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Monthly Newsletter



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## Connecting Hearts.....Connecting Minds...

From the Principal

In today's increasingly interconnected world, the need to raise global citizens has never been more important. As a principal, I am often asked what it means to cultivate such individuals and how schools can play a role in shaping students who are compassionate, informed, and proactive members of the global community. I believe that raising global citizens requires an intentional focus on certain core values and educational practices that transcend borders and celebrate diversity. That is precisely the route taken by our school faculty to ensure curriculum modifications and adjustment to instill global values and ethics in our students.

The easiest path to achieve success in the primary stage of learning is to develop the attitude of appreciating different cultures. Our faculty members provide our students with opportunities to explore the rich diversity of the world, both in the classroom and beyond. We celebrate cultural diversity with a difference, through events like Global Awareness Programs, where students and families showcase their heritage through food, performances and art. We also incorporate global issues into our curriculum, helping students see how interconnected we all are, whether it's through studying climate change, migration patterns, or international conflicts.

In today's digital age, students have more access than ever to global information and networks. Technology allows them to connect with peers from different countries, access news from various perspectives, and learn about global events

in real-time. It's important for schools to harness the power of technology to broaden students' global perspectives while also teaching them to navigate the digital world responsibly.

Global citizenship goes beyond intellectual understanding—it's about nurturing a deep sense of empathy for others, especially for those who may be different from us or who face challenges we don't experience. Our school has a strong focus on service learning, where students volunteer and engage in community outreach programs. They work with local charities, assist in environmental clean-up projects, and raise funds for international causes through various projects. By fostering cultural awareness, critical thinking, compassion, and language skills, ASD plays a pivotal role in nurturing the global citizens of times ahead who will be harbinger of global peace and harmony, who will correct the wrong doings of their predecessors and in whose hands the planet will be safer and healthier, respecting the right to live and right to life for all Earthians. For Ambassador teachers and students, it is simply not enough to engage in academic skills; they are guided to becoming engaged, responsible, and empathetic individuals who understand their commitment and responsibilities in a global society.

Warm regards  
Dr. Sheela Menon  
Principal



# Highlights of the Month

## SCI-THON 2024



## ARABIC LANGUAGE CREATIVE CHALLENGE 2024



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

## SCI- THON 2024

“On September 18th, Ambassador School Dubai hosted the Sci-Thon, an inter-school science marathon with four rounds: Quiz-e-Thon, Eco-Thon, Quest-e-Thon, and STREAM-e-Thon. A total of ten schools participated, with teams comprising students from various age groups, promoting collaboration and diverse learning.

The competition tested participants' scientific knowledge, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork across various disciplines, from environmental science to technology. Participants appreciated the challenge and variety in the rounds, noting that their skills were thoroughly tested. They enjoyed the teamwork, which allowed them to collaborate with peers from different age groups, enriching their experience.

Gems Modern Academy achieved the winner's trophy while Ambassador School Dubai secured the second place, and the third place was won by Apple International Community School. Overall, the Sci-Thon provided an engaging and educational platform for students, encouraging scientific exploration and innovation. The event was a great success, fostering a love for science and a spirit of collaborated learning.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

# ARABIC LANGUAGE CREATIVE CHALLENGE 2024

“The richness in Arabic language is just not judged by how old it is or how many people speak it, but is known from the beauty of its writing style and the enrapturing ways of verbal communications.”

Language proficiency in children develops when they love the language, they love their teachers and they follow the training given to them with complete focus and dedication. Such was the performance in the Interschool Arabic Creative Challenge hosted by ASD on 14th September, where talent in children spoke only about the wonderful rapport between teachers and students and their beautiful presentations be it Arabic Calligraphy, Nasheed, Poetry Recitation and Story-telling. The competing schools and their students exhibited their determination in excelling, their devotion to their skills and their patience in honing their talents. Be it in the perfect pronunciation or in the voice modulation, in intonation or in their expressions, or the content of their presentation, students proved the fact that where there is a will, there is a success story to write. The program was one of extreme learning from each other, understanding finer nuances of the language, sharing their best practices and honouring their own aspirations while showering their respect for their tutors and mentors.

