

# Newsletter

SustainEd: Shaping Sustainable Minds for a Greener Tomorrow

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This year, the UAE National Day, officially known as Eid Al Etihad, embodies the spirit of unity and pride in Arabic heritage. At Excel International School, students embraced these values by honouring themes of union and togetherness. The celebration featured a lively UAE Quiz with parents' participation, and the winners of the UAE National Anthem competition led a heartfelt rendition of the anthem, reflecting respect for the UAE's rich cultural legacy.



## RAISE IT UP... RAISE IT HIGH!



The UAE Flag Day at Excel International School brought students and staff together to honour the nation's flag. Ms. Najma and Ms. Sarah spoke about the importance of celebrating Flag Day, highlighting its role in promoting unity and pride in the UAE's values. With hearts full of respect, they raised it up high and commemorated the country's heritage and strength.



## NATIONAL ANTHEM COMPETITION

In honour of Eid Al Etihad, our students proudly participated in the National Anthem Competition, showcasing their love and pride for the UAE. Their performances celebrated the nation's unity and rich heritage, reflecting the true spirit of this special occasion.

## HONOURING THE VALOR AND SACRIFICE OF OUR HEROES



Excel International School, Al Ain, pays heartfelt tribute to the brave martyrs and their families for their sacrifices in safeguarding the beauty and security of our beloved UAE.



# ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Honouring Milestones and Celebrating Shared Journeys Together



This special event brought alumni together to reconnect, reflect on their time at school, and celebrate the milestones that shaped their journeys. It was a night filled with revisiting cherished memories, acknowledging accomplishments, and strengthening lifelong bonds. Adding to the evening's vibrancy, the Student Council actively participated, showcasing their dedication and leadership. This memorable gathering highlighted the enduring impact of school experiences and the connections that continue to thrive within our community.



## STUDENTS' UNITE FOR HUMANITARIAN AID THROUGH RED CRESCENT



Excel International School responded to the Red Crescent's call by actively participating in efforts to aid those deprived by the hardships of war. Students worked together to organise and contribute donations, showcasing their compassion and dedication to the cause. This act of volunteerism highlights the school's unwavering commitment to supporting those in need.

## SCOUTS OUTDOOR CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE



The Scouts took part in outdoor group challenges that encouraged teamwork, resilience, and creative problem-solving. Through these activities, they developed essential skills while enjoying the thrill of the outdoors. The experience strengthened their camaraderie and adventurous spirit.



## Strengthening Bonds

### PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS **READING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**



An online workshop for parents was held to introduce strategies for enhancing students' reading comprehension, focusing on practical tips to support children's understanding of texts at home.

## OPEN HOUSE

On November 7, Excel International School hosted an inspiring Open House, offering parents a firsthand look at its vibrant learning environment, innovative programs, and student achievements.



# Students Explore Beyond Campus

## A JOURNEY OF LEARNING AND DISCOVERY

### AL AIN JUNIORS CAREER FEST



EIS students had a rewarding experience at the Career Fest organised by the senior students of Al Ain Junior School. The event featured creative presentations and interactive activities, introducing diverse career paths that sparked curiosity and excitement. This enriching experience broadened their horizons and inspired them to envision ambitious futures.



### VISIT TO SOUQ AL QATTARA



Students had an enriching visit to Souq Al Qattara, immersing themselves in the rich cultural heritage of the UAE. They explored traditional crafts, local artefacts, and the vibrant marketplace, gaining a deeper appreciation for Emirati traditions. This inspiring experience connected them to the region's history and culture in a meaningful way.



# Empowering Minds

## ASSEMBLIES

### ANTI BULLYING



Our students came together to promote anti-bullying through a series of impactful activities. Dressed in orange shirts, they participated in a walk to raise awareness, created bookmarks with meaningful designs, and wrote powerful messages on a banner advocating kindness and respect.

### TOLERANCE DAY



The International Tolerance Day assembly featured a captivating skit by students, promoting unity and respect. Their performance highlighted the importance of embracing diversity in our community.

### CELEBRATING CHILDHOOD A JOYOUS CHILDREN'S DAY AT FALAJ HAZZA PARK



Children's Day began with a special assembly prepared by the teachers, featuring performances and fun activities. The celebration continued with a day out at the park, filled with games, laughter, and bonding moments. The event highlighted the joy and spirit of childhood!

