing off for the last time.



Veena Madhu-9G1

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WHAT OUR DIYAFITES HAVE TO SAY....

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



I worked on two agendas: 'The threat of transnational organized crime' and 'The Ukrainian Crisis'. I feel extremely privileged to having been a part of it. The conference was a real eye-opener, I learnt a lot about various global issues. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience and will continue going to such conferences.

- Rhea Shetty (10-G)

My experience at MUN was like no other. It was purely amazing. Though on the first day we were nervous, on the second and third day we rocked. It was Learning with the thrill...

- Vismai Khanderao (10 B)



IHSMUN2K16 was definitely a 72 hour rollercoaster. With three days of nonstop debating, extempore speeches and fiery sessions, representing the Republic of Poland at the World Health Assembly was certainly one of the most unforgettable moments in my life. MUN has showed me what the word "competition" truly defines.

- Daniel Cardozo (10 B)

After 24 hours of intense negotiation, I remember the exact phrase I told my Mom, "I want to do this for the rest of my life". The moments of crisis and conflict, of negotiation and leadership, were the moments I longed for.

- Ricky Advani (10 B)



"The MUN global conference held at IHS was an uplifting experience for me as it showed me how the provision of right kind of environment could bring out the best in all of us! It was great to see our diyafites shed their inhibitions and delve into world issues. This experience will be the anlage of MUN-Diyafah!"

- Robin D'Souza (Student Mentor)



Blood Donation – Donate !



Tears of a mother may not save a life but your blood can. On April 20th 2016, from 8 am to 1 pm the Diyafah A V Room was buzzing with activity with a common goal in mind –“ The Blood Donation Drive”.

A stunning number of approximately 130 people showed up to promote. At the end of the day, 27,900 ml of blood was donated to Latifa hospital.

The event was a phenomenal success due the enthusiastic and zealous support from all the donors. On behalf of the Diyafah family we extend our sincerest appreciation to all those who spent time and cleared their busy schedules to volunteer. We applaud you.

Vidya Vardhini -9G1

Food for Thought

On 20th April, the school quadrangle was pervaded with the tantalising and lip smacking aroma of cheese toasties and freshly baked goodies. You could hear the excited screams of children, food vendors shouting, and the music from the booth of the game of chance.

It was a school event that allowed both students and parents to contribute in any way possible for charity. Many students opted to make freshly baked goods charged at 3AED per piece and students were extremely creative with their recipes: cake pops, waffles, geeky themed goods. In addition to the delectable food there were beautiful handicrafts personally made by students, stunning art work and jaw dropping fan merchandises.

The fund raised through this event will be used for Community Projects.

Nicole Sequeria– 9G1





Diyafah's mini

Carnival – 20th

April 2016

Are you looking for fun, excitement and play while learning... Diyafah is the place to be in! Mini Carnival was one such unforgettable memories you'll cherish forever. We had games, food, souvenirs and creative stalls, shows, name it we had it all... there was the happy laughter, playful cheers and the delicious aroma of different flavours of different food from all over the world... You wish it never ended but as the saying goes... all good things must end finally!

Taqwa Fahim Kazi

Know Your UAE!



“The future will be for those who adopt innovation.” – HH. Sheikh Mohammed.

Following that very quote, the Primary Department of Social Studies was busy at work, in order to inculcate developments in the diverse culture and the modern infrastructure of the UAE. This was achieved by encouraging the students of years 1-6, to create captivating and colorful brochures based on multitude aspects of the UAE.

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EEG Public Speaking Competition 2016

Al Diyafah High School never lets an opportunity to shine brighter slip out of their hands. A team of five students: Anandita Noronha, Ria Rajan, Hiba Adil, Yashaswini Vadrevu, and Tanushri Warriar participated in the 16th Emirates Environmental



Group inter - school public speaking competition on 25th April, 2016. The event was held at Knowledge Village auditorium with a total of 48 participating schools across UAE.

The two topics were: 'climate change: Impact on water security' and 'alternative renewable resources: a viable option?' One topic was chosen by each school to present a maximum of a 7 minute presentation, explaining their

views and solutions. The ADHS team chose the second topic. The Diyafites engaged themselves in this competition, rose to the occasion and achieved the 5th position out of the 24 schools competing on the given topic of 'Alternative Renewable resources: A viable option?'

