

PRISTINE PANORAMA



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PRISTINE PRIVATE SCHOOL

Principal's Address

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to present the first edition of the Pristine Panorama for the academic year 2019-2020. Not only a showcase of the activities across the school, the newsletter is meticulously compiled and designed by our students to update you of the various achievements and prestigious awards secured by the student body. This onward and upward journey of PPS is a result of the meaningful, interdisciplinary high-quality provision of collaborative learning opportunities that continue to instill effective work ethics and values in our students. The school consistently creates Pathways of Excellence for all its students since 1992.

The achievement and sustained success of our school in PISA 2018 is noteworthy. Our school has performed significantly higher than all participating UAE schools, Dubai Schools, and even the UK Curriculum Schools. This has been fostered by our strong focus on the core skills in reading, writing, math, and science. Please do read the PISA 2018 report available on the school website.

The Cambridge International Exam results in 2019, and placements of our students in distinguished universities are something to celebrate again. June 2019 saw an outstanding result of 75% of students attained A* to B at the IGCSE and approximately 50% of students attained A* to B in the Post 16 examinations. The school once again received prestigious Top in the Country and Top in UAE Cambridge Learner Awards. The awards received were as follows:

- Top in World for AS Level Computer Science
- Best in the UAE Across 4 AS subjects
- High Achievers' Award in IGCSE Combined Science

Pristine Private School has once again been approved as a Common-Sense Education School, an honor that recognizes our efforts in teaching digital citizenship to young people and engaging the entire school community in this important discussion. The recognition acknowledges our school's commitment to helping students build skills that are essential for their well-being today—and for the opportunities, they'll have tomorrow.

Our students achieved a series of awards at RIT 10th Annual Engineering Competition in electrical engineering, Design thinking, Hacking, UAE Cyber week AI Competition, Pakistan Association Dubai – Inter School Science Exhibition, GMU MASE 2019 – Poster Competition, NYU – Abu Dhabi High School Debate Tournament (English Division), World Scholars Cup and many more.

Student achievements of students for AY 2018-2019 was successfully celebrated in the Pristine Annual Award Evening. In addition to this students showcased their athletic skills on the annual sports day. Drama Production, '1920 The Final Plea' and Concert 'Eunoia' were highly captivating for the audiences. The newly installed massive screen in the MPH contributed significantly to digitalizing the impressive backdrops. Project Travel Quest was another interesting learning event where the students of Years 3 to 8 creatively presented and discussed the voyages of some great explorers of the world.

The National day celebrations and the UAE souq modelled clearly displayed the excellent entrepreneurial skills of Keystage 1. Students had created DIY products linked to instructions and UAE National Day. The Tigers Café Creative Breakfast activity organized for FS mothers was a great example of parent engagement. Also, the Readathon which clocked 1000 hours of reading in an hour saw committed parents reading alongside their child a mutually favourite book.

Pristine Private School continues to focus on further enhancement of the Arabic reading skills of the students and in line with this, the school has launched the Arabic-Reading software, kutubee.com to support each and every child become a better reader of Arabic. Reading is the key to your child's success in school. In just a few dedicated minutes per day, you can help your child use the ebooks and maximise his/her reading potential.

I urge parents to attend our workshops and parent engagement sessions and read through this exciting issue of Pristine Panorama. As always this impressive digital magazine truly represents the ethos of the learning culture prevalent at Pristine Private School.

Best wishes,
Shagufa Kidwai
Principal

Cambridge Outstanding Awards



Promoting Positive Education: Self Care September

Parent Orientation was held on 7th September. It provided a platform to the parents to familiarize with the school system and procedures and meet with the teachers for a fresh start to the new academic year with renewed commitment to further strengthen the parent school partnership.

The activities were built around Positive Education, the theme for the month of September -was Self-Care. Parents were actively engaged and involved in appreciating the importance of modeling self-care for their children so that they take good care of their health, well-being and happiness.



The thematic calendar for Positive Education was shared with the parents so that they work side by side with the school to build a positive environment around their children both in and out of school.



Parents' Orientation Day is one great meeting platform, where Parents and School the two key players in students learning journey meet and devise a mechanism that works best to maximise effective learning.

This year again it was great to meet and induct parents about the updated policies, explain the school's pattern of learning, conducting exams, the extracurricular activities, National Agenda Parameters and the support required from parents to achieve one common goal of first rate education for all the children in the UAE. Parents also got the opportunity to know what to expect in the academic year and the teachers of different subjects.

Going by the principle of 'Better Together', Pristine Private School pledge to continue to provide its parent community all the support in the beginning of the Academic year and throughout for the children's best interests.

PPS Inv Student 2019-

Pristine's annual investiture ceremony was held on 16th September 2019 where the student leaders were chosen after a challenging and exciting process of nominations, selection interviews, and election.

The Head Prefect, Commissioners of Sports, Welfare and Ecology and the Green Ambassador were inducted as student leaders in the main council investiture in a prestigious ceremony attended by the Governors, principal, heads of school, coordinators, teachers, students, and parents.



The house prefects, class prefects, young happy and healthy marshals and badge in the second half of the investiture ceremony.

It was a momentous and prestigious occasion for the newly selected student leaders.

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The student council for the academic year 2019-2020 was sworn in on the 16th of September 2019. With the new council being led by the Head Girl, Umama Rizwan and Head Boy, Ahmed Sharafath, it certainly was a morning full of inspiration and excitement.

Following the march, each member was inaugurated with badges and, for the core council, a sash. The Middle School Core Council attended as well, being introduced to the senior most student body with Middle School Head Prefect leading the way. Parents, School Governors and School Heads were also present to witness their students accept the responsibility of being a part of the council- indeed, their pride could be felt as they pinned the badges on each member.

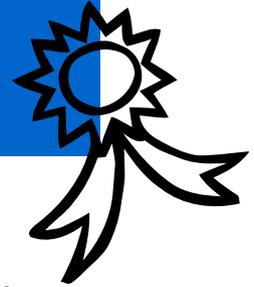
The proceedings were followed by the inspirational speeches of the Head Girl and Head Boy as they encouraged the student body to collaborate and support the council for the school year, as well as the much-needed advice bestowed by the School Principal, Mrs. Shagufa Kidwai and Head of Senior School, Mrs. Tasneem Usman.

With the members standing proud on stage and below, they took the oath of responsibility led by Mrs. Padma Unam. Applause and cheers echoed in the auditorium as the new student council was officiated, and the anticipation for the following school year remained bright and hopeful.



Annual Achievement Award Day

Day



Annual Achievement Award day was held on the 28th of September to acknowledge the achievements of the students for the academic year 2016-2017. The prizes were awarded to students in three categories of academic excellence, endeavour and pristine star by the founder director Mrs. Salam, Mr. Abdul Salam, Mr. Fahd, the principal, heads of school and coordinators. Congratulations students and parents!

The students of the middle school presented Ignite, a musical presentation of definitive crossroads in life. Ignite tells that we can choose to take the music preconceived for us,

or we can make our own harmony by learning the basics of Do-re-mi. This play portrays Pristinians' resiliency and commitment to dreaming big and passionate about the discovery process leading to innovative design. Students thrive to ignite the passion within. The mesmerizing performance was highly appreciated by the audience through their loud applause.



EEG Paper and Can collection

On the 26th of October 2019 the annual can collection drive had officially begun with Pristine Private School taking part in it yet again. The drive aims to unite all sectors of the society at a national level on some important issues – Sustainability, Circular Economy, Energy Conservation and Protecting our resources.

Every year to ensure maximum contribution to the regular recycling initiative of EEG (Emirates Environmental group) the Environment Club president at our school informs our student body to bring cans which would be usually considered a waste, to school and dispose them off in a segregated bin placed in designated places around the school.



The selective material was then sent to the EEG where it would undergo the process of recycling. This drive helps divert the large quantity of metal trash from going to the landfill; it enabled our school to share their green ideology with the extended community and have a green impact on society.

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Teacher's Day

Teachers: The future of the Profession



Celebrated annually on 6th October, the student leaders along with the whole school student body organised a simple surprise to celebrate the work of their dedicated teachers who continue to strive every day to ensure the inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities.

The students prepared simple tokens to show gratitude on the hard works of their teachers that made them happy and special.

Teacher for a Day

On 6th October 2019, an event to facilitate relationships between students and student-teachers took place in each classroom with a minimum of at least one student-teacher to hold the mantle in place. It was an event that circulated to each other's strengths and the teachers that taught the seniors were all part of the post 16 group - either from AS or A-Level; each student handled a class that taught a subject assigned to them in a given timetable.

It was a great experience for students, especially the student-teachers, as it enabled them to grasp at what a teacher's responsibilities felt like and how it was to control a rowdy classroom each day.

It was a wonderful experience as the student-teachers were put to think on their feet, answer questions that they usually wouldn't think of asking otherwise as students and control the general atmosphere of the class.

The students who were being taught found it an enlightening event, for the teachers were once students that had gone through the same things we have.

All in all, it was a wonderful experience on both sides, and its intended purpose was fulfilled as it was a way to celebrate World Teachers' Day that took place on October 5, 2019.



Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



On 10th October 2019, the Senior School Students walked at Al Nahda Pond Park to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness. They showed immense enthusiasm for this cause as, regardless of the scorching heat, students continued their walk proudly. Each class also made two posters to showcase their support at the walk. Before the walk, the students refreshed their memory by learning more about breast cancer and its significance which increased their awareness.

Towards the end of the walk, students were provided with water bottles arranged by the school management. Overall, the entire staff and students of senior school had a remarkable experience standing up for this cause.

Teenage Girls Health and Wellness Session



Year 7 to 11 Girls had an informative session on improving health talk and wellness on 27th October as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign. The talk focused on physical, emotional and psychological health that teenagers used to face and the proper ways of dealing to the change process. This session was conducted by the Aster Clinic.

Dubai Fitness Challenge

PPS continued to participate in the city initiative of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Makhtoum and took the fitness challenge head on. To promote health and fitness a range of fitness activities were held in the school to make a healthy habit for life by committing to 30 minutes of exercise every day.

From the young talented primary students, to the experienced knowledgeable A level students, the Dubai Fitness Challenge provided an opportunity for Pristinians to maintain an active lifestyle for the entirety of a month.

Senior school indulged in HIIT workouts, regularly exercising during their P.E lessons, aiding in developing their athletic ability.

Primary school students practiced exercises enthusiastically on alternate days, every morning for a month. An interactive Zumba program was exhibited and the girls of senior school cheerfully took part in the activity.

The Fitness Challenge has improved the school's environment not only in terms of fitness, but also the mental strength of students. The Dubai 30x30 Fitness Challenge has planted the seed for fitness amongst the youth of Pristine, that will continue to be watered during the P.E lessons and fitness activities throughout the year.



Mathletics

Measure Action Target Health – With the UAE fitness 30 x 30 challenge, Pristinians amalgamated Health, fitness and Mathematics in an innovative manner.

Being a long-term pilot project for Years 3 to 6 with objective of integrating health, nutrition and exercise with Maths.

Students had great time with their conceptual understanding of Math concepts and relating it to fitness challenge.

Beat Diabetes Walk



Pristine Private School has joined the Beat diabetes –Join the walk on 15th November in Zabeel Park.