Ambassador School, Dubai picked up the Winner's Trophy while the Second Runner Up was bagged by GEMS Modern Academy.

Our heartiest congratulations to all the participants for their efforts and courage to take on challenges, our deepest regards for all the teachers who are nurturing such talents and of course the winners!



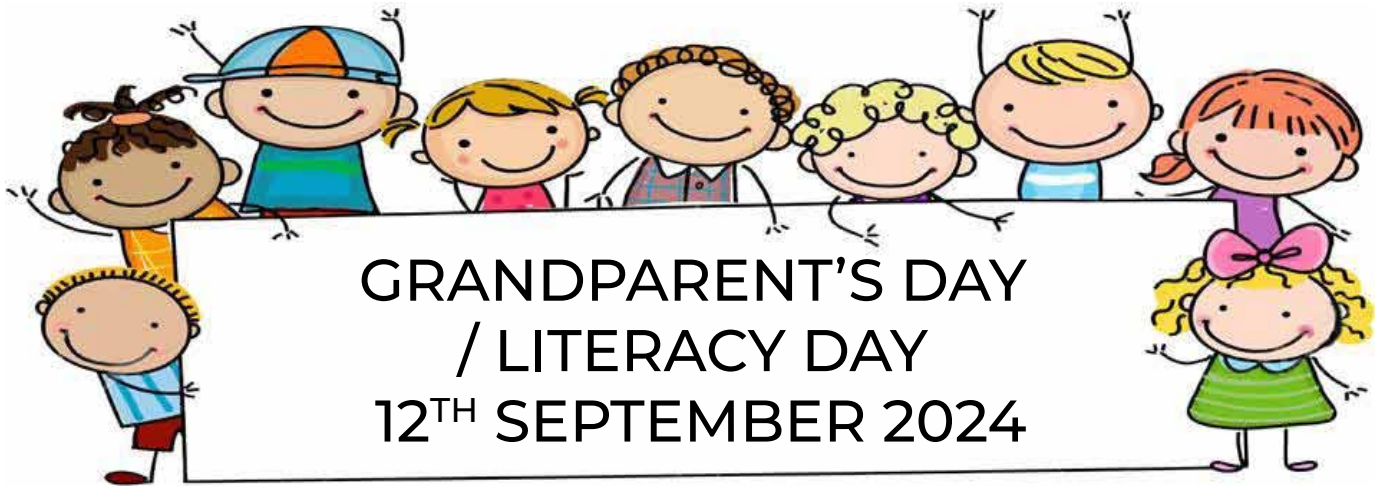


Teachers' Day at Ambassador Kindergarten was a heartwarming celebration filled with love, joy, and a few delightful surprises! Our little ones brought big smiles to their teachers' faces today!

In a beautiful surprise, they handed over handmade flower cards as a special token of love and appreciation to celebrate Teachers Day.



**AMBASSADOR KG**



KG campus had the joy of welcoming some very special guests—our wonderful grandparents! A few of our grandparents spent the day at school with their grandchildren, creating memories and sharing beautiful moments.







On 16th September 2024, our little learners celebrated and discussed the beautiful festival of Eid E Milad, the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad. They discussed the importance of this festival and how it is celebraed.



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**AMBASSADOR KG**



**INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY  
 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

Inspired by the story "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds, each child created their own unique artwork, starting with a single dot. They let their imaginations run wild, proving that even the smallest mark can lead to something magical!



