

THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI
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Dear Parents,

2019 has dawned and in spectacular fashion with Kaushik Arunkumar of Grade 5C winning the under 10 category of Mubadala Community Cup 2018 which was organized as a part of Mubadala World Tennis



Championship. Due to his success in the event, he was able to attend a tennis clinic with Rafael Nadal, world no 2 and Hyeon Chung, world no 25. He was also presented with a winner's trophy.

The Kindergarten Starters students participated in the 7th GEMS MILLENNIUM INTER SCHOOL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT and won the following :

GIRLS- IRA LOREN MENEZES-3A, second runner up in under 9 singles and doubles category
SEIRAH PRIJU - 3L, second runner up in under 9 doubles category
BOYS- DHRUV VISHNU 3G, second runner up in under 9 singles and doubles category
MOHAMMED MOOPAN- 2C, second runner up in under 9 doubles category



In Cricket, our boys set the field ablaze in the GEMS Cricket Cup, our students beat JPS in the Under 10 category to bring home the trophy.



KGS were also runners up at the YTCA Ramada Gulf Cup 2018-19. Shashank Mantra was declared player of the tournament and Parthiv Vinod was the Best Fielder. Shashank was



declared man of the match in 3 games and Ashwin Kumar and Sreeharu won the man of the match in 1 game each.

Finally, in Football The Kindergarten Starters Under 10 girls were declared champions and Under 10 boys Runners Up at the Bilva Indian School Inter School Football Tournament.



The Kindergarten Starters won the FIRST LEGO LEAGUE Junior winner in Research and Discovery category FLL Senior winner in Core Value Awards Category. The school has now qualified to enter the finals to be held in Abu Dhabi later this month.

Our student Sathvik Bhandary secured the First Runner Up position while Daksh Devnani was the Second Runner Up in the Robotics competition held in Gems Modern Academy.

Three of our teachers are finalists for the GESS Education Awards 2019.
Princy Soosepper- BEST USE OF STEAM LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM

Nisha Mohsin- INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARD

Dhivya Vlnothraj- INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARD.

We are proud of the continued success of our teachers in demonstrating high levels of innovation in the classroom.

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A Reading Workshop by Maitha Al Khayat, UAE's prolific Emirati children's illustrator and writer was held on 23rd January 2019. A book fair was also organized and it was a good opportunity for students to browse through Arabic books as well as for the school to purchase several new titles for the school library.



And continuing its string of successes, the Kindergarten Starters has achieved the distinction of being the top school in Arabic in the Language Perfect World Championships 2018.



This month has seen both students and teachers excelling both on and off the Sports field.

In the recently concluded IBT Arabic examinations our students have exceeded the previous year's country percentile and scored 56% above the 61st percentile. This level of performance places the school's performance at a Good in Arabic according to DSIB standards.

The Project Zero Harvard Graduate School of Education has published the KGS Case Study in its CCI Toolkit for Inquiry-Driven Innovation. This case study summary is just a brief overview of a much longer complete case study that will be included later in a full length book.

Here is an excerpt from the Case Study- *"Ultimately, innovation at Kindergarten Starters was driven by a reconceptualization of the role of teachers as agents of pedagogical change who felt a responsibility to experiment in their classrooms, along with a responsibility to listen and respond to their students—and their parent community. As with the case study summaries presented earlier, the GEMS Kindergarten Starters School is a very unique teaching and learning environment. Nonetheless, it is our hope that educators and administrators working within other schools may see resonance between the KGS story and their own. In particular, we feel that the reconceptualization of the roles of teachers, the emphasis on engaging a broader community in the change process, and the overarching role of listening when pursuing an inquiry-driven innovation are salient lessons to be learned."*

We are closing this month in a spectacular fashion with Art Beat- an art competition that has inclusion and tolerance at its heart, the Kindergarten Reggio inspired Exhibition on the 29th* and the Annual Sports Day on the 31st of this month.

We will bring you the highlights of these events and others in our next circular as we brace for more victories and successes of our students and staff.

Thank you parents for your continued support of all that we do. We are proud of all that we are able to accomplish together as a team.

Warm regards,

Asha Alexander
Principal