The aim of the campaign is to make our students aware of the rising numbers of diabetes cases globally so that they can adopt a healthy lifestyle which must include good eating habits and physical activity to reduce the incidence of this global issue. This is an initiative of the Landmark Group to bring schools and communities around the World in this Campaign to take action at a local level to address global health issues.

Student Leaders of Year 7 and 8 participated in the campaign accompanied by faculty members.

The Senior Students participated in the 11th Beat Diabetes Walk Campaign organized by the Landmark Group on Friday, 15th November, 2019 at Zabeel Park, Gate 3. The aim of this campaign is to spread awareness about Diabetes which is a growing epidemic world-wide with no cure but can be managed by making three simple lifestyle changes – Take the Test, Eat Healthy & Getting Active.

Enthusiastic students and teachers of the Pristine family had gathered at the break of dawn, ready to collectively make their way to the venue and support the Beat Diabetes initiative. The 3.8 km walk was a refreshing starter that was then supported with a range of different activities fit for every walker's specific needs. From the Fitness First Zumba stage, to an abundance of healthy food stalls, live music, physical activities, jumping castles and many more. The Beat Diabetes Initiative was successful in achieving its goals as well as providing its walkers with an opportunity to socialize as well as unite to achieve the set objective.

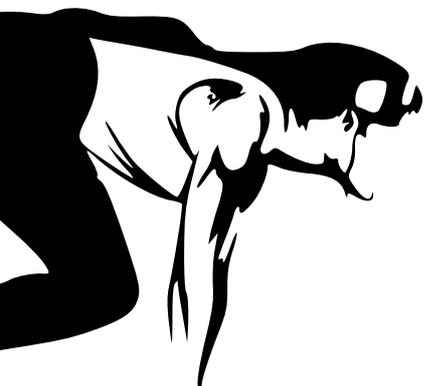
Annual Sports Day

The most anticipated event of the school took place on 19th November 2019. The Sports Day began with an array of pleasant displays, exhibiting the beauty of sport in various forms. Students of senior school showcased their skill in volleyball and badminton, whereas the young athletes of middle school demonstrated their expertise in football.

The day continued with the events, beginning with a 400m race, where A level students unveiled their swift speed. Middle school and Primary school took part in various events such as relay races and tug of war, where each individual valiantly strives to win a medal for their house.

The teacher's Tug of war gained the most audience, where crowds of supporters bombarded the event, for the purpose of strengthening the side they follow.

The day ended with the declaration of the results, and to the joy of many, not only did Liwa House win First Place, but they also tied with Manhal house in winning the Best Marching Trophy. Overall a successful day for Sports Day, especially if you were Liwa!



Pakistan Association Essay Writing Competition



Vision of two great visionaries

To celebrate UAE National Day Pakistan Association Dubai organised a colourful event on 23rd of November to pay tribute to Dr. Mohammad Allam Iqbal and H.H.Shaikh Zayed - the two great visionaries of the East. The main objective of the program was to familiarize the students with the great philosophy and poetry of Dr. Muhammad Allama Iqbal and H.H. Shaikh Zayed's vision of UAE and its culture.

Students of Year 8 participated in the Poster Competition on Dr. Allama Iqbal's poetry and Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Year of Tolerance. Fatima Zahra of Year 8 won the first prize in Allama Iqbal poster Competition. Well Done!

UAE National Day



Saluting the Spirit of the Union

National Day celebrations is an ideal experience for our young students at Pristine to inculcate the universal human values of diversity and tolerance that defines UAE, and to appreciate this great country as a model nation that unites hearts and minds in happiness!

The young Pristinians of FS and KS-1 in abayas and kandooras rejoiced in the celebration of the 46th UAE National Day to honor the Spirit of the Union. The classes and corridors wore a festive look with colours of the UAE flag, streamers and messages by children.

Heritage Pavilions Simulation Stations to experience the richness of UAE tradition & culture through hands-on and augmented reality.

Readathon



**A 1000 reading hours in just
1 hour!**

The annual Pristine Readathon is highly appreciated by the parent community, students and teachers. Parents rejoice in the opportunity to read along with their children and the entire Pristine community demonstrate their commitment towards the UAE's vision of reading and developing a reading nation.

Junior School



NEW BEGINNINGS



FANTASTIC FIRST STEPS IN FOUNDATION STAGE-1

The first steps are always exciting! As the little learners of Foundation Stage-1 began their learning journey of a lifetime, an exciting atmosphere and positive relationships saw them all well-settled in the first few days of school, instantly sparking a love of learning. Highly stimulating provisions enabled all children to effectively transit into their new routines, choosing what to learn and to set their own pace in the continuous provisions for free choice play, rhyme-time, story-time.

BACK TO SCHOOL IN FOUNDATION STAGE-2

The Foundation Stage 2 children were off to a tremendous start with Elmer the Patchwork Elephant! With the learning theme 'It's Ok to be Different' and Elmer as the Back to School Mascot, the children celebrated individuality, diversity, friendship, caring and the power of laughter! With the subtle message that it is always best to be yourself, combined with the vibrant colours and Elmer's cheeky humour, the children engaged in story time, sensory play and music and movement sessions. It was amazing to see our little Sparkling Learners develop their personal and social skills as they engaged in rich indoor and outdoor play experiences!

ELMER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Elmer inspired and engaged the FS2 children so much that they began to adore Elmer and planned a grand surprise party for him as he turned 30 this year. From patchwork tasty treats to invitation cards and games to crafts, each activity was a fun and memorable learning experience.



WISHY WASHY'S CARNIVAL

With a moo, neigh and an oink oink too, students of Foundation Stage 1 gathered down the ground for a fun Wishy-Washy day. They were in high spirit as they were dressed up in farm animal costumes. Feeding chicks and ducks, harvesting veggies, collecting eggs, shearing sheep, milking the cows were all part of the day's amazing experiences.



Building their entrepreneurial skills as early as this stage, children had the opportunity to buy and sell some of the farm products at the farm stalls. Taking part in farm games was all fun at the end of the day.

BIO BLITZ

"BioBlitz' in FS-2 was a month-long enquiry on the flora and fauna to awaken the 'naturalist' in every child as the season was changing to welcome winter! A plethora of hands-on and play-based explorations linked to the natural world provoked curiosity in children, providing an insight into recognising biodiversity through observations, simple experiments and activities.

STICKS & STONES NATURE TRAIL @ MAMZAR PARK

Students of FS-2 went on a Sticks & Stone Nature Trail @ Mamzar Park to explore and make observations of natural world, changes in nature, and collect some specimen of interesting flora for closer observations!



NATURE ART DAY

was a phenomenal way to connect children to nature, allowing them to observe the natural world in a place where they spend time every day. Flowers, leaves, bark and other items in nature were used for collaborative nature art, leaf printing, leaf rubbing, nature art printables, nature art stick figures, art portraits, leaf printing, leaf art, clay and twig art, loose parts nature art, floral craft, and 3d sun catcher!

A DAY OUT WITH DOUGLAS

Building Positive Relationships with Peers

Ever since the Learning Journey has begun for our little learners in FS-1, a wonderful world of happy experiences is adding up to their Personal, Social and Emotional Development, one of the Prime Area of the EYFS curriculum. So, a Day Out with Douglas (Picnic) at Al Nahda Pond Park was about joining Hugless Douglas in his search for a Big Bear Hug. Teddies in hand, breakfast, games and giggles made way for a magical morning with friends!



TIGER'S TEA PARTY

A Tea Party with a Twist

Vivacious volunteer Moms of FS2 hosted a party with a twist as they roped in the TIGER (who came for tea once upon a time!) to have a sumptuous breakfast with their sparkling learners. The yummy spread, setup at jungle themed snack stations made the morning breakfast yummier and a great opportunity to understand why breakfast is important to become as strong as our tiger friend!



MINDFUL ME

WELL BEING WEEK in FS & KS1

Strengthening understanding of wellbeing in FS and KS1 through a week full of dedicated activities gave each young Pristinian experiences that profoundly influence the development of positive relationships, paving for productivity, health, and happiness. Beautiful Oops (FS2), Rights & Responsibilities, We are Bucket-Fillers, Mindfulness & Growth Mindset activities, creating class Happiness Corners, and kickstarting of Healthy Heroes (FS), Wellness Champ campaign (KS1), saw a plethora of activities linked to happy & healthy @pristine.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

Global Citizenship “It’s a Shared World”

Safer & Stronger@ Pristine -The last day of the Wellbeing Week was celebrated as Peace Day in observance of International Peace Day. Children wrote peace messages and created peace drawings. Dedicated discussions on the day aimed to inspire our young students to recognise the vision of a united and sustainable world, find their inner voice, inspiring hope and action of an understanding of their commitment towards peaceful co-existence and love for humanity.



HAPPY DIWALI

Understanding Other Cultures to Embrace Diversity and Tolerance



It was yet another happy@pristine day for students of Junior School who joined in the world-wide celebrations on the occasion of Diwali to understand the importance of being a global citizen and to contribute to peaceful co-existence. Dressed up in vibrant colourful clothes, they took part in fun-activities with dance and music to celebrate diversity, rejoicing in the universal language of friendship.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Year 1 PBL: Back to school as Fairy-tale Detectives !

The Year 1s were hooked to the aura of fairy tales with mystery filled investigation activities through active exploration of story-world challenges and problems linking it to real-world experiences!

The little detectives investigated the "crime scene" at the cottage of the "The Three Bears" (staged in the Library), the perfect set up for developing some inference, conversation and keen sensory observations. The evidence and CCTV footage of the break in helped them create wanted posters to help catch the thief and identify the tale! The brainstorming session, which stemmed from who are authors and what are their purposes in writing stories, dissecting story characters & plots and finally culminated into writing their own stories as authors – all from a simple driving question: Can I be an author too?

The PBL final presentation was a big day of affirmation of the author-badges worn by every child during the PBL journey of penmanship- YES, ALL CAN BE AUTHORS!

DIY Expo: Year 1 Enterprise Day

The creative Year 1's hosted a "DIY EXPO - For the maker in you" to showcase their innovated instruction texts as part of their 'Talk for Writing' Unit. DIY kits were carefully selected and created along with detailed instructions for assembly. The E-Day was a great opportunity for the children to exhibit their can-do-attitude, entrepreneurial skills and to engage in real life challenges-nurturing learning and life competencies.

Year 2 PBL: Incredible Beginnings

The Year 2s started off the new academic year with a Project Based Learning, challenging themselves to find an answer to the driving question: 'Do stories have incredible powers?'

Their PBL journey began with a brief exploration of the evolution of storytelling and discussions on why people tell or write stories. They wrote short book reviews on the different stories read during shared reading sessions and pondered on the incredible powers of each and how they affect the readers. This opened up the possibilities that someday some of them could become authors, illustrators, editors or even publishers!



PBL Partnership with Parents

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PBL Enterprise Day - FESTIVAL OF TALES

The enterprise day in Year 2 was a fitting finale for the excitement to the presentation of their original 'incredible stories', where each class converted their stories into different formats. This led to innovative story presentations for the enterprise day shows - animated digital stories using lego, shadow play, reader's theatre and story songs.

BOOK TASTING



Developing a Love for Reading @Pristine

The Junior School library was set up as a Book Café with Book Tasting Menu Cards and placemats. Students of Year 1 and 2 visited the library as dinner guests to get a little taste of a variety of texts!!! Teachers excitedly took up the role of Chefs, wearing aprons, taking orders and serving the books for tasting! What a wonderful way to get students engaged in reading and familiarising them with a wide variety of genres!