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# CLASS MAGAZINE PRIMARY



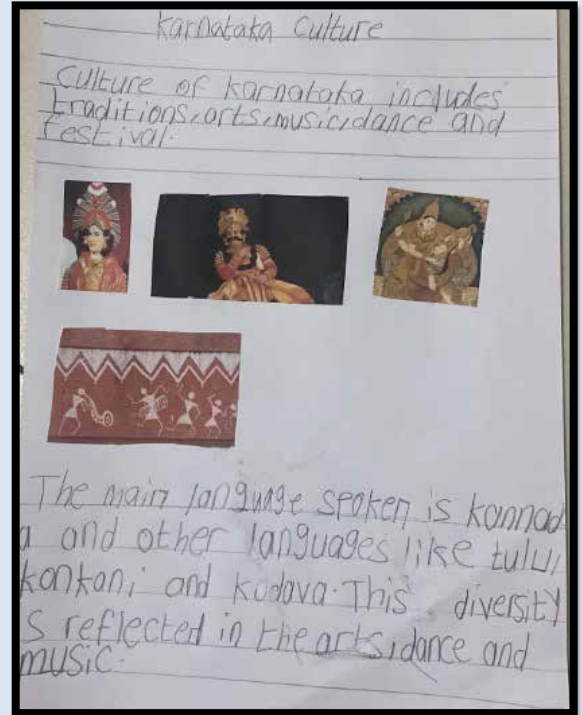


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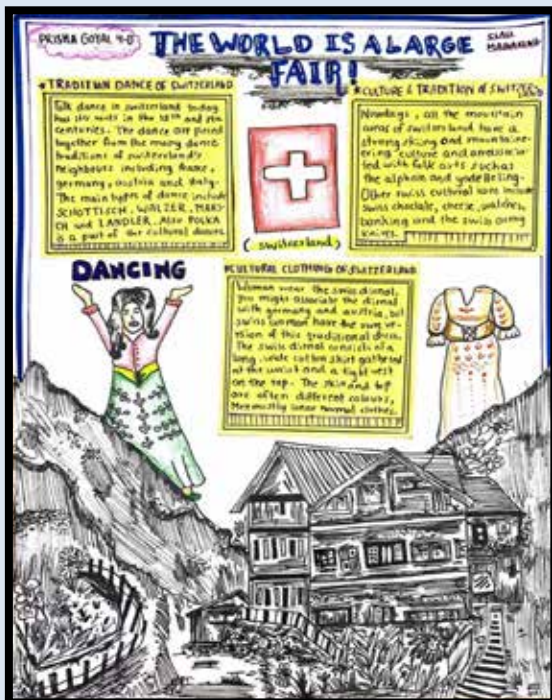
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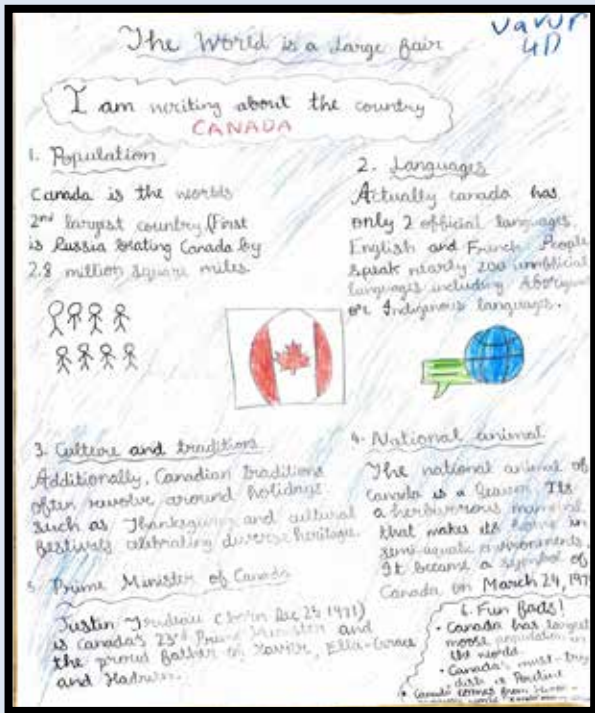
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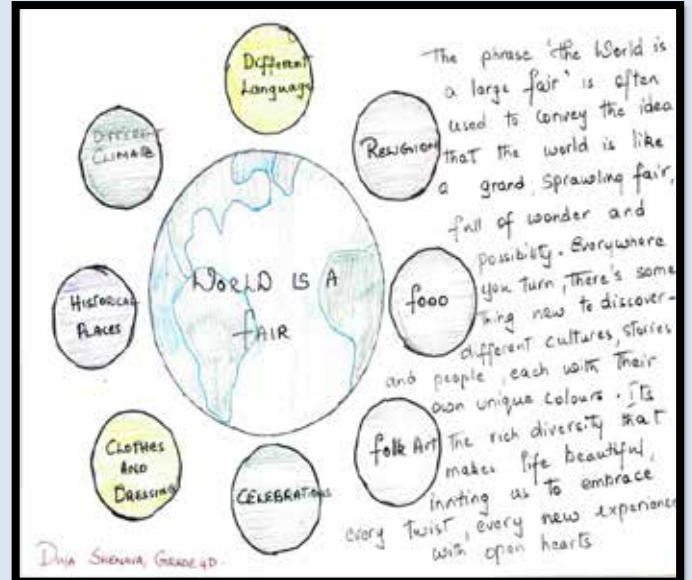
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**DIYA SHENAVA**  
 Grade - 4D