The event was encouraged by the EEG's chairperson Ms Habiba Al Marashi and she brought a wide number of students together to share their thoughts on environment issues and ways we can save our only home: Earth. This was a memorable and fascinating experience for the team as well as a great start for the spread of awareness in school or at home.



Hiba Adil -8G1

YOUNG WRITERS SHINE

Tushar Rathore, Year 6B, was awarded the first place in the 11 & under category in the Oxford University Press Story Writing Competition.

The prize-giving ceremony took place on 12th of March at the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature in the InterContinental Events Centre (Festival City, Dubai).

The prize:

- His story is published in a book along with the rest of the winning entries and he has received a copy of the book along with a plaque.
- He has attended a session especially put together for the winners by acclaimed author, Gill Lewis.

Congratulations and well done, Tushar!



Emirates Airline Festival of Literature

Mar 12 at 12:21pm • 🌐

Young Writers Shine in 2016
#YearofReading - Congratulations to all the @OUPELTGlobal winners! #EAFOL16
<http://ow.ly/Znnwk>



Young Writers Shine in 2016 Year of Reading



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I had an exhilarating experience. It was Saturday morning and I was very excited to be part of the workshop that was held for the prize winners of the writing competition. If you find a good workshop you will reap the benefits.

Situated at Heritage village, the setting was of an ancient and rural kind, which fascinated me the most.

The 2 hour session began with an introduction by Miss Jenny, who was conducting the workshop and followed by the winners of Story writing competition and Taleem awards - like me.

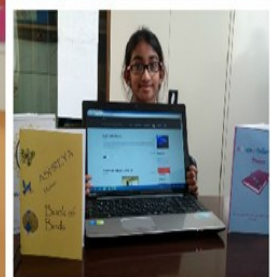
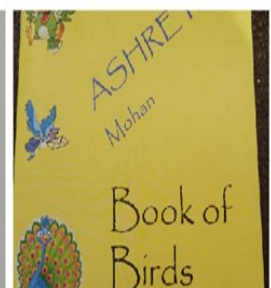
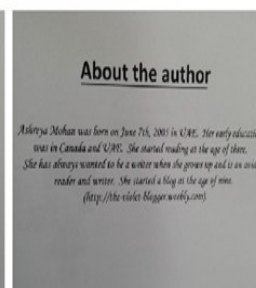
To make the workshop interactive, each one of us were asked to give a brief on their award winning story or poem.

From the display screen, we were asked to select a picture and compose a story based on it. I selected a picture and named it "Circus Elephant", the outcome of which was funny and liked by all.

A copy of award winning stories and poems were given to us along with a notepad and a pen.

I extend my sincere thanks to my teachers and Principal for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to many more in the future.

Ashreya Mohan is an avid writer and a blogger. She is ten years old and is studying in Year 5. She has taken part in many writing competitions, written stories and poems. She has received honorary mention in two competitions held by "Lend me your literacy". She has also been shortlisted as the top five in an International writing competition that was organized by the Living Rainforest, Uk – the topic being are 'Sustainable cities possible?'



She is a gifted learner and a young philanthropist who has printed one of her stories, sold it to raise money for the Hope of Faith Charity. This organization is involved in educating students who cannot afford this basic right.

Ashreya has been invited by What Works at KHDA to present the tremendous amount that she has achieved so far. This shy, talented youngster was recently interviewed at the Kids Creative Café at the Sharjah Childrens' Reading Festival on 24th April, 2016. The Sharjah Children's Reading Festival (SCRF) strives to develop reading among children as well as improving the children's book industry standards. This year it has focused on promoting nominated youngsters who are specially abled in the field of literature. Ashreya was one of the privileged few to have been invited. She received a cash award of AED1000/- to further pursue her dream of writing.



Writers are fantastic people. They are magicians, who can weave worlds out of mere words and paint pictures with a palette of their creativity. They can create marvellous feelings in you, with their sentences. Their work can make you feel miraculous emotions, like joy, fear, pity, sorrow. People like Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Agatha Christie and J.K. Rowling have done amazing things as writers, and one day, I hope I'm up there on that list with them.

