

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH



NEWS LETTER

FIRST QUARTER 2024-2025



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



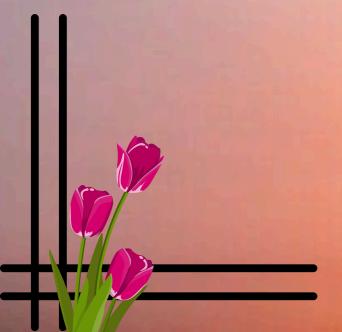
The Guiding Values of the School Shall be:

- Sincerity
- Commitment
- Discipline
- Integrity
- Sensitivity



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

We, the Indian School Salalah fraternity are elated to release the first volume of the Newsletter for the academic year 2024-'25. Each academic year commences with new targets to ensure that students achieve their full potential and the ISS faculty with their utmost devotion and perseverance are able to attain the set goals. This is reflected in the brilliant performance of our students in their grade X and XII CBSE Board Examination 2023-'24.

We believe in providing holistic learning environment to the students. In Term I, besides academics, teachers and students were involved in the exhibition-Explora 2024, sessions on career guidance, Mental Health sessions by the Happiness and Wellness Department and Education conclave. On the academic side, students are gearing up for their First Term Examination that commences on the third week of September. Meanwhile the Enhancement classes for grades X and XII are on board from the month of May. Various club activities are also on record. The virtual visit of the NABET Assessment Team took place on the 27th and 28th of August.

Not just in academics alone, but, in the co- curricular activities too, the tremendous fervour and gusto of our students have always placed us in the forefront. The Ambassador's Trophy for the Inter School Polemic Debate Challenge, Shastra Pratibha award, accolades in Dhofar Exhibition, inter school victories in CBSE Oman cluster are some of the golden feathers adorned in the crown of ISS. The forthcoming months are crucial for the students in both curricular and co-curricular activities. STAI and ISTF are some of the mega events awaiting them. I'm sure that the high spirits and dedication of our students under the able guidance of their teachers will help them, achieve success and make us all feel proud of them.

Wishing you all a very successful academic year ahead!
Warm Regards
Mr. Deepak Patankar
P Principal







INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH EXCEL IN CLASS XII & X CBSE BOARD EXAMINATION 2024



Indian School Salalah yet again exults with an outstanding 100 % results, making an impressive record in the CBSE class XII& X Examinations held in February-April 2024.

The Central Board of Secondary Education conducted the board examinations from February 15th to April 2nd and the much-awaited results were announced on 13th May, 2024.

The school is proud of its class XII Science stream topper Miss Sadiya Katoon, who secured a record score of 490/500 (98%), which is the highest score secured in class XII in the history of ISS as well as she was the second topper for all Indian Schools in Oman. Another major highlight of the result is its brilliant centum holders. In class X it is extremely commendable to have 12 perfect scores of 100-Ten in Malayalam, one in Standard Mathematics and one in Arabic. Another golden feather in the cap of ISS is the centum holders in class XII with a record breaking five centums in Informatics Practices in class XII

CLASS XII RESULTS

Indian School Salalah once again proved its academic excellence by scoring 100 percent result with 162 students appearing for Class XII board examinations. Displaying an outstanding performance in the examination, the students of Science, Commerce, and Humanities streams have proved their mettle and set commendable records for Indian School Salalah.







RESULT HIGHLIGHTS

In the Science stream, Miss Sadiya Katoon topped the school result with 98%. Master Neelesh Kumar Kataria secured the second position with 97.4% and the third position went to Miss Vidula Mahesh Rao with 96.8%. 30 students secured 90% and above. Out of 102 students in the Science stream who appeared for the exam, 90 students got Distinction i.e above 75%, and 12 students secured First class (60-74%)

Taking the top spot in Commerce Stream, Master Mohammed Nur Islam secured 95.4 % followed by Master Rishi Arun Shukla securing the second position with 94.4 % while Miss Diya R Vijesh secured the third position with 93 %. Out of 46 students in commerce stream 33 secured Distinction i.e above 75%, 13 students secured First class.

In the Humanities stream, Miss Shalabha V topped with 94.6 % followed by Master Syed Rezin Maroof with 93.6 % in the second position and Master Bharadhoj Mundirikka with 92.6 %. in the third position. Out of 14 students in the Humanities stream, 11 got Distinction i.e above 75% and 3 students secured First class.



Out of the 231 students who appeared for the exam, 62 students displayed an outstanding performance by securing 90% and above.

With an outstanding 98.2%, Master Levin Joseph Thomas emerged as the school topper, followed by Master Luke Jose, Master Akhilesh Prakash and Miss Bushra Huda with 97 % as the second toppers. By securing 96.2 %, Master Alwin Aneesh clinched the third topper position, thus bringing laurels to the school with their phenomenal competitive performance. Out of 231 who appeared, 160 secured distinctions, 56 secured first class and 15 secured less than 60%.

Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President Indian School Salalah Management Committee, Dr.Mohameed Yousoof (Convenor& Chairman-Academic sub committee and other members of the SMC extolled the students for their meticulous and authentic performance. The President appreciated the teachers and parents for their pledge and alliance that has continuously fetched splendor to the institution.

Principal Mr Deepak Patankar attributed the enormous triumph to the absolute hard work and resolve of 155 students. He stated that the teachers and parents have been a great influence in guiding and always furthering their self-confidence and reiterated that the stunning combination and teamwork of the triad has taken the school to the peak of accomplishment. He expressed his sincere felicitations to the toppers and all the students.



INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH EXCELS IN DHOFAR UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FAIR







Indian School Salalah made a significant mark at the Annual High School Science Fair Competition hosted by Dhofar University, showcasing impressive talent across multiple disciplines on 9th May 2024. Students from 18 schools presented 35 projects which made the competition a tough one.

Indian School Salalah was represented by four teams, specializing in Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. The school won the overall trophy for the best school in Dhofar region. Our teams achieved outstanding results, securing FIRST PLACE in both Computer Science and Physics, SECOND PLACE in Biology, and received a participation certificate in Chemistry.

In the Computer Science category, Master Aditya (VIII-G), Master Aarav Malviya (VIII-A), and Master Yuvan Eshaan Mandala (VIII-C) presented their project under the able guidance and mentoring of Mrs. Purnima. Their project featured an innovative robot that adeptly solved a Rubik's cube, captivating the judges and audience with its efficiency and technological prowess.

Mrs. Vidya Pillai and Mr. Abdul Bari guided and mentored the Science Department teams. Miss Mohanapriya Rajasekaran, Miss Sahana Kanakasabai, and Master Yeasrif Rahman, all from class XII-B, presented the Physics project while Master Nandakumar Rajesh Kumar and Miss Bhagialakshmi from class XII-C, along with Miss Alqama from class XII-A presented the Biology project. Mast. Savanth G.T and Miss Nithika Joanna Sathya from class XII-A, and Mast. Amber Vishal Dixit from class XII-B presented the Chemistry project.

Dr. Abubacker Siddique (President, SMC), other eminent members of the School Management Committee, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Vice Principal Mr. MammiKutty, and the Assistant Vice Principals, Mrs. J Anita Rose and Mr. Vipindas, extended their heartfelt congratulations to the Heads of Departments, Mr. Mohammad Javed (Computer Science) and Mr. Shinoj Thomas (Science), as well as all the teachers involved in guiding the students to achieve this remarkable feat.

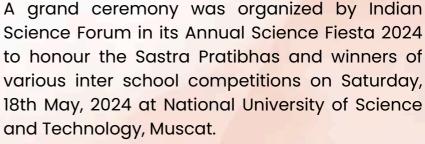


'SASTRA PRATIBHA'



MISS. ZAINA FATHIMA RECEIVED STATES 'SASTRA PRATIBHA' AWARD FROM INDIAN SCIENCE FORUM





Students of Grades V to X from all Indian schools in Oman competed for this prestigious Sastra Pratibha contest. It was an online proctored test that tested students' knowledge of Indian scientific history, general science, and their science curriculum. The topmost scorer from each grade was declared the Shastra Pratibha for each grade.

Miss Zaina Fathima of Class X, Indian School Salalah with the topmost score in the contest for Grade X brought glory and honour to the school by winning the 'Sastra Pratibha' award. The chief guest for this grand ceremony, Dr.Muralee Thummarukudy, Director of G20 Global Land Initiative Coordination office of UN convention honoured Miss Zaina Fathima with the coveted 'Sastra Pratibha' award.

The President of SMC-Dr. Abubacker Siddique, other esteemed members of SMC, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, admins and the teaching fraternity were all in praise for Zaina Fathima's stupendous achievement.



TEACHERS FELICITATED FOR THE EXCELLENT BOARD EXAM RESULTS AT ISS



It has been rightly said that "A dream doesn't become reality through magic. It takes sweat, determination and hard work. A teacher plays a pivotal role in the realisation of a student's dreams." Indian School Salalah organised a special assembly on 27 May 2024 to honour the teachers whose students had performed exceedingly well in Class X and Class XII CBSE Board examinations.

The programme began with a prayer song. Mr. CT Ramasamy, HOD, English compered the programme. He highlighted the overall results, individual achievers and the students who scored centum.

The felicitation ceremony was presided over by Dr. Abubacker Siddique-President of SMC. The President of the School Management Committee, Dr. Abubacker Siddique, Convenor & Chairman of Academic Sub-Committee, Dr. Muhammed Yousoof and the school Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar gave away the certificates to the teachers.

The school produced 100% results both in 10 th and 12 th with 231 students appearing in class 10 th while 162 appeared in class 12 th . Miss Sadiya Katoon made her alma matter proud by securing a record score of 490/500 (98%), which is the highest score secured in class XII in the history of ISS and second topper in Indian Schools in Oman. Five students of Class XII secured centum in IP while 12 students of class X secured centum (10 in Malayalam, 1 in Standard Maths and one in Arabic). In class X, Master Levin Joseph Thomas secured 98.2%.

The President of the School Management Committee, Dr. Abubacker Siddique attributed the enormous success to the absolute hard work and resolve of ISS students and teachers. He motivated the students to work hard and achieve excellent results. He expressed his sincere felicitations to the toppers and all the students.





AMBASSADOR'S TROPHY



Debate team won the Ambassador's Trophy and Second Best speaker award

the Polemic challenge- inter competition school debate for Ambassador's trophy hosted Indian School Darsait under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, held today in Muscat, the debate team of Indian School Salalah comprising **Miss** Zaina Fathima of class X and Miss Hamna Nishtar of Class IX won the coveted Ambassador's trophy for the best team in the competition in which 16 teams (32 debaters contested) and to add to this victory, Miss Zaina Fathima won the first runner up trophy for the best speaker award.

The topic for the debate was 'Social media obsession adversely impacts teenagers' mental health'. Indian School Salalah has been verv consistent in winning laurels Polemic challenge year after year. The school management Principal conveyed their wishes and congratulations to the student winners and the training team (Mrs .Rachel, Mrs.Divya Manoj, Mrs.Renu Jethin and Mr. C T Ramasamy, HOD, English Department)





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INNOVATE TO EDUCATE – TWO DAYS-EDUCATION CONCLAVE: 2024 HELD AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH

Marking a significant milestone in the realm of education within the system in Indian Schools in Oman, the first-ever two-day Innovate to Educate – Education Conclave: 2024, was held at the Indian School Salalah on 3 & 4 May 2024. With the aim of transforming the dimensions of education and learning, the conclave served as a platform for insightful interactions, sharing of best practices, and fostering collaborations among education experts, educators, and representatives from various educational institutions and organizations across the country.

The conclave commenced with a ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, along with other dignitaries including Mr. A. P. Ambalavanan, Director In-charge, BOD, Indian Schools Oman, Mr. M. P. Vinobha, Education Advisor, BOD, Indian Schools Oman, Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President, School Management Committee, Indian School Salalah and Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal, Indian School Salalah. This auspicious moment was followed by a captivating welcome song by the school choir and an invocation dance dedicated to teachers.



Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President, School Management Committee extended a formal welcome to the esteemed gathering He expressed his gratitude to the Board of Directors for their unwavering support in the execution of the conclave, underscoring their pivotal role in making the event possible.