**VAANYA SINGH**  
 Grade - 3B

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## WAR AND PEACE

IN FIELDS OF GOLD, WHERE ARMIES ONCE DID STRIDE  
THEIR BANNERS WAVING HIGH, THEIR HEARTS FULL OF PRIDE  
THEIR SWORDS AND SHIELDS AT THE READY, THEY DID ABIDE  
FOR PEACE AND WAR, A DELICATE BALANCE TO KEEP

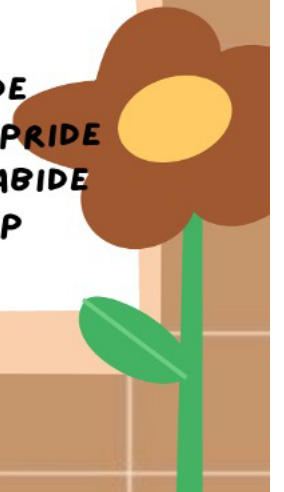
THE DRUMS OF WAR, THEY BEAT IN THE DISTANCE  
THEIR THUNDEROUS ROAR, A WARNING OF RESISTANCE  
THEIR CRIES OF BATTLE, A CALL TO THE BRAVE  
TO STAND AND FIGHT, TO PROTECT WHAT WE CRAVE

BUT PEACE, OH PEACE, IT WHISPERS IN OUR EAR  
A GENTLE BREEZE, A SOFT AND GENTLE CHEER  
IT BRINGS US HOPE, IT SOOTHES OUR SOUL  
AND IN ITS EMBRACE, OUR HEARTS ARE MADE WHOLE

THE FLAGS OF TRUCE, THEY FLUTTER IN THE AIR  
A SYMBOL OF SURRENDER, A SIGN OF CARE  
FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT, FOR THOSE WHO BLED  
THEIR SACRIFICES, WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

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FOR PEACE AND WAR, A DELICATE BALANCE TO KEEP

BY PARNIKA TODKAR



**COMIC STRIP**



**KIARA AND ALISHA - 9B**



## War and Peace poem

In fields where soldiers once did tread,  
A storm of crimson skies bled red,  
Steel met flesh in chaos wild,  
War, a beast both fierce and vile.

The cries of battle, loud and shrill,  
Echoed through the silent hills.  
Lives were shattered, hope was torn,  
And from the ashes, grief was born.

Yet after flames and fury ceased,  
The earth now craves the quiet peace.  
Soft winds whisper through the night,  
Bringing with them a distant light.

For in the scars of war's cruel hand,  
New seeds of peace begin to stand.  
A fragile thing, yet bold and true,  
Peace blooms where blood once grew.

War will fade, as peace we weave,  
In unity, we dare believe.  
The dawn arrives, the world restored,  
A silent vow: no more, no more.

**NAISHA KUMAR - 12A**

## LETTER

Dear Leaders of the World,

As a 14-year-old, I am writing to you with a hope that my voice, like the voices of millions of young people, can make a difference. We see war on the news, in our social media feeds, and sometimes even in our own communities. It is heartbreaking to see children like me suffering, families torn apart, and nations destroyed by conflict.

I wonder why we can't choose peace instead. Why can't we, as humans, come together to solve our problems without violence? Every life lost in war is a dream crushed, a future that could have been. You, as leaders, have the power to change this. You hold the key to a peaceful world where every child, no matter where they live, can grow up feeling safe, loved, and hopeful.

