

THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI  
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting new term with the fantastic news that **The Kindergarten Starters is the first school in the world to have a UN accredited Climate Change teacher in every one of our classes. This is a World First and KGS is on the International Map.**



In keeping with this, all of our SLT and several members of our Administration Staff as well as some parents are now accredited climate change champions!

We have done several things to ensure that we walk the talk by reducing water flow by 75% in our taps using special aerators, installing a compost machine to convert wet waste to fertilizer to be used for our gardens and ensuring that our staff have been trained in effective waste management throughout the school.

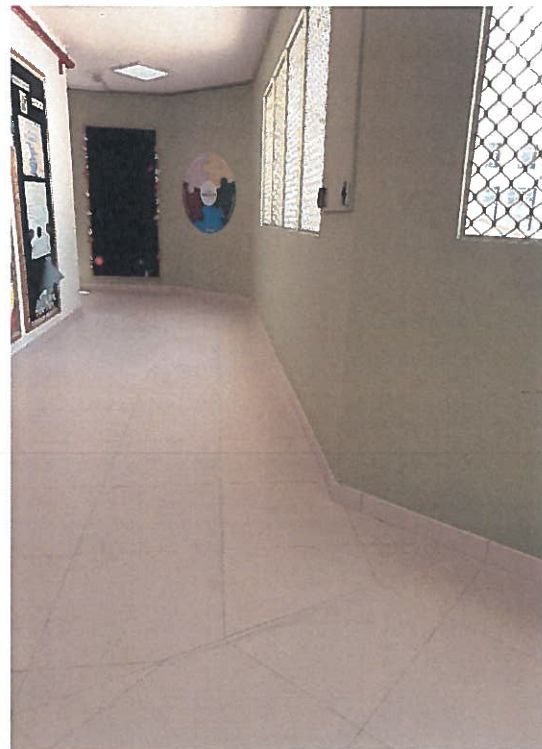
Our students will be introduced to climate literacy and learning how to reduce consumption of resources as well as reducing wastage, especially of food. We encourage parents to learn and support us in our endeavour to be climate champions and address a much



talked about problem. The unprecedented floods that are happening all over India is a result of climate change. We cannot wait for someone to come and save us- we all need to act now. We are proud that we have 40 parents who have successfully completed these courses and been accredited by the United Nations Climate Change Academy. May their tribe increase!



Over the course of September and October, we will be initiating tree-planting activities where all children can engage. We intend to green several labour camps across Dubai as well as undertake other greening activities in Dubai. Students will be taken to see mangroves, the Wadis and other environment cleaning activities. We propose to have waste management monitors in every class and our ambition is to reduce the number of times waste is collected from our school in a week.



While our children were away, the school underwent a major refurbishment at a cost of AED 6 million with tiles and doors being replaced in the old block and all staff toilets being refurbished. The scope of work was extensive so we have deferred the refurbishment of the new block for December. 25 old ACs were replaced, the turf field and cricket patch were re-laid and the entire building was repainted.

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Two gates have also been replaced with brand new ones and we hope to continue our march towards making our learning environment an inviting and beautiful one for all of our children, staff and parents.

**All KG2 classes are being equipped with interactive smart boards** and we hope that by the following year we would have all KG1 classes also similarly equipped. Grade 1 will have access to additional I Pads to transact a digital curriculum and more hands on educational

resources have been acquired to enrich the learning opportunities in the classroom.

We have made a **sensory room for group behaviour and occupational therapy by trained therapists** for our determined ones and these sessions are available for those who wish to avail the same at a nominal cost.



September is observed as the Heritage Month at our school and we will be showcasing the projects that our children have been working on during the summer holidays.

Our students placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the world and 1<sup>st</sup> in the UAE for the Education Perfect Math Championships. We are exceedingly proud of their

accomplishment!

Althea Vaz joins us as Curriculum Developer and brings with her the sound expertise of Forensic Science. This will help us introduce both Forensic Science and Climate Literacy in our curriculum.

### **Forensic Science**

Forensic science in the classroom is uniquely poised to situate biology, chemistry and physics in a broader, interdisciplinary framework. Students' fascination with all things CSI - on television, film and in published works - is another unquestionable advantage in creating a compelling story for students walking alien scientific terrain.

Forensic science lends itself to compelling scenarios: a mock investigation or a priceless personal effect, which has disappeared from a student's bag. We will choose a scenario, which directly

complements specific unit aims and age levels. The introduction of Forensic Science will also ensure the development of soft skills, such as critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning and collaborative work.

### **Climate Literacy**

Climate change information is everywhere. Students hear the term “global warming” in the media; they see images of polar bears and glaciers and may hear opinions on the matter from family and friends. Because of this, many students ask about this topic, and want to know what it means for them.

The Primary Years are the time when the foundation is built for climate literacy and informed decision-making.

What does it mean to be climate literate? A climate-literate person

- understands the essential principles of Earth’s climate system,
- knows how to assess scientifically credible information about climate,
- communicates about climate and climate change in a meaningful way, and
- is able to make informed and responsible decisions with regard to actions that may affect climate.

At KGS, teachers can build the foundation for climate-literate students as they have become climate literate themselves, understanding how the science standards connect to climate concepts, helping students understand the nature of science, fostering a connection between young learners and nature, and providing opportunities for students to make a change in the world around them. We have been given access to thousands of Climate Literacy lessons through eduCCateglobal which works in partnership with the United Nations Climate Change Teacher Academy.

There is so much in store in the coming months for all our children including our Music festival, Sports days, concerts, Carnival and exhibitions. We will also be giving added impetus to Reading through awarding the best reader across the Grade every month in English, Arabic, Hindi, French and Malayalam.

We look forward to your continued support as always as we journey onwards and upwards to provide the very best education for our children.

Sincerely,



**Asha Alexander**  
Principal

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