As the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman, Dr. Sivakumar Manickam in his felicitation address emphasized the profound impact of initiatives such as the education conclave in benefiting not only teachers but also students, equipping them with the necessary tools to navigate the ever-changing world. While addressing the gathering Mr. A. P. Ambalavanan, Chairman, Project and Infrastructure Committee, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman and DIC, Indian School Salalah shared profound insights into the transformative power of learning and creativity. Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal of the host school in his address, provided insights into the inception of the conclave and articulated its primary aim of facilitating the exchange of ideas among educators. An evocative audio-visual presentation showcased the remarkable journey of Indian School Salalah over the past 43 years highlighting the school's commitment to excellence in education.





The conclave featured meticulously curated conference sessions that delved into various relevant topics and trends in education. Sharing best practices through STEM Education at Indian School Muscat, Mr. Ubaid Ahmed showed how integration of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics is incorporated with CBSE curriculum. When Ms. Dhanya, Asst. Vice-principal, Indian School Al Maabela introduced the concept of an 'Accelerated Learning Programme', Mrs. Ambika Padmanabhan, Vice-principal, Indian School Bousher demonstrated how Differentiated Instruction, Formative Assessment, and Collaborative Learning enhance learning outcomes.



The music teacher from IS Al Wadi Al Kabir, Snehal Jani's exploration of music's applications in education was commendable, especially considering the potential for music to enhance learning experiences. Meanwhile, Mrs. Shamala K.'s discussion on students' enrichment activities in Indian School Al Seeb provided valuable insights into promoting holistic development beyond academics.Mr. Mammikutty T K, Vice-principal, Indian School Salalah in his presentation highlighted key practices followed in the school.

Dr. Gokuladas, Asst. Edu. Advisor, BOD in his keynote address titled "Professional Development – A Life-long Learning" appeared to have been a significant contribution to the conclave, emphasizing the crucial role of continuous professional development (CPD) in both professional and personal growth. Yet another keynote address by Mr. Amar Srivastava, Principal, IS Darsait introduced various concepts of AI and showcased a range of AI tools that educators can integrate into their day-to-day teaching activities. Principal, Indian School Sohar, Mrs. Sanchita Verma's presentation on Art Integrated Learning and the role of teachers in AIL were insightful and inspiring, promoting a more holistic and learner-centered approach to education.

On Day 2, the session 'Digitization in education' by Dr.Mohammed Yousoof, Convener & Chairman Academic Sub Committee, SMC captivated the audience with a lively and interactive presentation, engaging participants in discussions on the advantages of digital transformation and the challenges it presents. During the session, Dr.Mohammed Yousoof announced the introduction of the best technology award recognizing outstanding educators who excel in leveraging technology for teaching and learning. Additionally, a prestigious "Wall of Fame" will be established to showcase the accomplishments of outstanding teachers on the notice board for a duration of one year.





In the subsequent session, Mr. M. P Vinoba, Sr. Principal & Education Advisor, BOD, Indian Schools in Oman highlighted the importance of stakeholders' satisfaction within educational institutions and emphasized the pivotal roles played by students, teachers, parents, BOD, SMC and the community.





During the session on the 'Effects of cooperative learning on engagement and task achievement', Dr. Moosa Ahmed Hassan Bait Ali Sulaiman, Chair of Education Department, Dhofar University highlighted the importance of discussion, peer group collaborative problem-solving, and shared responsibilities as key elements cooperative learning citing examples in an interesting manner. In another interesting session on "Empowering Students through Innovative Teaching & Learning," Dr. Khalid Almashikhi, Dean of College of Arts and Applied Sciences, Salalah emphasized the importance of fostering a positive learning environment, strong nurturing teacher-student relationships, promoting peer collaboration, and encouraging independent thinking among students. In a session addressing the academic challenges confronted by schools in the 21st century, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dhofar University focused on the challenges faced by teachers and principals in the modern era. He also provided some practical solutions to overcome the challenges.

The second day of the conclave also featured an engaging 'Case-Study' competition conducted by Mrs. Sanchita Verma, Principal of Indian School Sohar. Participants were presented with 16 diverse case study scenarios and tasked with devising innovative solutions through suggestions, role-playing, and other imaginative methods. A panel of judges evaluated both the creativity of the solutions and the quality of the presentations. Prizes were awarded to the winner and the runner up team of teachers. In the final session of the day, Dr. Gokuladas V.K, Asst. Edu. Advisor – Operations, BOD focused on the significance of soft skills in professional life, particularly for educators.

During the educational conclave, the action research sessions provided valuable insight into classroom teaching practices. Ms.Jyoti singh, Academic coordinator, Indian School Alwadi Alkabir shared her action research on assistive technology for the differently abled children. Dr.Leena Francis Principal, Indian School Muladha and Mr. Binu Thamarakolly Johny , Faculty, Social Science department, Indian School Seeb presented an action research on measures for effective teaching learning process with the help of collaborative learning strategies. Mrs. Selvi Malayathevar, Art educator from Indian School Sohar highlighted on improving retention using diagram questions in science education for grade 7 students through art education in her action research. These sessions offered educators profound perspectives fostering continuous improvement in teaching practices.









To appreciate the efforts and role in shaping the vision and direction for the Education Conclave and as a token of love and gratitude mementos and portraits of members of BOD (Sketched by students) were presented to the Chairman-BOD and all the members of BOD by Dr.Abubacker Siddique, (President of SMC), other members of SMC and Principal Mr.Deepak Patankar. The key note speakers and the presenters of best teaching practices and action researches were honoured with mementos by the members of BOD and the Members of SMC that includes the President of SMC and Principal. All the members of the SMC of IS Salalah and admins of the host school were honoured with a memento by Mr.M.P.Vinobha, Sr. Principal & Education Advisor, BOD, Indian Schools in Oman

Recognizing teachers for their exceptional achievements in producing centums in their subjects during the CBSE board examination 2023, the following teachers were honored during the conclave: Mr. Shaji K. V. (HOD Malayalam), Mrs. Maya P. Nair (Malayalam), Mr. Sinu Krishnan (Malayalam), Mr. Unnikrishnan, HoD, Social Sciences, Mrs. Sindhu C. (Social Sc.), Mr. Mohammed Javed, HoD, Computer Science (IP) and Mrs. Meena Venkat (Psychology).

Dr. Mohammed Yousoof, Asst. Professor, Dhofar University Convenor, Chairman Academic Sub Committee, SMC, ISS thanked Chairman, BOD, Education advisor and all the members of BOD, Principals from various Indian schools, President SMC and all the members, Principal, and the admin team(Vice Principal Mr.Mammikutty and Asst.Vice Principals Mrs.Anita Rose and Mr.Vipin Das) as well as the entire staff for their support, cooperation in the smooth conduct of the educational conclave.

The Educational conclave organized by Indian School Salalah has provided insights into the current practices and effective strategies, equipping teachers with the tools they need to navigate the teaching-learning process successfully. These sessions also ensured that they are well prepared to create engaging and effective learning experiences for their students.





CPD Session on Mental Health and Happy classroom at Indian School Salalah



Continuous Professional Development progammes not only help educators to keep pace with the current standards but also ensures that teachers can deliver high quality teaching and impact positively on pupil outcomes. The management of Indain School Salalah headed by President Dr.Abubacker Siddique, Chairman-Academic sub committee Dr.Muhammed Yousoof Ismail and Principal Mr.Deepak Patankar had been constantly arranging seminars, workshops and CPDs for the teaching faculty. A two-day CPD session was organized by ISS for the teaching fraternity on 21st July 2024, highlighting the importance of mental health and adolescence issues and 22nd July 2024 on 'Creating happy classroom'.

DAY-1: The Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, V.P, Mr. Mammikutty, AVPs, Mr. Vipindas and Mrs. Anita Rose, HODs and teachers attended the session. After the inauguration with the lighting of the lamp done by the resource person Mrs.Saloni Priya, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice Principal Mrs.Anita Rose, Primary Subject incharges- Mrs.Shubha, Mrs.Rachel and Mrs.Meena Venkat, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar introduced the resource person, Mrs. Salony Priya who is a renowned counseling psychologist working in the area of Education Management and Human development and training for nearly 18 years.



The session provided a powerful and learning engaging experience through various activities. Mrs. Priya elaborated that Salony teachers are the ambassadors of change and their work has become challenging as they dealing with smarter generation of this modern era of technology. The resource person elaborated deeper perspective ensuring good mental health for children adolescents. She conducted activity interesting based different age groups of the children to have a positive approach towards teenagers. Understanding of the traits and behaviours of adolescent during their transition period in life from childhood to adulthood imperative and thus were focused upon.

The workshop also guided teachers to use triggers or activities such as Vision board, how to reframe negative self-talk, new theory of well-being (PERMA Model) to improve self management and to develop positive psychology among students. The need for developing independent and critical thinking and problem-solving skills in students was laid emphasis on as when students have strong self-awareness skills, they can identify their strengths and challenges. Teachers were made to understand the emotional and psychological needs of teenagers and how to deal with common problems of adolescence.





During the concluding segment of the session, Principal Indian School Salalah Mr. Deepak Patankar, Headmistress Indian School-Thumrait Ms. Rekha Prasant, Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty, Assistant Vice Principals Mr. Vipindas and Ms. Anita Rose, Kindergarten Incharge Ms. Anjali presented a memento to the resource person -Ms. Saloni Priya as a token of appreciation and recognition, for her invaluable contribution to professional development in education and her efforts in enriching the learning experience and fostering growth among educators.

AVP Ms. Anita Rose proposed the Vote of Thanks. It encapsulated the spirit of appreciation and recognition for all individuals and entities involved in making the CPD sessions, a successful and impactful event.





INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Participation and Achievements in CBSE Oman Cluster Tournament (2024-25)

Sports competitions inculcate the spirit of positive challenges and sportsmanship among the students and prepare them for the life ahead. Once again participation and success increased in the cluster tournaments in the academic session 2024-25. The participation in the various cluster tournaments by the students was with great enthusiasm. This year the school teams participated in Football, Kho-Kho, Handball, Athletics, Basketball, Badminton and Chess.

The boys and girls competing in their respective age categories toiled to bring the laurels to the school. The results bagged by the teams are like a mixed bag with Gold, Silver and bronze medals. The overall performance of the teams is undoubtedly praise worthy.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN CLUSTER TOURNAMENTS

No	EVENT	CATEGORY	POSITION SECURED
1	Football	Under-14 yrs (Boys) Under-17 yrs (Boys) Under-19 yrs (Boys)	Reached Qtr Finals Reached Qtr Finals Reached Qtr Finals
2	Chess	Under-11 yrs (Boys) Under-14 yrs (Boys) Under-17 yrs (Boys)	Winners Runners up 2nd Runners up
3	Handball	Under- 17 yrs (Boys)	2nd Runners up
4	Kho Kho	Under-14 yrs (Boys) Under- 17 yrs (Boys) Under- 14 yrs (Girls) Under-17 yrs (Girls) Under- 19 yrs (Girls)	Runners up Runners up Reached Qtr Finals Winners 2nd Runners up





5	Badminton	Under-14 yrs (Boys) Under-17 yrs (Boys) Under-19 yrs (Boys)	2nd Runners up Reached Qtr Finals 2nd Runners up
	Basketball	Under- 17 yrs (Boys)	2nd Runners up
7	Athletics	Under-14, 17 & 19 yrs (Boys & Girls)	3rd Place. Our girls U-17 team sealed Runner up position in the meet.











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PARTICIPATION IN CBSE NATIONALS

Chess



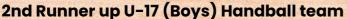
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Kho-Kho

Our school under-17 girls' team won CBSE Oman cluster Kho - Kho championship and will participate in the CBSE National kho -kho tournament to be held at Karnal, Haryana, India. The school Management and Principal acknowledged the efforts taken by faculty members of the Department of Physical Education for their dedicated and devoted efforts in ensuring the appreciable performances by the teams.

