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**THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI  
CIRCULAR**

**13/05/2018**

Dear Parents,

The school term is underway and soon we will be welcoming the holy month of Ramadan. In the month of April, KGS won the first place for Distinguished Philanthropic Award in Schools for its continuous support of the underprivileged from Dubai Cares CEO Tariq Al Gurg and Dr. Abdullah Karam, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of KHDA. We are proud to be fostering the right qualities of head and heart among all of our students.



We are also proud to have been shortlisted to be among the top three finalists at STEM best practice Awards in the MENA region in the Elementary Section.

The STEM Best Practice Awards were created to recognize the excellence and innovation in the implementation of STEM Education at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels in MENA, Indian Subcontinent, ASEAN and EAST Asia regions, with three finalists and winners selected from each level in each region.

Our school has been invited to present at the Summit on 24 May 2018 when the winner will be declared. This is a huge recognition for the school in its journey of embedding critical thinking and problem solving among our students.

The Kindergarten Starters were also recognized for their sustainable practice by EXPO 2020 Dubai Team for participating in the Sustainability Champions Program.

As the holders of the Green Flag for the last three years, we inculcate sustainable practice among students, staff and parents.

We invite you all to be part of our #saynotoplastic campaign. Students

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In the coming month, we will be introducing our parents and students to the latest in digital learning at our Maker Fair on 26 May where parents can experience the latest Virtual Reality experiences that will now become a part of the KGS classrooms using VR sets and Tilt brush. Tilt Brush lets you paint in 3D space with virtual reality. 'Your room is your canvas. Your palette is your imagination. The possibilities are endless.' The VR headset delivers a fully immersive VR experience whilst being wirelessly managed and controlled. It uses engaging curriculum aligned along with structured lesson plans to spark the imagination of students of all ages. The lessons will leave them with experiences that help visualize the most complex of concepts and will engage and motivate them like never before. Students will also continue to learn Coding as a digital language through the use of Little Bits.

The summer will witness a major refurbishment of the school with replacement of all lights in classrooms with LED lights, complete refurbishment of all toilets in the school, chair lifts and elevators for all buildings, rubberized external play area with multi-purpose sports pitches, flood lighting, replacement of all Window ACs where they exist, roof access doors, storage units, painting of corridors, refurbishment of entrance and lobby among several other works at a cost of 10 Million AED. This summer we will not be conducting the summer camp as a result of extensive work on the campus.

We will continue to bring you the very best even as we strive towards raising educational standards.

Ramadan Mubarak!

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Asha Alexander', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Asha Alexander**  
**Principal**