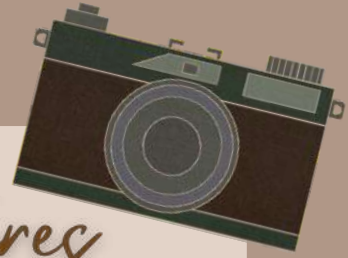


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Blink Fair

Al Ain Juniors has had a long history of proving its support for Breast Cancer and Diabetes Awareness. Students look forward each year to adorning their vests with pink ribbons and shedding light on the reality of these unfortunate illnesses. AJB's students aimed more ambitiously with their support this year: creating a fair combining the two to raise money for charity. Through its partnership with NMC and Burjeel Hospital, Al Ain Juniors boosted health checks and actively spread awareness through consultations by certified professionals.

On the 11th of November, AJB hosted the BLINK fair, a fundraiser aiming to spread awareness about breast cancer and diabetes. The school memorialized breast cancer awareness month in October, followed by diabetes month in November, which helped highlight these conditions' impact on communities. The fair was open to all - plenty of teachers, parents, students and alumni attended to show their support. To help raise funds for these causes, the fair featured student-organized game stalls, face painting, henna, accessory stalls, and a bake sale. Through its partnership with NMC and Burjeel Hospital, Al Ain Juniors also boosted health checks and actively spread awareness through consultations by certified professionals.

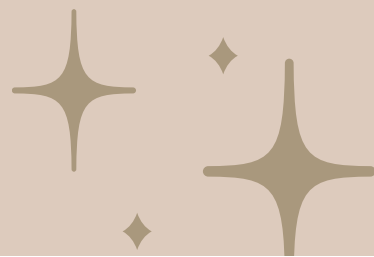
THE SPEECH

In the weeks leading up to the event, the student council and a team of volunteers worked together and shared ideas to plan the event. The work was distributed evenly among them – some were in charge of decorating the venue, while others inspected food before it was sold. Others helped resolve any unforeseen challenges in preparation for the event and maintain the order of the event to keep it running smoothly.

As an introduction to the event, we had an official inauguration ceremony hosted by Sophia Joyce and Yusuf Amr, in which our very own choir members performed an inspiring song relating to the theme of the event, followed by the president of the student council, Mohammad Moghis, who gave a speech, declaring the start of the event.

The main attraction of the event was the game stalls which were managed by years 7, 8, and 9.

At the BLINK Fair, there were a number of stalls set up to raise donations for diabetic and breast cancer patients. The stalls included a henna stall, a face-painting booth, and an accessory table. With their presence, visitors were given a variety of options to choose from. For instance, at the henna stall, various delicate designs were offered from stencils or from the customer's own precise request, leaving them satisfied with the end result. In addition to painting clients' faces with pink or blue ribbons at the face painting booth, the choir members were given a special touch: a tiny pink musical clef with a blue outline was painted on their cheeks. Several distinctive bracelet designs created by our very own students were completely sold out at the accessories table by the end of the day, showing how these bracelets that were made with love were wholly adored by the customers.



Each section of each grade was assigned one stall to work on and was given the freedom and creativity to come up with their own game through which they'd attract visitors. In total, there were 17 unique game stalls, each of which showcased the ingenuity of each class. The game stalls included a ping pong table, basketball free throws, football passes through hurdles, and many more.

Additionally, grade 10-12 students had a bake sale which included all sorts of baked goods, as well as sugar-free options for diabetic guests. Each class had a stall that they decorated and had various food items available which were sold to raise money for breast cancer and diabetes awareness organisations. The event was filled with people, and the bake sale results were quite promising. The school was able to raise more than enough funds to donate to charity. It was a largely successful part of the event, and we're happy to say that many people showed up and contributed to the cause as a result of the bake sale.

An especially noteworthy point is the dedication students had to their class stalls, going as far as to stay back in school to perfect their stalls and coming particularly early to add special final touches. The atmosphere around the stalls was filled with a joyous, lively air, with laughter and satisfaction all around. A sense of responsibility was instilled in even the most aloof students and a newfound appreciation for school events and extracurriculars. We think it's safe to say the event was a huge success across the board!

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the student council members, volunteers, teachers, choir members, the finance team, and everyone else who helped orchestrate the success of the event. Everything went smoothly and according to plan thanks to the volunteers who helped supervise the event and manage anything that went wrong.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Although education must surely be a priority in a student's life, there are other needs of a child that must be met. When pressure looms and your head spins, it's best to take a step back and take a day to forget about it all and have some fun before facing your responsibilities again. Al Ain Juniors encourages this each year (unfortunately with the exception of the COVID years), and sponsored a trip for grades 7 to 12 on November 19, 2022, a couple of weeks before the dreadful end-of-term exams began.