# Discovering Knowledge

## ENGAGING CLASSROOM AND LAB ACTIVITIES IN ACTION

Students explored fermentation by making yogurt, observing how bacteria turn lactose into lactic acid. A tasty lesson in food science and probiotics!



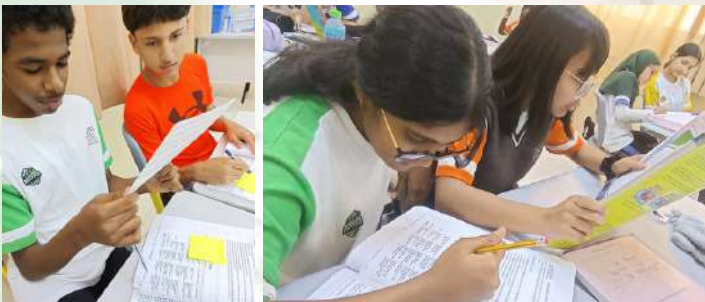
Students explored the relationship between force and extension, observing how the application of varying forces impacts the stretching of materials. Through hands-on experiments, they gained insights into elasticity and the principles underlying Hooke's Law, deepening their understanding of material behaviour under stress.



Students conducted a glucose investigation, analysing its presence and significance in energy production within living organisms. They explored how glucose is utilised in cellular respiration and its vital role in maintaining biological processes.



Peer Reading in English helps to build students' reading fluency. Students read aloud to each other & assess each other's reading using the Read Aloud Rubric. They provide constructive feedback to their peers at the end of the assessment.



During Paperless Day, students in the classroom explored the effect of different lights on photosynthesis, gaining insights into how light quality influences this vital process. The activity was thoughtfully connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), emphasizing the importance of understanding plant growth for sustainable agriculture in the UAE and environmental conservation.



Students conducted an investigation on air resistance, exploring how it affects the motion of objects and learning about its role in everyday phenomena like parachutes and falling objects.



# Embracing the Future!

## SUSTAINABILITY DAY ASSEMBLY INSPIRES ACTION FOR A GREENER TOMORROW



Schools from across Al Ain participated in showcasing sustainability projects at Excel International School. These projects highlighted innovative ideas aimed at creating a more sustainable future.



Through a drawing competition, students expressed their creative thoughts on sustainability, portraying their hopes for a greener future and stressing the importance of environmental conservation.

The Sustainability Day Assembly at Excel International School emphasised environmental responsibility and the UAE's sustainability initiatives. Students demonstrated their commitment through waste segregation and a deep love for the environment, reflecting the UAE's vision for a sustainable future.



The sustainability fair was successfully held, where students crafted dioramas showcasing their creative ideas for promoting environmental conservation and a greener future, in line with UAE initiatives for sustainability.



# Spotlight on Students' Creativity

## SHOWCASING ARTICLES AND WORK

### English

#### The Sound I dislike and Why

The worst possible sounds to hear are not knives scraping against glass or the roar of an engine. For me, the most jarring sound is plates colliding with each other. I know this because I wash dishes often, and it is the most disturbing noise my ears have ever experienced. It shatters my brain into smithereens and sends shivers through my body. I dislike it with every ounce of my being, and even thinking about it makes my mind scream in protest.

Yahya Ali - 8B

#### Sounds I Dislike

Whenever I hear this sound, I screech in pain, covering my ears. I despise the sound of scraping, and even when it's not there, it still irritates me. The cacophony of sounds in an urban area sends chills down my spine. When I hear a scream as loud as a volcano at night, it sends goosebumps through my arms. The sound of gunshots sends shivers through my body, making my heart skip beats.

Ahmed Abdullah - 7B

#### The Sounds I Like Best and Why

The sound of water flowing in a river instantly brings relaxation and peace to my soul. A waterfall is one of the sounds I greatly adore. Regularly, I visit a riverbank to unwind and listen to the soothing vibrations of the waterfall. Its positive energy fills my heart, inspiring me to embrace the stones and aspirations it represents.

Gana Ahmed - 8G

#### A Walk in Nature

As I walk through the thorny brambles, wincing from the needles piercing my skin, I finally reach the metaphorical light at the end of the tunnel. I have never seen anything as glamorous as what I witnessed in that moment. There were cascading waterfalls, numerous dainty flowers that seemed to encompass every colour in the world, and birds singing their hearts out with alluring chirps and squeaks.

