



# INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH

NEWSLETTER



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# MOTTO

## TAMASOMA JYOTIR GAMAYA

### **Vision**

Transforming lives of pupils globally by redefining knowledge ecosystems through passion, dedication, collaboration and innovation.

### **Mission**

To provide the highest quality of education through experiential learning in a safe, secure and child centric environment; to help our students to develop into progressive thinkers and lifelong bearers of skills that will prepare them for the challenges of a dynamically changing world with empathy towards every other human being.

### **Quality Objectives**

To ENGAGE students in effective learning experiences by providing opportunities to have hands on experiences at least once in a month in each subject.

To MOTIVATE students to participate in a minimum of 10 age appropriate co-scholastic /scholastic activities every year.

To EXPOSE students to 2 age appropriate practices to sensitize them towards people and environment in every term of an Academic year

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**Dear Students and Parents,**

As the new academic year has begun, I would like to express my gratitude to the community of parents, students and staff. It has been an amazing year!

I am so proud of all of the achievements and accomplishments of our students here at Indian School Salalah. These would not have been possible without your support and dedication.

Reflecting on the past school year, we have had so many great memories and exciting events to look back. 40th year celebration, NABET accreditation, CBSE-extension of affiliation and continued with many successful events such as our Valedictory function, Graduation ceremony, National day, Republic Day Celebration, Annual Day and many more heart felt memories. We also added many new experiences, which we will continue and make new traditions of such as Unified Sports Day, International Mother Language Day and National Science Day. Our students really enjoyed all these activities. Recently, Board Exams for X and XII classes were completed. Wishing all the very best for the outgoing batch!

We not only focus on the child's academic level, but we also focus on the holistic development. We are always focused on the improvement of our school in all aspects. The infrastructure has been revamped for the new academic year. In order to facilitate conferences, meetings, classes and seminars, the AV room is refurbished. New air conditioners have been installed in the classrooms phase by phase.

In the last quarter of the academic year, we conducted SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analysing and Learning, by CBSE) and TIMSS by IEA(The international Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement).

In spite of all the challenges, we are consistent in the academic performance of our students. We have also created a goal for our school for improvement in the area of attendance. It has been proven that students who arrive to school on time and are present everyday perform at a higher level. We are looking to you as parents and partners in your child's education to help us in this endeavour.

A special thanks to you, the parents who have contributed in ways small and large. Thank you for the partnership between home and school, which is so important. We appreciate all that you do each and every day for our school and our children! The passion and strength within our community makes our school truly a special place for our children.

**My best wishes for the new AY 2023-24**

Warm regards,

**Deepak Patankar**  
**Principal**

To equip the students with the knowledge and to provide authentic information on the world of opportunities available in various fields beyond their schooling, the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman had come up with excellent initiatives like the Avenir, the mega career counselling programme which had helped many students to identify and explore various career options.

In continuation with its ongoing mission, under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman and the Samridhi Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Indian School Salalah hosted a webinar on Career Guidance on Saturday, 14th January 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. through the Zoom platform. The session was attended by around 200 students and parents of classes VIII to XII from all 21 Indian Schools in Oman.

The webinar was graced by Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors- Indian Schools in Oman, Mr. Vinoba M P, Sr. Principal, and Educational Advisor along with Ms. Mridula Srivastava, Regional Product Manager- Marketing Macmillan Education India and Mr. Gaurav Chadurvedi, Senior Manager (Sales) Middle East Macmillan Education India.

Dr. Siva Kumar Manickam, in his address, highlighted the significance of being smart in selecting the right career in the new era of technology and globalization. He further commented that the sole purpose of conducting such a webinar is to guide the students to be aware of the latest trend in pursuing their careers in the future.

The resource person for the webinar was Ms. Surbhi Dewra, one of the leading Indian women entrepreneurs. She has been working in the career guidance space since 2011 and established Career Guide in 2015 with an aim to serve young students and parents by helping them choose a career.

Ms. Surbhi Dewra, was welcomed and introduced to the gathering by Ms. Renu Jethin, faculty, Department of English, Indian School Salalah. Ms. Surbhi Dewra commenced the session by drawing students' attention to the positive changing scenario around the world in the realm of advancement and technology. She focused on the required skills to be inculcated such as the right attitude and aptitude,



hardworking and updating information in regard to the latest trends in career options. She, breaking some of the myths, emphasized the significance of Internships, summer jobs, and job shadows that a student must get into so that he/she can be successful in the future. She also shared resource materials and various website links with an aim to serve young students and parents in helping them choose a career by striking a balance in the student's aptitude and attitude.

The speaker during the interactive session motivated students by citing the example of renowned personality Harsha Bhogle, the cricket commentator who with great effort and hard work could make success in his life by focusing on his hobby and pursuing his career.

The session, indeed, proved useful, informative, and interesting with the help of PowerPoint presentations, interaction, and a few brain teasers. Ms. Surbhi Dewra, while clearing the doubts of the participants on the areas of study in which they seemed interested, exhorted them to put in all their efforts to meet success. She also extended her warm wishes to them for a bright future.