Thanks to the insight of the management, the girls were to go to IMG World of Adventure in Dubai and the boys to Yas Waterworld in Abu Dhabi. With bags packed with snacks to satiate them through the ride there and PE clothes ironed the night before, students who signed up woke before dawn and came to school around the first lights of daybreak.

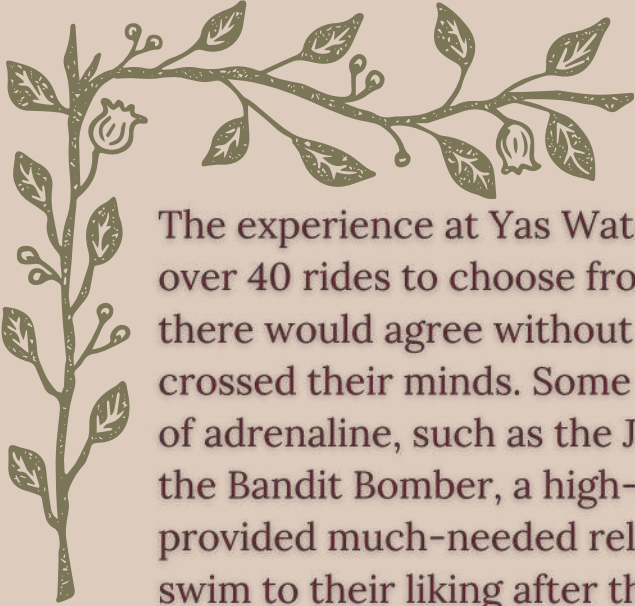
Most would agree the trip to their respective destinations was equally as fun as the experience in the destination itself. Chatter filled the air as lively music was playing, and some students coaxed even the firmest of teachers to let loose and indulge in fun for at least a day, for this trip was meant to be entertaining for them too.



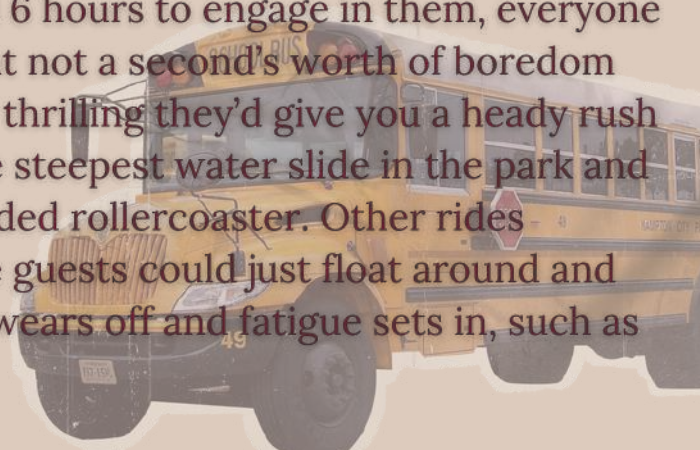
IMG Worlds of Adventure was surely a thing to behold: the largest indoor amusement park in the world had comic superheroes and cartoon personalities every corner, from Spiderman and Hulk to Powerpuff Girls and The Amazing World of Gumball. When the gates to the park opened at 12 PM and lunch tickets were given out, many ran to the first rides they could land their eyes on.

Long lines for some of the most coveted rides began almost immediately, such as the Velociraptor and the Predator (both rollercoasters which were aptly named). The Haunted Hotel opened its raspy doors at 3 PM, to the thrill of everyone.. They only allowed guests over the age of 15, and anyone who believed they were lucky enough to enter promptly changed their minds the moment they stepped inside. With shrieks of teenagers and adults alike ringing across the boulevard, this was definitely the most indistinguishable memory the students carried home.

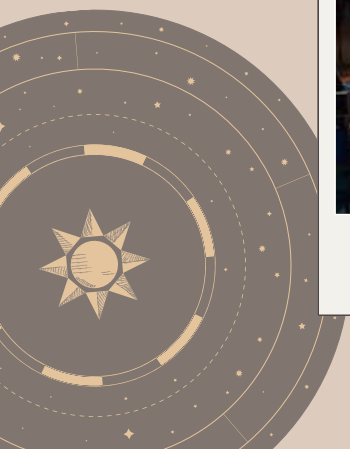
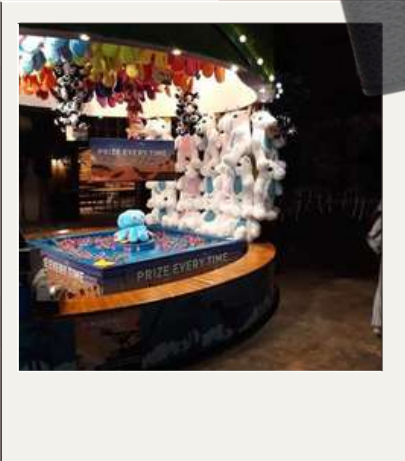




The experience at Yas Waterworld for the boys was just as memorable; with over 40 rides to choose from and around 6 hours to engage in them, everyone there would agree without hesitation that not a second's worth of boredom crossed their minds. Some rides were so thrilling they'd give you a heady rush of adrenaline, such as the Jebel Drop, the steepest water slide in the park and the Bandit Bomber, a high-speed suspended rollercoaster. Other rides provided much-needed relaxation where guests could just float around and swim to their liking after the adrenaline wears off and fatigue sets in, such as the Al-Raha River and Amwaj Wave Pool.