Please remember that the decisions you make don't just affect borders and politics—they affect real people, real families. Our generation wants a future where peace is not a distant dream but a reality we can live in. We are counting on you to make choices that will protect our world and build a future where war is just a lesson in history, not a part of our present.

Sincerely,  
Seher Pahade (9A)

## WORD SEARCH

### Peace and War

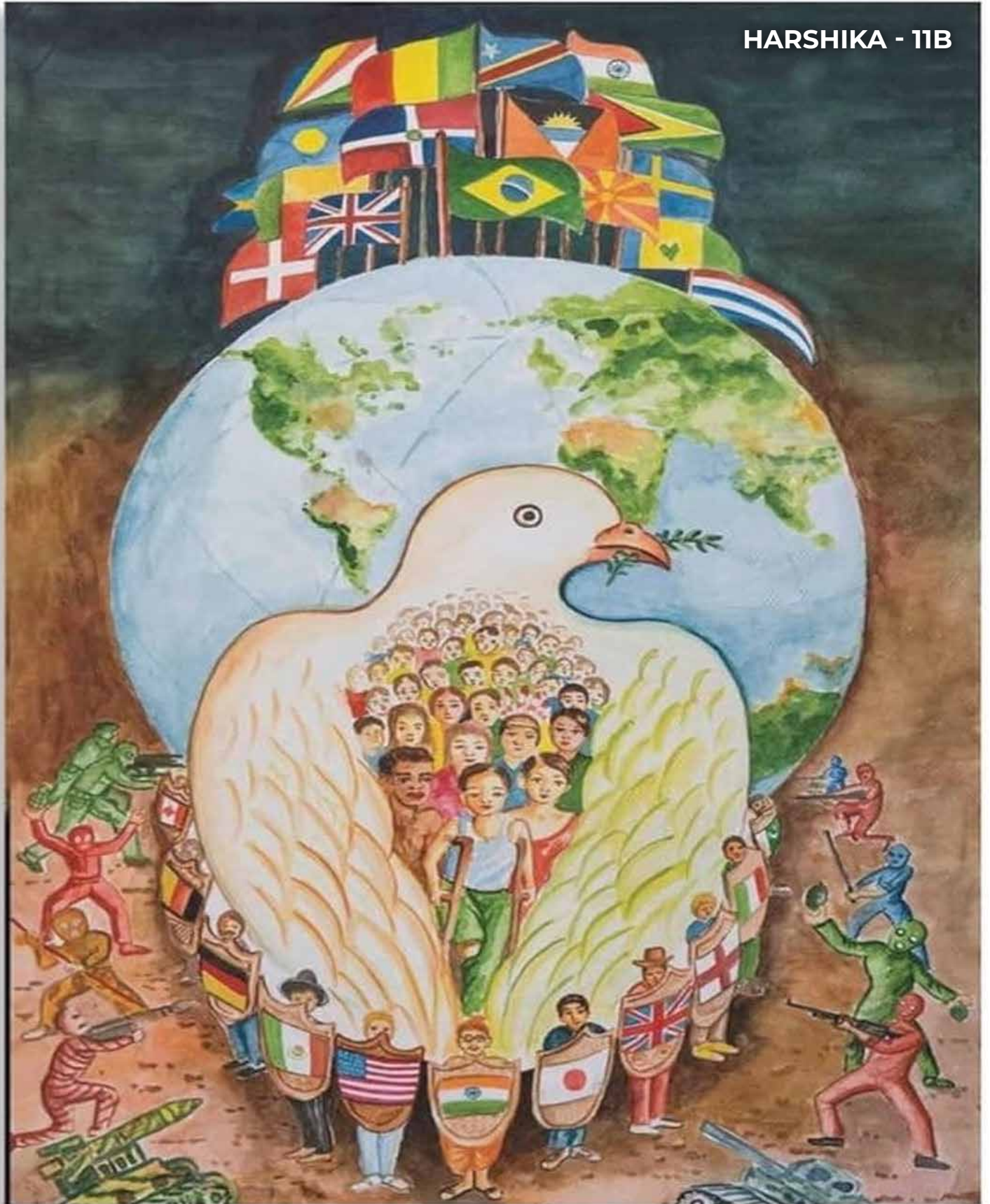
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AANYA C. - 10A