GLIMPSES OF OUR VICTORIOUS TEAMS











2nd Runner up U-19 (Girls) Basketball team







2nd Runners-Up U-19 (Girls) Kho-Kho team



Runner up U-14 (Boys) Kho-Kho team

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Runner up U-17 (Boys) Kho-Kho team



2nd Runner up U-19 (Boys) Badminton team



2nd Runner up U-14 (Boys) Badminton team







The Champions U-11 Chess team



Runner up U-14 Chess team





2nd Runner up U-17 Chess team





The Athletic Contingent- III Position





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EXPLORA 24-EXHIBITION



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INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH-Unlocked Potential and Nurtured Excellence



Indian School Salalah organized EXPLORA 2024, an exhibition that showcased the creative talents of the students and the dedication of the teachers on 11th May 2024 in Indian School Salalah premises. The event, held on Saturday was a day-long affair that commenced at 9 a.m. and concluded at 5:30 p.m., highlighting the school's commitment to holistic education.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the chief guest Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President of the School Management Committee accompanied by the members of SMC and Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar. The exhibition began with a soulful prayer song, setting a harmonious tone for the day. The cutting of the ribbon by Dr. Abubacker Siddique marked the official opening of the exhibition, symbolizing a gateway to a world of knowledge and creativity.

Throughout the day, visitors had the opportunity to explore a myriad of exhibits displayed across various classrooms. Each subject showcased its unique contributions, ranging from models to working prototypes, posters, and charts, all reflecting the depth and diversity of the curriculum.





The exhibition was not just about static displays; it was a dynamic event that included live performances. The Science department showcased many working models (Graff generator, sound wave pendulum, live experiments on DNA) and conducted various exciting scientific experiments from all branches, including biology, chemistry, and physics. Award winning projects by IS Salalah in the recent Science Fair at Dhofar University in Physics and Biology were too displayed. The Mathematics department exhibited working models (Sand model of Pythagoras Theorem) on a wide range of mathematical concepts and conducted math experiments, engaging visitors in the practical application of mathematical concepts.







The Computer Science department showcased interesting hi-tech working models and also models on Al. Students dressed up as Humanoid Robots (Sophia and Optimus) were major attractions. The Social Science Department presented sustainable living concepts through various working models, famous monuments across the world along with cultural dances representing different parts of India. The Commerce department displayed working models showcasing business and commerce concepts, providing insights into real-world applications.







The English department presented live activities-Poetry café, Character speaks where students recited self-composed poems and portrayed characters from famous literary works and explained working models and vocabulary games also to enhance their understanding of the subject. The model of Shakespeare's theatre was one of the major attractions. The Malayalam department showcased the culture and traditions of Kerala, pencil sketches of various writers, antique items, rangoli art and traditional dance forms unique to the region. The Hindi department exhibited models and engaged visitors in language games to promote the understanding and appreciation of the language. Students dressed up in attire of famous poets in Hindi literature and recited their poems was major attraction.





The Arabic department showcased Omani culture and traditions, displaying artefacts and providing information in Arabic to educate visitors about the rich heritage of Oman. The French department presented the history of the French language, the culture, traditions of France through informative posters. The model of the world famous Louvre Museum was a major attraction. The Tamil department with the work of the world famous Thiruvalluvar's work showcased artefacts representing the rich culture of Tamil Nadu highlighting the heritage and traditions of the region with 'Poikaal kuthirai'









While the Psychology department delved into different facets of human psychology with their exhibits, the photo gallery of four decades of ISS arranged by Physical education department was a visual treat that took the visitors down the memory lane. While the Music department entertained visitors with live performances of various musical forms and songs, showcasing the talent of the students, the Art department displayed praiseworthy creative works of students, demonstrating their artistic skills and creativity in school quadrangle.

The success of Explora 2024 can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the teachers and students. Their enthusiasm and commitment was evident in the quality of exhibits and performances, which were nothing short of exceptional. In conclusion, Explora 2024 was a testament to Indian School Salalah's commitment in providing a holistic learning environment that nurtures creativity, innovation, and excellence. It was a day filled with learning, creativity, and celebration, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.









INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024-25

The school student council election held on 13 May 2024 marked an important event in the school calendar, where students from classes 11 and 12 participated in the democratic process to elect their representatives. The election procedure was characterized by enthusiasm, spirited campaigning, and a commitment to fostering leadership among our student body.

The election aimed to select individuals who would serve as leaders nurturing a positive change within the school community. The election committee ensured transparency and fairness at every stage, maintaining the integrity of the electoral process. The results of the student council election were announced by Principal Mr.Deepak Patankar amidst great anticipation and excitement.



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The newly elected members of the Council are:

Head Boy: Master Muhammed Shamlal-XII

Head Girl: Miss Alqama-XII

School Cultural Secretary - Boy: Master Isssac Shibu Samuel-XII

School Cultural Secretary – Girl: Miss Bhagialakshmi-XII

School Sports Secretary – Boy: Master Febin Muhammad-XII

School Sports Secretary - Girl: Miss Sanjana Sabu-XII

Deputy Head Boy: Master Mohammed Saif Hasmeer-XI

Deputy Head Girl: Miss Christya Ann Johnson-XI

School Cultural Deputy Secretary – Boy: Master Ethan Emmanuel

Carneiro-XI

School Cultural Deputy Secretary – Girl: Miss Fiona Lizabeth Gibu-

XI

School Sports Deputy Secretary – Boy: Master Robbins Roy-XI School Sports Deputy Secretary – Girl: Miss Kaavyashree

Venkateshkumar-XI

The Management, Principal, Vice Principal, Asst. Vice Principals and the entire teaching faculty congratulated the newly elected council.



Indian School Salalah celebrates 78th Indian Independence Day with inauguration of Happiness & Wellness centre





Indian School Salalah commemorated the 78th Independence Day of India on August 15, 2024, with profound zeal and patriotism. The event was graced by the presence of the Chief guest, Dr.Abubacker Siddique, (President of SMC), Dr.Shaji. P. Sreedhar, (Treasurer, SMC), other esteemed members of SMC, Mr.Rakesh Jha (President of Indian Social club), Dr. Sanathanan, (Honorary Consulate Agent, Indian Embassy), former members of SMC, parents, teachers and students. The celebration began with a formal welcome followed by a heartfelt prayer song that set a serene and respectful tone for the event. The audience then united in pride as the National Anthems of Oman and India were sung, enhancing the sense of patriotism.

President SMC Dr. Abubacker Siddique in his address eloquently highlighted the profound values of liberty, courage and the accompanying responsibilities also towards our motherland India. "Let us strive to be custodians of the freedom we have inherited, ensuring that it is preserved and enriched for future generations", he quoted. Following this evocative oration, the students from classes III and IV rendered a soul stirring patriotic song with remarkable fervor and exuberance.





The programme proceeded with a compelling speech in Hindi by Ms. Manahil-III H and Mast. Hamza-IV H that enraptured the audience, followed by a fervent patriotic song by students of class VIII and IX which amplified the spirit of nationalism. Ms. Nicole -IX B then delivered a lucid speech in English which profoundly resonated with the audience, capturing the very essence of Independence Day. Adding a lively touch to the celebration, the students of classes III and IV presented an engaging dance performance, reflecting the joy and vibrancy of young India.





Mr. Jabir Sharif, member SMC took the stage to deliver an insightful speech on the "Happiness and Wellness Center" at Indian School Salalah, illuminating its vision and objectives. His address emphasized the center's role in fostering an environment that prioritizes the mental and emotional well-being of our students. Following this was the digital inauguration of Happiness & Wellness centre by Dr.Abubacker Siddique (President of SMC) and an illuminating presentation, marking a significant milestone in the school's ongoing dedication to nurturing the overall well-being of its students.





Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar delivered his address commending the efforts of students and staff for resounding success in Board Examination 2023-2024 and bringing laurels in various scholastic and non-scholastic domains. He emphasized the core values of Independence Day and highlighted the achievements of India in all fields.

Students from classes X and XII were honoured by the chief guest, other esteemed members, dignitaries and Principal for their exceptional academic achievements in CBSE Board Examination 2023-2024. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty, acknowledging everyone who contributed to the event's success.

In conclusion, the Independence Day celebration at Indian School Salalah was a resounding success, embodying the spirit of patriotism and national pride.



HELD AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH



"Leadership is not about being in charge. It's about taking care of those in your charge."
— Simon Sinek

The Investiture Ceremony at Indian School Salalah on 27th August 2024 was held with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of purpose. This significant event marked the induction of the newly elected Students' Council members, who are entrusted with the responsibilities of leadership and service for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Setting a solemn and inspiring tone, the ceremony began with a spiritually uplifting prayer song by the school choir.

Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, Dr. Abubacker Siddique, the esteemed President of the School Management Committee attended the proceedings. He was accompanied by Dr. Shaji P. Sreedhar (Treasurer, SMC), Dr. Sanyo Moosa and Mr. Kumar Gopala Iyer (Members, SMC), Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, Vice-principal, Mr. Mammikutty, AVPs Mr. Vipindas and Mrs. Anita Rose, teachers, students, and parents.



The newly elected Deputy Head Boy Master Mohammed Saif Hasmeer of class XI-D extended a warm welcome to the chief guest and the gathering. In his speech, Master Mohammed Saif highlighted the significance of the Investiture Ceremony in the academic calendar and emphasized the important responsibilities entrusted to each member of the Students' Council.

Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President of SMC, along with Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal, formally handed over the School Flag to the elected School Head Boy Master Muhammed Shamlal of class XII-B and Miss Alqama of class XII-A the Head Girl. The newly appointed Boy Captain and Girl Captain of all four houses, namely Amber, Emerald, Sapphire and Coral were given flags and placards bearing their house names by their respective House Masters and Mistresses. Dr. Abubacker Siddique, Mr. Deepak Patankar and other dignitaries presented the newly elected school and house prefects with badges, symbolizing their roles. In the Primary Section, Master Madhusudana Nandisha of class IV-G was appointed as Boy Captain, and Miss Isha Fathima of class IV-C as Girl Captain. They along with other junior prefects were also invested with their badges. The students embraced their new roles with pride and a strong sense of responsibility, marking the beginning of their journey as leaders.





Another highlight of the event was the oath-taking ceremony, where the Head Boy, Head Girl, other council members and all house prefects pledged to uphold the values and traditions of their alma mater. The principal administered the oath, and the council members committed to performing their duties with sincerity, integrity, and dedication.

Dr. Abubacker Siddique, the President of the School Management Committee then gave an inspiring speech that emphasized the importance of leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. He congratulated the newly elected council members and highlighted the significance of their roles as school prefects. He reminded them that their positions are vital, as they are dedicated to serving both their peers and the school community.

Master Muhammed Shamlal, the Head Boy, fondly recalled his time at ISS and expressed his honour at leading his school and fellow students. He vowed to do his best to support them in excelling both academically and in other areas of school life, while calling for everyone's support and cooperation to help him effectively fulfill his responsibilities. Meanwhile, Miss Alqama, the Head Girl, expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the confidence and support she had received. She emphasized the significance of her role and conveyed deep appreciation for the teachers, acknowledging their crucial role in shaping lives. Miss Alqama assured everyone of her unwavering commitment to serving the school with passion and dedication.

The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks by Deputy Head Girl Miss Christya Ann Johnson of class XI-B. She thanked the school management, principal and staff, students and parents for their support. The event ended with a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem.

The Investiture Ceremony was a resounding success, instilling a strong sense of responsibility and leadership among the students. The event vividly showcased the school's dedication to nurturing future leaders who are prepared to contribute meaningfully to the community.





NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED IN INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH











Every year on 29th of August, India comes together to celebrate National Sports Day. This event commemorates the birth anniversary of one of the iconic hockey players, Major Dhyan Chand. National Sports Day not only celebrates his birth anniversary but also emphasizes the importance of sports and physical activities in our daily lives. As we observe National Sports Day 2024, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the significance of sports in fostering national unity, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and inspiring the younger generation to engage in physical activities.

Indian school Salalah celebrated the National sports Day on 29th August 2024, to impart the value of sportsmanship and a healthy lifestyle. Students of classes I and II celebrated National Sports Day in K.G. Block of school under the supervision of class teachers and physical education department teachers. Activities organized for primary section were 'Musical chairs' and 'Game changer'. Students excitedly participated in these games and enjoyed playing wholeheartedly.