My dream career lies in the world of writing, but I can't say that I've always felt this way. Anyone who has picked up a good book can tell you that books open a door to a different world. At the age of four, I used to love visiting the library, longing to find a new book that would quench my thirst for knowledge. My earliest memories go back to Grade 1, where instead of a loveable teddy bear I would have a book with me. I know I definitely drove some members in my family crazy by paying more attention to my book than them.

You can't win everything. I have participated in a lot of competitions, reached the top internationally but not won so far. This reminds me of a quote. "I never lose, I either win or learn." And what surprised me was that I actually did learn from all my experiences.

I'm still writing and blogging, hoping to achieve my goal of becoming a bestselling author. I don't know when I will ever get there, but I'm never going to stop trying. Each thing I've done, every step I've taken, whether I've won or lost, whether it was good or not, it has helped me get to where I am now. Even though it's not much, it's still something to be proud of.

Ashreya Mohan -5G

Diyafites In News



Angel from Year 7G participated in Emirates Tennis Academy Open Development Tournament held at Silicon Oasis from 15th – 22nd April 2016. She participated in the U12 and U14 categories and won her opening rounds in the U12 category. With her extra-ordinary determination, she posed a tough competition and pushed her opponent to the limit in the final match.

Krista from Year 7G is a journalist in the making. She has been regularly corresponding with the newspaper discussion forums. We very often see Krista's ideas and opinions expressed amongst articles targeting youngsters.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEWORK



Krista Fidella, Al Diyafah High School

I always hated homework. But I have understood its real value. Homework is given for our own benefit. It gives a wider understanding about a topic and improves knowledge.



Krista Fidella
Al Diyafah High School,
Dubai

I think schools should teach students sustainability education. Sustainability means to maintain or support the world we live in. The idea is we must act responsibly.



Winning has been Diyafah's forte. Another diamond in the Diyafah crown has been the winning of the Sports Personality of the Year- U19. Esha Oza from Year 13 has been the acclaimed recipient of the Sports Personality of the Year- U19.

The prestigious Annual UAE Teen Sports & Fitness Awards in Association with Abu Dhabi Sports Council & Dubai Sports Council was held at the Arabian Ranches and Golf Club on Friday, 22nd April, 2016.

The awards highlight excellent work of competitors, coaches, trainers, mentors, teachers, clubs, academies & schools. The Finalists & winners have been identified by a highly recognized panel of expert judges.

Esha was a definite winner with multitudinous accolades & medals gracing the shelves.

Day to Clean

On a bright brisk Wednesday morning, 4th May, I volunteered for the ADHS monthly clean-up campaign.

We were 17 volunteers from the Primary and Secondary and we valiantly began at 7.30 am. We collected several abandoned things strewn just outside the school campus.

It made me realize how despite, so much awareness being spread by the school and by the media, the sense of responsibility towards our planet has not yet filtered into many individuals.

It was indeed an eye opening experience and it filled me with immense satisfaction to contribute positively towards the well-being of my planet.

I am very proud that my school is so conscious about the environment and I am sure that however small the impact, the ripples that we have created on May 4th will spiral across into waves.



Mohamed Faraz -6B1

World Nurses' Day



Saying 'Thank You' To Special People Who Care For Us!

On 12th May, we celebrated International Nurses Day in our school. We gifted a Kitkat chocolate bar to our nursing staff. They were happy and surprised. We were happy that we made them feel special.

Evana and Fareena -2C

Stop! Think before you type!

A workshop on cyber bullying and cyber safety was conducted for the students of year 9, by Ms Mary Mulchany as part of the ICDL Arabia. The main purpose was to create awareness amongst students regarding Cyber safety and Security procedures. She spoke on the significance of each one's role in protecting themselves from

Cyber threats, Cyber bullying and the laws that stand against it. She warned children about interacting with strangers, to personalize your account and to be up

standers and report any form of cyber abuse they face. The session came to an end with many questions raised by the students and them being answered by the main speaker. It was indeed a very informative and valuable session.



Creation out of Wastes Competition

The Dubai Municipality had organized this competition for students of ages 10-12. Diyafites from years 5, 6 and 7 participated in this innovative competition.