WORDSMITHS' WALL

HARSHIKA - 11B



## ODE TO WAR AND PEACE

A DANCE OF DARKNESS, LIGHT'S GRIM FOE, WHERE  
SWORDS AND SHIELDS IN CONFLICT GROW. A  
SYMPHONY OF CHAOS' ROAR, A BATTLEFIELD,  
FOREVERMORE.

YET FROM THE ASHES, HOPE SHALL RISE, A FRAGILE  
FLAME, BENEATH THE SKIES. A DOVE OF PEACE,  
WITH OUTSTRETCHED WING, A HEALER'S TOUCH, A  
JOYFUL SPRING.

FOR WAR, A TEMPEST WILD AND DEEP, SHALL YIELD  
TO PEACE, A RESTFUL SLEEP. A HARMONY OF  
HEARTS ENTWINED, A LOVE THAT KNOWS NO  
EARTHLY KIND.

BY CHANUKYA TEKETI - 9A

WORDSMITHS' WALL



***Battles and Truce***

**War drums echo, skies turn red,  
Dreams of peace now cold and dead.  
Soldiers march through fields of pain,  
Tears fall fast like autumn rain.**

**Yet within the darkest night,  
Peace awaits, a distant light.  
When hearts choose love,  
When hate does cease,  
The world will bloom in gentle peace.**

**SVENIA D'ABREO - IIA**

## TRANSFORMATION POWER OF TECHNOLOGY IN EINSPIRATION IN THE HIMALAYAS: A TRIBUTE TO THE AMBASSADOR TEACHERS' DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM.

A remarkable journey unfolded in the majestic embrace of the Himalayas, where the peaks touch the sky, and the valleys echo with ancient whispers. This journey was not just a trek through wild terrains but a testament to the unwavering dedication, enthusiasm, and care of the teachers who lead their students on the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Gold journey. Teachers and students arose with purpose and passion as dawn broke over the snow-capped summits.

They were the heart and soul of this expedition, guiding their students through the rugged trails and unpredictable weather. Their enthusiasm was infectious, turning every challenge into an opportunity for growth and every obstacle into a lesson in resilience. With their boundless energy, teachers inspired the students to push their limits and discover their true potential.

Their commitment to each student's journey is evident in every step they took, every encouraging word they offered, and every moment of patience they exhibited. They transformed the harsh wilderness into a classroom where the most valuable lessons were learned – lessons of teamwork, perseverance, and self-discovery. For the students, the journey was a test of endurance and grit – they arose before dawn, packed their gear and set out on trails that challenged their physical and mental limits.

During the shared laughter after a day of trekking, students felt the profound impact of their teachers' care. This care fostered a sense of belonging and security, even in the most challenging environments. The teachers' dedication ensured that each student felt supported, valued, and capable of achieving the extraordinary.

PARENTS' PANORAMA

Motivation flowed effortlessly from these educators, as natural as the rivers carving their paths through the mountains. They motivated not just through words but also through their actions – leading by example, showing relentless optimism in the face of adversity, and believing in every young adventurer's potential.

Their motivation ignited a spark within each student, encouraging them to conquer the physical mountains and the metaphorical ones in their lives. The Himalayas became a backdrop for an unforgettable experience with their awe-inspiring beauty and formidable challenges. The true heroes of this story are the teachers whose dedication and enthusiasm turned this journey into a transformative adventure. Their unwavering commitment to their students' growth and well-being is the cornerstone of the DofE project's success.

**NASEEM ZOHER HITAWALA**  
**PARENT OF ASIAH SAKINA HITAWALA**  
**GRADE 11A**



CELEBRATIONS GALORE

## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

"A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself.....Sri Rabindranath Tagore.

Teacher's Day, an annual celebration today, is a way to recognize the many who have dedicated their lives in building up generations; also a day to remember the most prolific teacher on his birthday, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and there by dedicating the day to those who usher in the newer generations to lead the world.