There were many sports events carried out class wise in the main building for the senior section, throughout the day. These events included badminton, chess, kho kho, football and athletic events. The day was filled with a lot of exciting sports activities. The event was aimed to inspire individuals of all ages to embrace a healthy lifestyle and appreciate the importance of sports in fostering a strong and united nation.

The National Sports Day celebration was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the students. The event provided a platform for students to engage in sports activities, learn from experts, and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. As we look forward to future celebrations, it is essential to continue promoting sports and physical activity to build a healthier and more vibrant nation. The entire programme was well organized under the supervision of Mr. Mohandas, HOD Physical Education department.





INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH CELEBRATES EARTH DAY



EARTH DAY is celebrated around the world with a beautiful message – "Our continuing efforts in our everyday lives will make this beautiful planet thrive." Earth Day is a proof that even one person can make a global impact in a positive way. Indian School Salalah celebrated Earth day on 22nd April 2024 in the school premises. The event was graced by the Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty, Assistant Vice Principals Mr Vipindas and Mrs. Anita Rose, Staff and Students.

The day's celebration commenced with a special assembly by class VIII students in the school premises. The theme of Earth Day 2024 was "Planet vs Plastic". The emphatic speeches by Anha Fathima and Liya Fathima highlighted the responsibility to preserve the habitable planet earth for our future generation. The Earth day pledge was administered by Rithika VP.

Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty, Assistant Vice Principal Mr Vipindas and Mr. Unnikrishnan, HOD Social Science department planted saplings in the school premises. The main aim was to create an awareness among students on the benefits of tree plantation.

The students of classes V and VI made informative bookmarks and colourful badges as a part of different activities for Earth day. Students of classes VII & VIII displayed handmade posters highlighting the harmful effects of pollution, to reduce the use of plastics, the necessity to save trees, water and our natural resources.

The students of primary wing (Grade 3 & 4) enthusiastically participated in myriad of activities conducted in the classes to commemorate our benevolent Mother Earth. An Earth Day flyer was displayed in the class groups to teach the importance of Earth Day and the need to preserve and conserve their self-sustaining planet. The activities started with the students taking a pledge to preserve and conserve the planet Earth. The students of class three made greeting cards with waste materials and class four students made Chinese lanterns using bottles, thread and balloons. The primary section also decided to keep the classes plastic-free and the message was conveyed to parents. The students demonstrated their artistic and creative talents with great zeal and enthusiasm.





The students of classes 1 and 2 actively participated in the special assembly conducted in the KG block. A thought provoking skit on "No to plastic" conveyed a strong message to one and all about the little things one can do in order to take care of our Earth. A soulful action song was dedicated to our blue planet and to celebrate the Mother Earth. Educational and action-oriented activities were conducted to remind the students of their duties towards 'Mother Nature'. Saplings were planted by each class to support the "Go Green" drive. The tiny tots took an oath on the Earth Day to keep their environment clean and plant more trees. The children actively interacted with Mrs Subha, Primary-Science-subject in charge on the importance of protecting the earth by avoiding plastics and growing trees.

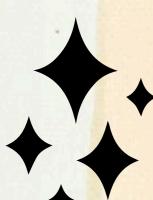
The assembly concluded with National Anthems of Oman and India. The tiny tots enthusiastically participated in the earth day celebrations. It was a great day to showcase environmental education and to engage the whole student community in making a difference.





NO TOBACCO DAY-OBSERVED AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH







Indian School Salalah celebrated 'No Tobacco Day-31 May' on 28 th May 2024 to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of use of tobacco. Students from Kindergarten to class XII took part in the 'NO Tobacco Day' celebration. The kindergarten students commemorated the day by colouring pictures depicting the dangers of tobacco.

The students of grade 1 to 4 marked the day with a special assembly, featuring Mrs Angel Roma D'Cruz's address on the role of education in preventing usage of tobacco. This was followed by an engaging video presentation, tailored to the students' age group, ensuring that the message was clear and resonated with them. Students were encouraged to share their newfound knowledge with their families and friends. They also eagerly participated in creating posters and badges, proudly pinning the badges onto their uniforms.

The Social Science department along with Health, Safety and Environment Club organized series of activities for grades 5 to 12. The morning assembly commenced invoking the Almighty's blessings, setting a serene and reflective tone for the day. Master Aarav Anoop and Master Robin Reshnith of class 7 delivered an emphatic speech on the importance of tobacco free life- style. This was followed by a pledge administered by Miss. Anushka Manikandan of class 7.









Students designed posters highlighting the health risk of smoking and the need to quit. Placards depicting impactful slogans were used for campaigning against the usage of tobacco. A session on the harmful effects of tobacco was organized by HSE Club. The session was presided over by Dr Abubacker Siddique President, School Management Committee. Principal Mr.Deepak Patankar, Vice Principal Mr Mammikutty, Assistant Vice Principals, Mr Vipindas and Mrs Anita Rose graced the occasion with their valuable presence. Dr.Abubacker Siddique in his address stressed on the need to stay away from using tobacco products. Principal, Mr Deepak Patankar in his speech highlighted on the harmful effects of tobacco. He also emphasized on how tobacco usage can lead to cancer. Harmful effects of tobacco were highlighted by Mr. Mohandas, Head of the Department, Physical Education, in an engaging presentation. His presentation covered various aspects including the health risk and benefits of quitting tobacco. The celebration culminated with Vote of thanks by PG Biology teacher, Mrs Prema G Krishnan.



The event not only educated students about the dangers of tobacco but also fostered a sense of collective responsibility towards promoting healthier tobacco- free environment.





TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH ON SEP 5, 2024



September 5th as Teachers' day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the former President of India, a staunch believer of education, a visionary and above all a perfect Teacher. Teachers' Day was celebrated at Indian School Salalah on Thursday, 5 Sep 2024 with the sense of respect, appreciation, encouragement and support for teachers' devotion to their students.

Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President, School Management Committee and esteemed members of SMC, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty, AVP Mr. Vipin Das and KG In-charge, Mrs. Anjali Radhakrishnan graced the occasion with their presence. Mr. Musab Jamal Mohiaddin Member, SMC read the valuable message sent by Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors of Indian Schools Oman. It was filled with warm wishes and acknowledgement to the sincere efforts the teachers put in every day.



Tiny tots of KG Section celebrated Teachers' Day with a vibrant assembly. They stole the hearts of the audience, showcasing delightful performances including an action song, a fancy dress tribute to teachers, and a quiz for the teachers. The highlight of the programme was a hula-hoop dance, performed by Ms. Vedhivika Sreejith from UKG F. Vice Principal, Mr. Mammikutty addressed the audience and extended his heartfelt wishes to all the teachers.

The energetic choir of class III & IV sang a euphonious song based on Teachers' Day which captivated the audience. A sizzling dance drama performed by the students of class III & IV, highlighting the significance of teachers in the society, was really appealing. Addressing on the occasion. Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, appreciated the teachers for their hard work and remarked that the world is depending upon the future generation so children should follow the path of knowledge shown by their teachers to get success.





Class VII students conducted an extended morning assembly in the main building dedicated to the teachers. To make the Teacher's Day unique and memorable, class XII students taught and acted as teachers in the classes III to XI to get a fair idea of the responsibility, so efficiently handled by their teachers. Flash Mob was one of the main attractions of the day in which Class XII students amused the audience with a spontaneous dance performance.



Students of Class XII expressed their heartfelt gratitude through their various performances to the dedicated mentors who have shaped their lives. Each of the faculties was given a greeting card as a token of love to show the acknowledgement and recognition of the hard work put by the teachers towards their development, wishing them a Happy Teachers Day. The teachers were visibly moved by the warm gestures and kind words of the Head Girl, Miss Alqama that she delivered in her welcome speech. It was followed by the Musical concert and Jamming Session performed by class XII students to entertain their teachers. They presented a beautiful fusion dance to shower affection and admiration to their teachers. Master Savanth Ganapathi of class XII A recited a self-composed poem extolling the extraordinary efforts of the teachers. In addition to the cultural programme, Class XII organized Speeedy Synapse, a memory game and a Pictionary game in which different team of teachers played together to follow clues, solve riddles and enjoyed the spirit of competition .

Class XII presented a fantastic art work, made by Master Rayan and Master Aaron of XII B, as a token of gratitude to the Principal. It added special charm and beauty to the celebration. The momentous celebration came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Cultural Secretaries, Master Issac Shibu and Miss Bhagialakshmi.





Teachers' Day celebration hosted by the School Management Committee of Indian School Salalah

"One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world." - Malala Yousafzai



On the occasion of Teachers' Day, a grand celebration was organized by the School Management Committee of Indian School Salalah for the teachers at Millennium Resort on 5th September 2024. The event was a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and invaluable contribution of the teaching fraternity to the society. The celebration was attended by all the teachers of Indian School Salalah and Indian School Thumrait.

The function was graced by Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President, School Management Committee, esteemed members of the School Management Committee, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Vice Principal, Asst. Vice Principal, Mr. Rassal C.H. President, School Management Committee, Thumrait School, other esteemed members of SMC Thumrait School and Ms. Rekha Prasanth Headmistress of Thumrait School.

The celebration began with a series of cultural performances by the teachers. The performances began with the soulful solo renditions by Ms. Bindukala and Dr. Soumya Sanathanan (Music Department). Their melodious voice filled the room with emotion, and the audience responded with heartfelt applause. Their songs set the tone for a warm and appreciative celebration.

The first dance performance was a captivating mixed classical dance by Mr. Saji (Malayalam faculty). Next enchanting performance was by a group of teachers from the Kindergarten who performed a modern, energetic dance number. The lively beats and spirited choreography had the entire audience tapping their feet and clapping along. Following the group dance performance, was the Rajasthani Folk dance Ghoomar performed by Ms. Aparna and Ms. Anagha (English faculty). Their synchronized moves and graceful expressions brought the essence of cultural heritage alive on stage, earning loud cheers and applause. Various funfilled games were organized for the teachers. The aim of these activities was to encourage participation and provide a platform for the teachers to relax and enjoy themselves. Some of the games included Spot games and Housie.





The formal part of the celebration began with the welcome address by Mr. P. Ajith Kumar, Member SMC. In his address, Mr. Ajith expressed his deep gratitude to the teaching staff for their unwavering commitment in shaping the future of the students.. He also extended his gratitude to the Omani Staff for their contributions in the growth and development of Indian School Salalah.

The main highlight of the event was the presentation of the awards to the teachers. Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar proudly declared the names of the teachers who were honoured for their remarkable achievements. The award ceremony, organized by the School Management Committee honoured Mr. Mohammed Javed -HOD Computer Science and Mr. Nandakumar K (Computer Science faculty) for their exceptional efforts in guiding students to score centums in the Class XII CBSE Board Examinations. Mr. Latheesh Chandran (Maths faculty), Mr. Saji K (Malayalam faculty), Mr. Sinu Krishnan R. S. (Malayalam faculty) Ms. Maya P. Nair (Malayalam faculty), Mr. V. Suhaaib (Arabic faculty) were recognized for their exceptional efforts in guiding students to achieve centum (100%) in Class X, CBSE Board Examination during the academic year 2023-2024. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate the dedication and contribution of teachers in achieving academic excellence.

In a heartfelt gesture, the School Management Committee recognized the dedicated efforts and long service of Mr. N. Balasubramanian- Head of the Hindi Department, for his 24 years of service and Ms. Jayasree Satheesh (Maths faculty) for her 16 years of service.

The School Management Committee recognized the exceptional achievement of Ms. Renu Jethin (English Faculty), who was awarded the prestigious Board of Directors (BOD) School-Level Best Teacher Award. She has been a dedicated and highly valued member of the teaching faculty. She received this award for her outstanding contributions to the school. The day also witnessed honouring of Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar and Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty for their outstanding contribution to the best results. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the various games.

As an initiative to recognize the hard work and dedication of staff, the School management committee conferred awards of excellence to the best teachers of all levels, administrative and support staff. The school will have a 'Wall of fame for AY 23-24' for the best performers as a mark of appreciation. Best Teacher Award was presented to Ms. Byrose Parveen (Kindergarten), Ms. Ramsheeda V V (Primary), Mr. Joby Varghese (Middle School) and Mr. Binoy C.A (Secondary), Mr. Nandakumar (Senior Secondary), Mr. Rajkumar Karkuvel (Co-scholastic), Best Administrative Staff- Dr. Mathai George and Mr. Mohd. Shariq and Support Staff Mr. Sunil K.N. in recognition to their outstanding contributions.