After a long day of exhilaration, the buses rolled in the Al Ain Junior's parking lot late in the evening around 7:30 PM. Students hugged each other goodbye and went home bubbling with giddiness and their camera galleries filled with rows and rows of memories we're sure they're likely to not forget.



SPORTS DAY

Al Ain Juniors School has been hosting an Annual Sports Day for as long as anyone can remember. This event is one of the most awaited out of the many fun-filled events that take place in an academic school year. As always, outstanding students who showcased excellent skill in a sporting activity received awards such as medals and trophies.



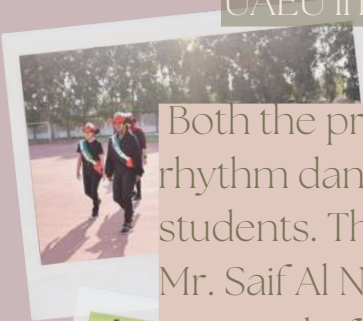
On the 12th of November marks the long-awaited 30th Annual Sports Day held at Al Ain Club for People of Determination Stadium. Due to the previous state of the current pandemic, we haven't had one in over 2 years, and now it's finally here.

On the 25th and 26th of October, both primary and secondary students took part at the HEATs event. The event was held to see who would participate at the stadium and tested out the abilities of students in various categories. The event included shot put, sprints, relay races, high jump and long jump. The students were separated as juniors, seniors and super seniors, which depends on the year born rather than class, and everyone was invited to participate.

The official event was held on the 12th of November and started with the primary and secondary female students at 8 AM. The day commenced with the appreciation for the girls Volleyball team for coming in First Place in the UAEU interschool tournament. The girls were then honored with medals by the chief guests with pride on the face of everyone present.

Both the primary and secondary students then performed an eye opening rhythm dance. This was followed up by a beautiful traditional dance by the AJI students. The school also performed and guard of honor to honor our guests: Mr. Saif Al Naeemi and Mr. Ali Saeed Hamdan, along with the principal and vice principal of our school.

Then came the torch bearing, one of the most memorable tradition of AJ's Annual Sports Day, which had been successfully done by four chosen female students of AJI. The four girls magnificently ran with the torch and held it high in respect. This has been done for the past 32 years in AJ and will always be sign of respect and honor towards this magnificent school.





After all these contests, shows and ceremonies, came up the rewarding for shotput and high jump which had taken place in school alongside the HEATS event. The 100-meter race winners were rewarded as well. The relay then continued after that and there is no argument that the girls running were absolutely outstanding, giving the race nothing but their all.

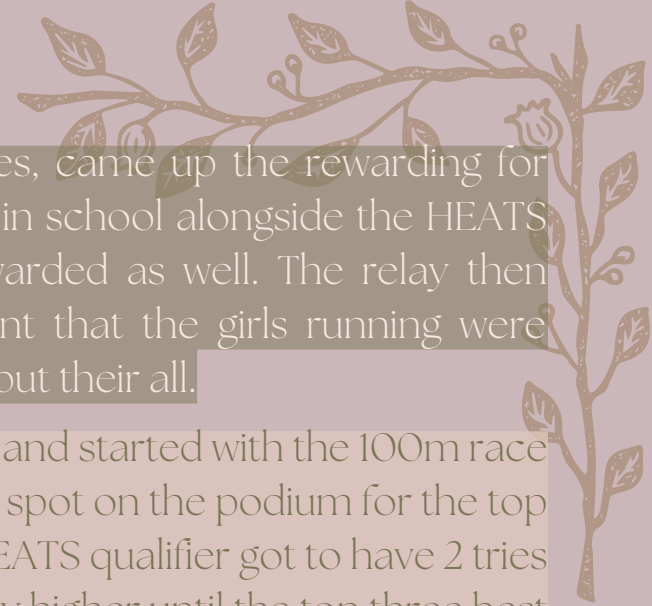


The secondary boys' event started at 4 PM and started with the 100m race pitting the fastest against each other with a spot on the podium for the top three. Next was the high jump where each HEATS qualifier got to have 2 tries each to jump over the pole, that got increasingly higher until the top three best are singled out; the winner of this event showed expertise that secured him an offer to go to an Abu Dhabi stadium.