ASD Student Council hosted a beautiful program as they danced and sang and spoke about their teachers with deep emotions and gratitude, describing the multitude of roles which their teachers play in their lives. The beautiful enactments that had taken up, impersonating their teachers, proved their keen observation and their hidden talents.



## GLOBAL AWARENESS PROGRAM – 2024

Celebration of Global Citizenship. Global Awareness Program @ ASD  
“Global Awareness Program fosters deeper understanding of global issues, promotes proactive engagement, and cultivates a sense of responsibility”-Anonymous.

Grades 1-5 of Ambassador School, Dubai hosted the Global Awareness Program on Thursday, 19th September 2024. Parents were invited to witness students’ in-depth exploration of specific countries, their traditions, customs, regions & global events, highlighting challenges and potential solutions through displays, artifacts & dance performances. Students showcased their creative presentations with great enthusiasm. The parents thoroughly enjoyed the immigration process and procured their visas to visit their desired countries.

Exciting food stalls were put up wherein everyone got the opportunity to visit and savor some of the Indian and Arabic dishes. The highlight of the day was the ‘Revolutionary Recyclers’ stall where creative and useful recyclables were put up on sale. The stall received an overwhelming response.

Special appreciation for the parent volunteers who contributed immensely to the success of this event!

It was indeed an eventful day!



CELEBRATIONS GALORE

## HINDI DIWAS – 2024

### Hindi Diwas Celebration and Activities

Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14th September, every year to honor the National Language of India. On this occasion, Hindi Week was celebrated across grades at ASD, in which students participated with enthusiasm in various activities.

These activities included “Poster Making, Advertisement, Slogan Writing, Debate, Monologue, Show and Tell, etc. taken up during respective Hindi lessons in each grade. Through these activities, students demonstrated their skills while expressing their connection, curiosity and creativity towards Hindi language. Through such endeavours ASD initiates the pride in the richness of Hindi language and literature, while giving a taste of the roots of their home country in our children.



## CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS DAY - 2024

Celebrating Grandparents 😊

“Grandparents are the footsteps to the future generations.” — Anonymous

Grandparents Day is a special occasion dedicated to honoring and celebrating the significant role that grandparents play in the lives of our families and communities. On September 12, Grades 1-5 of Ambassador School, Dubai celebrated Grandparents Day with great fervor and enthusiasm.

Fun Filled activities and tasks such as Cooking without Fire, Challenge Your Creativity were organized. The highlight of the event was the Fashion Show where all the grandparents coordinated their costumes with their grandchildren. Story telling sessions in Grade 1 were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.

It was indeed a heartfelt celebration and the day successfully emphasized the importance of grandparents and promoted meaningful connections across generations.



## ASD HOME SCIENCE STUDENTS IN NUTRITECH-24

Achievement of ASD Home Science students in Nutritech-24 Inter school Competition.

An inter school online competition was organized as a part of the National Nutrition Week Celebration 2024 by the Department of Home Science, Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, India. Home Science students from Grades 9 to 12 participated in various categories that emphasized the importance of nutrition and creative expression.

The event, which took place from the 14th to the 16th September, 2024, brought together students from various schools across the world to compete in a range of categories centered on nutrition and its role in building a healthier future.

Details of the Prize Winners in the Following Categories are:

1. Meme Creation (Theme: Nutrition for Better Tomorrow)

•First Prize: Kanishkaa Mohanraj from Grade 9A

•Third Prize: Reilyn Isaac from Grade 10A

2. Recipe Rhapsody: (Theme: Nutritious Food for Everyone)

•First Prize: Reilyn Isaac, Grade 10A

These awards reflect the students' dedication, creativity, and understanding of the themes presented. We congratulate them for their remarkable efforts and thank all involved for their support and guidance



## THE WORLD SCHOLARS CUP (WSC) GLOBAL ROUND

The World Scholars Cup (WSC) Global Round took place in Bangkok from 30th August to 4th September, bringing together talented students from around the globe, to compete in a series of challenging academic events. The school delegation from ASD had a remarkable opportunity for showcasing exceptional skills.