Dr. Muhammed Yousoof, Academic Chairperson and Convenor, School Management Committee, in his motivational speech aimed at encouraging teachers to continue their essential role in shaping the future of the younger generation. In his address, he highlighted that the award ceremonies to recognise and appreciate teachers will continue in the coming years. He then transitioned to a significant announcement of the construction of a new school building and the construction of the third floor in the Kindergarten block that would provide enhanced facilities for both educators and students. Mr. Yousoof highlighted the unique role of the Omani staff in fostering a strong sense of community within the school

Dr. Abubacker Siddique, President, School Management Committee in his speech spoke about the significance of Teachers' Day, celebrated in the memory of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned scholar, philosopher, and former President of India. He highlighted the values that Dr. Radhakrishnan stood for and encouraged the teachers to follow his footsteps. He also stressed on the importance of holistic education. He emphasized his vision for the new school building. His vision includes creating a space that fosters both academic excellence and personal growth.

The formal segment of the celebration concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Balasubramanian, Head of the Hindi Department. The speaker expressed heartfelt appreciation to all attendees, including teachers and organizers, for making the event memorable. Special thanks was extended to the performers, speakers, and the organizing committee for their efforts in making the celebration a success.

Overall, the Teachers' Day celebration at the Millennium Resort was a great success, filled with joy, laughter, and heartfelt appreciation for the educators who dedicate their lives to nurturing young minds. The celebration came to an end with a sumptuous dinner.







INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH



Report on NABET Surveillance Virtual Visit - 28th & 29th August 2024

The NABET surveillance virtual visit for Indian School Salalah on 28th and 29th August 2024 involved a thorough review of 50 parameters related to the school's operations. The evaluation included virtual observations, discussions, and evidence cross-checking to ensure adherence to accreditation standards. Assessors observed student entry/exit procedures, a school assembly, and conducted a virtual tour of the campus, including classrooms. They also observed virtual classroom sessions and held interaction sessions with parents and the prefectural body. Each process owner was engaged in discussions to provide deeper insights and additional evidence. A rigorous cross-checking process verified the evidence provided. The visit concluded with a closing meeting where assessors shared feedback and recommendations. The evaluation was carried out with a focus on maintaining high-quality operations across all facets of the school's functioning.

Dr. Usha Ravi (Lead Assessor) praised the school's initiative and team performance, suggesting involving parents in Career Guidance support. Ms. Radha Ganesan(C0-Assessor) appreciated the remarkable involvement of both the administrative staff and the NABET Team members during the assessment, while Mr. Santosh Mookanagoudar(Observer) acknowledged the team's hard work and significant contributions. Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar thanked the assessors and assured implementation of improvements.







Indian School Salalah Hosts Sixth Edition of ICAI Muscat Chapter Programme: A Celebration of Excellence in Commerce

Indian School Salalah, under the patronage of the Muscat Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), hosted the sixth edition of its annual programme, under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman on 18th April, 2024. The event, held virtually, aimed to celebrate academic excellence in commerce, provide insights into the Chartered Accountancy (CA) profession, and honour outstanding achievers in the field.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome by CA Jim Joseph Itty, Partner - Corporate Finance & Assurance, and Chairman of ICAI Muscat Chapter. He highlighted the significance of the event in recognizing the achievements of commerce students and inspiring future Chartered Accountants.

Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman, emphasized the importance of holistic development in education and preparing students for the challenges of the 21st century. In his speech, he congratulated the Commerce toppers for their outstanding performance, acknowledging their dedication and hard work. He emphasized the importance of the Chartered Accountancy course and its significance in the future, highlighting its role in shaping the financial landscape and addressing the growing need for expertise in financial management.

The chief guest, Mr. Ali Al Asmi, GM Investment and Treasury Directorate at the Central Bank of Oman (CBO), shared his insights and experiences, inspiring the audience with his journey in the field of finance and accounting. He emphasized the importance of accounts in every field, highlighting its universal applicability and relevance across industries. Mr. Asmi underscored the scope of Chartered Accountancy as one of the best career options for students, citing its versatility, demand, and potential for growth in various sectors.







The keynote address was delivered by CA. Jay Chhaira, a senior CA with extensive experience and numerous accolades to his credit. His speech focused on the holistic development of individuals and the diverse opportunities offered by the CA profession. He commended the Indian School system for encouraging students and nurturing their talents. CA Chhaira's enthusiasm was evident as he actively engaged with the students during the question-and-answer session, providing insightful replies to their queries and inspiring them with his knowledge and experience.

CA Ashwini Sawrikar, Academic Chair, Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman, felicitated the event, acknowledging the efforts of all involved in promoting excellence in commerce education.

The highlight of the event was the felicitation of commerce toppers – Mast Demello Mark Savio, Meghna Jayakumar, and Melina Natasha. Their dedication and hard work was celebrated through a video presentation, accompanied by applause for their remarkable achievements.

The event also featured speeches from distinguished alumni, CA Nidhi Shanbhag and CA Harshil Nirmal, who shared their experiences and provided valuable guidance to current students aspiring to pursue a career in Chartered Accountancy.

Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar of the host school, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, speakers, and organizers for making the event a success.

In conclusion, the sixth edition of the ICAI Muscat Chapter programme hosted by Indian School Salalah was a testament to the pursuit of excellence in commerce education and the promotion of the Chartered Accountancy profession. It provided a platform for inspiration, knowledge sharing, and celebration of achievements, leaving participants motivated and enlightened as they embark on their academic and professional journey.







CAREER ORIENTATION FOR COMMERCE STUDENTS OF INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH





The commerce department of Indian School Salalah organized an orientation on the topic "LAW AS A CAREER" for the commerce batch of 2024–25 on 22 nd May 2024 under the guidance of the Commerce HOD Mr Anto Lalu and Assistant Vice Principal Mr Vipindas C.K and all the Commerce teachers. The key note speaker was Miss Samyuktha Venkatesan a distinguished alumnus and former school topper, currently pursuing her 3 rd year at the National Law University, Jodhpur.







Samyuktha inspired Commerce students with her achievements and insights into law. She discussed law as a career, highlighting specializations, educational pathways and diverse opportunities in the field. Various legal specializations were explored, aiding in understanding career students civil options like criminal, constitutional law. Two pathways to becoming a lawyer in India were outlined, emphasizing entrance exams and integrated or standalone law programs. Different law courses and corresponding entrance exams were highlighted, ranging from CLAT to NLSAT-LLB, opening doors to prestigious institutions. A plethora of paths career within law were showcased, from corporate law to government services, debunking myths about law studies and career trajectories. She discussed several Key skills for excelling in law school, including reading, comprehension, memory retention, time management, and optional public speaking. interactive session engaged students, fostering curiosity and enthusiasm for legal careers.

Overall, every student after the session went home with determination and a clear goal. It was truly helpful and enlightening for them. The students feel grateful for having such an opportunity and thanked Miss Samyuktha Venkatesan.





GUIDANCE SESSION ON HAPPY TEEN HELD IN IS SALALAH

A Guidance session was organized by Indian School Salalah on 8th August 2024 for the students of HSC club on the topic "Happy Teen". The session was graced by the presence of Vice Principal Mr Mammikutty, AVP Mr.Vipindas, teachers and students. The resource person of the session Mr KA Latheef, psychologist, Indian School Salalah focused on the topic "Happy teens".

The formal part of the session commenced with the introduction by Vice Principal Mr Mammikutty who guided the students to come forward in times of emergency and crisis when they need a helping hand.

The ice breaking part of the session commenced with a question posed to the HSC Club members by the psychologist Mr KA Latheef – How to utilise the opportunity provided to them by HSC Club? This was followed by a brain storming part which led to the important part of the session. The problems faced by tees in adolescent period and ways to overcome it were discussed by the psychologist. Common reasons for unhappiness among teens and ways to overcome them were highlighted in the session. Self –awareness, healthy relationships, time management, stress management and positive mind set were the informative topics in the session for teens.

The question hour was an interactive and informative session for the students and they fervently took part in it. They posed questions on a wide range of topics like time management, procrastination, anxiety and ways to tackle negative emotions.

AVP Mr Vipindas in his address introduced the Psychologists in the school, Mr KA Latheef, Ms Nitha with Ms Meghasree and urged the students to approach them in the hour of need. Mr Mohandas, HOD of Physical Education dept proposed the vote of thanks.





The Happiness and Wellness Department inaugurated in Indian School Salalah



Schools and families are fundamental social units which anchor the health and well-being of individuals. Schools, in particular bear a significant responsibility to foster and enhance students' physical, social and mental health. Given the emerging challenges, Indian School Salalah recently inaugurated "The Happiness and Wellness Department" on 15 August 2024, a significant initiative aimed at enhancing the emotional well-being of students.

The event was graced by President of School Management Committee Dr. Abubacker Siddique, Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar and other esteemed members of school management committee. Dr. Muhammed Yousoof, Convenor SMC, played a crucial role in shaping the department's framework with his vision and leadership. Complementing this, Mr. Mohammad Jabir Shareef, a valued SMC member, provided essential insights and contributions that were instrumental in the development of the department during the inauguration.



The newly inaugurated department provides an array of services meto enhance student well-being including comprehensive psychologic parent education programmes, individualized counseling and career gu

gned ents,

A distinguished cadre of experienced experts has been appointed to deliver these services with exceptional proficiency.





The members of this esteemed team are:

Mr. Abdul Latheef, with a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology

'Ms. Meghashree Nair, possessing an M.Sc in Clinical Psychology

Ms. Nida Hassan, holding an M.A in Counseling Psychology and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology

'Ms. Adabiyah, a PPTC and B.Ed Special Educator

'Ms. Swetha D., a qualified Speech-Language Pathologist

This new department is poised to play a pivotal role in addressing the parents who are in need of the guidance for their wards as well the department will look into the intricate emotional and psychological needs of students, thereby ensuring their comprehensive wellness and happiness among school community.





A SESSION ON 'PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFICULTIES IN ACADEMICS' FOR COMMERCE STUDENTS OF INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH ~ Aashick Magesh, XII – F

The Commerce Department of Indian School Salalah organized a session titled "Psychological Difficulties in Academics" for the Commerce batch of 2023-24. The resource persons of the session were Mr. Abdul Latheef, Co-ordinator of Happiness & Wellness faculty and Mrs. Nidha Hasan of Counselling department of ISS. The event was conducted under the guidance of the Head of the Commerce Department, Mr. Anto Lalu, and Assistant Vice Principal, Mr. Vipindas C.K., along with the support of all the commerce teachers. The seminar aimed to address the mental health challenges that students face in their academic lives, particularly in the context of the commerce stream.

The session began with an exploration of anxiety, a prevalent issue among students due to the pressures of academic performance. The speakers emphasized recognizing early symptoms, such as excessive worry and difficulty concentrating. Students were encouraged to practise mindfulness, improve time management, and seek support from peers and teachers as ways to manage anxiety. Stress, often caused by exam pressures and heavy workloads, was another key focus. The importance of a balanced lifestyle, including regular physical activity and adequate rest, was discussed. Practical stress management techniques, such as creating a structured study schedule and breaking tasks into manageable steps, were shared to help students cope better. Depression was addressed with a focus on its impact students' overall well-being and academic performance. The speaker highlighted symptoms like persistent sadness and loss of interest in activities. Students were urged to talk about their feelings and seek professional help when needed as a crucial step in overcoming depression. During the seminar, Mrs. Nidha Hasan guided the students through an interactive activity, where they created a table with four columns: "Important and Urgent," "Urgent but Not Important," "Not Important Nor Urgent," and "Important but Not Urgent." This exercise aimed to help students prioritize their tasks and reduce stress.





The seminar concluded with a Q&A session that engaged students in a lively discussion. The questions raised by the students reflected their curiosity and dedication to understanding the psychological they challenges face. interactive segment highlighted the students' commitment to applying the strategies discussed during the seminar in their academic journey.





