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Science And Real Life

....Highlights....

1. Science Week
2. Founder's Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

"The important thing is to never stop questioning" – Albert Einstein

Science is simply a word we use to describe a method of organizing our curiosity. Offering a perspective and a way of life, science takes us from confusion to understanding a precise process. Science is deeply interwoven with our everyday lives, constructing and moulding us into revolutionary, futuristic, and ultramodern thinkers.

Early October, the school hosted the annual science week, causing the student body to be plunged into the mystic and astonishing world of science. The activities began with the Science Challenges. Students from years seven to nine were able to display not only their scientific prowess, but also their ingenuity and creativity as they constructed impressive creations, such as miniature bridges and water rockets, all the while learning about the laws of physics that command their designs.

On the second day, the students took part in the Science Illusions competition. While some might complain that science is mundane, we were certainly not bored as we watched the amazing magic tricks that the competitors put on. After all, science is just magic explained.

The next day commenced with the vibrant and flamboyant students clothed and immersed into the lives of various famous scientists. The students displayed their enthusiasm in an assembly where selected students presented their scientist and a brief insight on the scientist. This provided and educated the audience with information about the presented scientists.

The day was followed by the Science quiz which was held by the 13th grade physics students. A number of rounds were conducted to extract the scientific knowledge present in these futuristic thinkers.

The week came to an astounding end with the Science Exhibition, where the young scientists of Al Diyafah displayed their remarkable inventions and innovations, proving once again that there are no limits to what the mind can imagine and materialize.

The whole week was a reminder of the importance and the need for us to immerse ourselves in the aspects of science, because every little detail is defined and improved by the application of it. This enables us to understand the world better. Be ever-curious, ever-questioning, and always willing to learn, because that is how you arrive at solutions. It is always better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Let us not forget that science is the engine of prosperity, and let us never end our desperate search for answers, because as Carl Sagan said, "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

Sabeeha, 11 G & Saina, 11 G1

SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Science Week is now one of the most recognizable events on the ADHS yearly calendar. It provides students the access to the possibility of enlarging their imagination and reaching for the sky, surpassing the limits set for them in the process.



DAY 1: SHAPE UP, SCIENCE

The commencement of the science week advanced towards the success from the very first day itself. The intellectual students of Al Diyafah portrayed their cognitive abilities by putting forth a sensational enquiry which left even the teachers in deep thought. Their awe-inspiring hypotheses left all marveling at the beauty of science and the phenomenal occurrences that materialize in this planet. These youthful scientists will one day advance and

shine their light upon the mysteries that lay in the depths of our world.

DAY 2: SCI-ILLUSION

The magnificence of our students yet again displayed itself effectively as a few selected individuals portrayed the art of science, the art of illusions, the art of cleverness; in short, the art of magic. Flaunting their capabilities of prestidigitation, the students left the crowd roaring, as the ebullient onlookers penetrated the vicinity with their acclaims and applause.



DAY 3: SCIENCE QUIZ

Testing the limit of knowledge, our students prepared themselves for the fiery quiz round which engaged the attention of numerous individuals. The assemblage impatiently clamped their hands, waiting to find out which one of the four teams, would emerge victorious in this battle of knowledge. Our diyafites amazed their onlookers by simultaneously replying to the interrogation of dominant eminence.



SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

DAY 4: EXPRESSIVE SCIENTISTS



Lights. Camera. Action. Dressed in fine apparel, students showcase their acting skills by performing as various scientists, giving the audience an intake on their lives and inventions. The crowd roared in appreciation at wonderful and unique monologues and acts presented by the creative minds of our students.



Music hummed in the air, mingling with the commotion of encouragement did, indeed, brighten up the day, giving it a beautiful and memorable commencement.

DAY 5: SCIENCE EXHIBITION



The week finally halted, stopping and causing us to look back, upon the creativity and imaginative ideas that flooded the grounds of our school. A memorable week deserves an unforgettable denouement.

Displaying the various models built by their very own hands, the students of Diyafah come together to host the science exhibition; they enlightened parents, teachers and their fellow students, exposing them to the alluring charm of science.