Aadhiran (6B1), Mahir (6B1), Joanna (5G), Ruchita (5G), Ananya (7G) and myself Krista (7G), under the able guidance of our mentors, Ms.Pushpa, Ms .Unnati and Ms.Architha, worked on a collaborative project made up of wood shavings, re-used thermocole and empty tea candles, on the theme "Save the Oceans".

On 15th May 2016, Ananya and myself along with Ms. Pushpa submitted the project which was then put on display at the Asma Bint Al Numan High School in Al Ghusais. Several schools had participated in the competition. We Diyafites eagerly await the announcement of winners and hope to win.

Krista Fernandez -7G





Diyafites Meet Mowgli !



FUN WITH MOWGLI & SHER KHAN

We had an amazing field trip, with popcorn the most classical movie snack! Grade 3 and 4 left school at 9:00 am. An amazing movie calls for an amazing cinema like Nova cinemas.

The theatre was at Sahara Mall. At 10 'o clock, the movie started, we got comfortable seat to sit on. Oh! I forgot to mention the name of the movie, "The Jungle Book". I won't spoil it for you if in case you would like to watch it but it was an awesome movie. And if you have popcorn at the movie it's even more awesome. We came back to school at 12:20 after the fun filled time. The movie was so funny. I am yet laughing. Whenever I think of the scenes in it.

By Brandon Fernandes (4A)



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A Taste Of Secondary

Hi there! Have you ever wondered about the privileges given to the students of the secondary school? Well, the students of year six were given the opportunity to taste the goodness of secondary school. Five students from each year 6 class were able to visit their future year 7 classes and experience a few of the periods in action.

We interviewed a couple of students from year six and here's what they said:

What was the impression you got when you entered the class?

"I was really nervous and anxious to know if the teachers were strict or not. I wondered if I would be able to cope up with the differences,"

- Kimberly from 6G1.

How did you feel during the class?

"It wasn't like what I had expected, in fact, it was much easier. The only difference was that the year 7 students had each topic more in detail,"

-Anoushka from 6G.

What did you think about the teachers?

"The atmosphere was pleasant but nerve-wrecking,"

- Anoushka from 6G

What was the state of the class?

"It was noisy but that's why it wasn't scary,"

- Kimberly from 6G1

All in all, day two of the transition activities went well. "The transition activities were amazing! I can't wait to join Year 7" exclaimed Hadiqa from 6G1.

Athena Vaz and Krista Fidelia -7G

Transition Activity

The school hosted a few activities that would help the students of Year six transition into the secondary school with ease. The activities lasted for six days including the transition meeting for KS2-KS3 parents.

Day 1:

Teacher Exchange

On May 3, the teachers from Year seven visited the Year six classes while the Year seven students were visited by their Year six teachers. The transition not only helped the Year six students, but it also helped the teachers of Year seven to observe and get to know what their future pupils would be like.



Day 2:

Students' Class visit

On May 4, five students from each Year 6 class attended the Year 7 classes until eleven o'clock

(break). The students of Year six got a great understanding of what is expected of them when they join the secondary school. They also got to bond with the Year 7 students who further provided guidance and support. They then returned to their classes and shared their experiences with their fellow classmates.

Day 3:

Taster Day

On May 8, all Year six students went through routine classes held in Science, ICT and PE in senior school. The Year six students had classes in the science labs, which they don't usually use. This helped the students get an insight on some of the lessons they will be learning in Year 7.



It also helped them bond with their future teachers and familiarise themselves with the secondary classes.

Day 4:

Skype Interviews

On May 10, students of both, Year 6 and 7, communicated via video conference on a computer screen. Not only did the Year 6 students question the Year 7 students on their own individual queries but their teachers assisted

them on challenging the Year 7 with tougher questions. This was a good way of keeping the students focused on the question and answers, while having them in the comfort of their own classrooms.

Day 5:

Fun Day

On May 12, the students of Year six and seven cooperated to win a game of basketball (for the girls) or Football (for the boys). Five students from each house in Year 6 teamed up with five students in the Year 7 of the same house. The cooperation skills of the Year 6 and 7 students was put to the test.



Athena Vaz- 7G



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FS Graduation



Off to our big school

Pint-sized purple robes with contrast mustard fluting, munchkin square hats with yellow tassels; paired with shiny shoes and adorable smiles, and you have a little scholar waiting to graduate.

