

**THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS – DUBAI  
CIRCULAR**

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Dear Parents,

In the coming week we are hosting the cross-curricular exhibition which will showcase the projects of student learning on 15 June at the school premises. We look forward to welcoming you for the same and hope that you will be able to challenge student thinking by interacting with the presenters.

We also have nearly 200 parents signed up for the very first Makers' Market on Saturday, 17 June at The Kindergarten Starters. We hope to see many more of you for the event as it is a unique opportunity to build something of value along with your child. These experiences serve to strengthen the bonds with children even as you discover what they really enjoy doing.

As always, we are delighted to announce the names of our parents for this week. It is heartening to see that so many of our parents are actively contributing to the learning of all our children. Thank you and stay blessed!

**Kindergarten**

**Parent of the Week: Divya S. Das**

Divya S Das has been a parent volunteer to help the teachers with the large number of students in their classes. But when she heard of a teacher struggling with a SEND student, she volunteered to be with him as a shadow volunteer. Her concern for the SEND child with a major behavior issue and passion to work closely helped the teacher and the department immensely.

She plans activities that keeps the child occupied throughout the day and makes sure he uses technology in class every day for at least half an hour. She takes him for nature walks, play pen, activity room and comes back to celebrate the work he did. She created a '**celebration wall**' in a corner and displays all his work. Her energy, punctuality and dedication to make learning fun for this child is highly commendable.



## Grade 2

### Parent of the week: Ms. Arpita Dasgupta

Ms. Arpita Dasgupta has always been a very supportive, creative and enthusiastic parent. This week, she initiated the topic of the Cross Curricular Exhibition in the class with a picture provocation which set the class thinking. She shared very important interesting facts with the students related to the marine life for CCE through a Power Point Presentation. She kept the students completely engaged in research, exploration and interactive discussion. She taught a song related to all the 'Whale'-facts along with the students and did a collaborative collage activity on a blue whale.



## Grade 3

### Parent of the Week: Nehla Shariar

Nehla Shariar has been an active participant in the parent engagement activities and has utilized the option of Open Doors whenever possible. She is an Engineer by profession but is a home maker because of her passion for the wellbeing of her children.

She has been a parent volunteer and actively engages in all the school activities. She presented a family interaction video about Cyber bullying which created awareness among students and it was highly appreciated by teacher community as well.



## Grade 4:

### Parent of the week: Mrs. Tanzeela Shariff

Mrs. Tanzeela Shariff has actively participated in discussions held at the school. Her contribution is evident through her participation in the 'Walk for Autism' that has been one large step to empower her child to open up to the idea of inclusion for all. Her participation in the 'Wealth out of Waste' initiative by the school has also been a note-worthy contribution.



## Grade 5

### Parent of the Week: Mr. Rishad Ali

Mr. Rishad Ali has extended himself to support the school by creating beautiful mobiles and posters related to the current topics taught in the class. He has also made a bookshelf to keep the reading books as well as behavior charts and wall hangings for Ramadan to encourage children to read and to promote a better understanding of Islamic values and culture.



In response to a parent's suggestion during Open Doors, we are undertaking an Action Research to study environmental factors that affect learning including temperature, lighting, noise levels, humidity and air pollution using a prototype of an invention called the Learnometer created by Professor Stephen Heppell <http://rubble.heppell.net/learnometer/> that will soon enter the market. We will be sharing our learning with you once we conclude our research.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

**Asha Alexander**  
Principal