Muhammad Hamdan - 7B

# National Identity

**Gana Ahmed 8G**  
جزيرة الثلاث الصخرة

تسمى الجزر الثلاث صخرة الثلاث الصخرة، وتقع في بحر العرب بين صخرتين، وتبعد عن الشاطئ بحوالي 100 متر، وتعد من أجمل معالم الإمارات، وتشتهر بجمال طبيعتها الخلابة، وتعد من أجمل معالم الإمارات، وتشتهر بجمال طبيعتها الخلابة، وتعد من أجمل معالم الإمارات، وتشتهر بجمال طبيعتها الخلابة.

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Gana Ahmed 8G

**Zeyad Hamada 7B**  
عاصفة الحزم

عاصفة الحزم هي عملية عسكرية استباقية نفذتها القوات المسلحة للقوات المسلحة بقيادة الفريق أول ركني محمد بن زايد آل نهيان ولي عهد أبوظبي القائد الأعلى للقوات المسلحة، والفريق أول ركني خالد بن صقر القاسبي قائد القوات الجوية، والفريق أول ركني خالد بن محمد الظعنه قائد القوات البرية، والفريق أول ركني خالد بن محمد الظعنه قائد القوات البرية، والفريق أول ركني خالد بن محمد الظعنه قائد القوات البرية.

Zeyad Hamada 7B

**Jessie Amgad 8G**  
الجزيرة الإماراتية الثلاث

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Jessie Amgad 8G

# Islamic

**Yazdan Ali 7B**  
Four Great Imams of Faith

Imam Abu Hanifa is Imam Abu Hanifa (149 - 767 CE), also known as Imam al-A'zam (The Greatest Imam) was born in Kufa, Iraq. He is the founder of Hanafi School of thought which is known for its emphasis on reason and compassion in deriving legal rulings.

Teacher of Imam Abu Hanifa: Student of Imam Abu Hanifa

- Abu Hanifa bin Umar (d. 160 AH)
- Imam Abu Yusuf (d. 182 AH)
- Imam Muhammad bin Ali (d. 150 AH)
- Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal (d. 241 AH)
- Imam Malik bin Anas (d. 179 AH)
- Imam Shafi'i (d. 204 AH)
- Imam Ibn Khayr (d. 180 AH)
- Imam Ibn Sirin (d. 110 AH)
- Imam Sa'ad bin Ibrahim (d. 100 AH)
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Books of Imam Abu Hanifa:

- Al-Bayhaqi - Al-Musnad
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Death of Imam Abu Hanifa: Imam Abu Hanifa died in 767 CE at the age of 118. He was buried in the cemetery of Kufa, Iraq. His tomb is a place of pilgrimage for many Muslims.

Yazdan Ali 7B

**Yahya Ali 8B**  
Taking Care of Orphans

Allah (سُبْحٰنَهُ وَبِحَمْدِهِ) said:

And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan & the captive. (Al-Baqara: 177) "We find you only for the countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude."

**Noble Hadith**

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "من أكل من ثمن يتيمة فهو كأكليها".

Translation: "Whoever eats from the property of an orphan, he is like one who eats from his own flesh."

Yahya Ali 8B

**Muhammed Iman 8B**  
Topic: obligation to Acquire knowledge and its Excellence

Knowledge man the facts, skills, and Understanding that you have gained through learning or experience - Almighty Allah has bestowed many favours on mankind one of these favours is that He enable man to acquire knowledge. The first revelation that Allah sent to the holy people was: "اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ فِي عَالَمِ الْغَيْبِ الْقُرْآنَ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ"

**Function:** Read: In the name of the Lord who created the created man from a clot of blood - the Read: And thy words are the most beautiful - He who thought by the pen - he taught man that which he know not - There is a spring of the holy penitent.

Muhammed Iman 8B

# Arabic

**Zeyad Hamada 7B**

أمر الله تعالى على التواضع: التواضع لله تعالى، والتواضع للناس، والتواضع للعلم.