Working models and innovative ideas increased the elegance of the vicinity. Giving a brief analysis of their work, students bestowed upon us the glory of science and its effects of our day to day life.

Maira Rafique

Year 9G1



I PLEDGE

The Diyafah High School Environmental Club seeks to encourage students to play an active role in keeping the school environment clean and to acquire an awareness and sensitivity to the environment and its problems. The Environmental club along with Apex Consolidated Exhibition Services launched a sustainability drive: "I Pledge Green Gratitude - Inter School Challenge UAE 2015" on Tuesday 6th October.

The students who contributed more than 10 kgs of newspapers and magazines in the last week got their chance to make their Green mark on the Pledge Wall.

The highlight of the day was the investiture of the Eco envoys and Green Ambassadors, who pledged to carry forward the mission of making ADHS Green, Clean and Sustainable.

It was an amazing one month drive towards sustainable environment, the best part was overwhelming response of Diyafites - our students from primary to secondary including sixth form batch who contributed loads and loads of newspapers. The race to top the individual collections continued to the afternoon of November 4th. The school contributed an impressive 8000 kilograms of paper to the cause. The top collectors will be felicitated at the assemblies.



CHANGING THE WORLD- ONE CHILD AT A TIME

The quadrangle of ADHS resounded with gaiety and mirth to mark the occasion of Teacher's Day, on October 1, 2015. The teachers walked the red carpet to an overwhelming applause and standing ovation from the students. The Sixth Form students presented skits to highlight the travails, trials and tribulations of a teacher's life during non-working hours. A rendition of One Direction's famous song 'Drag Me Down' was another highlight of the program, followed by an energetic dance performance by the students. The Head

Boy, Nirmal Kalinga thanked the teachers for the time invested in them. The Principal, Ms Patricia Johnston stated that, she was indeed lucky to have a team of hard-working and dedicated teachers. Kudos to the Sixth Form for a stupendous celebration of Teachers' Day.



A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE



A visionary, a dreamer, a role-model. These attributes defined a lady of substance – the late Mrs. Winnie D'Cunha, founder of a legacy, which she has bestowed to the multitude of students who have walked through the portals of Al Diyafah as amateurs and have graduated as caring, confident and competent personas.

On November 3, the Diyafites celebrated Founder's Day which is synonymous with the Pink Day to commemorate the day that this brave, courageous and valiant woman

lost her battle against cancer.

Pink – the colour that symbolizes the breast cancer awareness campaign. Every hue and shade of the colour was seen all around the campus to support the initiative and raise awareness. The day began with an assembly in which the students from the Sixth Form presented a skit based on the honoured late Mrs. D'Cunha. It told of the birth of Al Diyafah right from inception to what it is today. Thereafter, the newest addition to the Diyafah establishment, The Winnie D'Cunha Sixth Form Centre, was inaugurated to mark this special day.

Students placed myriads of flowers and candles before Mrs. D'Cunha's memorial to pay tribute the wonderful and towering personality she was. The flickering light from the candles illuminated and warmed the students' hearts as they remembered the formidable woman and her wise words that proclaimed, "Let your light shine." Gianna Mathew, Year 8G

Unforgotten

It was November 3rd, 2015 and the Diyafites celebrated the 34th Founder's Day. An array of programmes was up to commemorate the day and a fitting tribute was to the founder Late Mrs. Winnie D'Cunha.

The proceedings started off with an assembly conducted by the students of Grade 3C. It showcased the Mrs. D'Cunha and the efforts and hard work she rendered to make Al Diyafah such a reputed institution. A vocal rendition of melodious songs by the school choir in honour of the founder charmed one and all. Students expressed their love and respect for their founder by offering exquisite flowers, candles and cards. Addressing the school on this occasion the Head of Primary, Mrs. Padmaja, recalled how Mrs. D'Cunha strove to serve society in the field of education. Members from the Board of Governors and the Senior Leadership Team graced the occasion with their presence.