At the closing of the programme, Ms. Renu Jethin, faculty, Department of English, Indian School Salalah proposed the vote of thanks. The session received huge appreciation from the participating students, parents and staff who urged on having such events on a regular basis.



Indian School Salalah celebrated the 74th Republic Day on the 26th of January 2023 in the school premises. The patriotic fervor warmed up the cold winter morning as the teachers, parents and students gathered zealously for the celebration. The day witnessed the presence of the chief guest- President of the School Management Committee Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, other esteemed members of the School Management Committee, Ex-members of the School Management Committee, Chairman of Indian Social Club Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Dr. Sanathanan, Honorary Consular Agent, Embassy of India to Oman, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice Principals, In-charges, Heads of the Department, Parents and students at large. The students of Class VII presented the Republic Day programme. The programme commenced with Royal Anthem of Oman followed by National Anthem of India and a prayer song by school choir. Master Ishan from Class 7B formally welcomed the gathering. Miss Hanna of Class 7F delivered a speech in English that evoked the feelings of loyalty and commitment in young minds. The chief guest of the day, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President School Management committee addressed the audience. He paid homage to all martyrs of freedom struggle and expressed pride as recently India became fifth largest economy in the world. He quoted few excerpts from the address given on the eve of Republic Day 2023 by Honourable President of India Shree Droupadi Murmu. He highlighted India's overall progress and its global recognition since Independence leaving behind a string of landmarks that define its journey from underdeveloped nation to a strong powerful developing nation.

On this momentous occasion, winners in various categories of Vishwa Hindi Diwas competition held by Indian Embassy Muscat were awarded by Chief guest Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil along with Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar. An electrifying declamation on famous speech of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Miss Sreenidhi of Class 4 G left everyone spell bound.

The spirit of nationalism was brought alive with rendition of patriotic song by students of class VI and VII. Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar in his address reflected on the theme for this year's Republic Day celebration 'Jan Bhagidari' which means participation of the common people. He briefed about the various programmes started by Indian government in fields of education, industries and commerce, defense and stressed the importance of collaboration to facilitate overall development of the nation. He expressed his gratitude to parents and community at large for their constant support during testing times. A speech in Hindi by Sheikh Maseera Mehwish and Maryam Urooj from Class III amplified everyone's patriotic spirit. An air of patriotic fervor permeated the atmosphere with energetic dance performance on patriotic songs mashup by students of Class VII. The soulful rendition of Vande Mataram by students of Class IV mesmerized the audience.

The compering team comprising of Master Siddharth, Miss Nicole, Miss Esther, Master Ishan, Miss Niya, Master Oliver, Miss Mahima, Miss Ananya, Miss Pahuni and Miss Fida did a commendable anchoring. The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Miss Darsha from Class 7B.

## Navin Asher - Kazi Awards for Excellence in Teaching - 2022

### IS SALALAH TEACHERS WIN EXCELLENCE AWARD IN TEACHING!

The Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman hosted the **NAVIN ASHER-KAZI AWARDS CEREMONY** for excellence in teaching in Muscat on Wednesday, 8th February, 2023.

It was a proud moment for Indian School Salalah when its Assistant Vice Principal **Mr. Vipin Das** won **FIRST POSITION** in senior category and K.G.incharge **Mrs. Anjali Radhakrishnan** won **FIRST POSITION** in KG category, the prestigious Navin Asher Kazi awards for excellence in teaching. They received the awards from H.E Amit Narang- Ambassador of India to Oman and the Chairman, BoD, Dr. Sivakumar Manickam.

To add to the glory, **Mrs. Dharna Garg** of English faculty won the **Certificate of Recognition** for being nominated for excellence in teaching.

The meritorious achievement of these teachers is a great inspiration and motivation to the teaching fraternity of ISS as well the students.

*Congratulations!!!*

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**“Excellence is potential chiseled into a more perfect state through vision, dedication and determination”**



**Mr. Vipindas C K**  
**Asst. Vice Principal**



*Congratulations!!!*

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**Mrs. Anjali Radhakrishnan  
In-charge, KG Section**



**Congratulations!!!**

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**Mrs. Dharna Garg  
Teacher, Primary Section**



**Congratulations!!!**



Indian School Salalah celebrated the Annual Day on 3rd February 2023 with exuberance and ardour. This year's annual day celebration in fact reflected the magnificent journey of 40 years of hard work and dedication put up by this temple of learning. The day witnessed the presence of the President of the School Management Committee Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, other esteemed members of the School Management Committee, Ex-members of the School Management Committee, Chairman of Indian Social Club Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Dr. Sanathanan, Honorary Consular Agent, Embassy of India to Oman, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice Principals, In-charges, Heads of the Department, Parents, staff and students.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Principal Mr Deepak Patankar. In his address he expressed his gratitude to Parents, students, teachers and all well-wishers. He specially thanked the community and expressed the vision of the new building. The celebration started off with a musical touch. A welcome song was dedicated to all the invitees with great reverence and hospitality by the talented school choir of Indian School Salalah.