Workshop on How to Tackle Exam Anxiety Conducted at ISS





In a bid to alleviate the common issue of exam anxiety, the school recently held a workshop titled "Conquering the Test: Handling Exam Anxiety" for its VIII grade students. The two-day event, conducted on September 4th and 8th, 2024, aimed to equip students with practical strategies to manage stress and bolster their confidence in preparation for their upcoming first term exams.

The workshop, held in the school auditorium, divided the entire VIII grade into two groups to facilitate focused and interactive sessions. The primary objective was to address and mitigate the anxiety that often accompanies academic assessments.

The session began by helping students recognize the physical and behavioral signs of anxiety. Common sources of stress identified included fear of failure, performance pressure, and insufficient preparation. By acknowledging these factors, students could better understand and manage their anxiety.

The resource person, Ms Meghasree, gave some valuable tips on topics such as time management, self- talk, breathing exercise, physical activity, balanced diet and sleep hygiene.

The interactive nature of the workshop allowed students to actively participate in identifying their personal anxiety triggers. Through engaging stories and real-life examples, they learned how effective academic preparation can significantly reduce anxiety.

The session concluded with a motivational address by the Asst. Vice Principal Mr. Vipindas, who congratulated the top performers and offered encouraging remarks to inspire all students to excel in their forthcoming exams.

Overall, the workshop successfully equipped VIII grade students with a range of tools to handle exam anxiety. By providing practical techniques and fostering a deeper understanding of their stressors, the session aimed to improve students' approaches to exams and enhance their academic performance.



Empowering Young Minds Menstrual Hygiene Workshop for 8th Graders



September 4, 2024 – In a bid to promote better menstrual health and break down the barriers of stigma, the School Auditorium was abuzz with learning and discussions on September 4th as 8th grade girls participated in a comprehensive Menstrual Hygiene Workshop led by Miss Nida Hasan, a renowned Counseling Psychologist.

The workshop aimed to educate students about the intrica cies of menstrual hygiene, empower them to manage their menstrual cycles with confidence, and foster open communication to reduce stigma and misinformation. Miss Hasan's engaging presentation covered a range of topics essential for understanding and managing menstrual health effectively.



The session began with an exploration of the biological basics of menstruation. Students learned about the menstrual cycle, including hormonal changes and physiological processes. Miss Hasan provided an overview of various menstrual products, such as sanitary pads, tampons, and menstrual cups, highlighting their proper use to ensure comfort and hygiene.

Maintaining personal hygiene during menstruation was another key focus. Students were educated on the importance of cleanliness to prevent infections and given guidelines on how to manage, change, and dispose of menstrual products responsibly.







Addressing both physical and emotional aspects, Miss Hasan shared practical tips for managing common menstrual symptoms such as cramps, mood swings, and fatigue. She emphasized the significance of self-care strategies, including proper nutrition, exercise, and adequate rest, to support overall well-being during menstruation.

The workshop also aimed to debunk myths and clarify misconceptions about menstruation. By providing accurate information, Miss Hasan helped dispel common myths, fostering a more informed and supportive environment.

Another key highlight of the workshop was the open Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns in a safe and supportive setting. This interactive component allowed for personalized guidance and reassured students that their questions were valid and important.



The workshop proved to be a resounding success. It equipped the young participants with essential knowledge and resources, paving the way for a more informed and supportive approach to menstrual health. As the school community continues to foster an environment of open dialogue and education, the workshop stands as a testament to the importance of addressing menstrual health with sensitivity and care.





Gavel Club for the Academic Year 2024-25



On August 8, 2024, our school celebrated the inauguration of the Gavel Club, an exciting initiative aimed at enhancing public speaking and leadership skills among students, especially Grade 9. The event was held in the AV room.

Mr. Binoy, Faculty English Department explained the primary objectives of the Gavel Club. He also provided an overview of the club's purpose, planned activities, and the benefits for students. This segment allowed the students to see the potential of the Gavel Club and encouraged participation.





The Gavel Club plans to hold regular meetings, workshops, and practice sessions. Upcoming events include:



Sl. No	Month	Activity
1	October	Ice Breaking Session
2	November	Self-Introduction
3	December	Prepared Speech
4	January	Table Topics

The inauguration of the Gavel Club marks the beginning of an exciting journey for the students from Grade 9 to 12. With the support of the dedicated staff and enthusiastic participants, the club aims to foster a strong foundation in public speaking and leadership.





Workshop on Anxiety - Free Exam conducted at Indian School Salalah

On 7th September 2024, the Happiness and Wellness Department of Indian School Salalah conducted a workshop titled "Anxiety-Free Exam" to help students from grades 8th to 12th manage exam-related stress and anxiety. The workshop aimed to provide effective tools and strategies to overcome exam-related nervousness, reduce stress, and improve overall academic performance. It offered practical methods for managing stress, identifying anxiety symptoms, and tackling negative thought patterns, commonly known as "thinking traps."

The session, which commenced at 9:15 AM with an introduction by Assistant Vice Principal Vipindas, focused on the importance of coping skills in handling day-to-day challenges. Facilitated by psychologist Abdul Latheef K A, the workshop covered key areas such as understanding anxiety, recognizing its causes, and offering actionable techniques for exam preparation and stress reduction. The highly interactive session included guided visualization, worksheets, and demonstrations of anxiety management techniques. The students actively participated in these activities, learning to apply practical methods for relaxation and mental focus.

At the end of the session, students were informed about the availability of individual counseling sessions for those needing personalized guidance. Feedback collected from the participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many appreciating the tools they learned and expressing a desire for more such programmes in the future. The Vice Principal Mr.Mammikutty concluded the session by thanking the facilitators for their contribution for promoting student well-being and mental health.









INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY CELEBRATED AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH

Indian School Salalah celebrated International Literacy Day on 8th September 2024 with great enthusiasm. The event organized by ISS Reading club aimed to promote the importance of literacy and encourage students to express their creativity through various art-integrated activities.

Students from class 8 and the reading club members of the middle section prepared the posters on 'The Power of Literacy' where they creatively depicted the significance of literacy through vivid colors, powerful slogans and striking images. The posters highlighted themes such as the joy of reading, the impact of education, and the role of literacy in empowering individuals. The display attracted significant attention from the school community, with students, teachers, and parents taking time to admire and reflect on the powerful messages conveyed through the posters.

International Literacy Day celebration at Indian School Salalah was a resounding success, highlighting the creativity and literacy skills of the students. The event not only raised awareness about the importance of literacy but also provided a platform for students to express themselves through art and writing. The activities were well-received, and the displayed works served as a reminder of the transformative power of literacy in our lives. The event was thoughtfully organized and flawlessly executed by the Reading Club Incharges Ms.Sreevidya.S.and Ms.Urvi G.Ahya.

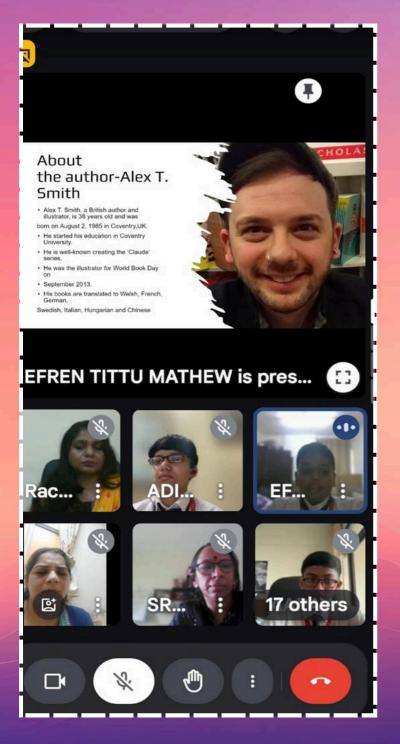






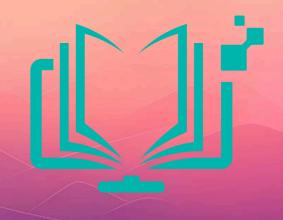


ISS READING CLUB HOSTED ENGAGING ONLINE 'BOOK TALK' SESSION



ISS Reading Club, actively functioning under English Department, hosted a dynamic and engaging online Book Talk session on August 31, 2024. This event was designed to foster a love for reading among students and provide a platform for them to discuss and share their thoughts on various books.

The session was filled with enthusiasm and energy as they expressed their love for the books written by famous authors Roald Dahl, R.L.Stine, J.K.Rowling, Mark Twain, Alex.T.Smith etc Anikha Korattiyil, Davina Namdetti, Efren Tittu Mathew, Harshitha Pradeep kumar, Haya Biju, Isha Namia, Izma Fathima, Kashvi Preetham kumar, Meghna Antony, Priyanshi Shivadas, Siddharth Vijay and SreenidhiB. were the participants from middle section(V-VIII) who presented their book talk.









The event was attended by the Assistant Vice Principal Mr.Vipindas, of English Head Department Mr.Ramasamy and Incharge Subject Mrs.Rachel Philips who appreciated the their enthusiastic students for participation. They also commended the efforts of the in-charges Reading Club Ms.Sreevidya.S. and Ms. Urvi Ahya for their excellent coordination. The lively discussions heartfelt réviews highlighted the students' deep engagement with literature and their growing passion for reading.



The online format allowed for an interactive and accessible session, enabling students to share their insights and express their love for these books from the comfort of their homes.



Astronomy Clubs are great platforms to develop one's understanding about the universe and contribute more. They encourage every pupil to connect with peers and hear their stories of observation and interested areas. Astronomy clubs are also a great way to keep children engaged with activities different from the daily routine. Astronomy Clubs not only promote interest in astronomy but polish other skills also. Astrophotography is capturing the beauty of celestial objects with a camera.



Astronomy club of Indian School Salalah has organised a seminar on Astrophotography on 8th August 2024. The seminar was led by Mast. Nandakumar Rajesh from XII C. Mr. Shinoj Thomas (HoD Science), teachers and club members were present. In the seminar Mast. Nandakumar explained about preplanning, taking the photo and post processing of astrophotography. There was an active discussion about night sky, safe location, exposure adjustments etc. The seminar was enthusiastic and informative.







KINDERGARTEN TERM 1 NEWSLETTER- 2024-25



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Today is the beginning of a wonderful journey. Let your curiosity lead you, your imagination inspires you, and your kindness guides you. Welcome to the exciting journey of Kindergarten, where every day is an adventure filled with discovery, learning, and fun.

The academic year for Kindergarten (LKG) commenced on Monday, April 1st, 2024, while for the Upper Kindergarten (UKG) on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024. Both children and parents were buzzing with excitement as they eagerly anticipated the day to meet the teachers, friends and explore the school environment. The children gleefully posed for photos at the selfie corner and in front of the welcome board. They were handed welcome cards by their teachers, which added to their excitement. Children left their colourful handprints directly on the chart paper, creating a vibrant and personal display of their creativity.

The well decorated ambience at the Kindergarten instilled a lot of enthusiasm in the tiny tots.















HEALTH TALK - 07/04/2024 Value your health before it is too late.







World Health Day (WHD), held every year on 7 April, marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948 and each year focuses on a specific public health concern.

To make children socially responsible citizens and to create awareness about good habits and healthy lifestyles, a demonstration was conducted by the school nurse, Mrs. Preetha Usha. She also explained how to wash hands and maintain personal hygiene. The children were instructed to follow the same.

May the blessings of Eid fill your life with peace, joy, and prosperity, and may each moment be filled with love and laughter. Eid Mubarak!"

The objective of Eid cele<mark>bration</mark> in Kindergarten is to create a positive and inclusive learning environment where children can learn and celebrate the rich diversity of the world around them.

To inspire children to remain pure and noble at heart and to make them understand the meaning, purpose and importance of Ramadan, Eid was celebrated on Thursday, 18th April 2024. Children enjoyed doing crafts and colouring related to Eid.











ORIENTATION FOR THE PARENTS - 20/04/2024





Orientation for the parents serves to prepare them for their child's entry into formal education and to establish a supportive partnership between home and school for the benefit of the child's learning and development.