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Zeyad Hamada 7B

**Rokaya Ibrahim 8G**

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Rokaya Ibrahim 8G

# Students Shine in External Competitions

## SHOWCASING TALENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

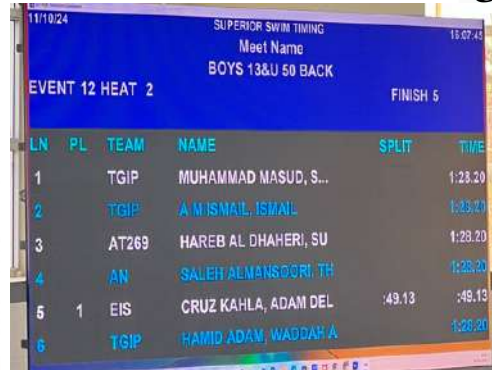
### CHAMPIONS OF KNOWLEDGE CHEVRON READERS' CUP QUIZ



Students participated in the Chevron Readers' Cup quiz conducted by the Emirates Airlines Literary Foundation.

### ADEK SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Swimming



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1		TGIP	MUHAMMAD MASUD, S...		1:28.20
2		TGIP	A. MISMAL, ISMAIL		1:28.20
3		AT269	HAREB AL DHAHERI, SU		1:28.20
4		AN	SALEH ALMANSOURI, TH		1:28.20
5	1	EIS	CRUZ KAHLA, ADAM DEL	:49.13	:49.13
6		TGIP	HAMID ADAM, WADDAH A		1:28.20



Adam Dela Cruz (7B)  
50m Freestyle – 1st Place with a time of 42.61 seconds  
50m Backstroke – 1st Place with a time of 49.13 seconds

### EMIRATES AIRLINES LITERARY FOUNDATION ARABIC POETRY COMPETITION



Our very own Rokaya Ibrahim represented the school at the Emirates Airlines Literary Foundation in the Arabic Poetry Competition.

#### Volleyball



Our EIS girls' volleyball team demonstrated outstanding talent and determination, making a remarkable impact on the court during the Abu Dhabi Sports Volleyball Championship.

### A CELEBRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND CREATIVITY



On November 18th and 19th, EIS students represented the Al Ain Book Festival. They recited bilingual verses in "Voices of Diversity" and shared personal insights in "Books that Shape Us," earning praise from the audience. Students also brought books to life with captivating reenactments, celebrating literature and cultural diversity.

#### Zayed Charity Run



Ahmed Riad, our Head Boy at EIS, proudly participated in the inspiring Zayed Charity Run! ★ A big shoutout to this young champion for showcasing remarkable spirit and supporting such a meaningful cause.

# Inter-House Competition

## UNITING TALENTS & FOSTERING TEAM SPIRIT

### HANDBALL



**FLAMES WINNER  
ROCKIES RUNNERS UP.**

### BASKETBALL



**FLAMES WINNER  
ROCKIES RUNNERS UP.**



The House of Flames soared ahead of the Rockies in both basketball and handball in the 6-8 category during the Inter-House Competition. With outstanding teamwork and skill, the Flames secured decisive victories, showcasing their strength and determination. Despite the Rockies' efforts, the Flames dominated, adding crucial points to their lead in this exciting rivalry.



### CONQUERING WORDS ROYAL SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE



The Royal Spelling Bee was an exciting competition where students showcased their spelling skills. Congratulations to all the participants for their dedication and hard work!

#### Category 4

- 1st - Ashna Hashim - 7G
- 2nd - Shahid Ashraf - 7B
- 2nd - Alma Nur - 7G
- 4th - Faizah Bint - 7G

#### Category 5

- 1st - Rokaya Ibrahim - 8G
- 2nd - Aysha Maine - 8G
- 3rd - Kayla Nokutenda - 8G

### QURAN RECITATION SURAHS FOR COMPETITION



Students participated in a Qur'an recitation competition, showcasing their skills and devotion through the recitation of selected Surahs. The event highlighted their dedication to excellence and spiritual growth.

- 1st - Rokaya Ibrahim - 8G
- 1st - Aml Osama - 8G
- 2nd - Asmaa Amin - 7G
- 2nd - Goudy Ahmed - 7G
- 2nd - Zeyad Hamada - 7B
- 3rd - Hana Said - 7G
- 3rd - Mariam Mohamed - 7G



# Students' Excellence

## STARS OF THE MONTH



**Yazdan Ali**  
7B



**Alyssa Salvacion**  
7G



**Abdalla Ahmed**  
8B



**Gana Ahmed**  
8G

### Good Behaviour Award

- 7B
- Ahmad Abdullah
  - Mustafa Adil
  - Adel Wahid

- 7G
- Alyssa Salvacion
  - Faizah Bint
  - Alma Nur
  - Ashna Hashim

- 8B
- Muhammad Iman

- 8G
- Mayar Omer
  - Syeda Aamnah
  - Mahnoor Sami
  - Aroush Amad
  - Hala Moataz
  - Kayla Nokutenda
  - Advaita Anand