The formal function in the evening, as per school tradition, commenced with the rendering of prayer song to invoke the Almighty's blessings which was followed by the Royal Anthem of Oman and the National Anthem of India. It was followed by the lighting of the auspicious lamp by Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, other esteemed members of the School Management Committee and Principal Mr Deepak Patankar.

The academic excellence achieved by the students in CBSE board exams during the academic year 2021-22 was fittingly recognized by the Proficiency awards. The subject toppers in the Science and Commerce streams of grade XII and toppers of grade X were gleaming with joy and gratification as they (students and parents) (received the prizes for their yearlong painstaking effort. All were presented with a memento and a certificate for their conscientious and meticulous effort.

The prize winners were awarded by the President Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil other esteemed members of the School Management Committee and Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar.





The 40th-year celebration video commenced with a virtual display of the Blood Donation Drive followed by a series of events throughout the year that resulted in the Annual Day celebration. Mementoes were presented to SMC members, Ex- SMC members (Mr.H.S.Subramanya, Mr.Jonathan and Dr.Nishtar) Mr. Rakesh Jha, President Indian Social Club, other members of ISC, Representatives of different wings of ISC, Mr. Rassal Mohammed, President School Management Committee, IS Thumrait, Souvenir Inchargers – Mr. C. T Ramasamy and Mr. Yeswanth, 40th year core committee – Mr. Sinu Krishnan, Mr. Suhaib, Mrs. Reeshma and Mrs. Deepthi, School Admin Team – Mrs. Anjali, Mrs. Anita Rose, Mr. Vipin Das and Principal Mr Deepak Patankar as a token of love and appreciation for the services rendered to the institution.

The institution expressed its heartfelt gratitude to all the generous sponsors who have wholeheartedly supported to make the 40th year souvenir a reality. The digital release of the souvenir “ASPIRE” by the President of SMC Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil was the highlight of the grand celebration

The most coveted NABET Certificate was handed over to the honourable President, Dr Syed Ahsan Jamil by the Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar. Principal Mr Deepak Patankar and the honourable President Dr Syed Ahsan Jamil, felicitated the Accreditation Coordinator, Mrs Anita Rose, Assistant Vice Principal, NABET Team, the Deputy Accreditation Coordinators, Mr Vipindas Assistant Vice Principal and Mr Binoy C.A Faculty English Department, Mrs Harmit Pal, Chairman Academic sub-committee and Mr. Naveenth Krishna, Co- Convenor, SMC. The NABET core team members, Mrs. Anita Rose, Mr.Vipin Das, Mr. Binoy C.A Mr. James, Mr. Amit, Mrs. Ramsheeda, Mrs Anjali and Mrs. Sreevidya were felicitated by the President of the School Management Committee Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil for the tremendous effort put forth by them in achieving this certificate.

The entertainment segment bore testimony to the rigorous and diligent endeavors put in by the teachers and the students to showcase various talents in children. The cultural fiesta triggered with a spectacular display of 40 dance forms with colourful performances from different parts of the world. The audience were immersed in the ocean of this exuberant evening filled with fun and frolic. The spellbinding Chinese Dance appreciated the beauty of nature and the amazing singers of theatre duet served a splendid and entertaining musical treat. All were inspired by the roots of culture through the melodious folk song. These performances had bagged A and A+ grades in the ISTF competition in Muscat. The Fusion song, with music and dance captivated both the heart, soul and the mind of the audience. Reclaim the Runway with models portrayed themselves as mother earth that adorned various waste materials. The flash mob permeated the atmosphere with energetic dance performance on songs mashup by students of IS Salalah and IS Thumrait.

The act of the comperers joining the strands from one item to the next was commendable. The colourfully bedecked stage, back dropped with wide high definition LED video wall was well set for the exuberant display of talents. The cultural extravaganza which included a mosaic of dances, music and performances were ingeniously conceptualized, minutely planned and immaculately accomplished. The cultural programmes rose to its zenith with the Rock Band by school orchestra when the students manifested their skills on various musical instruments.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Mrs Reeshma, member-40th year core committee and teaching faculty, Department of Commerce.



Valedictory Ceremony signifies a golden age of a new beginning where students embark on an exciting new chapter in their life. Indian School Salalah organized Valedictory Function for its outgoing batch of class XII in an unprecedented and solemn ambience on Friday, 9 February 2023 in the school premises. The occasion was graced by Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, School Management Committee, esteemed members, SMC, distinguished guests, Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, AVPs, Mr. Vipindas and Mrs. Anita Rose, teachers, parents and of course, the adorable valedictorians.