Inaugural of the Writer's Notebook was a gala event as every year with provocations for children inviting them to flag-off their amazing writings!

ANNUAL CONCERT

Year 1: Belling the Cat!

The perennial "enmity" of the cat & the mice was solved by the crafty Creative Crew of Year 1 in their fantastic stage performance! They delighted the audience and surpassed expectations as they showcased their outstanding skills to express themselves through drama, poetry, music and dance.



Year 2: EUNOIA - An Ode to Places



Year 2 annual concert was a grand celebration of "beautiful thinking"- Eunoia; the 'ode to places' carried the audience through the beauty of people and places, so diverse, yet united by the commonality of cultures and as citizens of the world. The mesmerising multicultural dances and songs sang about the 'Oneness" that unites us for a better today and tomorrow.

LEARNING BEYOND: EDUTAINMENT FIELD TRIPS

Y1 FIELD TRIP - The Museum of Illusions

As part of their learning on senses, shape & space, students of Year 1 visited the museum of illusions, Dubai. The intriguing visual, sensory and educational experiences through illusions helped them gain a deeper understanding through experiential learning.

HERITAGE EXPO: KS-1 ENTERPRISE

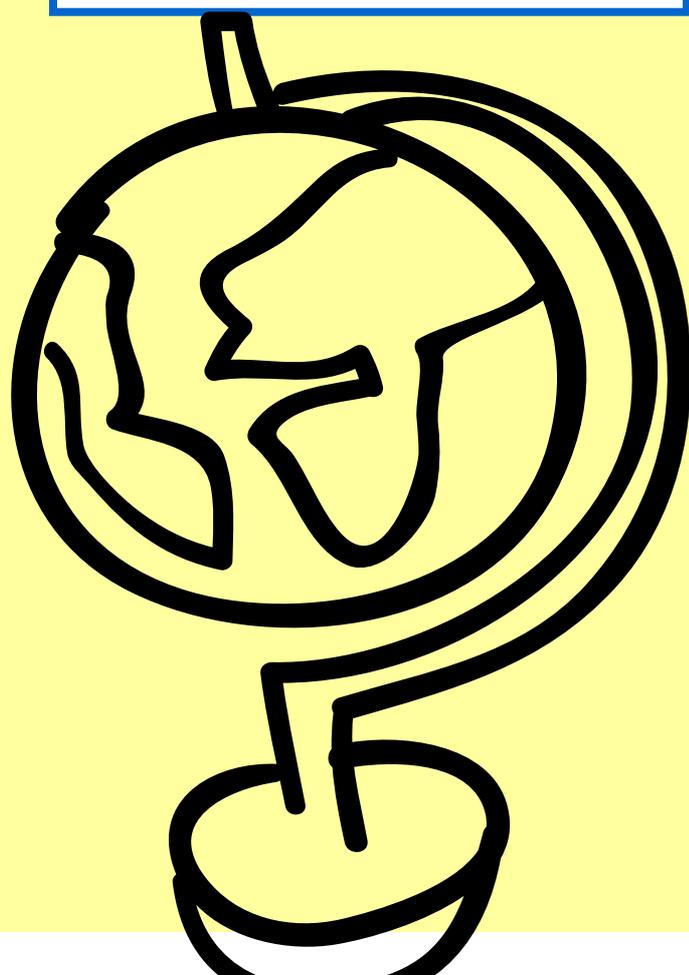
Students of KS1 held an ENTERPRISE Day dubbed 'Heritage Expo in which hosts and visitors alike explored Bedouin life and Emirati culture. This exciting endeavour was a great opportunity in experiential learning through fun, helping them realise the POSSIBILITIES of bringing the past into the present to experience and learn.

Classrooms and outdoors were converted into virtual spaces linking to the past of UAE tradition and culture, ranging from experiencing pearl diving, camel riding, Kava-making, traditional dancing as well as taking a peek into the past through augmented reality.

FRIENDS OF THE WORLD (END OF TERM PARTY)

Understanding other Cultures to embrace Diversity

The sparkling learners of FS and KS1 had a day of merry making, as they bid goodbyes for the holiday season. Each class organised different aspects of cultural and traditional experiences, celebrating diversity and global friendship, sharing and acquiring valuable information about their diverse traditions and cultures and global citizenship.



FS1



KS1



**SANTA@PRISTINE: MERRY XMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**



Wishing and singing along with Santa@Pristine, the frolicking children had great fun at the assembly with Santa. They exchanged gifts with their "Secret Book Buddy" in their classroom and shared food from around the world, celebrating being friends of the world!

FS UAE SOUQ

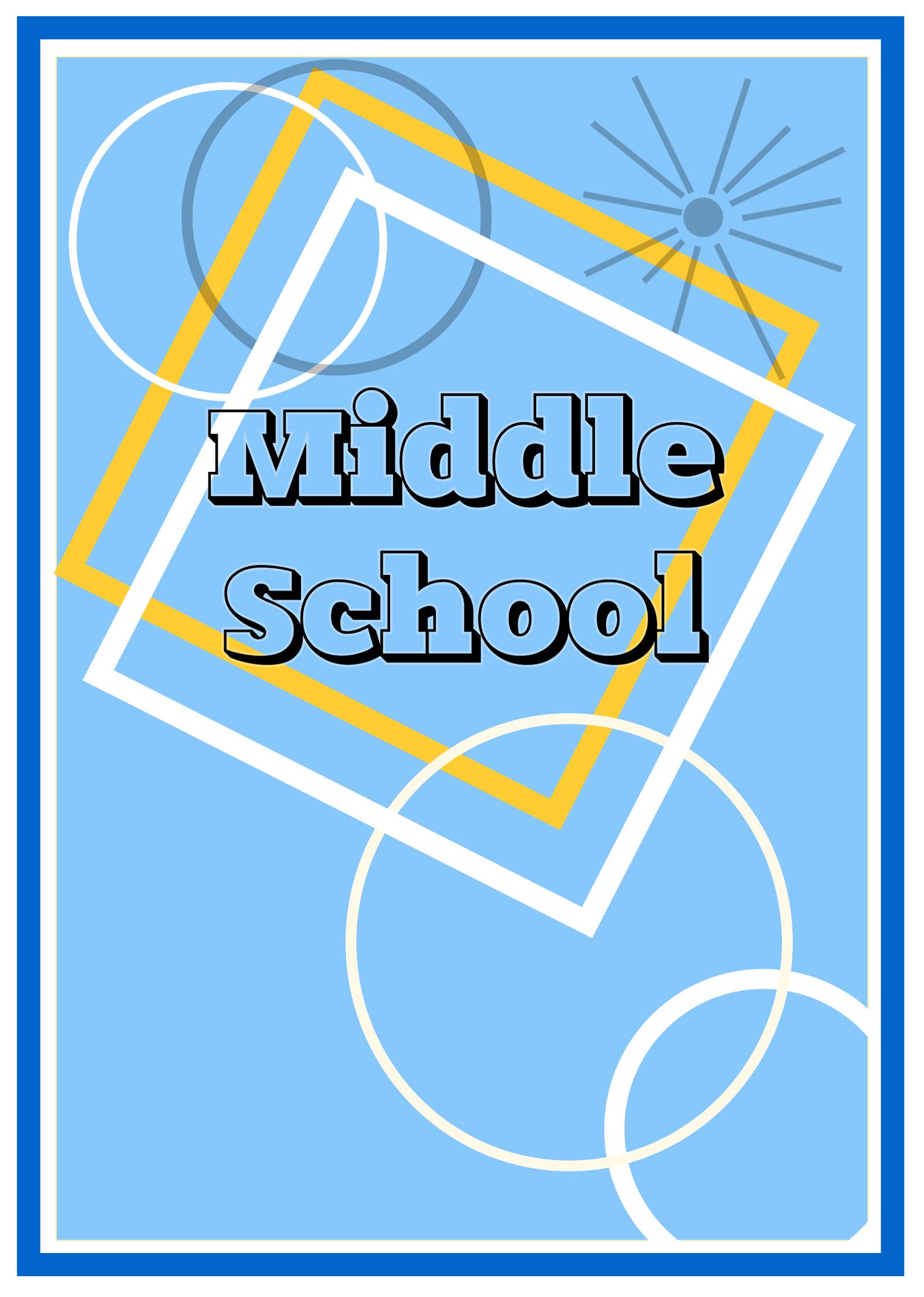


FS2 TIGERS CAFE ENTERPRISE



KS1 WRITER'S NB INAUGURAL



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**Middle
School**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The academic year 2019 – 2020 began with laurels and celebrating young and consistent readers. The Summer Reading Bugs were acknowledged and awarded for their persistent reading habit and determination to avoid Summer Slide.



HEAD PREFECT CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION

Every year, Pristine Private School organises an enthusiastic election for the position of the Head Prefect. For the year 2018-19, two candidates from year 8, Duaa Ehtesham and Saumya Maskey were selected through a rigorous process of nomination, vetting and interview.

The two candidates gave inspiring and convincing speeches that portrayed their ideas for the betterment of the school. They visited the school principal, head of schools and subject coordinators with their substantial speeches. They conducted an effective campaign for two days both in and out of the classrooms using posters, flyers, and badges to convince the student body to vote for them.

Finally, on 11th September the election was held in an organised manner, students were put on duty and a polling station was set up in the main reception providing opportunity for the students to exercise their right to vote to choose their own leader. In an exciting close contest, Duaa Ehtesham emerged victorious as the Head Prefect for the academic year 2019-2020.



EXPLORING DIFFERENT HABITATS IN AL NAHDA POND PARK

On 12th September an exciting group of young scientists of Year 4 arrived at the Al Nahda Pond Park to explore the different habitats and record their observations. They took pictures, made notes and drawings and gathered useful information about the different insects, and their habitat.



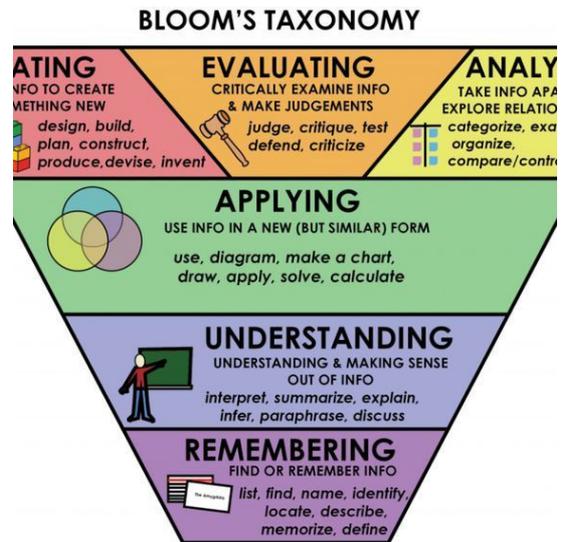
MATHEMATICS CELEBRATION EVENT THE M FACTOR

To enhance mathematical literacy, fluency, reasoning and mastery a range of exciting and challenging activities were planned under The M Factor. Years 3 to 6 students applied their mathematical thinking to solve Arithmagon puzzles. They solved Deeper Challenges of greater complexity demonstrating creativity and imagination. They were felicitated and awarded certificates as Pristine Math Challengers.