The youngest pupils of Diyafah were felicitated with colourful graduating certificates on the 28th of April; marking the end of a brief learning, developing and convivial journey, and the opening of a whole new chapter... 'Primary School'.

They stood well-disciplined as fiery Diyafites, swinging their silk gowns while singing and entertaining their mummies and daddies. Tomorrow's Rock Stars, Astronauts, Ballerinas, Game Developers..... all of them earned their 'Certificates' from the Principal, Head-of -School and School Manager; while proud, tearful parents were in their peak of ecstasy taking pictures of their blooming buds.

A memorable moment for all, as the graduating class of 2029 leaves their FS years behind them and jumps onto the next stepping stone of their lives, to dream and aim high.



AL ISRAA' WAL MAERAJ

- Primary Section

الإسراء والمعراج

The Primary School organised an assembly, on the auspicious occasion of **Al Israa' wal Maeraj** - The Night Journey and Ascension of the **Prophet Muhammad** ﷺ, on 8th May, 2016.

The assembly commenced with the recitation of 'Surah Al Israa by **Muhammed Zain** of Year 6BI, followed by its **English translation** by **Zaid Khan** of Year 6B. The boys did a great job in helping all the students start their day with the holy words of Allah.



Abdullah Shaikh of Year 3D, enlightened the audience about the events that took place on the Holy Night of Al-Israa Wal-Mirraaj. Students learned about the Prophet's trip on Al Burraaq and His meeting with all the Prophets of Allah and Allah Himself.

The speech was followed by a **Nasheed** - "We Love **Muhammad** ﷺ", recited by the students of Year 3A & 3B. The students were able to express their love for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in a joyous manner and were able to disseminate more information.





In the lunar month of **Rajab**, the **Prophet Muhammad ﷺ** had a comforting experience, which is now known as *Isra' and Mi'raj* (the Night Visit and Ascension). The **Prophet Muhammad ﷺ** made a night-time trip (*isra'*) and visited the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and from there was raised up into heaven (*mi'raj*). While there, he came face-to-face with previous prophets and received instructions about the number of prayers the Muslim community should observe each day. Muslims all over the world celebrate this day as the day of Thankfulness of Allah.

On **Monday, 9th May, 2016**, in the main stage area of the school, students of Secondary section conducted an assembly emphasising and highlighting the importance of this auspicious night to all. The school assembly started with the recitation of verses of **Alam Nashrah** by **Adil Sheikh (9)** from the Holy Quran followed by its English translation by **Hamna Waqar (8)**. **Akif Ahmed (9)** read a poem "**Turn to Allah**" whereas **Muhammed Arafat** spoke a few words on the importance of the blessed night. **Zawadul Kareem** and **Muhammed Gulsha (10)** engaged the students with a short quiz.



A Day With The Dolphins

The primary school had an exclusive chance of spending a day with the dolphins and the birds. Here's what they have to say about it ;

Field Trip Joatham yr 1B
to
Dolphinarium

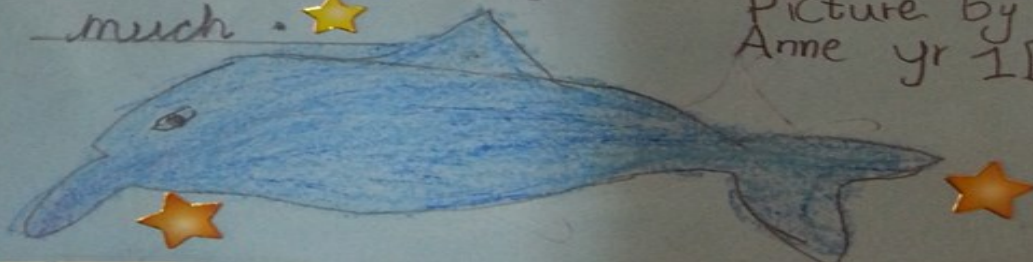
We went to Dubai Dolphinarium.

First we watched the bird show.

It was amazing. Next we watched
the dolphin show.

The seals and the dolphins
showed us some awesome
tricks. I enjoyed the trip very
much.

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