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Jadyn Pereira, Year 4C

DIYAFITES IN THE NEWS

Deborah Rebello of year 11G1 represented the team - Dubai Strikers in the Women's Doubles of the Abu Dhabi Badminton League held last month.

This tournament was sponsored by NMC, Big Ticket & Yonex and was organized by the Indian Social Club, Abu Dhabi over three weekends from 9th to 23rd October 2015.

The matches were conducted on a round robin format, comprising of 6 teams with 15 members in each team. Each team had to play 7 events of which Deborah played in the Ladies Doubles.

Deborah's team - The Dubai Strikers - won the second position.

Prizes and medals were awarded to the team by Mr. B.R.Shetty - the main sponsor during the Finale on October 23rd, 2015.



Faheem Arif won the 2nd place in the Junior Category in the National Scrabble Competition.

After two days of competition involving 3 rounds in the qualification and 5 rounds in the finals, he emerged second in the junior category (Age Group 7-10). He won a trophy and cash prize of AED 5000.

FLAG DAY - 'RAISE IT HIGH....RAISE IT PROUD'

In response to the initiative of HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, launched through his Twitter account, ADHS participated in the initiative of raising the UAE flag simultaneously with other members of the UAE community at 12 noon.

Students, teachers and staff gathered in the basketball court to raise the UAE flag at 12 noon in the presence of the Management and the Senior Leadership Team. They then sang in unison with the National Anthem which was played through the school intercom system.



YEAR 6 FIELD TRIP- FUN WITH FRIENDS

I believe that fun with friends is never ending and a school field trip gives you a wonderful opportunity to experience this.

Year 6 visited Children's City, Birds show and Dolphin show. We saw birds frisking, dolphins bounding slides and sprinting around. We had lots of fun there. After the Dolphin Show and the flamboyant bird show we had loads of fun at the science museum. The park made an ideal visit for this age group to chill out with our friends. The most enjoyable thing was that we were together and could do everything like take selfies, share jokes, and marvel at the various things we saw together. I was



enchanted by the bird show. I wonder how one could train a bird. They were such a beauty to behold.

An amazing experience!

Amatullah Husain

Year 6G



1st INTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - JUNIOR GIRLS

"The five 'S's of sports are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; the greatest of these is spirit."—Ken Dohorety

The five 'S's were clearly on display when Al Diyafah High School hosted the 1st Inter School Basketball Tournament for Junior Girls on the 4th and 5th of November, 2015. Ten schools from Dubai and Sharjah participated in this event which was held on a league cum knockout format. The Junior girls displayed impressive skills and teamwork which was far beyond their years.

After the keenly fought knockout rounds and Finals it was Delhi Private School, Dubai who took the top honours and the bragging rights. The runners-up was Our Own English High School, Dubai. Our Own Indian High School, Al Quoz had to settle for the third place.

Meher of Delhi Private School was unanimously given the Best Player Award and also the Highest Scorer Award. The diminutive Mansi of Our Own English High School, Sharjah was awarded the Most Promising Player Award for her superlative display. Gems Metropole School, Motor City was awarded the Fair Play trophy for displaying exceptional sportsmanship.

The trophies and medals were presented by Mrs Patricia Johnston, Principal, Mrs Neeta Shetty, Head of School, and Mrs Usha Menon, Head of Community Engagement.

At the end of the day and amidst all the healthy competition, sweat, tears, pain, excitement, defeat, disappointment, victory and jubilation it was the spirit of the participants that was undoubtedly the winner.

The PE Department



ROLE MODELS, ROLE PLAY!



The morning of 30th September 2015 burst with hilarity and joy as the newly elected Student Council presented a one of a kind assembly. Their short skit emphasised on the acts of a respectable, worthy and noble leader, and the various attributes and qualities within them. The skit also made the audience visualize the common mistakes committed by a leader. The Role Models introduced themselves and shared their vision and mission for the students. The moment of entertainment concluded with the school song.