On April 20, 2024, Saturday, the Kindergarten held an Orientation for the parents. During the event, teachers provided insights into the curriculum and offered parenting advice. The parents' response was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting their engagement and satisfaction with the information shared..

NATIONAL KINDERGARTEN DAY - 21/04/2024

Kindergarten: where curiosity blooms, imagination runs wild, and every child's journey begins with a step into a world of wonder.

Kindergarten celebrated National Kindergarten Day on Sunday, April 21, 2024, by embracing the theme of vibrant colours. Teachers curated an atmosphere rich with a spectrum of hues and organized various activities tailored to each colour. The children reveled in the experience, enjoying every moment to the fullest.







EARTH DAY -22/04/2024

Let's nurture the nature so that we can have a better future.

On Earth Day, Monday, April 22nd, 2024, every class participated in planting a sapling, aligning with the theme of one pot per class. Each class teacher provided an in-depth explanation of the vital role plants play in our world and demonstrated how to nurture them, engaging the children in planting the saplings. The activity was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.





LABOUR DAY- 01/05/2024

Labour is the ladder through which human dignity and Creative excellence are achieved.



Labour Day celebrates the tireless dedication and invaluable contributions of workers worldwide. Let's honor their resilience, acknowledge their achievements, and strive for a future where every worker is respected, empowered, and valued.

The Kindergarten extended a recognition to all supporting staff within the Kindergarten block, honoring their contributions.





FRUITS DAY - 07/05/2024

"Fruits Day" in Kindergarten is typically an event or activity aimed at educating young children about the importance of eating fruits as part of a healthy diet.

The teachers prepared a fresh and delicious fruit salad, adhering strictly to hygiene standards to ensure the safety and well-being of the children. The children thoroughly relished it.







INTERNATIONAL MOTHER'S DAY - 12/05/2024

Behind every great human is a mother whose love knows no bounds.

International Mother's Day is a special day celebrated globally to honour and appreciate mothers and mother figures for their love, care, and sacrifices. For Kindergarteners, it is an opportunity to express gratitude and affection towards their mothers.

Mother's Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 12th, 2024, with approximately 110 mothers showcasing their talents through dance, song performances, ramp walks, and engaging in fun games. Each participant received a participation certificate and gifts for their involvement in the games. It proved to be a delightful evening for all involved.









INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY - 15/05/2024

Family is the compass that guides us, the anchor that holds us, and the love that sustains us.

Family Day in Kindergarten aims to create a warm, welcoming environment where families feel valued and engaged in their child's early education.

On this day, children dressed up as various family members and spoke about their roles. They found joy in portraying different family members through role-play activities.





CCA ACTIVITY- COLOURING -21/05/2024

CCA activities in Kindergarten play a crucial role in the holistic development of children, supporting their physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and cultural growth.

Coloring helps children improve their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills. Holding crayons and coloring within lines requires precise movements and control, which are foundational for writing and other manual tasks.















Vegetable Day in Kindergarten aims to instill a positive attitude towards vegetables, promote healthy lifestyle choices, and provide a foundation for lifelong healthy eating habits.

Children brought various salad vegetables which the teachers then expertly combined into delicious salads. They also engaged the children in discussions about the importance of eating vegetables every day, highlighting their nutritional benefits and fostering a deeper understanding of healthy eating habits.







ANTI TOBACCO DAY - 30/05/2024 Say no to tobacco, say yes to life

Anti-Tobacco Day in Kindergarten aims to

lay a foundation for a tobacco-free lifestyle, empower children to make healthy choices, and contribute to tobacco prevention efforts in the community. Educating young children about the harmful effects of tobacco and the dangers of smoking or being exposed to secondhand smoke.

Children participated in coloring pictures depicting the harmful effects of tobacco. Meanwhile, teachers delivered comprehensive explanations about the serious risks and dangers associated with tobacco consumption.







GRAND PARENTS' DAY- 28/07/2024

A celebration of timeless love, wisdom, and the enduring bond that connects generations.

It is an opportunity for children to express gratitude and love towards their grandparents, recognizing their role and significance in their lives. The tiny tots dressed up as their grandparents and spoke about their roles in a special assembly. They had a great time.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY-30/07/2024

Friends make the world a little brighter, a little kinder and a whole lot more fun.

The tiny tots of UKG F conducted a special assembly about friendship that was very meaningful and fantastic. In the classroom, they made friendship bands for their friends with the help of their teachers. They enjoyed the day very much.





VALUE BASED ASSEMBLY



In our value-based assemblies, we plant the seeds of kindness, resp<mark>ect, and ho</mark>nesty, nurturing young hearts to grow into pillars of goodness.

These assemblies serve as opportunities to teach, inspire, and reinforce positive values and behaviors that are essential for children's holistic development.





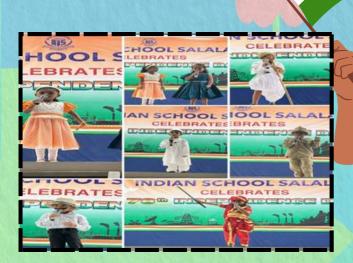


INDEPENDENCE DAY- 15/08/2024

In Kindergarten, Independence Day celebrations typically focus on introducing young children to the concept of national pride, freedom, and the significance of the day in a simple and engaging manner.

UKG C and UKG D conducted a special assembly where they danced, sang, and dressed as freedom fighters. LKG students, with their teachers' guidance, crafted vibrant handprints

showcasing the Indian National flag.







CCA - RECITATION - 20/08/2024



CCA- Recitations in Kindergarten play a crucial role in the holistic development of a child, focusing on language, confidence, memory, communication, creativity, and cultural understanding.





NATIONAL SPORTS DAY - 29/08/2024



Sports for the Promotion of Peaceful and inclusive Societies

National Sports Day in Kindergarten aims to instill a love for physical activity and sports while promoting holistic development among young children.

Games, fun activities and Marchpast were conducted on Thursday, August 29, 2024, for both LKG and UKG children as a part of the National Sports Day celebration.











Teachers plant the seeds of knowledge that last a lifetime. Their guidance shapes not only minds but futures.

Kindergarten celebrated Teachers' Day on Thursday, September 5th, 2024, with special assemblies organized by UKG E and UKG F students. The event included an action song, a fancy-dress tribute to teachers, and a quiz programme for the teachers. A standout highlight of the event was Ms. Vedhvika Sreejith's (UKG F) captivating hula-hoop dance performance. Vice Principal Mr. Mammikutty addressed the audience and extended warm wishes to all the teachers. The programme was an immense success, with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves.



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY - 08/09/2024

The objective of celebrating Literacy Day in Kindergarten is to promote the importance of reading, writing, and early learning among young children. The children, with the help of their teachers, created books where they wrote letters and sentences and colored the pictures.







FINE MOTOR SKILL ACTIVITIES/LIFE SKILL ACTIVITIES



With each small movement, children unlock a world of possibilities, fine-tuning their coordination, creativity, and confidence.

The objectives of life skill activities include building self-confidence, encouraging critical thinking, and fostering independence and developing fine motor skills that involve the use of the small muscles which control the hands. They help children perform important tasks like feeding themselves, grasping toys, buttoning and zipping clothes, writing, drawing, and more.







PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT/ INDOOR PLAY & OUTDOOR PLAY

Through physical play, young children discover the world around them, building strong bodies, curious minds and joyful hearts.

Regular physical play promotes overall health, strengthens muscles and bones and contributes to a healthy lifestyle. In Kindergarten settings, a well-balanced mix of physical activities—both outdoor and indoor—and structured play is essential for holistic development, fostering children's growth across all areas.









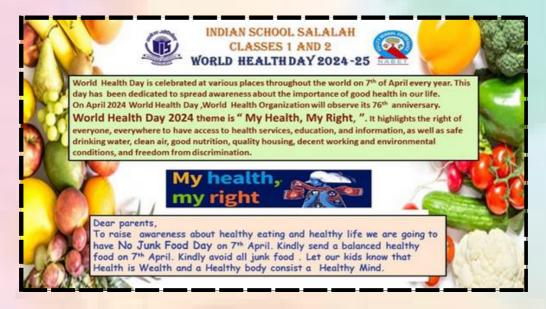


PRIMARY SECTION -CLASSES 1 & 2 (2024 2025)



School Newsletter: Fun Adventures and New Friends: "A Look at Our First and Second Graders!"

This newsletter will highlight the exciting activities and achievements from our Grade 1 and 2 classrooms. From creative projects to new friendships, our young learners have been exploring, growing, and having a fantastic time. Discover the fun and learning that are shaping our students' success this year!



Commencement of the Academic Journey

The academic journey for Classes 1 and 2 embarked on 2nd April 2024, marking the start of an exciting period filled with exploration, learning, and intellectual growth.

Observance of Global Health Day

To commemorate the Global Health Day, a special assembly was conducted on April 7th, to highlight the school's commitment to fostering health and wellness. Observing this special day gave an opportunity for the students to understand the importance of healthy living, from nutritious eating to physical activity. Students of grade 1 and 2 were fully involved in celebrating the steps taken to promote a healthier and happier community.

BOOST your IMMUNITY





#Earth Day #"Celebrating the only home we have – Let's protect, preserve, and honour our beautiful planet every day.



Every year Earth Day is celebrated on 22nd April to highlight the importance of protecting and preserving our planet, Earth. This year, students in their colourful costumes performed a lively skit and a rhythmic melody which showcased the ways to reduce pollution, conserve resources, and promote sustainability. This inspired the audience to take action for a healthier and greener future.

Celebrating World Heritage Day - April 18

World Heritage Day was observed on 18th April to educate the students about significance of preserving world's cultural and natural heritage. A special flyer along with a video was shared in class groups. Through these resources, students gained an insight into the importance of protecting the treasures that connect us all, encouraging become them to responsible global citizens.



National Labour Day - Thank You Card Activity



On May 1st, in honour of National Labour'd Day, students participated in a meaningful card-making activity to express their gratitude.

This activity allowed them to express their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all the workers who contribute to our daily lives. To further engage students, a special flyer and video was shared in the class groups, highlighting the significance of Labour Day and the importance of recognizing and appreciating the efforts of workers in every field.





Mother's Day Celebration - May 11

On 11th May, a special greeting card was sent to the class groups, inviting children to capture photos with their amazing moms. The day was a wonderful celebration of the love and dedication of mothers.



International Day for Biological Diversity - May 22

Classes 1 and 2 celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity with the theme, "Be a Part of the Plan." The day included an engaging assembly, a creative coloring activity focused on habitats, and a captivating video along with a collaborative banner project, all designed to enrich the students' learning experience. Students learned the importance of caring for all living things, from plants to animals, in a meaningful and engaging way.











World No Tobacco Day - May 29, 2024

On May 29th students of classes 1 & 2 observed World No Tobacco Day with the theme, "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference." The day commenced with an indoor assembly in which awareness on the the harmful effects of tobacco was highlighted. It was then followed by the badge colouring activity. Students proudly wore their creations as a powerful symbol of their commitment to staying tobacco-free, showcasing their dedication to a healthy lifestyle. An awareness video, "Say No to Smoking," was shown to reinforce the message, and teachers discussed the dangers of tobacco, including cancer, heart disease, and respiratory illnesses. Students were encouraged to share this knowledge with their loved ones.



To celebrate Global Friendship Day on 30th July, a special flyer was shared in the class groups, and students participated in a fun activity - "Let's Be Friends." As a part of the celebration, children created friendship cards and exchanged them with their classmates, fostering spirit of kindness connection. The day was filled emphasizing joy, importance of building strong friendships.







Independence Day Celebration - August 19, 2024

A special assembly was held on August 19, 2024, at the KG Block of Indian School Salalah to celebrate the 78th Independence Day. The event was graced by the presence of Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice Principal Mrs. Anita Rose, KG In-Charge Mrs. Anjali Radhakrishnan, and other esteemed faculty members, adding to the occasion's significance and success. The celebration commenced with a welcome speech followed by the prayer song and student performances that highlighted the significance of the day. Children, dressed as freedom fighters, recited iconic slogans, took part in a reenactment of the flag hoisting ceremony, and captivated the audience with a patriotic dance. The event concluded with the National Anthem, leaving everyone with a strong sense of national pride.