The Ceremony started off with the marching of the students in their elegant graduation gowns with their Class teachers of all the five sections followed by marching of HODs, Admins and esteemed members of School Management Committee in ceremonial gowns to the seats assigned for them. The whole atmosphere echoed with the Prayer song to evoke the blessings of the Almighty followed by the auspicious ceremony, lighting the lamp as a

symbol of gratitude for the abundance that the divine has bestowed. Mrs. Dhanya Devi (Faculty Commerce Dept.) accorded a cordial welcome to the august gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Deepak Patankar, the Principal focused on the academics and the valuable last lap of this academic session for the students. He motivated the students to do good research and choose the prestigious universities and courses wisely. At the end of his speech, he showered them with good wishes to be victorious in all their future endeavors. The President of the school management committee, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, other esteemed members of the school management committee and the HOD's along with the Principal presented the mementoes and citations to the students to cherish the unforgettable moment.

Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, School Management Committee, in his address highlighted the importance of the parents as they are the living God for their children. He added due credit to the role of the teachers right from Kindergarten in the lives of the students.



He advised the students to learn to remain steadfast and brave to face the harsh realities of life and inspired them with the quote, “Destiny is not created by the shoes we wear but by the steps we take.”

Master Ayush, (XII D) and Master Veneet, (XII B), in their emotional speeches, shared their nostalgic reminiscences of their pleasant days they spent at Indian School Salalah. Master Samved (XII C), Miss Calista (XII B), Miss Jeni Magdalene and Miss Rahma Mohammed (XII A) also expressed their nostalgic moments and expressed their gratitude to their alma mater for what they are today. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude on behalf of all the students of Class XII to the Management, Principal and teachers for their continuous support provided to them at school. Mr. Hareesh K P, Teacher, Social Science Dept. enthralled the gathering with his melodious song.

The President, esteemed members of SMC, Principal, Asst. Vice Principals and all the subject teachers joined the valedictorians for the class photographs. After the photography session, the students along with their respective class teacher and subject teachers gathered for the cake – cutting ceremony to mark the significant occasion.

The solemn event was compered and coordinated by Mr. Amit Rathod, Coordinator of Class XII. The momentous celebration came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by the school Head boy, Master Samved Shaji and the school Head Girl Miss Meghna Jagadeep.





If there is one field which teaches us the most valuable lessons of LIFE like perseverance, patience, resilience, in fact everything that constitutes a perfect character, it is SPORTS. Personal, social and physical education are an integral part of learning and teaching in Indian CBSE schooling system.

Indian School Salalah under the aegis of Board of Directors for Indian Schools in Oman, conducted the “Unified Sports Day” on Tuesday, 28 February 2023 at school ground as per the guidelines given by ‘The Oman School Sports Association (OSSA)’ with great sportsman spirit and enthusiasm. The Oman School Sports Association (OSSA) promotes sports for all age groups as sports today plays an important role in promoting physical and psychological health and preventing diseases as well. “Unified Sports Day” is charted by strategic inclination to Oman Vision 2040. It aims at implementing inclusive sports, inclusive youth leadership opportunities that lead to meaningful change in creating a socially inclusive school environment that supports and engages all learners. The event was graced by Mr. P.L. Eapen – Chairman, Sports sub committee & member SMC, Dr. Navaneetha Krishnan Rajagopal – co-convenor-SMC & member SMC, Mr. Yaser Mohammed M.V – Chairman CCA sub committee & member SMC, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar Mr. Vipindas – AVP, HODs, in-charges, teachers and students were in presence for the event.

PRIMARY SECTION (Classes I and II): Classes I and II conducted Unified Sports Day in K.G. Block of

school with lot of fun filled games. The event commenced with National Anthem of Oman and National Anthem of India.

HOD Sports – Mr. Ishwar Deshmukh briefed about Unified Sports Day to everyone gathered. Games organised for primary section were ‘Musical chairs’ and ‘Game changer’. Students excitedly participated in these games and enjoyed playing wholeheartedly. It was indeed a treat to eyes of everyone present. SENIOR SECTION (Classes IX and XI), SMC members and Staff: Unified Sports Day for the senior section, SMC members and staff was conducted at school ground. The event commenced with National Anthem of Oman and National Anthem of India followed by a formal welcome to all gathered by Mr. Binoy. Deputy sports captain Miss Nicole Sarah Ernest briefed about the objective of conducting Unified Sports Day and highlighted that such events promote social inclusion with overall well being of all students. There were many sports events that were carried out simultaneously throughout the evening. These events included Tug of war by SMC members, gents staff, ladies staff and also by students (girls and boys both categories). Throw ball was played by students (boys and girls) and also by gents staff of school and SMC members. Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Chess and Badminton were also played. On the whole, unified sports was held in true sportsman spirit and the day was filled with a lot of excitement, along with thrills, enjoyment and cheers.