BLOOM'S BALL PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Years 5 & 6 students engaged in collaborative project-based learning by creating Bloom's Ball a 3-dimensional project moving them through the levels of Bloom's Taxonomy from knowledge to synthesis.



MATHSTAGRAM

Years 3 to 6 students extended their learning outdoors with a novel experience of capturing images with a Mathematical perspective. These illustrations were described using mathematical language and making connections with real world.



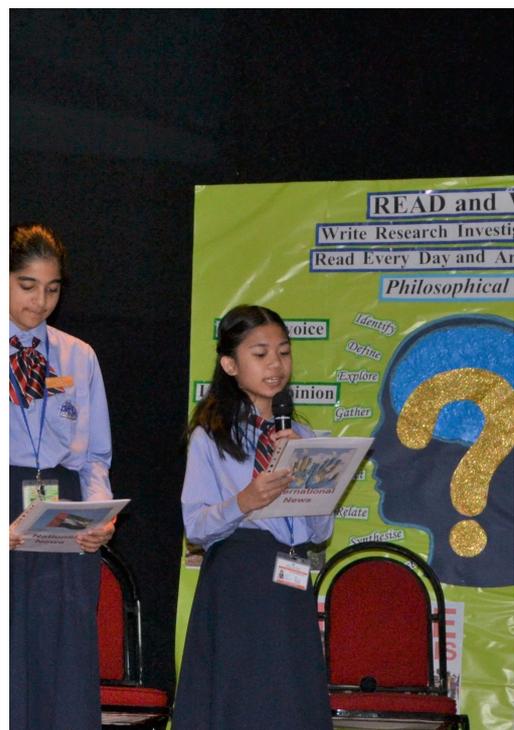
M3 – MATH MATTERS TO ME

This was targeted for Year 7 & 8 with the objective of evaluating students with flair for Mathematics. It engaged students by utilising a variety of rich and challenging tasks that allowed students with opportunities to make decisions, investigate, explore and discover ways of seeing mathematics as an essential life skill, seeing its relevance and understanding how it can be applied to their daily lives.



PROJECT READ AND WRITE LAUNCH: RESEARCH SKILLS

Students from Years 7 and 8 voiced their views about global issues such as abolishing borders, climate change and reduction in voting age. Students demonstrated the importance of research to support opinions and views and understanding of research skills through a choir presentation. The innovative presentation marked the launch of the Year 7 & 8 writing project The Philosophical Chairs through which students have the opportunity to voice their thoughts, beliefs and ideologies through discussions, debates and expository writings.



MOM'S & DAD'S BOOK CLUB

Pristine Mom's & Dad's reading club let's children know parents are readers too! Research indicates parents play an important role in the development and educational performance of their children. Parental reading increases the child's reading ability and cognitive skills, this intervention is beneficial for the rest of their lives.

The parent community get together monthly to discuss their passion of books and demonstrate life-long love for reading. Discussions range from fantasy fiction, Harry Potter and Charlie and the chocolate factory, parenting tips and advice, politics and the influence of larger than life personalities such as Nelson Mandela and Malala on our lives.



READ TO THE PRINCIPAL

Pristine authors 'Read to the Principal' in the morning assembly each week from their Writer's Journal. Students develop a strong reading writing and listening connection by crafting stories about happiness, hope, harmony, diversity, sustainability, leadership, empathy and innovation and reading them out. They bring to life real-life issues or scenarios such as water shortage, the life of great historians, animal testing and narrate them to their peers. The weekly 'Read to the Principal' session aims at encouraging young promising authors to gain confidence in reading, writing and oratory skills



GREENER @ PRISTINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT BEGINS

Every year, the school contributes towards the Emirate Environmental Group; Simply bottles, Can Collection Drive and the student leaders' initiative on Paper Project Forest Collection Drive. The collection commenced on 7th October and it will run all throughout the year. The student leaders are actively involved in motivating the students and monitoring the progress of the drive.



STUDENT LEADERS TEAM BUILDING TRIP: IGNITING TEAM SPIRIT

On 15th October, the student leaders were engaged in different group activities and challenges focusing on teamwork and communication skills. The group challenges experienced by the student leaders were designed to activate various elements of leadership including problem solving, decision-making and group dynamics. All leaders were encouraged to actively participate, express their ideas, listen to others and process the experience through observation and debriefing questions.

At the end of the day, student leaders enhanced their leadership skills to set goals, communicate, share, trust, make decisions, solve problems and overcome challenges.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: TALK MASTERS

This club is inspired by the international non-profit educational organisation Toastmasters that teaches public speaking and leadership skills to students. Talk Masters, boosts the child-member's confidence through a series of motivational, public speaking, and leadership-related activities to help students overcome the fear of public speaking and learning skills that will aid them in becoming more successful. It also creates better listeners and stronger team members and leaders who can comfortably give and receive constructive evaluations.



PROJECT TRAVEL QUEST

On 24th October students of KS2 brought to life the travels and navigation routes of famous explorers like Ibn Battuta, Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus and Zheng He.

It was an innovative and interesting approach to learning in which History became alive and showed its direct impact on the present. The project booklets, student's drawings, paintings, models, and other displays put up for different explorers depicted extensive research and thought process that formed the connection of these travels to the UAE and Gulf region. Students were able to explain the travel routes to the visitors through maps, providing an insight into how culture, cuisine, language and trade goods of this young UAE nation have had an impact on the world centuries ago.

Live Characters of the explorers walked the corridors talking about the dangers they faced, rulers who funded their explorations, people they met and the trade goods that they exchanged. Displays included messages in bottles, coins, boats, food, fruits, astrolabes, swords and souvenirs. Balloting for the best added healthy competition to the event.

Overall it was an enriching experience wherein students learnt from the adventures of the explorers that they did not give up to dangers and other challenges and went on to conquer the destinations and made their mark in history.



DIGI MINDS ROBOTICS

Students are taking interest in the activities offered because they are cognizant of the fact that the field of Robotics is fast and ever growing as robots in all sizes, shapes and level of complexity have become extremely important in numerous fields and everything from a car we drive to the energy it runs on is dependent in some way or the other on the power of robotics and mechanical engineering.



PRISTINE LIMELIGHT

Students in Drama and Theatre Arts will acquire and develop various fundamental performance and production skills to strengthen communication and interpersonal skills, further develop language and critical thinking. They will also acquire skills to use visual, auditory, and/or technological aids in support of oral communication.



SPORTS CLUB

The various sports activities offered ensure students become healthy and strong by strengthening their muscles as they further develop agility, endurance and teamwork. The three activities, football, basketball and swimming under this club are running very successfully



FRENCH COMPETITION

Students from Year 6-8 participated in the Concours Romain Rolland State Level Round for the second consecutive year and qualified for the National Level Round. The competition assesses students' knowledge and understanding in five categories; comprehension skills, grammar, vocabulary, culture and civilisation. 35 students participated in the State Level round and 28 qualified for the National Level Round. Well Done Students!



PRISTINE PRIVATE SCHOOL PARTAKES IN MEYDAN EQUINE EDUCATION

November 3, 2019, the Year 4 students of PPS went on an exciting educational trip to Meydan Grandstand and racetrack to partake in its ongoing Equine Education Program.

The said trip aimed to educate the young people in the UAE about the history and heritage of Horse Racing both as a pastime and a sport in the country.

In this season, the students were led to the racing club yards including the Grandstand Stables in which they had the opportunity to meet the equine stars of the track which won in races last year. They had the chance to hold and identify the different breeds of horses the country use in competitions. Students were able to observe the differences of each breed and were very inquisitive about it as well.

The students were led to different areas where they saw the various kinds of wheat and cereal horses take to boost their stamina and health. They also one horse getting ready for training was awed at how rigorous the training was.

Students were very much engaged in and awed by their experience of this learning beyond the classroom walls. They had a real time discussion with the concerned people about to safety and health of the horse as they felt



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

Pristinians shine at the Tournament of Champions @ Yale University. They participated in various challenging events, debates, essay writing, writer's bowl and won laurels for Pristine.

The team won gold medal in debate Michael Catacutan was awarded 243rd Debate Champion, Yemiru Alwis performed well in Challenge Art and Roem Elijah won silver medals in Challenge (Art, Special Areas and Science) and Writing. Well done students!



RHYTHM FOR LAUREATES

Poetry helps to create timeless melodies and rhythms, reading, memorizing, and recitation of poetry can help students gain confidence by delving deeper into language. Many poems resonate with students' experiences and feelings. Through the class poetry recital competition students explore the deeper meaning and analyse poems and go beyond just the pleasure of reading, they experience a sense of enlightenment and develop deeper understanding.



CHEVRONS READER'S CUP

62 teams from a number of schools from across Dubai competed against the each other for the Readers' Cup on 6th of November 2019. Students collaborate and demonstrate their exceptional reading skills by participating in the Chevron Reader's Cup team competition.

The competition is not only about demonstrating reading and comprehension skills but also about collaboration and team communication. The preparation for the competition entails extensive discussion sessions where students give and receive feedback from peers and other team members, share credit and ideas, acknowledge peers' skills and experiences.



DUBAI 2019 PARA ATHLETICS

Students of Year 7 and 8 had the opportunity to watch the events for Dubai 2019 World Para Athletics Championships on 8th November 2019. This event widens student's social awareness on supporting the integration between the people of determination and all fields of community.



CAT 4 SESSION FOR PARENTS

A workshop for parents was organised by the assessment team at PPS on 4th November to share and analyse the CAT 4 reports with the parents to assist them to develop a better understanding of their child's abilities and potential. The session not only further strengthened the strong home-school partnership but also provided an opportunity to the parents to engage in an interactive session to understand their role in supporting the school in their child's learning journey.



WOODEN CHAIR FILM

As part of promoting diversity and social awareness to our students, the Year 7 to 9 students watched a Filipino film with an English subtitle entitled "WOODEN CHAIR".

The values of resilience, determinism and optimism were well placed in the story. The spirit of nationalism and altruism were given implicit yet powerful timing that will really make you think of the people you have left behind.

At the end of the movie, students shared their realisation and lessons that they have learned in the film.



KHDA WELL-BEING CENSUS

Students of Year 7 and 8 carried out the KHDA wellbeing census aimed to achieve the vision of the ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Makhtoum

“to create a society where our people’s happiness is paramount by sustaining an environment in which they can truly flourish”
The data from the census will be used to support and further improve the well-being and happiness of students to enable them to achieve their full potential.



ENBD POETRY FOR ALL SEMI-FINAL

Students from Pristine Private School participated in the annual poetry recital competition held by the Emirates Literature Festival. They diligently practiced their skills of intonation, voice modulation and facial expressions to best express their understanding and interpretation of a poem of their choice. Students from several schools from across the UAE participated in the semi-final rounds.



FIELD TRIPS: LEARNING

Field trips are a great way to bring excitement and adventure to learning and contribute to better students' outcomes in school and beyond. They are recognised as important moments in learning; a shared social experience that provides the opportunity for students to encounter and explore novel things in an authentic setting.

On 28th November students of Year 3-8 visited 7 different exciting locations Etihad Museum, Motiongate, Emirates Hydroponics Farm, Warner Brothers, Crossroad Civilisations Museum, IMG Worlds of Adventure and Ferrari World and enjoyed a full day trip.

Students experienced thrilling rides, games and attractions at the theme parks and learnt about the history of UAE and its forefathers using the high-tech devices at the Etihad museum.