Now as a sign of strength, endurance and teamwork, the students of AJB showcased The Human Pyramid. With incredible coordination, the students successfully climbed over each other to form the pyramid. After this, the relay race began with 4 students taking part in each house. The flames house won first place, with rapids securing the runner up spot and rockies close behind in third. After the award ceremony, the school called upon their basketball and volleyball team and presented them with their awards for being successfully securing the podium in the interschool competitions that took place beforehand.

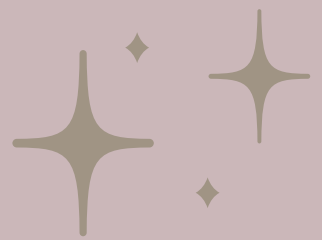
Al Ain Juniors' students have proved their potential by organizing and planning this alluring and beautiful event with the help of the PE Department, creating a joyful and fun atmosphere, to say the least. The event, filled with countless memorable moments, was a success, From the pyramid to the relay running.

This has shown students' dedication, hardwork and creativity when they needed it. We can say that we are proud of ourselves, and much gratitude goes to those who helped make this possible. This sports day is one that shall be looked back at with smiles and jubilation.



Children's day

The seven Emirates united to form the UAE on December 2, 1971, thanks to the vision of the late Sheikh Zayed, may his soul rest in peace. To celebrate this historic event, AJB held a National Day celebration on Monday, followed by the Children's Day celebration on Friday, 25th of November, 2022; all students were permitted to wear flag coloured dresses. Following the national dances and poems for the National Day event, teachers hosted an assembly for students that featured a skit outlining how the students act in their respective classes for the Children's Day event. Furthermore, the teachers performed their own cultural dances, which stunned the audience. A talent show was also held to showcase the skills and talents of AJB students.





THE SKIT



FOLLOWING THE ARDENT INTRODUCTION BY MISS PROGRESS, WE PROGRESSED TO UNDOUBTEDLY, THE MOST EXCITING SEGMENT OF THE EVENT - THE TEACHERS' SKIT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, EXCITEMENT WAS EVIDENT THROUGH THE CLAPS AND CHEERS OF STUDENTS FROM ALL SIDES. THE ENTHUSIASM ERUPTED AS SOON AS WE CAUGHT SIGHT OF OUR VERY OWN TEACHERS WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORMS. WITH 10 TEACHERS PORTRAYING STUDENTS - INCLUDING MISS ERIKA AND MR OMALE - AND MR TANZEEM PLAYING AS HIMSELF. THE SKIT INTRODUCED A COMMON AND EXTREMELY FAMILIAR CONCEPT OF THE SCENARIOS THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE CLASSROOMS EVERYDAY.



FROM STUDENTS EATING IN CLASS AND TALKING IN BETWEEN TO FULL-ON BRAWLS BREAKING OUT, THE TEACHERS MANAGED TO PERFECTLY PORTRAY THE STUDENTS' ACTIONS AND THEIR FRUSTRATION THAT THEY EXPERIENCE EVERY SINGLE DAY. WITH A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE MATH HOD, MR AZMATHULLAH, THE SKIT ENDED, MAKING EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE BURST INTO FITS OF LAUGHTER.

THE DANCES

To commence the event, students of some classes performed on the stage. Along with the students, AJB Secondary teachers joined in by showcasing their native dances and skills.

The ceremony began off with a traditional dance by Filipino teachers, followed by an enthusiastic Indian traditional dance.



The Filipino Dance



The Indian Dance

The students were astonished as Mr. Stanly, a Biology teacher, along with Mr. Shahanas, a Chemistry teacher. Performed an incredible dance that left the crowd speechless.

Then came the African cultural dance that astounded the audience.



Mr. Stanly and Mr. Shahanas's Dance



The African Dance

the talent show

With all these spectacular performances by the teachers, the students were thrilled and had an unforgettable experience. It has always been a tradition in Al Ain Juniors School to put up a talent show in honour of celebrating us on Children's Day. After all of our teachers' amazing acts that they prepared for the students, everyone was on their feet as the talent show commenced. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to share their external abilities, aside from learning, with the whole school.

There were amazing performances put out; from dancing Gangnam Style, to playing the well known "Havana" with the Saxophone- and let's not forget beatboxing too! Each and every single one, from students to teachers, was enthralled with all our gifted students showcasing their talents with courage on stage.

After the talent show, the AJB secondary teachers performed the song "A Million Dreams" along with some members of the choir to close the ceremony.

As the day was coming to a close, the students shared various cultural meals among their classmates and teachers in classrooms to wrap up the event. Needless to say, the students of AJB secondary felt utmost gratitude for the efforts given by their teachers to make them happy. We look forward to another successful Children's day for many years to come.

top glimpses



An Intense Calisthenics Show



The Ultimate Beatbox Performance



"Havana" played by the Sax



The Beautiful Choir Group