The programme commenced with an impressive itinerary, with the involvement of a record number of participants from various schools across the globe.

The much awaited 'Award Ceremony' witnessed our students winning coveted positions in the team and individual categories. Both divisions bagged a total of 32 gold and silver medals. The icing on the cake is that both the Senior Teams participating in the Global Round, have qualified for the final lap of the competition, namely the Tournament of Champions Round, at Yale, USA, later in the year.

The accolades and achievements reflect the students' academic prowess and dedication. The experience that they have gained and the connections made will benefit them in their future educational and personal endeavors. Congratulations! We are super proud of each one of you!



# Well-being Calendar September 2024



**1**

**Watch a movie about a different culture-**

Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.

**2**

**Be open to receiving help from others-**

Accepting help is its own kind of strength.

**3**

**Visualize your ideal life and figure out what goals can help you get there-**

If you want to reach a goal, you must see the reaching in your mind before you actually arrive at your goals.

**4**

**Listen to people respectfully to have better dialogue-**

One of the best ways to show respect is to simply listen when someone is talking.

**5**

**Read a book that inspires you to be better person-**

Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.

**6**

**Be a role model for yourself-**

Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside.

**7**

**Love yourself. Be clear on how you want to be treated. Know your worth always-**

Remind yourself that you are loved and worthy of love.

**8**

**The best thing about memories is making them-**

Look at photos from a time with happy memories.

**9**

**Sometimes people come into your life just to teach you how to let go-**

Let go of other people's expectations of you today.

**10**

**A good friend is someone who tells you the truth even when you don't want to hear it-**

Ask a trusted friend to tell you what they like about you.

**11**

**You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first-**

Recognize that self-care isn't selfish. It's essential.

**12**

**Most of us tend to put reading on the back burner-**

Start a good book today and make it a goal to finish it by the end of the month.

**13**

**The pain you feel today; will be the strength you feel tomorrow-**

Make today your hardest workout of the week. Tomorrow you can rest and recover.

**14**

**Don't focus on how much you eat. Focus on what you eat-**

When your body is hungry, it wants nutrients, not calories.

**15**

**Always remember, your focus determines your reality-**

Stay motivated with your goal. While you're at it, see if you can motivate someone else today too!

**16**

**I believe that water is the only drink for a wise man-**

Have you been drinking enough water? Start with 16 ounces as soon as you get out of bed. It kick starts your metabolism.

**17**

**Follow the steps to find your purpose in life-**

Your purpose in life is to find your purpose and give your whole heart and soul to it.

**18**

**When you do activist work, practice mindfulness to help avoid burnout-**

When you are at peace with yourself and love yourself, it is virtually impossible to do things to yourself that are destructive.

**19**

**Go easy on yourself today if you're having a hard time-**

Encourage yourself, believe in yourself and love yourself. Never doubt who you are.

**20**

**Practice love and kindness as much as possible, it might help you live longer-**

Apart of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.

**21**

**Try something new and exciting to reconnect with your partner-**

To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with.

**22**

**Tackle a daunting task by breaking it up into small steps-**

A little progress each day adds up to big result.

**23**

**Purchase something that makes you feel good-**

Do something that makes you happy and makes you feel good about yourself.

**24**

**First say to yourself what you would be, and then do what you have to do-**

Leave positive message for yourself to see regularly.

**25**

**Don't be so hard on yourself. You are doing your best-**

Release yourself from inner demands and self-criticism.

**26**

**Learn how to cope with uncertainty when everything feels out of control-**

It's your reaction to adversity, not adversity itself that determines how your life's story will develop.

**27**

**Order our new book on science and practice of gratitude-**

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

**28**

**Take the Science of happiness course this fall for a happier, more meaningful life-**

Happiness is not a possession to be prized, it is a quality of thought, a state of mind.

**29**

**In a stressful time, take a movement to reflect on what your priorities are-**

Set aside time to plan how you will spend your time, think about what's most important. Then do those things first.

**30**

**Keep a journal in tough times to work through your thoughts and feelings-**

Write what disturbs you, what you fear, what you have not been willing to speak about, be willing to be split open.