World Humanitarian Day - August 19

World Humanitarian Day was celebrated on 19th August with a flyer and video. Students explored the significance of compassion and global solidarity, gaining inspiration to actively support humanitarian efforts and make positive contributions to their communities.





National Sports Day August 29

National Sports Day was celebrated on 29th August by sharing a vibrant banner in the class groups. The day highlighted the importance of physical activity and teamwork, encouraging students to embrace sports and lead a healthy, active lifestyle.















On 8th September 2024, the KG Block came alive with joy and gratitude as Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The celebration was presided over by our esteemed Assistant Vice Principal, Mrs. Anita Rose.

The children expressed their heartfelt appreciation for their teachers, acknowledging them as more than just educators. They beautifully highlighted how teachers often play the roles of counselors, doctors, mothers, detectives and much more in their lives. The celebration included a lively dance to a rhythmic "Thank You" song, followed by a soulful rendition of a song.



As a token of appreciation, thank-you cards and flowers were distributed to all the teachers, honouring their dedication and unwavering support







CCA ACTIVITIES IN GRADES 1 & 2



CCA has been instrumental in bringing out the talents of our young students, by providing a platform to showcase their talents. These creative and interactive sessions reflect the joy and dynamic spirit of our young learners.

Plasticine Modelling Competition

On April 30th and May 1st, Classes 1 and 2 showcased their creativity in a vibrant Plasticine Modelling Competition, transforming their imagination into lively, hands-on art.



Artistic Impressions: Drawing and Colouring Extravaganza

On May 14th and 15th, Classes 1 and 2 showcased their artistic flair in an expressive Drawing and Coloring Competition, celebrating their creativity and imagination with stunning artworks.









Poetic Flair: English Recitation Competition





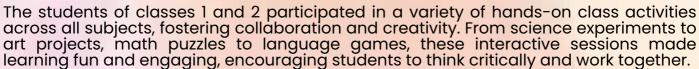


On August 13th and 14th, Classes 1 and 2 mesmerized the audience with their expressive English poem recitations, demonstrating both confidence and creativity in a memorable celebration of poetry.

ENGAGING MINDS, INSPIRING LEARNING



LEARN AS YOU GROW









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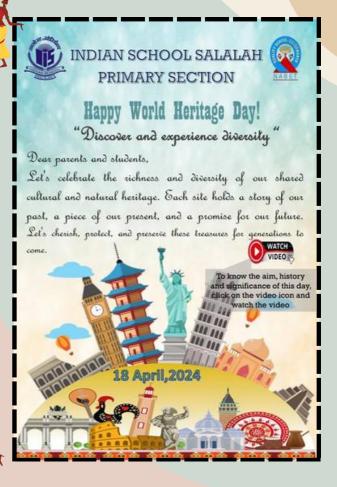
WORLD HEALTH DAY

On 7th April 2024, the Primary section of Indian School Salalah celebrated World Health Day. A flyer with tips for staying healthy was shared, along with a healthy diet plan for the Academic Year 2024-2025, which included the diet chart for the 'healthy break'. A health talk organized for the students of classes III and IV on the topic personal hygiene. The session was conducted by the school nurses, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Amal in the auditorium. school Students provided with an activity sheet, which included a checklist of healthy practices and tips for oral hygiene.



WORLD HERITAGE DAY

Our cultural heritage is a significant part of our identity as a nation and culture. It also bears a lot of historical importance and helps us to connect with our rich traditions history. Heritage buildings and monuments need preservation and protection. In order to create awareness among students of classes III and IV, a flyer was shared on, 18th April 2024, with a video link to highlight the history and significance of the day. To foster appreciation for heritage, students were encouraged to visit a local heritage site and create scrapbook documenting their experience. A video showcasing the UNESCO World Heritage site in Salalah, Oman, was also shared in the class groups to further enrich their understanding.







Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day is celebrated on 22nd April every year. This day serves as a reminder that everyone has a shared responsibility for the health of our planet and that all individuals must work together to achieve this goal. The Primary section celebrated Earth Day by organizing a "Wealth out of Waste" activity, where students created a decor using plastic bottles and balloons. A flyer was shared with the community, and both teachers and students took the Earth Day pledge. A pledge for families was also shared to encourage broader participation. The class teachers took the role of making their classrooms plastic-free, with guidelines and instructions posted in the class groups. 'Pencil seeds' were gifted to the Principal, Vice Principal and AVPs





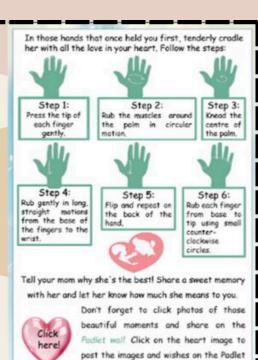
MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day was observed on 12th May 2024. On this day students were encouraged to show their moms some extra love through a special activity. They were asked to find a quiet space to sit with their mothers and give them a soothing hand massage using lotion or oil. During this time, students shared sweet memories and expressed their appreciation for all their moms do. As a part of the activity, they were asked to capture these heartfelt moments in photos and post them on the Padlet wall, along with personalized messages and wishes by clicking on the heart image. This activity aimed to foster a deep bond between students and their mothers while creating lasting memories.





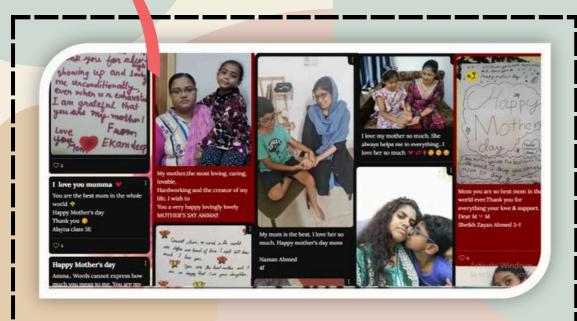






Mother's day Padlet wall:

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Introduction of Arabic word for the day:

On 13th May 2024, Primary section introduced "Arabic Word of the Day" an initiative, complementing to the existing "English Word of the Day" and "Hindi Word of the Day" programme that were launched in AY 2020. This new addition aims to enrich students' vocabulary and cultural understanding by incorporating Arabic language elements into their daily learning.





EXPLORA 2024

Indian School Salalah organized EXPLORA 2024, an exhibition that showcased the creative talents of the students and the dedication of the teachers on 11th May in Indian School All the Salalah premises. students from Classes III participated IV Explora 2024 under different departments. Parents and students explored the exhibits and actively took the interactive part in activities organized different rooms.









NO-TOBACCO DAY

No Tobacco Day is observed around the world every year on 31st May. The annual observance enlightens everyone on the dangers of using tobacco. The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and its negative health effects. On 30th May 2024, the students of Class IV had a special assembly to highlight the significance of the day. The aim was to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Assistant Vice Principal Mrs. Anita Rose addressed the students on the harmful effects of smoking, including health risks like cancer and heart disease. In addition to this, students made No-Tobacco Day badges in their classes and pinned them onto their uniforms.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Indian School Salalah commemorated the 78th Independence Day of India on August 15, 2024, with profound zeal and patriotism. On this occasion, students showcased their patriotism through a series of performances. The girls from classes III and IV presented a vibrant patriotic dance. Hindi speech by Mast, Hamza of class 4H and Miss. Manahil of class 4E highlighted the significance of the day. Adding to the spirit of patriotism the students of classes III and IV came together to sing a patriotic song that evoked a sense of pride and unity among all attendees. A hands-on activity was organized in the class where students created flag-coloured paper craft using paper.









WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

World Humanitarian Day takes place every 19th August. To mark the importance of the day, three inspiring videos on the topic of Humanitarian Day were presented in the classrooms. Following this, the children were asked to write down their reflections after watching the videos. With great enthusiasm, they participated in an activity where they traced their palms onto coloured paper, cut them out, and wrote their feelings on these cutouts. They then displayed their work on a chart.









Teachers' day

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great zeal on 5th September 2024 by the students of classes III and IV in the school auditorium. The programmes were organized by Amber house. Students presented greeting cards, book marks and hand-made Teachers' Day badges to the dignitaries present on the occasion and to all the teachers. The choir team of the Primary Section performed a melodious song dedicated to the teachers, which captivated the audience. The highlight of the event was a mesmerizing dance drama performed by the students of Classes III and IV. Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar and Vice Principal, Mr. Mammikutty addressed the students on this occasion.







International Literacy Day

As a part of the International Literary Day celebration on 7th September 2024, the Reading Club of the Primary Section organized an engaging classroom activity. Students were challenged to use the letters in the words "LITERACY" and "EDUCATION" to form new words. This activity aimed to enhance their vocabulary and spelling skills while fostering a deeper appreciation for the language. By exploring various word combinations, students not only enjoyed a creative exercise but also gained a better understanding of the richness and versatility of the language



As a part of the First Aid Day, a highly engaging and informative session on first aid was conducted on 11th of September for the students of class IV, focusing on real-life situations and practical responses. The aim of this session was to provide students with hands-on experience and awareness on how to offer immediate care in case of common injuries and medical emergencies. The session was structured around role-play, where students took on different scenarios to demonstrate the correct first aid technique. Each student enacted various emergency situations, including Small Cuts, Bumping After Hitting, Epilepsy, Injury/Cut by a Door, Falls and Fractures, Hypoglycemia, electric shock, etc. The interactive approach allowed students to learn by doing, reinforcing the importance of immediate first aid in preventing complications and ensuring safety.









Celebration of important days



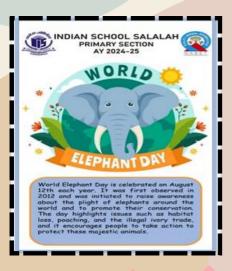
The Primary section also celebrated various important days like the World Elephant Day, Biofuel Day, Space Day, Sports Day and more. To raise awareness and enhance students' understanding of these special days, informative flyers were sent, providing details about the significance and relevance of these days. Additionally, Kahoot quizzes were shared to create an engaging and interactive learning experience. These quizzes aimed to reinforce the information presented in the flyers and assess students' knowledge in a fun, competitive format. This approach not only educated students about these important topics but also made the learning process enjoyable and memorable.



















SPORTS





ISS CONCLUDES 2nd BATCH OF SWIMMING CLASSES BIG SPLASH



Indian School Salalah, with the aim to promote the holistic growth of its students, organized Swimming Classes for the boys of Grade V - VII at The Plaza Hotel & Resort Swimming Pool on Fridays and Saturdays in the month of August- September. The batch comprised of 15 students and 8 classes were conducted, in which the students learnt the basics of swimming with commitment and enthusiasm. The swimming lessons have provided a unique and enjoyable experience to the students.



The swimming instructor, Ishwar Deshmukh Mr. (Faculty-PE Department), informed that it was rewarding for extremely him instructor, as an imparting skills and knowledge as well as to see his students enjoying the lessons.

The 2nd batch concluded on 7th September 2024.









Evening Games for Beginners (May 2024)



Indian School Salalah organized evening games for beginners in the month of May 2024. The event aimed to promote physical activity, teamwork and sportsmanship among students from classes 3 to 8.

A total of 89 students participated in the evening games, showcasing a positive response from the target audience. It is evident that the initiative attracted considerable interest from the students, highlighting the significance of such extracurricular activities in school.

The event featured sports training in six disciplines, namely Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, and Karate. This diverse range of sports activities ensured that students had the opportunity to explore and engage in various physical activities, catering to different interests and skill sets.

Participation in sports has numerous benefits for students, including physical fitness, improved focus, enhanced social skills, and overall well-being. The evening games provided a platform for students to develop these attributes while enjoying the thrill of sports and friendly competition.

While the participation numbers are encouraging, it is important to evaluate the experience of the students and identify any challenges faced during the event. Additionally, there is an opportunity to expand the variety of sports offered, considering the diverse interests of the participating students.

















Recommendations

Based on the findings, it is recommended that Indian School Salalah continues to organize such extracurricular sports activities. Moreover, incorporating the feedback received from the students can help in refining the event structure and ensuring maximum engagement from the participants.

Conclusion

The event successfully promoted physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among the students, highlighting the significant role of extracurricular sports initiatives in the school curriculum

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