DAPP QUIZ BOWL HERITAGE

Students of Pristine Private School (Pristine) on Tuesday scooped the top scores against their neighbours in Al Muhaisnah, Al Qusais, Dubai at the "2nd DAPP Quiz Bowl-UAE Heritage," in commemoration of the 48th UAE National Day on Dec. 2.

(Gulf News)

The United International Private School (UIPS) in Al Qusais held their 2nd Dubai Appreciation Promotion Programme (DAPP) Quiz Bowl last November 27, 2019. The said quiz bowl was an annual project of UIPS that intend to showcase students' comprehension of UAE heritage and tradition. It was an interschool competition between schools based in Dubai.

This year was the first year that Pristine Private School joined the said competition sending 6 delegates from the Middle School. The delegates were divided into two groups, one for primary level (years 5-7) and the other is for secondary level (years 8-10).

The delegates from years 5-7 were Danish Asim (6B), Amal Asim (7D) and Benedict Adriano (7A) who won in an exciting finish against the delegates from Oxford School, UIPS, and Gulf Model School. The secondary level delegates who were Heather Binay (8A), Doaa Ethesham (8C) and Dwaine de Silva (8D) also stood winners against their opponents by 4 points.

Pristine Private School delegates enthralled the audience by show casing their in depth knowledge and understanding of UAE culture and heritage as embedded through curricular and extra-curricular teachings and activities.



KENKEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

KIC is an Annual International Championship. Kenken puzzles help students improve their math skills, logical reasoning and strategic thinking.

At the National Level Round, Luis Gabriel Catacutan from Year 5C scored the 1st position in UAE by competing with 371 students.

He qualified for the International Level Exam Round which will be held in New York on 15th of December 2019.

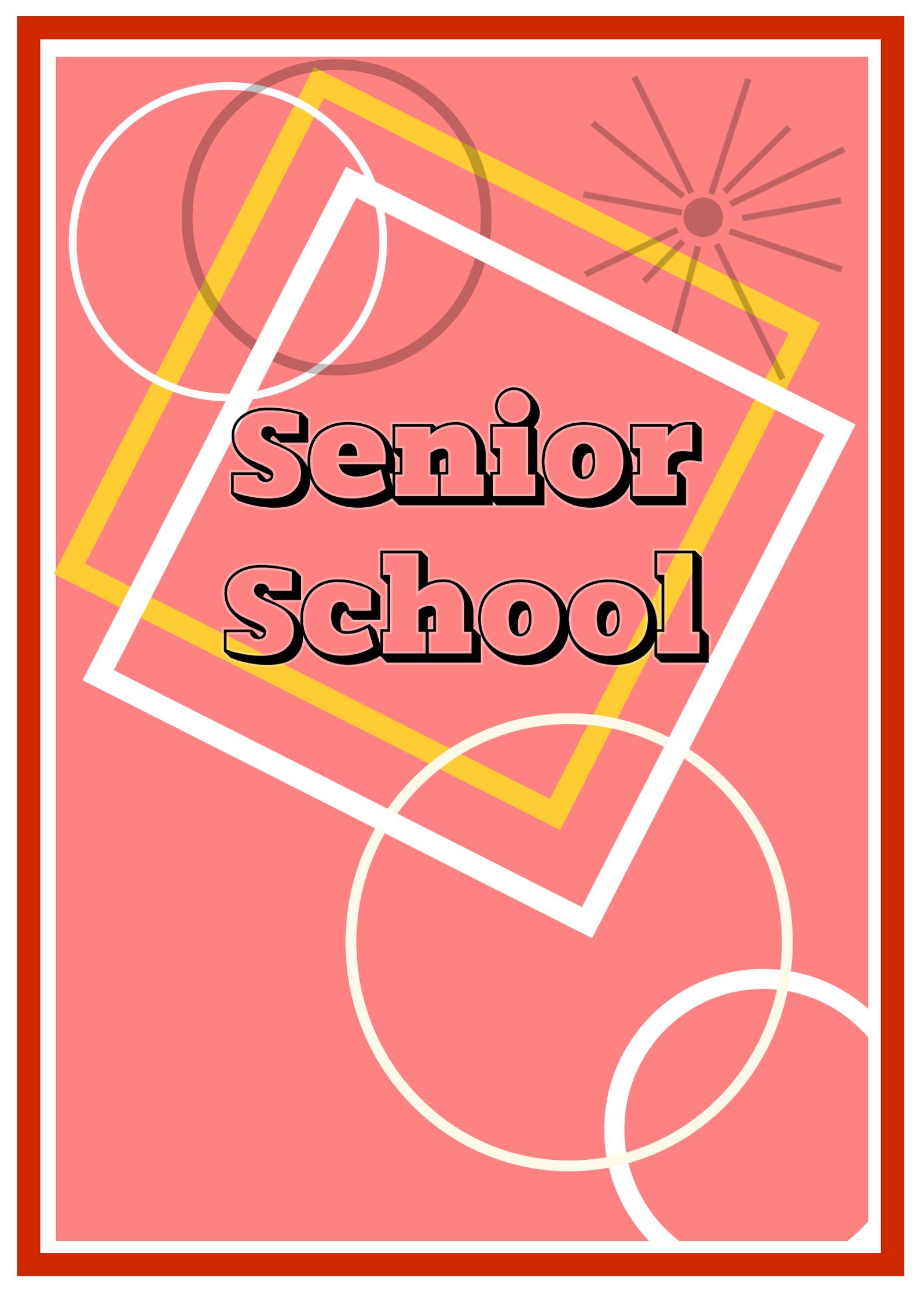


END OF TERM CLASS PARTY: SHARING AND CARING THE SPIRIT OF HOLIDAY!

On last day of school's first term 12th December, students ended the term with a Christmas celebration. The teachers prepared different fun activities and enjoy the company of each other while the students brought healthy food to share. Each class had a perfect class picture with the Christmas tree.

Everyone left for their holidays with smiles on their faces because they all experienced the true essence of sharing and caring for others.



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ANNUAL DRAMA PRODUCTION

1920: THE FINAL PLEA

On 31st October 2019, the Literacy club along with the Creative and Performing Arts club presented the annual drama production, 1920: The Final Plea. This was a student scripted and directed poignant play intermingled with an element of light-heartedness. It followed the story of two long-lost siblings, Alexei and Charlie, whose paths crossed upon the murder of a detective. Throughout the length of the play, the audience was taken on a journey of suspense and emotions that the story was built on, may it be the tension and anticipation of the court scenes or the anguish associated with the siblings' childhood story. Nonetheless, it was a production that kept the audience engaged from start till end. The spectacular show involved lively musical numbers along with exquisite costumes and detailed stage displays. In the end, the play made students ponder on human beliefs related to guilt, vengeance and forgiveness. It was surely a play to remember!



FLAG DAY

The UAE Flag Day is commemorated every year since 2013 on 3rd November at 11:00. The day marks the accession of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan to the office as President of the UAE in 2004. It is a national occasion where people of the UAE remember the efforts of the founders of the country, Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid, and their brothers who sacrificed everything for the sake of their nation.

The UAE Flag was hoisted by the School Principal followed by the rendition of the UAE National Anthem by the Student Council members. The Principal and the Head boy and Head girl gave a short speech emphasizing the significance of this national occasion where the efforts of the country's founders and those who sacrificed everything for the nation are remembered.



GULF MEDICAL UNIVERSITY MEDICINE AND SCIENCE EXHIBITION

GMUMASE2019 was conducted on the 20th and 21st of October 2019, to stimulate the creative talents and instill scientific interest in children. Around 2000 talented young scientists from 65 schools all over UAE participated in the event. There were 300 projects, 300 posters and 250 paintings.

PPS students exhibited 3 projects, 3 posters and 2 paintings. It was a unique experience through which students learned about various scientific developments through the well-designed projects by all the participating groups. Our projects were "SMART STREET LIGHTS", an exhibit on conservation of electricity, 'PROJECT RED', an idea to alarm a person to be precautious of heart attack and "EARTHQUAKE MONITER".

The projects and paintings on display won the admiration of visitors. Our posters attempted to find a solution for Diabetes and Cystic fibrosis. The poster "PILLS THAT TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR" by Year 12 students secured the second place.

It was a very educational experience that allowed students to discover and appreciate ideas beyond the conventional



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The student council for the Academic Year 2019-2020 was sworn in on the 16th of September 2019. With the new council being led by the Head Girl, Umama Rizwan and Head Boy, Ahmed Sharafath, it certainly was a morning full of inspiration and excitement. Following the march, each member was recognised with badges and, for the core council, a sash.

Parents, School Governors and School Heads were also present to witness their students accept the responsibility of being a part of the council- indeed, their pride could be felt as they pinned the badges on each member.

The proceedings were followed by inspirational speeches of the Head Girl and Head Boy as they encouraged the student body to collaborate and support the council for the school year, as well as the much-needed advice bestowed by the School Principal, Mrs. Shagufa Kidwai and Head of Senior School, Mrs. Tasneem Usman.

With the members standing proud on stage and below, they took the oath of responsibility led by Mrs. Padma Unnam. Applause and cheers echoed in the auditorium as the new student council was officiated, and the anticipation for the following school year remained bright and hopeful.



YEAR 9 ORIENTATION

After coming back from a long and fun filled holiday, we were welcomed back to the school campus with a reassuring and exciting orientation. On the very first day of school - our very first day in Senior School to be exact - a student orientation was held for the new batch of Year 9.

3 students of Year 10 served as our welcoming hosts and presented to us a presentation of what to expect in our following school years. To me, the presentation served as my ideal school life - a perfect balance of academics and entertainment which is very preferable especially for the students. Overall, the way we were led and introduced to our very first day in Senior School gave, not only me but everyone else, a feeling of security because despite the fact that we were newcomers, we felt like we belonged.

Chelsie Alcantara
Year 9



POST 16 ORIENTATION

The orientation planned out for students of the POST 16 batch was remarkable in my opinion. It informed us about each topic which we all had doubts about and made sure to leave our mind clear of any questions. Many of my fellow students, and myself included, had a few apprehensions over the promotion to AS Level, as our seniors had described it as a really tough, but crucial stage of our high school education. However, the presentation delivered was extremely mature and insightful. The teachers at the orientation put to rest all our apprehensions and guided us further about the subjects we had opted for.

Syed Qurb-E Muhammad
AS Level



NEGOTIATE YOUR VOICE DEBATE COMPETITION

In order to hone students' confidence and panache in public speaking, the Literacy department under the guidance of the English department, conducted the preliminary rounds of an internal debating competition 'Negotiate Your Voice'. Students of Years 9-13 in a team spoke for or against the assigned topic with well-structured articulation based on authentic research. The final round of this competition will be held in January 2020 in what seems to be an enthralling event based on the eloquence and enthusiasm of the participants.



FOOTBALL INTERCLASS TOURNAMENT

The most popular sport in history appears on the pitch of Pristine as the Football Interclass. Senior students, having trained months during their P.E lessons, are finally given the opportunity, to display their proficiency in football. Various classes go head to head in a battle of capability and pride. Through out the group stages, new performances are exhibited, and young talented players are discovered, as dribbles are executed gracefully, and goals are scored marvellously. The finals arrived, ASC vs 11B. After 15 minutes of a thrilling athletic display, the game ends in a 1-1 draw. Onwards to penalties. After a gripping rally of goals, the game ends in a 2-0 score, ASC wins! Trophies for the tournament were awarded. Best Player award was announced for Mohammed Reza, Best Goalkeeper award for Mohammad Ali and Most Promising Player to Essa Ahmed.



ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING COMPETITION

RIT Dubai hosted its 10th Annual Engineering Competition where more than 80 high school students competed in various engineering fields.

Pristinians left their mark at the Engineering Competition held at Rochester Institute of Technology on 7th November 2019. Post 16 PPS Students stood 1st in Hacking, 2nd In Electrical and Design Thinking Competitions and 3rd in Industrial Engineering, Programming and Mathematics competitions.



PARENT ORIENTATION

Parents' Orientation Day is one great meeting platform, where Parents and School the two key players in students learning journey meet and devise a mechanism that works best to maximise effective learning. This year again it was great to meet and induct parents about the updated policies, explain the school's pattern of learning, conducting exams, the extracurricular activities, National Agenda Parameters and the support required from parents to achieve one common goal of first rate education for all the children in the UAE. Parents also got the opportunity to know what to expect in the academic year and the teachers of different subjects.

Going by the principle of 'Better Together', Pristine Private School pledge to continue to provide its parent community all the support in the beginning of the Academic year and throughout for the children's best interests.



AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

After School Enrichment Program for Years 9 to 13 stimulates students social, physical and intellectual abilities through participation in various activities with their peers:

1. Shutterbugs – The workshop offers a basic photography course by Nikon enhancing camera handling and guidance on techniques, People photography, Night photography, Sports photography, Pet photography, Landscape photography, Wildfire & flower power, Macro photography, Bubble photography & Fashion photography.
2. Toast Masters – Inspired by the international non-profit educational organisation Toastmasters that teaches public speaking and leadership skills to students, this club helps learners to become an effective leader and confident speaker in positive and a learning environment.
3. Creativity and Design – Enscape's 8 session module caters to students interested in Architecture and Interior Design. The module is designed to give students an overview of what to expect in a fulfilling career in the Built Environment and Design and helps develop skills to build portfolios towards their further studies.
4. 3D Kanjers – This program enables learners to learn CAD, print 3D objects and create a working model.



BEAT DIABETES WALK

The Senior Students participated in the 11th Beat Diabetes Walk Campaign organized by the Landmark Group on Friday, 15th November, 2019 at Zabeel Park, Gate 3. The aim of this campaign is to spread awareness about Diabetes which is a growing epidemic world-wide with no cure but can be managed by making three simple lifestyle changes – Take the Test, Eat Healthy & Getting Active. Enthusiastic students and teachers of the Pristine family had gathered at the break of dawn, ready to collectively make their way to the venue and support the Beat Diabetes initiative. The 3.8 km walk was a refreshing starter that was then supported with a range of different activities fit for every walker's specific needs. From the Fitness First Zumba stage, to an abundance of healthy food stalls, live music, physical activities, jumping castles and many more. The Beat Diabetes Initiative was successful in achieving its goals as well as providing its walkers with an opportunity to socialize as well as unite to achieve the set objective.



CHEVRON'S READERS CUP CHALLENGE

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CLEAN-UP THE WORLD

Pristine Private School, in its conscious effort in developing environmental sustainability among students, annually participates in the environmental services/activities organised by various organisations. On 14th November 2019 students participated in the annual clean-up drive organized by the 'Dubai municipality' under their 'Clean Up the World' campaign, wherein students of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 actively participated in the cleaning up of a designated area along with students from various other schools. This helped us to realise how a small step can guarantee an environment that is sustainable and functioning in preventing bigger issues such as global warming and climate change.



Areej Syed
Year 10A

ENTERPRISE DAY

BAKE SALE

The build-up to the Enterprise Day, were sure filled a lot of challenges, every student who was part of the event, conducted surveys as to what's expected of the event, and more. All their efforts were clearly shown the day itself. Most of the students started setting up to prepare for the crowd of the students to come. Initially they exhibited efficient communication skills, with the organizers of the event, in order for them to receive the spots in the ground they wanted, as well as talking with their own 'suppliers' of the event, so they can give their customers the products they are expected to receive. As the event started, students from throughout the school flock the ground and started choosing their picks, and exclusively buying products from the stalls of the students. Each stall exhibiting their creativity by creating a USP for their stalls, trademarks that make them stand out. And each stall does stand-out, in their own different ways. The students work hard throughout the day, bringing their plans into reality. At the end of the day, the smiles on their faces show that all their efforts and hard work are worth it. Especially since, the enterprise day was a real-life experience, combining school factors with real-life situations.

Pauline
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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

On 10th October 2019, the Senior School Students walked at Al Nahda Pond Park to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness. They showed immense enthusiasm for this cause as, regardless of the scorching heat, students continued their walk proudly. Each class also made two posters to showcase their support at the walk. Before the walk, the students refreshed their memory by learning more about breast cancer and its significance which increased their awareness. Towards the end of the walk, students were provided with water bottles arranged by the school management. Overall, the entire staff and students of senior school had a remarkable experience standing up for this cause.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

VISITING K9 FRIENDS

On the 30th of September, 25 AS level students were taken to the K9 Friends' shelter for rescued dogs in Jebel Ali, Dubai. K9 Friends aims to care for and protect abandoned dogs. It was a very educational experience as we were enlightened about the ways the animal shelter is run and how the rescued dogs are cared for. We were given a tour of the animal shelter by 2 experienced volunteers and even got the chance to interact with puppies towards the end of our visit. It was emotionally awakening to see so many dogs in need of a loving home. To aid K9 Friends with their goal we provided them with a fund of AED 1000.00 to cover expenses of food and other necessities for the dogs. A definite eye opener on all things "How To: Run a Dog Shelter", from their sources of finance to all necessary veterinary care, not only captivating for animal lovers, but also business and medicine enthusiasts too.

Vinuki Bandara
AS Level



DEWA CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Out of the many teams of Year 9 and 10 that submitted their Conservation Project Ideas, three lucky teams got selected by DEWA to attend the DEWA conservation project workshops to further enhance their project ideas. In a span of 4 workshops, we were able to gain an understanding on matters like Arduino and LEGO Mindstorms. It's true that we faced some difficulties initially but after research and practice we were able to use them with confidence. We learned a lot about programming, the controls and how to code it. We also got to know how we could conserve and sustainably use water and electricity. These workshops gave us an opportunity to interact with the other teams from several schools and help each other in understanding the mechanism of the toolkits and its programming. But not only did these workshops benefit me in the robotics field, it also taught me lessons that branch out to science and even geography. This was a memorable experience and we would be pleased to attend more of DEWA's workshops once again.

Anjalie Perera
Year 9



جائزة الترشيح
CONSERVATION AWARD

من أجل غدٍ أفضل
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Enterprise education provides a range of opportunities for students to innovate and experience enterprise skills. As part of the Enterprise curriculum, students are expected to set up an enterprise and document the details in a coursework for assessment. True to the idea of enterprise, Giller Jess Flores Gandia from 11 D thought of a very creative idea for his project – 'Drumming Workshop'. Using his talent in playing music, especially drumming, he thought of delivering an after-school workshop for interested students. Participants learnt traditional hand drumming techniques and how to play with them. He introduced the students to simple rhythms and facilitated a percussion session which was lively and energetic.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the session and learnt the nuances of drumming from their fellow student in an interactive way.



DUBAI 30X30 FITNESS CHALLENGE

From the young talented primary students, to the experienced knowledgeable A level students, the Dubai Fitness Challenge provided an opportunity for Pristinians to maintain an active lifestyle for the entirety of a month. Senior school indulged in HIIT workouts, regularly exercising during their P.E lessons, aiding in developing their athletic ability. Primary school students practiced exercises enthusiastically on alternate days, every morning for a month. An interactive Zumba program was exhibited and the girls of senior school cheerfully took part in the activity. The Fitness Challenge has improved the school's environment not only in terms of fitness, but also the mental strength of students. The Dubai 30x30 Fitness Challenge has planted the seed for fitness amongst the youth of Pristine, that will continue to be watered during the P.E lessons and fitness activities throughout the year.



DUBAI 30X30 MARATHON

On 8th November 2019, students of Pristine Private School participated in the 30x30 Dubai Fitness Challenge Marathon. Inspired by great leaders such as Sheikh Hamdan who were also present at the marathon, students took part in the 5K and 10K marathons. A total of 15 students ran from 7AM till 9AM on Sheikh Zayed road and were thoroughly exhausted after reaching the finish line but remained cheerful and congratulated one another after crossing the finish line.



DUBAI PARA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Friday, 8th November 2019, students visited the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships event that was held at the Dubai Club For People Of Determination stadium.

As the event began, athletes entered the stadium to the appreciative applause of the audience. The athletes were then introduced and the games began officially.

Students witnessed exceptional athletic abilities as athletes from different countries participated in highly skilled sports such as Shot Put and Javelin Throw. They were awed by the techniques of precision and accuracy employed by the para-athletes.

It was a significant occasion in the lives of these students as they saw the dreams and passion of these



EDUCATION EXPO 2019

On 23rd October 2019, a buzz of excitement and curiosity filled the air as a diverse collection of universities was present in the hall to help the ambitious and optimistic high school students plan for their future in terms of their university choices and career paths. It was an hour affair for each year (from Years 10 to 13) that supplemented the students' knowledge of life after school, further reassuring them of their potential and capability to reach the heights they have already set out to achieve. After a myriad of questions and inquiries, students found themselves with knowledge of the various opportunities available to them and the different ways to achieve their career goals.

Ariel Justine Panopio
A Level



EEG CAN COLLECTION DRIVE

On 26th of October 2019 the annual can collection drive officially began at Pristine Private School for the Academic Year 2019-20. This drive aims to unite all sectors of the society at a national level on important issues – Sustainability, Circular Economy, Energy Conservation and Protecting resources. Every year to ensure maximum contribution to the regular recycling initiative of EEG (Emirates Environmental group), PPS student body with the help of school Environment Club collects and disposes used cans in the segregated bins placed at designated areas around the school. The collected cans are then sent to the EEG where it undergoes the process of recycling. This helps divert the large quantity of metal trash from going to the landfill. This drive has enabled our school to share their green ideology with the extended community and have a green impact on society.

Asra Syed
Year 12



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EMIRATES ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

EMIRATES LITERATURE FESTIVAL 'ENBD POETRY FOR ALL COMPETITION'

The Emirates NBD Poetry For All is an annual competition run by the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature to celebrate poetry performance and recital. Students memorize poems and present an emotional response to the language, themes and ideas presented by the poet.

On Wednesday, 28th November 2019 two students of Year 9 represented the school at the competition held at the Ghaf Primary School, Jebel Ali.

The students selected to perform the poem "It Couldn't Be Done" by Edgar Albert. When asked by the judges regarding their choice of poem, students confidently articulated that the essence of the poem is very closely linked to the growth and prosperity of the nation; it describes what it takes to do something that has never been done before and to prove to those who doubted you.



FINLLECT

During the month of September, Enterprise students of Year 11 attended sessions with representatives from an organization called Finllect, which empowers communities to save and spend responsibly, so that they can be bold with their ideas, actions, and purpose.