SAFAL-(STRUCTURED ASSESSMENT FOR ANALYZING AND LEARNING) is a new initiative by CBSE to test the students of classes V & VIII in the subjects Science, Mathematics and English. Indian School Salalah was selected as one of the schools in Oman to conduct the pilot testing and as per the schedule given by CBSE the exams were conducted. For smooth conduct of exam Mr. Mohammad Javed- HOD Computer Science, department teachers along with both the AVPs Mrs. J Anita Rose and Mr. Vipindas conducted the session for the teachers and the students of grade V and VIII. Examination was held from February 9<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Science, Mathematics and English for Grades V and VIII.

### IS SALALAH CONDUCTED TIMMS AND ICILS EXAM

The international Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) is an independent international cooperative of national research institutions and government agencies that has been conducting studies of cross- national achievement since 1959. IEA's TIMSS has reported on international achievement trends every four years since 1995.



TIMSS 2023 is the eighth assessment, enabling participating countries to chart the progress of their education systems over a 28-year period. TIMSS is designed to measure and interpret differences in national educational systems in order to help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science worldwide. Since the 2019 cycle, TIMSS has transitioned from paper pencil to computer-based administration. ICILS 2023 builds on the IEA's previous work investigating the ways in which young people are developing Computer and Information Literacy (CIL) to support their capacity to function in the digital age.

Indian School Salalah was selected as one of the schools from The Sultanate of Oman and selected sections of Grade 4 and Grade 8 (students) got the opportunity to be part of this Internationally accepted evaluation process. The Class coordinators Mr. Joby Varghese, Mrs. Diana Carvalho (English Department) and Test Administrator Mr. Mohammad Javed – HOD computer Science department conducted the exam successfully





To promote the skill and talent among students in Hindi language, Indian Embassy, Oman, organized three competitions on the occasion of Vishwa Hindi Divas on 14 th January (Saturday) in Muscat. Students from IS Salalah, Miss. Sreenidhi B of class III participated in Fancy Dress competition as freedom fighter, Miss Harshada Audumbar Pise of class VII and Miss Shagun Nilesh Rajyaguru of class VIII participated in Hindi Extempore Speech and Knowledge of Hindi competitions. Miss Shagun Nilesh Rajyaguru won the first runner-up position in the Knowledge of Hindi competition and was honoured by His Excellency Mr.Amit Narang, Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman.

## CCA EVENTS : JAN – FEB 2022-23

Regional Solo Song, Declamation and English Poetry Recitation were the CCA Events conducted for the Junior and Sub Junior categories in January and February and the students were graded according to their performance. The competitions were conducted class wise. Two students from each section of classes V, VI, VII and VIII were selected as the finalists. Regional Solo Song for class V was conducted on January 24, 2023 and 18 students participated in it and for class VI, the competition was on January 25, 2023 and 16 students took part. The participants captivated the audience with their melodious songs. Declamation for class VII and VIII was conducted on January 30, 2023 and 28 students put in an astounding performance.

English Poetry Recitation for class VI was conducted on February 1, 2023 and 17 students took part in the competition. For class V, the English Poetry Recitation was conducted on February 2, 2023 and 18 students participated in it. The audience was impressed to listen to some prolific recitals.

Regional Solo Song for class VII was conducted on February 5, 2023 and for class VIII on February 6, 2023. 16 and 11 students participated in the events respectively.

With this, the CCA Events for the academic year 2022-'23 was successfully completed.

## IS SALALAH BAGGED FIRST PRIZE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE FAIR



In the 4th inter school 'SCIENCE FAIR' conducted on 20th March, 2023 by Dhofar University, in Computer Science category, Indian School Salalah team comprising Mast. Mohnish Kumar Hemnani (XII std), Ms. Rachel Jeanna Meeran and Ms. Vareesha Javed (X std) won the FIRST PRIZE for their presentation on the topic-'All about Artificial Intelligence and more'.

The team was trained by Mrs.Purnima Santosh (Faculty-Computer Science) and guided by Mr. Mohammed Javed (HOD Computer Science).

The School management, Principal, AVPs and the staff congratulated and appreciated the effort of the team.



## HARVEST FESTIVALS OF INDIA



Festivals celebrated to mark the ripening and beginning of the harvest season of crops are called harvest festivals. Because of differences in climate and main crops, each of India's 28 states celebrate its harvest festival at various times of the year. Bihu, Pongal, Makara Sankranti, Lohri – the names and places vary, but the meaning is the same: to be thankful for a plentiful harvest. Students dressed completely in folk attire spoke on the occasion spreading the message of happiness.

## TRAFFIC RULES- AWARENESS ACTIVITY



Road safety is a great subject to engage children – and Road Safety Week is the perfect time to do it! The students often enjoy and get a lot from studying and knowing more about road safety. It's vitally important to help shape children's understanding of and attitudes towards road safety, to help give them the best chance of keeping safe while they're young and as they get older.

In order to make the students aware of the traffic rules the students were given a live example by taking them to the road under the guidance of teachers. It was an enriching experience and was well received by students.

