

## **THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS-DUBAI**

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**Dear Parents,**

Our summer camp was a fun filled exciting month where our children acquired new skills and engaged with staff on a variety of engaging projects.

Even as the camp concludes, there is much work happening on the campus as part of our summer works. We are excitedly looking forward to receiving our children to a campus that is looking more inviting than ever before.

### **Summer Works**

- The school underwent a major makeover with the replacement of all the tiles and doors in the old blocks. On account of the extent of work to be completed and the fact that we had to be ready to receive our children, the second phase of tiling and replacement of doors in the KG2 block will take place over the winter and spring breaks.
- All staff toilets in the old block have been refurbished
- The astro turf and cricket pitch have a new turf cover and all classrooms have had a fresh coat of paint.
- 25 old ACs have been replaced to ensure better cooling throughout the campus.
- New Gates will be installed and the boundary wall will be repaired and painted.

### **New Resources**

- All 41 sections of KG2 have new interactive smart boards installed and new I Pads and trolleys have been purchased for use in Grade 1.
- In addition, a new kitchen that will enable children to practically apply their learning of food and nutrition is under planning.
- The Achievement Centre for Special Needs has undergone considerable transformation and a new Sensory Room has been created. This space will have a behaviour and speech therapist offering Group Therapy for small groups of students who wish to avail the same.
- In addition to the above, the school has recruited 11 new overseas specialists for KG and lower Primary and all KG classes will now have a devoted Teaching Assistant with the addition of 8 more TAs to the rolls.

### **Accomplishments**

Kindergarten Starters teachers and parents are being accredited by the United Nations Climate Change Learn Teacher Academy as one where its Principal and all its leaders and teachers have gained UN Accreditation as leaders of Climate Change. We have extended this to our parents as well and now we have Madhavi Burra as the first climate change parent to be accredited by the United Nations.

Even while on holiday, our children continue to bring in the accolades. Dheivik Vivek, Grade 3 of the Kindergarten Starters has been awarded the Champion Award at the Brainobrain Regional Competition held in Kerala. Congratulations! We are so proud of his accomplishment!

### **Academic Focus**

Tomorrow, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, we commence the Education Perfect World Championship for Math and we look forward to all our children participating as before and securing a place among the top 3 in the world.

We would like all our students to continue to work on the Sheikh Zayed Project which has been assigned as part of their holiday assignments as we would be using their creations as part of a huge display and exhibition once they return.

I do hope your children are continuing to read, travel and enjoy their time with friends and family.

### **Values**

If children are engaging in acts of kindness as part of KGS Kindness Matters initiative, we would encourage you to write to us with photographs so we can showcase their work to the rest of the community.

We are working on effective waste management at school and we will continue to instil in our students the need to conserve all resources and not to waste food.


To date, we have recycled 2016 Kg of Cardboard from Jan 2018- June 2019 through DULSCO.

We have recycled over 250 Kg of E waste through ECyclex and we continue to recycle plastic and into reusable items like T shirts through DGrade and turn newspapers into pencils through our association with Treewise.

There are many more exciting things that we have planned for our children in terms of curriculum enrichment which we will share with you by early September.

Finally, we wish you Eid Mubarak and hope you have a wonderful Eid Celebration!

Warm regards,



Asha Alexander

**Principal**

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