### Unblemished Attendance

- 7B
- Mustafa Adil

- 7G
- Alyssa Salvacion
  - Alma Nur
  - Beesan Mazen
  - Faizah Bint
  - Goudy Ahmed
  - Hana Said
  - Haya Hakim
  - Jayden Brielle
  - Mariam Kheder
  - Mariam Wageh
  - Minah Mohamed

- 8B
- Yahya Ali

- 8G
- Jana Ahmed
  - Aml Osama
  - Rokaya Ibrahim

### Math Wizard

- 7B
- Muhammad Hamdan
  - Adel Wahid

- 7G
- Asmaa Amin
  - Goudy Ahmed
  - Alyssa Salvacion
  - Nicole Praise

- 8B
- Abdalla Ahmed
  - Ahmad Riad
  - Ahmed Said
  - Mohamed Motasim

- 8G
- Rokaya Ibrahim
  - Aroush Amad
  - Jana Ahmed
  - Hala Moataz
  - Jessie Amgad

### Exemplary Uniform Award

- 7B
- Muhammad Hamdan
  - Zeyad Hamada

- 7G
- Alyssa Salvacion
  - Mariam Wageh
  - Maha Mansour

- 8B
- Yahya Ali
  - Marc Joshua
  - Hassan Yousuf

- 8G
- Syeda Aamnah
  - Aml Osama
  - Rokaya Ibrahim
  - Mayar Omer
  - Mina Tarig

### Good Improvement Award

- 7G
- Ashna Hashim
  - Jayden Brielle

- 8B
- Adil Mohamed

- 8G
- Mariam Hashim
  - Habiba Mohamed
  - Aysha Maine

### Arabic Speller

- 7B
- Muhammad Hamdan

- 7G
- Faizah Bint
  - Alyssa Salvacion
  - Alma Nur

- 8B
- Abdalla Ahmed
  - Ahmad Riad

- 8G
- Gana Ahmed
  - Jessie Amgad
  - Rokaya Ibrahim
  - Hala Moataz
  - Mayar Omer

### Super Speller

- 7B
- Adel Wahid
  - Muhammad Hamdan

- 7G
- Asmaa Amin
  - Goudy Ahmed
  - Mariam Wageh
  - Nicole Praise

- 8B
- Ahmad Riad
  - Ahmed Said

- 8G
- Aml Osama
  - Aroush Amad
  - Jana Ahmed
  - Jessie Amgad

## RECOGNISING THE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT DEMONSTRATED BY THE CLASS PREFECTS.

Applause for the class prefects who have excelled in their roles. Your leadership and dedication have helped maintain a positive atmosphere throughout the school.



Joshua Mikael  
Class Prefect - 7B



Adel Wahid  
Asst. Prefect - 7B



Alyssa Salvacion  
Class Prefect - 7G



Faizah Bint  
Asst. Prefect - 7G



Mohamed Motasim  
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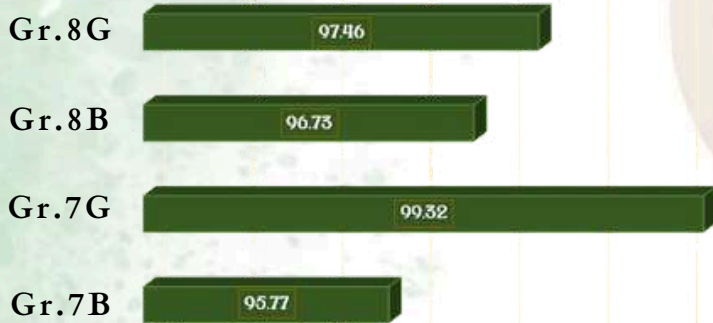


Mahnoor Sami  
Class Prefect - 8G



Advaita Anand  
Asst. Prefect - 8G

## ASSESSING STUDENT CONSISTENCY



Grade 7G has the highest attendance percentage among both Grade 7 and Grade 8, showcasing their strong commitment to regular school participation and setting a positive example for others.

## EDITORS OF THE MONTH



Haya Hakim  
7G



Mohamed Motasim  
8B

As Editors of the Month for November, we're proud to highlight our achievements and experiences. Collaborating as a team with peers and teachers has been a rewarding opportunity, and we're excited about future projects!

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