

THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI
CIRCULAR

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Dear Parents,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to each one of you for generously supporting the Kerala Flood Relief. Your generosity enabled us to send more than 70 cartons of relief material via the Red Crescent.



This is also a great opportunity to teach our children the values of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity.

We will continue our philanthropic work through our upcoming Carnival in October to support the building of a school in Palestine for Syrian refugees



We are also concerned about all our mothers and so with the advent of October, we will be organizing PINKTOBER with several awareness talks and campaigns to support all those who are battling against breast cancer. We are also encouraging girls and young women to donate hair for the making of wigs for cancer patients. If any parent or child wishes to donate hair. Please get in touch with Sreeja Unnithan sreeja.u1_kgs@Gemsedu.com who will be coordinating the efforts with the Protect Your Mother teams

We are also commencing our Weekend Clubs for Kindergarteners to develop specialist skills in football and cricket. A separate circular outlining this activity will follow shortly.



Green garden patches around the school quadrangle have been created to give students more opportunities to examine and learn from nature within their own school premises. We hope to continue the greening of the school by planning an organic garden which we hope will be in place sometime during the year.



A concern raised by some parents regarding seating for Kindergarteners is now being addressed through an innovative table hinged to the wall to allow for space to accommodate all the bags and storage units as well as giving students free space for activities. This has been sanctioned through a special approval at a cost of 250,000 AED in addition to all the work that has been undertaken

A much required Bowling Machine has been purchased for training students in Cricket during the morning coaching and for specialist training of the Cricket Teams.

TEDEdClubs

Our focus on Oracy has seen the launch of the TED Ed Club to develop confident and articulate young students who will be able to express themselves in any situation.

We are also beginning a unique venture in collaboration with leading schools from around the world including Mexico, Colombia, Hawaii, India, Boston, Cambridge and the UAE. Students from the higher Grades read to the ones in lower grades, encourage discussion and reflection on the story to gain different perspectives and engage in writing stories that will be published as a book under the guidance of Professor Fernando Reimers, Ford Foundation Professor of the Practice in International Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Teachers utilize the platform to foster improvements in student writing and critical thinking skills. They review students' initial drafts, offer comments based on the rubric, provide text edits, and encourage students to submit a final draft. This iterative process helps to sharpen the final product - and reinforce the themes of identity and diversity that might be difficult to express with only a first draft.

There is so much more that we have in store for our children and we are looking forward to an exciting term that is enjoyable and productive for all of us!

We look forward to your continued support in all that we do!

Warm regards,



Asha Alexander
Principal

