



AL DIYAFAH HIGH SCHOOL



LITERARY WEEK

6th to 10th March 2016

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them."

A man of immense fortitude, moving the world with the power of language for centuries to come, continues to build his legacy on the flourishing minds of tomorrow.

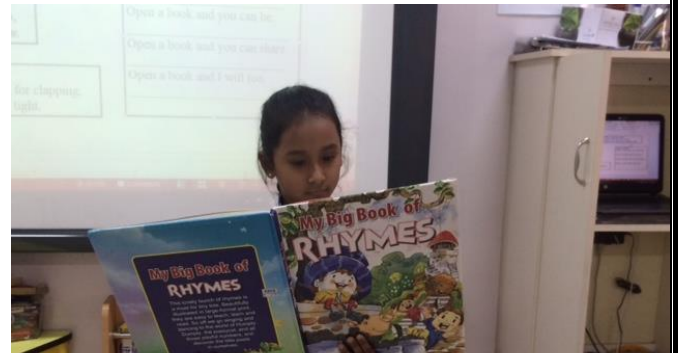
William Shakespeare has changed the fundamental aspects of the universe of literature. The Shakespearean Era is a legend in itself that brought forth the revolutionary evolution of language that, to this day, is an integrated part of inspiring and baffling budding writers and poets. Literature holds the possibility to open doors, to explore uncharted facets of life, to be exposed to endless imaginations, and most of all to escape into a world where your dreams become reality.

That is precisely what we at Al Diyafah High School achieved with the theme of the Annual Literary Week for this academic year 2015- 2016- **Bringing Back the BARD** - an articulate medley of limitless talent to evoke innovation.

Our students expressed themselves through innovative and inexpressibly incredible activities . There were activities within school as well as externally that supported the student's passion for Literature.

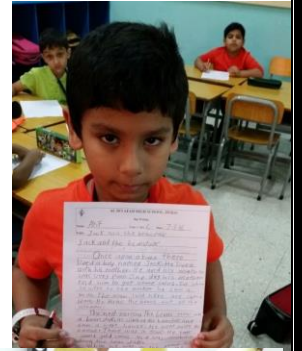
DAY 1 - Literary Circles

Every year group assumed different roles from Discussion Directors to Vocabulary Enrichers to Literary Luminaries. Students articulated what they thought of a book, an extract or a movie that they had viewed and shared their opinions in class.



DAY 2 - BIG WRITE

Students dressed up in colourful attire, entered into a world of words with their Big Write ideas using powerful, vibrant and colourful vocabulary. The students were excited using the brain storming session in class lending a colourful effect to their writing.



DAY 3

Literature and the arts spans everything from writing books, designing buildings, sculpting stone, and painting on a canvas, to designing fashion, writing an article, and acting in a play. From the first cave paintings to modern works in the digital age, it's always been about communication and expression.



The students worked together in groups and individually drawing imaginative pictures based on a written description given to them. They read a passage and used their artistic skills to convert into splendid drawings. Year 1 expressed their art by drawing calligrams.



DAY 4 Creating a TABLEAU to understand drama in playscripts.

The year groups expressed this in different ways and brought drama to the classroom. Students participated as knowledgeable, reflective, creative and critical members of a literacy community.





DAY 5- HOMILY SPIEL

Characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Harry Potter, Shakespeare and Fairy Tales came thriving out from our creative workshop. Students came well dressed in the attire of their favourite characters, delivering dramatic dialogues and spreading the aroma of drama, excited fervour in the corridors as students decorated their doors with the stories that were being discussed and acted out in class.



WHERE BOOKS COME ALIVE

In keeping with the theme, the students of Year 6G celebrated their love for books through their assembly. They performed an extract from Macbeth, mimed, had a story telling session and shared UAE's vision for this year of READING. They added in the sound, song and visual effects to create a delight for the senses.



WORKSHOPS WITH AUTHORS

75 of the students from Years 3 to 6 were selected to attend a workshop with Nick Arnold, A. F. Harrold or Christopher Edge. This was organised by the Emirates Literature Festival. The students had an excellent time interacting with the author and getting their books autographed.



FRINGE EVENT

Primary and Secondary students performed on the Trinity College London Fringe Stage at the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature on 12th March 2016.

Tyler Smith (Senior Vice President and Music Coordinator for TCL in UAE) has always offered opportunities to young performers in the UAE to showcase their talent and The TCL Fringe Stage is one such endeavour that we are delighted to have been part of since 2013.



OXFORD PRESS PRIZE WINNER

Students took part in a writing competition titled 'Time' Tushar Rathore of Year 6B was the first place winner in the 11 and under age group. This competition was a part of the Emirates Airlines Festival of Literature. The event began with the prize giving ceremony and then the renowned author Gill Lewis who is children's author, a vet, a wildlife enthusiast was an English character actress. She explained about her love for wildlife,

conservation and how she gets inspiration to write her books.

She gave a brief idea of her books through audio visual aids and enacted a skit based on her latest book-

Gorilla Dawn .Her other books are :Sky Hawk,White Dolphin,Moon Bear,Scarlet Ibis, Puppy Academy etc.

She also emphasised on limiting the use of technology and the importance to connect to the nature.



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>



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LITFEST LIVE ART

On Education Day, 9th March Emirates Airlines Festival of Literature teamed up with Drawings by Me. Schools from across the UAE participated. Each School's group of young students were asked to collaborate to create an artwork on TIME- The festival's theme this year, using canvas, oil pastels and their imagination. Evelyn and Danica (Year 6G) and Yash (5B) represented the Primary at this LIVE ART workshop.



2nd BOOK SALE

World Book Day was marked in a very special way at Al Diyafah High School on 3rd March, 2016. This continued all through the Literary Week. Students donated story books that they had outgrown or had read several times. These books were then sold at a discounted price of AED 2 to 10/- .They were excited to buy story books and were looking forward to reading tales by their favourite authors. The money will be collected and used to purchase more books for the students. Every book bought with this money will have a label to mark the students' contribution and active participation to promote a love for literature. We would like to thank the parents for all the support that has been extended towards this venture.