The aim of these seminars was to make students familiar with different qualities required for them to be successful entrepreneurs by developing their creativity, marketing and teamwork skills amongst many others. Throughout the sessions, students were frequently asked to think innovative ideas which they presented to their fellow classmates in order to receive feedback on their pitching skills. These ideas ranged from recycled newspaper jewelry boxes to pieces of paper with Netflix login details on them.

The seminars were enlightening experiences for the students, equipping them with knowledge to host successful business ventures in the future as well as to assist in completing their IGCSE Enterprise coursework. Each of them walked away with renewed sense of inventiveness, cooperation, resilience and business management.

Zoya Naeem
Year 11-A



GAMESCAPE

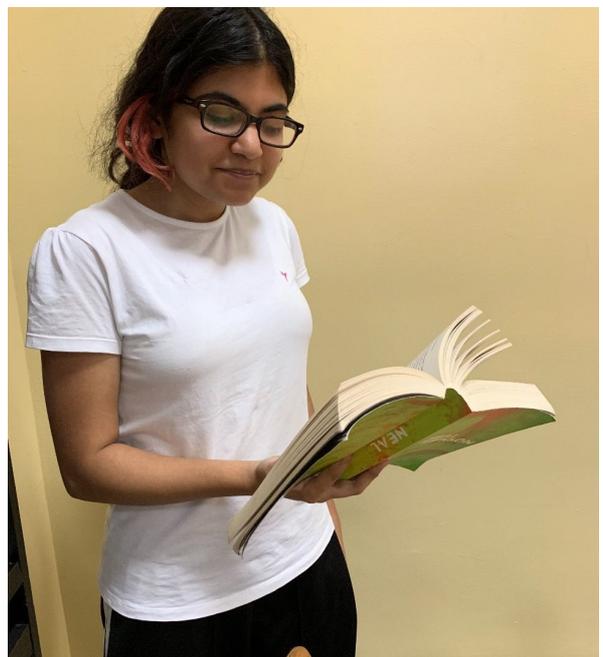
Year 11 Enterprise students came up with a unique idea for their course work. They planned a ticketed game show 'GAMESCAPE' comprising of interactive games and quizzes comprising all the aspects of their enterprise learning. The audience participated excitedly and anxiously awaited the surprises that were accompanied with the games. As it is said, success always follows hard work, it was a great success to see the audience enthusiasm in the planned gaming events. In addition, Year 11 students relearnt the enterprise concepts in a fun way.

Rahem Alavi
Year 11



GET CAUGHT READING

The Get Caught Reading Initiative had begun in September 2019 and it highlights the passion of the student body towards reading. As the name suggests, it involves catching students reading novels in their free time between classes and during breaks. Moreover, other than simply identifying students reading leisurely, the initiative aims to spark a conversation with the reader regarding their book - their opinions on the book and whether they would recommend it - as well as reading in general. By the end of the campaign, recognized bookworms will be acknowledged with certificates.



A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

I recently went on a field trip to see the innovative displays located in the Dubai Design District. Every display in that place leaked creativity and imagination. Every solution seemed so far-fetched, yet somehow at the back of my mind I knew it was possible. There were numerous displays, which challenged my perceptions of innovation. There were inventions in there which try to solve real issues, such as crime and medical emergencies. I even tried an invention that helps you create music through the use of virtual reality! And it's not just inventions, there were hands-on experiences too! I had the privilege of watching my friend and teacher try pottery. Meanwhile, there were also activities such as painting cups made of sustainable material, bracelet making and 3-D printing.

Visiting this place helped me see a glimpse of the future. And I can definitely say that our future is bright- perhaps brighter.

Jasmine Claire

11A



INTERCLASS BASKETBALL - GIRLS

The annual girls interclass basketball tournament for senior school was held on October 13, 2019. Seven teams, in total, participated in the tournament. Every team showed utmost dedication and resilience while practising, which was visible in their performance during the actual matches. However, as there could only be one winner in the end, the team that proved their excellence was Year 10C. The runner up team, Year 10A, played phenomenally well too being a challenging opponent to the winning team. Each participant from the winning team and the runner up team received medals to acknowledge their hard work, arranged by the Sports department. The entire match was incredibly intense and competitive which was evident from the crowd's cheers at the finals, when the girls from the senior school came to support their team. Overall, it was a remarkable experience watching the teams play outstandingly with sportsmanship.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL - BOYS

On 24th October 2019, the Interclass Basketball Tournament was approached by great jubilation and joy from all the classes of the Senior School. The pool comprised 7 teams from Year 9 till Year 13. An exciting run of matches through the groups stages saw Year 13B and Year 11 emerge as victor of their respective pools. An intense final followed in which Year 13B defeated their rivals by a significant margin. The first runner up trophy was awarded to Year 11 with Year 12C clinching the second runner up place securing the last place on the podium.



CRICKET

On 3rd November 2019, the senior school cricket team had participated in the Skyline Cricket Tournament and had their first match against Dubai Gem Private School. Dubai Gem chose to field and with a wet and a bowling pitch at hand, Dubai Gem emerged as the winner of the match.

FOOTBALL

On 2nd November 2019, the Senior School football team participated in the Skyline Football Tournament. They were drawn up against Sharjah American School. Pristine won 3-0 and were scheduled for their second match on the 5th of November against Al Diyafah High School.

Following their first fixture, Pristine's match against Al Diyafah High School resulted in a favorable outcome for Pristine Private School. A close competition ensued with Pristine emerging as the victors of the fixture with a score of 2-1.

BASKETBALL

On 2nd November 2019, the basketball team had taken part in the Skyline Basketball Tournament. They had been drawn up against Delhi Private School. Pristine defeated their opponents 31-28. A well fought win from the team, Pristine dominated all quarters with each quarter set for 10 minutes. After securing their first win, Pristine Private School moved into the quarter finals.

Their second match was scheduled on 4th November against St. Mary's Catholic High School, in which Pristine lost by 19 points. The team's run has now ended with their reach in the quarter finals.



KHALEEJ TIMES UNIVERSITY EXPO

In September 2019, Khaleej Times organized an Education Expo for students and parents to explore the wide plethora of educational opportunities, as per UAE's ambitious Education 2020 Strategy. The Academic and Career Counselling department arranged for a visit and so, Year 13 students attended the event held at a local school. Over 5000 students from all over UAE attended this event.

It was an insightful experience for the students as they gained valuable information about varied career pathways through the university program choices available at the exhibition.

Khizar Mohammad
A Level



LIBRARY MARATHON

On 12th November 2019, AS Level English Language students participated in an interesting competition 'The Library Marathon' organised by the University of Wollongong, Dubai.

The competition was a typical scavenger hunt and the clues were all in forms of challenges related to books that were in the university's library. By correctly guessing the collective number of books present in the main library, we secured a head start and raced off to the first location - the lab. From there, we moved on to the library where the competition really took off. After working our way through the challenges, we were able to achieve 2nd place, falling behind by just two points. Overall, it was definitely a refreshing and energizing experience, and was a day well spent at UOWD.

Zarya Usman
AS Level

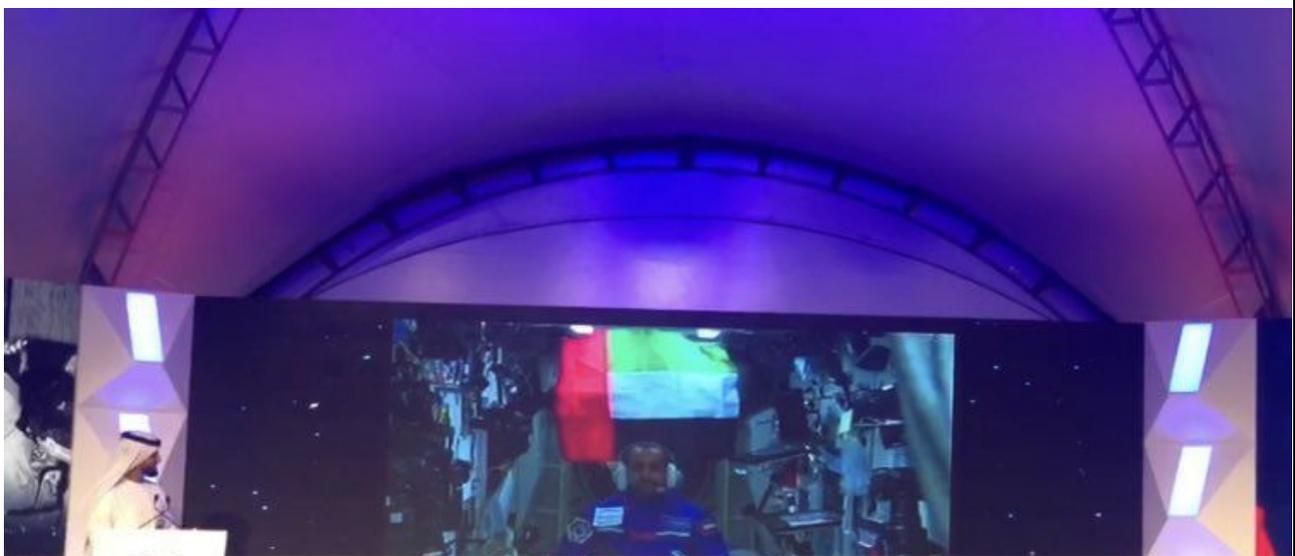


MBRSC

Pristine Students posted a inspirational message and then later joined UAE school students in asking Emirati astronaut Hazzaa AlMansouri how he ate and slept in space, among other questions, during a live radio call between Dubai's Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) and the International Space Station (ISS) on Sunday, 29th September 2019.

AlMansouri became the UAE's first astronaut after lifting off from Kazakhstan last Wednesday for the ISS in Earth's orbit. On Friday, he held a video conference with UAE students as well as His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, at MBRSC.

Post 16 Pristine Private students were a part of UAE historical milestone and event as the student representatives were at the live video conferencing session MBR SpaceCentre to witness, Astonaut Hazza AlMansouri the Space hero to share his view about life among the stars at the Space Settlement.



MINI UK FAIR

Several universities representing the UK were invited to Pristine Private School on 25th September 2019 to enlighten and inform students about the various degree programmes being offered to the Post-16 students of the school.

The universities representing the UK were Herriot-Watt, University of Exeter, Queen's University Belfast, University of Stirling and several others hailing from all parts of the country.

Overall, it was quite an enriching and eye-opening experience, as my peers and I spoke to the universities present and learnt about entry requirements for A Levels, tuition fees, scholarships and other requirements making us realise the level of effort that needs to be put into applications and studies. Due to the Education Fair, we went home with more knowledge regarding the future of our higher education after school.



PAKISTAN ASSOCIATION DUBAI

URDU COMPETITION

To celebrate UAE National Day Pakistan Association Dubai organised a colourful event on 23rd of November to pay tribute to Dr. Mohammad Allam Iqbal and H.H. Shaikh Zayed - the two great visionaries of the East. The main objective of the program was to familiarize the students with the great philosophy and poetry of Dr. Muhammad Allama Iqbal and H.H. Shaikh Zayed's vision of UAE and its culture.

Students of Year 8-10 participated in the various competitions organized.

Year 8 student Fatima Zahra participated in the Poster Competition on Dr. Allama Iqbal's poetry and Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Year of Tolerance and won the first prize.

Year 10 student Naveera Iman participated in the Senior Category for Urdu Essay competition (Topic: Zara Num Ho To Ye Mitti Bari Zarhaiz Hai Saqi) and bagged the first prize,

Year 11 student Fathima Zehra participated in the Senior Category for English Speech Competition (Topic: The highest result of education is tolerance) and secured second place.