## ART INTEGRATED AND EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES



Art Integrated activity is a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning based on collaboration between the teaching of subject with the teaching of Art, where Art in any of its multiple forms, becomes the primary pathway to learn the topic. Experiential activities focus on engaging students in hands-on experiences and reflection, they are able to connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

## THE CLOSING ASSEMBLY- CLASS III & IV



“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.” This successful academic year 2022-2023 came to its culmination with the Closing Assembly conducted by students of class IV. The student representative of each class happily expressed their gratitude and shared their experiences. It was an amazing moment for the both the students and the teachers.



India is a land of great biodiversity, Different states celebrate a large number of harvest festivals. Pongal, Bihu, Lohri – the names and places vary, but the meaning is the same : “to be thankful for a plentiful”. A ‘depiction of Harvest Festivals’ was conducted on 19/01/23. Harvest festivals like Pongal, Lohri, Bihu and Makar Sankranti were depicted on 4 corners of the ground in the KG Block. Students from Class 1I and selected students from other sections of classes 1 and 2, participated in the same by speech and by dressing up in the traditional costume.



### 74<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The Republic Day is celebrated on 26 January every year in all its solemnity and grandeur by Indian School Salalah. To commemorate the 74th Republic Day of India, Class 1C and 1 D conducted Republic Day Assembly on 30/01/23.

The highlight of the programme included enthralling dance performance and patriotic song by students, waving tri-colour flag, which was an exuberant visual treat to the gathering.







## UNIFIED SPORTS DAY

Road safety is the prevention of road accidents by obeying the road safety rules and regulations. From 30/01/23 to 02/02/23 classes 1 and 2 students were taken on the road near to school for a demo class on road safety rules. EVS teachers explained and showed 'how to cross the road' to students.



## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

All of us are proud of our mother tongue and it is very special to us. To uphold the self-esteem of one's mother tongue, International Mother Language Day is celebrated on 21st February. Students actively participated by delivering an introduction speech in their mother tongue and they also brought the A4 sheet in which they wrote their name in their mother tongue.



Unified Sports Day for the schools of the Sultanate of Oman "a bit of sport" was celebrated in our school campus on 28th February 2023. It motivates the target groups to practice sports in a healthy and ideal atmosphere, refine students' talents, develop their abilities and skills and employ them for the benefit of the student, school and society. Classes 1 and 2 students actively participated in the events.

## NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

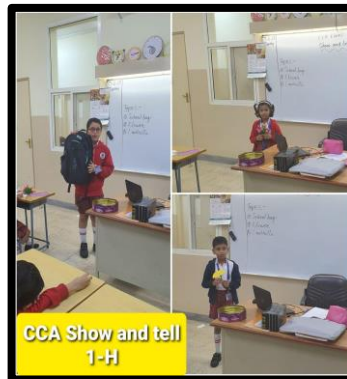


Science is a beautiful gift to us. National Science Day is celebrated annually on 28th February to commemorate the discovery of the “Raman Effect” by Indian physicist, Sir.C.V. Raman. To instill curiosity in our young scientists, a flyer consisting of an experiment- ‘Sugar Rainbow’ was posted in the class whatsapp group and students were asked to click the experiment picture and send to their class teacher.



## CCA EVENTS

CCA facilitates the development of various domains of mind and personality such as intellectual, emotional, social, moral and aesthetic development. Events like Memory Game and ‘Show and Tell’ were conducted successfully by class teachers during CCA periods. Classes 1 and 2 students actively participated in the events.



## CLOSING DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY 2022-23

On 9th March students of classes 1 & 2 witnessed a special Closing Day Assembly. The assembly was conducted by students of class 1G and class 1H. They actively participated and showcased their various skills. Puppet show was the highlight of the assembly.



# CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class 1A and 1B conducted class assembly on 22/01/23. (theme: Happy New Year 2023). Class 1E and 1F conducted class assembly on 13/02/23. (theme: Ambition)



# ART INTEGRATED AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Art-integrated and experiential learning activities are given to the children to make learning more interesting and fruitful.





### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY- SEASONS



‘Seasons are nature’s way of showing us how to live’

Children understand the passage of time and change when they learn about seasons. Kindergarten conducted a special assembly on 18th January 2023. Children dressed up according to different seasons and spoke about the same.

### VALUE BASED ASSEMBLY



‘Great values are built on strong moral foundations.’

Value-based education aims at training the students to face the outer world with the right attitude and values. It is a process of overall personality development of a student. It includes character development, personality development, citizenship development, and spiritual development.

### REPUBLIC DAY – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



‘A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and minds of its people’

Teaching children about Republic Day is a great way of instilling patriotism in them.

It will give them a sense of belonging to the country they're born in and mould them into responsible citizens. Kindergarten conducted the Republic day special assembly on 27th January 2023 with great zeal and enthusiasm. Children dressed up in the traditional attire of different states.



### FINE MOTOR SKILL & LIFE SKILL ACTIVITIES



Life Skill activities help children to develop sound judgment, social and interpersonal skills. They also inculcate good habits among the children by providing them with practical experience.