Xahir Siddique

20 SCHOOLS IN 20 DAYS- VIRGIN RADIO



The temperature on October 11, at ADHS, soared higher with the arrival of the Kris Fade team. ADHS was chosen for the third consecutive time by Virgin Radio - 20 schools in 20 days.

The atmosphere pulsated with excitement, and students waited with bated breath to welcome Kris Fade and his team. The students were vibrant and buzzing with excitement waiting for the much anticipated performances. The stage was set on fire with the

spellbinding, stupendous and synchronized twists, turns and twirls of the acrobatic dancers, from Global Village, who held one and all present enraptured and spell-bound. This marked the entry of the virgin radio team. The participating diyafites showcased their latent talents. The highlight of the day was the soulful rendition by Daniel and Lydia, nimble footwork by Divya and her group, Sujay and Vidushi and her troupe.



Much to the merriment of the Diyafites, Ms Neetha Shetty and Ms Usha Menon were called up on stage and asked to sing a song—which they did—to the accompaniment of the beat boxing of Kris Fade and cheer of the spectators.

Vidyavardhini, Year 9

SKYLINE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS COMPETITION



We were truly excited to hear that the Skyline interschool business competition was back again. Last year, so many of us who participated had truly enjoyed the experience, and so the news lifted the spirits of many students from years 11, 12 and 13.

Several teams got the opportunity to showcase their knowledge upon the sole purpose of pro-

motion. Each team experienced the excitement and hard work of being entrepreneurs! It was quite a challenge to be reckoned with yet, we enjoyed it thoroughly. Before the competition, we had to choose between 3 topics. They were: Advertising your product, creating an idea for a mobile app, and displaying a business plan. Each team was allowed to select only one from the sections. We participated with enthralling expectations and brilliantly thought out ideas! Weeks of research to zero down on that one idea that would capture the imagination of the judges, the one that might please the audience- that immense trouble was frustratingly sensed, but it all worth it when we put on a great performance at the Skyline.

Inspite of all the efforts that were put through, the intense competition overpowered. Unfortunately, we couldn't go through towards the second round. Even though we were awfully sad upon this news, our restless minds screamed "we will do better next time". We have learned more from this journey and we will come back stronger- aiming for recognition. My hopes go out to the future entrepreneurs of Diyafah.

Fathima Manal, Year 11G1



SPELLING BEE- LET IT BEE

When titans clash, the ground shakes. The Danube Spelling Bee proved just that, as 127 raring Diyafites battled it out to secure the coveted position in the following round. The atmosphere was rife with myriad complex words, each deconstructed into their fundamental constituents, racing hearts, as every letter rolled off their tongues, and suspense as taut as a pulled bowstring. Unsurprisingly, our young aficionados pulled through and came out as expected: V-I-C-T-O-R-I-O-U-S, victorious.



CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN- WE MEAN CLEAN

If we start today, we can save tomorrow.



On 28th October, Wednesday, the 'Green Ambassadors (primary)' and 'Eco Envoys (secondary)' accomplished the greatest feats. Equipped with their gloves, caps, sunscreen and bags they set out to clean up the school premises, closer to Gate no.4. The young enthusiasts were accompanied by their 'Eco Mentors' – Mrs. Unnati, Mrs. Archita, Mrs. Usha and Mr. Abdul Basit.

The Clean-up was carried out within the half hour during registration. Common litter found around the

premises was plastic bottles, cans, batteries, wrappers, old clothes, etc. The students were thrilled and suggested to organize the clean up every month. This campaign hopes to inspire many others to clean up and express their passion and commitment towards our mother nature.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH WORKSHOP

The Duke of Edinburgh workshop proved extremely fruitful to the Diyafites.

The Diyafites, registered for the Bronze Award, took their first steps towards preparing themselves for the 'Adventurous Journey' section. They participated in the workshop conducted by Mr Andy of the North Star Adventure Company. He took them through the nitty-

gritties of map-reading, bearings, and finding directions using a compass. His teachings incorporated with various techniques yielded astonished and flabbergasted students.

With their spirits up beat, these youngsters are now getting ready for their practice adventure journey.