Congratulations to all our winners!



PAKISTAN ASSOCIATION DUBAI SCIENCE FAIR

More than 200 students from various schools in the UAE attended and participated in a day-long Science Fair held at Pakistan Association Dubai on 19th October 2019. The fair was organised by the Education Committee of the association to promote the creative side of the community schools who through the support of their mentors showcased around 30 working models and projects based on space, electricity, ecology/population, energy, motion and Stem. The aim of the event was to provide an opportunity for students to apply the scientific methods, talents and creativity for the rapidly developing society.

Students of Year 10 participated in the event and exhibited a working model of "Smart Street Light, an exhibit on use of smart sensor to conserve energy and electricity for more sustainable future. This project secured second place in the competition.

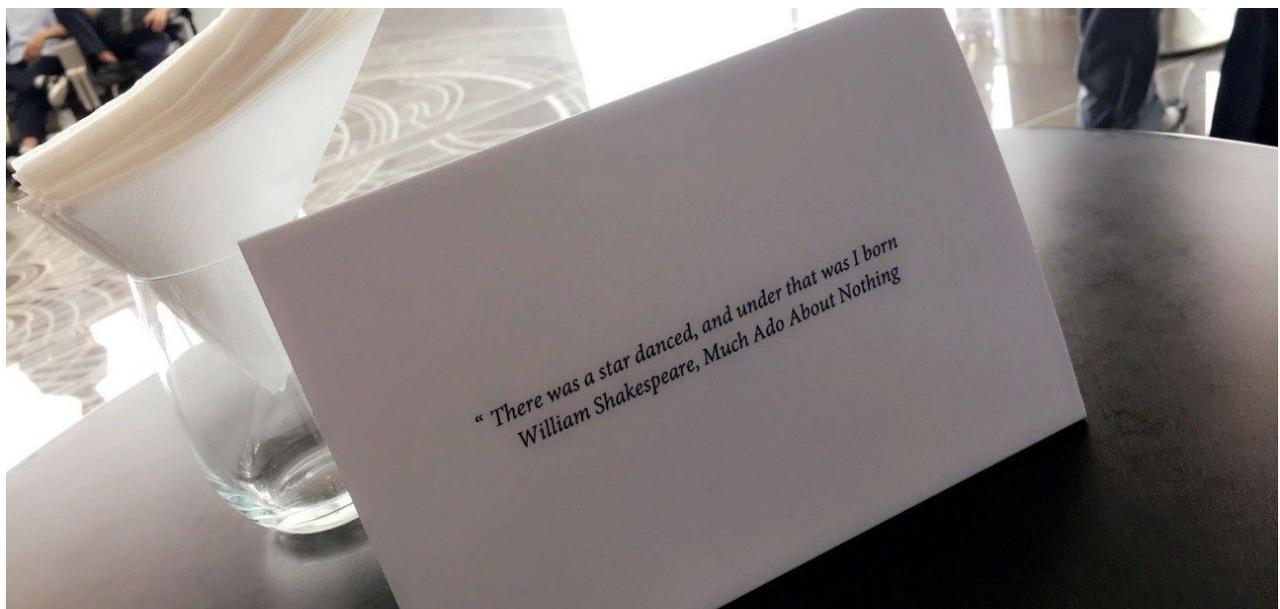
It was a unique experience through which students learned about various scientific developments through the well-designed projects by all the participating groups. This invigorating experience enhanced student scientific learning. The science fair was an effort to instill twenty-first century skills in the youth to give them an overview of subjects beyond their regular curriculum. This event provided hands-on training to students in focusing on creativity and innovation, understanding climate change and how to deal with it.



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Almost 5 centuries have passed but the greatest playwright's words still reverberate in the minds of his countless fans. Shakespeare's use of Pathetic Fallacy, "There was a star danced, and under that was I born" in his play, "Much Ado About Nothing", still has the same impact, as it did centuries ago.

Dubai Opera, well-known to welcome Literature Lovers had prepared the perfect ambience for the play on Wednesday, 25th September 2019 with scintillating lights focused on the performers and seats arranged for the luxury of the viewers. Since the Pristinians were already aware of the Shakespearean Language, it was not difficult for them to comprehend the exotic expressions of the performers. The play carried students to the Shakespearean era as they experienced the beauty of the diction and the unique implicitness of his language. The actors usage of irony combined with their suitable facial expressions included the audience as being part of the play. Exiting the Opera, was like stepping back to real life from a world of wonderful dreams.



SIMPLY BOTTLES CAMPAIGN

As the population of the UAE is rising, the amount of domestic and industrial waste produced is also growing exponentially. As a response to this situation, effective waste management is the need of the hour. 'Simply Bottles' has launched various initiatives that provide opportunities for the residents to help improve their surrounding environment. Our school has been actively participating in these campaigns to help clean up our nation. This year, the Environmental Management students of Years 10 and 11 participated in the 'Simply Bottles - Clean Up' campaign. They visited a desert area near Tiger Woods in Jebel Ali and cleaned by collecting the garbage scattered on the ground. Eventually, each student was able to collect the trash, segregate and contribute to the cleanup campaign considerably along with gaining increased awareness about the benefits of recycling.

Hiba Khurram
Year 11A



SPORTS DAY

The most anticipated event of the school took place on 19th November 2019. The Sports Day began with an array of pleasant displays, exhibiting the beauty of sport in various forms. Students of senior school showcased their skill in volleyball and badminton, whereas the young athletes of middle school demonstrated their expertise in football. The day continued with the events, beginning with a 400m race, where A level students unveiled their swift speed. Middle school and Primary school took part in various events such as relay races and tug of war, where each individual valiantly strived to win a medal for their house. The teacher's Tug of war gained the most audience, where crowds of supporters bombarded the event, for the purpose of strengthening the side they follow. The day ended with the declaration of the results, and to the joy of many, not only did Liwa House win First Place, but they also tied with Manhal house in winning the Best Marching Trophy. Overall a successful day for Sports Day, especially if you were Liwa!



TEACHER FOR A DAY

On 6th October 2019, an event to facilitate relationships between students and student-teachers took place in each classroom with a minimum of at least one student-teacher to hold the mantle in place. It was an event that students of AS or A Level handled a class that taught a subject assigned to them in a given timetable.

It was a great experience for students, especially the student-teachers, as it enabled them to grasp at what a teacher's responsibilities felt like and how it was to face an enthusiastic set of learners.

It was a wonderful experience as the student-teachers were put to think on their feet, answer questions that they usually wouldn't think of asking otherwise as students and control the general atmosphere of the class.

The students who were being taught found it an enlightening event, for the teachers were once students who had gone through the same things as they had.

All in all, it was a wonderful experience on both sides, and its intended purpose was fulfilled to celebrate World Teachers' Day.

Isuri Pahanma Manthisi
Year 11A



HAPPY@PRISTINE: TGIT & WELLNESS

The happiness and wellbeing of students is of utmost priority at Pristine. We believe in the mind/body connection and that wellness is the active and constant pursuit of harmony and balance in our bodies. The introduction of Wellness Wednesdays and Thank God it's Thursday (TGIT) themes aim to enhance the wellbeing of students encouraging to adopt healthy lifestyle, growth mindset and mindfulness. These are held weekly and the students partake in numerous activities like Zumba, Healthy Breakfast Mornings, Movie Morning, Meditation, Health & Mind Activities etc. demonstrating active involvement and enjoyment.

These initiatives have helped to support and improve the wellbeing and happiness of students to help them flourish at school and in life, thus enabling every individual of being capable of unlocking their greatest potential.

Hania Imran
Year 11-C



TRAVEL AND TOURISM CONFERENCE

On 5th of November 2019, the Travel and Tourism students had the golden opportunity to be part of a well-constructed conference held by Mr. Jeff Stratchen, the director of Dubai College of Tourism.

The conference comprised of all points that would be necessary for a country to have an extensive rate of tourism. Students learned how advertisements as a mean of promotion can play a vital role in making people across the globe aware and well-informed about a particular country and generate their interest in visiting the destination. The conference detailed how UAE plans to become the most popular destination for visitors. The Dubai Tourism Strategy 2020 strategic roadmap with the key objective of alternating 20 million visitors per year was shared.

The conference was quite comprehensive highlighting the factors considered by individuals and families (for e.g.: terms of cost, safety and security, environment, culture and customs of a destination etc.) prior to booking any particular destination for tourism.

Fatima Zeeshan
Year 11-A



KHDA WELLBEING CENSUS

KHDA wellbeing census for students of Years 7-13 was carried out in November 2019. The wellbeing census aimed to achieve the vision of the ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum: "to create a society where our people's happiness is paramount by sustaining an environment in which they can truly flourish". The data from the census will be used to support and further improve the well-being and happiness of students to enable them to achieve their full potential.

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THE WOODEN CHAIR MOVIE

On 13th November 2019, Wednesday afternoon, students of Year 9 watched an eighty minute Filipino film titled "Wooden Chair" which was among the finalists at the Japan Prize International Contest for Educational Media 2018. It was a heartwarming story based on the real life struggles faced by many third world countries and families around the globe. The drama revolves around the lives of Judy Ann and Robin—orphans from the rural areas of Philippines who must strive to provide for themselves as well as their expecting aunt. Being children around the same age, the movie drove down the whirl of emotions as the students witnessed the characters undertake challenges most adults today don't even face in their daily lives. Most students enjoyed the movie thoroughly. After watching the movie Rida Noor of Year 9C delightfully reported, "If you're looking for a magical tale that will move every inch of you, I recommend watching Wooden Chair." She further adds, "I guarantee that this movie will bring you tears of joy, giggles and a new soul-stirring perspective towards the situation of our world." Quite a thoughtful insight! Some messages are better learnt through entertainment to complement their real-life based lessons.



WORLD TOURISM DAY ASSEMBLY

On 29th September 2019, we were educated, through an assembly, on tourism and its different segments in commemoration of World Tourism Day that is annually celebrated on 27th September. We were informed about how tourism plays a major part in the UAE's economy from the airport to landmarks and much more. We were also introduced to Space Tourism - a new trend in the tourism industry that may soon become a reality, according to NASA, by as early as 2020. The UAE is also opening pathways towards space tourism through space-exploration with the 2020-2021 Mars Mission and the recent Hazza Al-Mansoori's successful expedition to space. We were also shown a video made by our very own Post-16 Pristinians that wished Hazza all the best for his trip to the ISS along with an enthusiastic countdown towards the end.

Nashwa Mansoor
AS Level



CURTIN UNIVERSITY

BUSINESS CUP CHALLENGE

A four-week essay based competition that allowed us to tackle real world problems revolving around AI and stretched out innovative thinking skills to the maximum.

It consisted of us being given a case study every Thursday. Each case study was about a UAE based firms endeavor to implement AI into its production processes.

We then had to write a report about how we would integrate AI into their existing systems and how it would impact the firm from not only financial but social, environmental and political aspects.

We were then judged and given a score on the solutions provided based on how innovating and applicable the idea was.

Overall it was a very intellectually enriching experience as we were assessed by an external university and managed to get high scores in the various rounds. There were a lot of takeaways from the competition and we all ended up being more enlightened on AI and various business.

Fudail Farhan
A2-B





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