**'I hear and I forget  
I see and I remember  
I do and I understand.'**

EVERY YEAR, February 28 is celebrated as National Science Day to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by the scientist C.V. Raman. He discovered the Raman Effect on February 28, 1928. Scientific temper is developed at its best during childhood.

Science experiments help to develop a child's resourcefulness, particularly their skills at goal setting, planning, and problem-solving. It also nurtures intellectual curiosity, helping children acquire new ways of asking questions and understanding the world. Kindergarten conducted a special assembly on 2 March 2023 in which teachers demonstrated simple science experiments like floating egg and volcano eruptions.

**“The most beautiful thing you can wear is confidence.”**

Co-curricular activities boost self confidence in students. They also hone social skills, intellectual skills, moral values, personality development and character development in students. Co-Curricular activities include cultural events, library activities, classroom activities, creative arts and meditation. Kindergarten conducted different CCA activities like Recitation, Story narration, Show and tell, Clay modeling , Drawing & colouring and English calligraphy.

## STORY ENACTMENT/PUPPET SHOW



Enactment is the real way to teach the children of Kindergarten. The objective of the activity was to help the students comprehend the story and have fun at the same time. The story was enacted by teachers with various props, finger puppets, charts, pictures, creative gestures and facial expressions. The students enjoyed the story enactment session by the teachers.

## SHOW AND TELL



**‘With a little confidence, you can become the best version of yourself’**

‘Show and tell’ gives children an opportunity to stand up in front of their friends and speak about a topic that interests them or share something that they love. It builds confidence and helps children develop effective communication skills..

## HAM ACTIVITY

HAM is a fun-filled English-speaking activity that teachers take with their students and children play and have fun with their friends

**INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH  
KINDERGARTEN SECTION - UKG**

HAM

Dear parents,

As a continuation to our S A T (Show and Tell) activity, we are introducing H A M (Half a Minute) activity, which will also help to develop the Speaking Skills of our Children.

In this activity the child will be asked to speak for 30 seconds (Half a Minute) about any of the given objects. Children can frame their own sentences and speak on any one of the given objects.

**H A M ACTIVITY**

1. APPLE
2. FLOWER
3. BOOK
4. PENCIL
5. COW

Thank you

## FIVE SENSES ACTIVITIES

The main objective is for students to recognize and appreciate the five senses (touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing). These five senses make it possible for people to interact with others and get around in their lives. This lesson will also help students develop their oral communication skills.



## KINDERGARTEN CLOSURE ACTIVITIES

Children learn best when they are playing and enjoying themselves at the same time. Having fun while learning also helps the students retain information better because the process is enjoyable and memorable.



## GRADUATION DAY CEREMONY OF SENIOR KG

**‘Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead.’**

The transition from Kindergarten to Primary section marks a very significant milestone in a child’s life. Graduation ceremony of the Upper Kindergarten section of Indian School Salalah was held on 16th March 2023 in the K.G. block. 216 tiny tots graduated from UKG to class 1.

It was a truly momentous occasion for all the students of Kindergarten and their parents.





The graduation ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest of the day Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President of the School Management Committee. Dr. Muhammed Yousuf Ismail, Convenor (SMC), Dr. Abubacker Siddique, Treasurer (SMC), Dr. R Navaneetha Krishnan, Co- Convenor (SMC), Mr. P L Eapen, Chairman, Sports Committee, Mrs. Harmit Pal, Chairman, Academic Committee, Mr. Yaser Mohammed M.V – Chairman CCA sub committee, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice principals Mr. Vipin Das and Mrs. Anita Rose were the dignitaries present for the graduation ceremony. Mrs. Rajisha Babu (Faculty, Kindergarten) and students of LKG Mst. Kiaan Patel and Mst. Farshad extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and the audience. The Annual report was presented by Mrs. Anjali Radhakrishnan, In charge of Kindergarten. She took the audience down the memory lane with the glimpses of the academic year 2022-23 highlighting the various activities carried out during the year.

The outgoing students shared their memories and experiences in the Kindergarten in their valedictory speeches. The children fondly remembered their teachers who had touched their lives with love, care and attention. They pledged to keep the flag of their school flying high and promised to bring laurels to their school in the years to come. Vibrant music, dance and skit set the tone and mood for the occasion. The students of Kindergarten left everyone spellbound with their mesmerizing performance.

Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, who has always been the driving force and a source of inspiration, addressed the gathering. He referred the stars of the evening - the valedictorians as lovable and adorable and his friendly interaction with the students made them very happy. He also emphasized on the point that this is the time to pause to feel grateful to all those who have helped them move ahead in life. He congratulated and appreciated the in charge, teachers and support staff.



He complimented the outgoing students who spoke on the occasion. He wished and thanked all the Parents who were part of the school activities. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, President School Management committee Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil expressed his profound joy at the grand success of the programme. He thanked and appreciated the Kindergarten in charge, teachers and Omani Staff for their untiring efforts, dedication and commitment put in to make the programme a grand success.

