

**THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI
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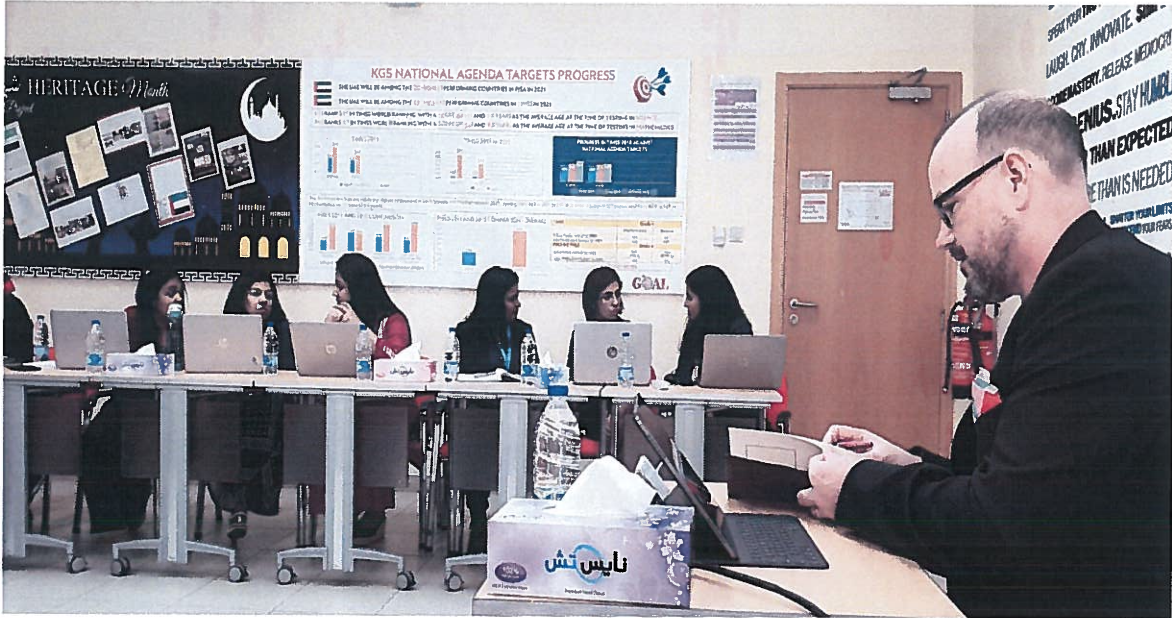
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Dear Parents,

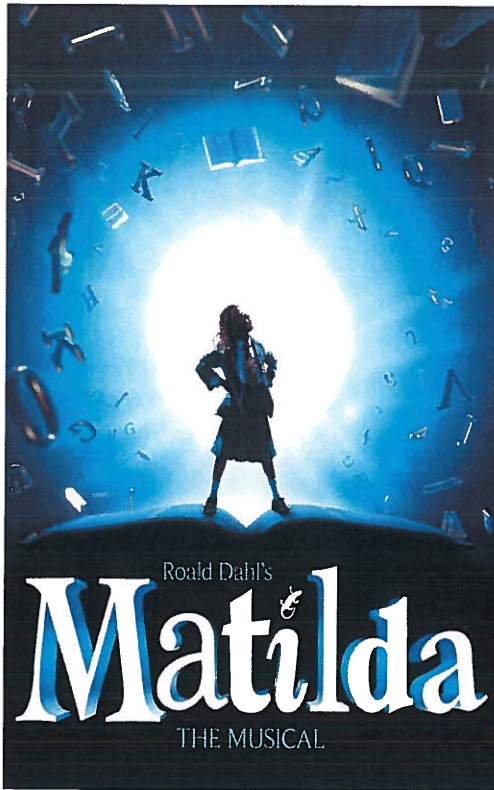
We have come to the end of 2018 and it has been a wonderful year with many achievements and accomplishments both of staff and students. We close 2018 on a high note **with The Kindergarten Starters becoming the only school in the Gulf and probably in the world to have 129 trained Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts in one school.** This is an unparalleled accomplishment and what it means for your children are excellent academic outcomes as every teacher at KGS is a learner. I am incredibly proud of our staff as we continue to work towards ensuring that by March 2019 every member of staff becomes an MIEE.



Our leaders have also had the unique opportunity to begin The Shifts of Practice training with Lee Watanbe Crockett. This will be cascaded to all teachers through a series of workshops to equip them with using better pedagogical approaches to ensure that all learners flourish in a creative environment. This training is for an extended period of two years and we hope that being one among 6 GEMS schools that have been provided this unique professional learning opportunity, our teachers will become skilled practitioners who can effect a positive change in every child.



As everyone is enjoying the winter break, the school is preparing to welcome our students back to an exciting opportunity to grow plants through hydroponics. We have installed a few units and propose to make this a huge greening project so that students learn about plants and vegetables through actually growing them on the campus.



2019 will open with the school's latest musical- Roald Dahl's **Matilda** which is set to enthrall young and old alike. It is the year-long effort of our Performance Arts department with our talented students of Grades 3-5 and that is just the beginning! There is going to be much new learning and unique opportunities which will come into effect as the year unfolds.



We hope you have a wonderful festive season and a great winter break with your children, family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our students back to begin an exciting new journey in 2019!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Asha Alexander

Principal