Assistant Vice Principal Mrs. Anita Rose appreciated the efforts of teachers and students and blessed the young Graduates.

The students were thrilled and excited to receive the mementoes from the guest. The joy and a sense of pride was clearly evident on their faces as they walked up to the dais to receive the mementoes. The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the students of LKG. Altogether, it was a joyous and memorable day for everyone.

## SPORTS UPDATE

### IS SALALAH LIFTS INTERSCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT TROPHY



Indian School Salalah bagged the Champion's Trophy in the Inter-School Football Tournament organized by A'Soud Global School, Salalah, on 16th March 2023. The tournament was conducted on a round-robin basis. The final was played between Indian School Salalah and International Pioneer School, Salalah.

ISS dominated the match and emerged as the champion in the finals by scoring 6 goals against the 2 goals by the rivals. Master Mohammed Zayed of ISS was adjudged the best player, while Master Mohammed Ali of the same side was declared the best goalkeeper of the tournament. The coach, Mr. Ishwar Deshmukh congratulated the budding talents for their dedication, endurance and team spirit which enabled them emerge as the champions.

The Management, Principal and the Staff congratulated Mr. Ishwar Deshmukh, Head-Physical Education Department and Mr. Sahad (Faculty, PE Department) for coaching the team to clinch the trophy.

### NICOLE OF CLASS XII REPRESENTS OMAN CLUSTER FOR ATHLETIC NATIONALS

Nicole Sarah Ernest of grade 12- E represented Oman Cluster for the CBSE Athletic Nationals held at Sant Atulanand Convent School Koirajur, PO Haruha, Varanasi from 1st Feb- 4th Feb 2023. She competed in the under -19 (girls' category) in 100 mtrs and Long Jump.

She clinched gold medal in CBSE Oman Cluster Athletic Meet held in the month of November 2022 in 100 mtrs and Long Jump in the under -19 girls' category.



## SWIMMING CLASSES

The school organized Swimming Classes for the girls of Grade IV - VI at Haffa House Swimming Pool on Fridays and Saturdays in the month of January –February, 2023. This was for the first time the school conducted swimming sessions for the girls.

The swimming instructor, Mr. Ishwar Deshmukh (HoD-PE Department) informed that apart from imparting the basic training, he also briefed the students on the importance of swimming and how it can make one active, happy and healthy. The students learnt the basics of swimming with full zeal and fun during the 8 days session.

## INTRAMURALS

The Department of Physical Education conducted Football in (senior and junior for boys category), Basketball (Girls - open category), Kho kho (junior boys and girls junior category) and Cricket (junior category) in the month of January and February.



### CRICKET(JUNIORS):

The Inter House Juniors Cricket first 1st match was played between Sapphire House and Emerald House in which Emerald house won by 61 runs. In the 2nd match between Coral House and Amber House, Amber House beat Coral House by 6 Wickets. The Final was played between Amber House and Emerald House and was won by Emerald House by 30 runs and emerged as the Champions

### FOOTBALL

**Seniors-** The first match played between Amber House and Coral House, Coral House won against Amber House 4 - 2 via tie breaker and in the 2nd match Sapphire House beat Emerald House 3 - 2 to enter the finals. In the finals Sapphire House beat Coral House 4 - 0 and was declared the champion



**JUNIORS-** The 1st match between Amber House and Sapphire House and the 2nd match was played between Coral House and Emerald House in the month of February. In the 1st match between Amber House and Sapphire, Sapphire House won 2-0 to enter the finals. In the 2nd match Coral House defeated Emerald House in sudden death by 5-4. The finals played between Sapphire House and Coral House, Sapphire House won the finals 3-1 to emerge as the champion. Delvin Davees scored all three goals.



## KHO-KHO

**JUNIORS(GIRLS)** : The Kho-Kho competition was conducted in the 1st week of February. The first match was played between Coral House and Emerald House. Coral House won the match 15- 3. In the 2nd match played between Sapphire House and Amber House, Sapphire House won the match 5 - 4 and entered the finals. In the exciting final match Coral House beat Sapphire House by 1 point. The score of the final match was 5-4.

The finalist teams were introduced to the AVP, Mr. Vipindas by the HoD-Physical Education, Mr. Ishwar Deshmukh .



**JUNIORS(BOYS):** In the match played between Coral House and Sapphire House. Sapphire House won the match by 12-7 points. In the 2nd match Emerald House won against Amber House by 3-2 points. In the finals Emerald House emerged as winners by winning over Sapphire House by 2- 1 points.

**BASKETBALL:** The Inter House Basketball Tournament for girls was conducted on 28th January 2023. The competition was conducted for the girls of grade 5-11.

1st Match - Sapphire House vs Emerald House. Sapphire House won 16-03. In the 2nd match Amber House defeated Coral House 10-08. In the finals played between Sapphire House and Amber House, Sapphire House won 20-10 and emerged as winners.



**All that begins well, ends well! Best wishes for the New Academic Year 2023-24**

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