

# AJB INSIDER

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## INVESTITURE

“WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT WHAT IS ENGRAVED IN STONE MONUMENTS, BUT WHAT IS WOVEN INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.” —PERICLES

After some incredibly close elections, 28 exemplary candidates were voted into the student council; and it's safe to say that the student body made excellent choices. The newly elected candidates have exhibited their outstanding leadership skills time and time again. Coming this far wasn't easy for any of them, so to commend their achievements, on the 4th of October, AJB held the Investiture Ceremony. Hosted by Lujien Fares, Abeshek Philip, Malak Adel, and Khulud Redwan, this investiture ceremony was definitely one to remember. Once the ceremony commenced, it was clear that the audience was thrilled to witness the newly elected student council marching in to the beat of the drums with their heads held high. The badge-giving ceremony was surely a proud moment for the audience, as the student council finally received their badges, signifying the beginning of their new journey as leaders. Our profile readers, Yahya Zahid, Fatima Hessa, Karin Magdy and Sanjay Sudhakaran brought to light the impressive accomplishments of our council members as the ceremony took place.

Our vice principal, Ms Ayesha, addressed the gathering giving a powerful speech on leadership and expressing her confidence and pride in the newly elected student council.

Mohammad Moghis, our revered school president for the academic year 2022-2023 gave an astounding speech to kick off his presidency. He started off by linking a quote by the Greek politician Pericles with his ambitions and goals that he wants to achieve for the students. He thanked everyone who gave him relentless and unyielding support and hopes that everybody puts faith in this student council as they are truly committed to this position

The student council vowed under the oath that they will be active and responsible members of the student council and will abide by the laws made by the school to guarantee a better school life for students and themselves.

After the distribution of badges and the oath taking ceremony, the choir of Al Ain Juniors British System performed a song about perseverance, dedicated to the new student council. The song's message reverberated clearly within the audience as well as throughout the council, as only when you try over and over with overwhelming faith does success spread its wings.



Al Ain Juniors' Managing Director, Ms. Tanveer Arshad, has given an impromptu speech, which includes her encouraging the new student council to do their best. She also mentions their standing position, which had a 'V' shape, to which she adds that their standing formation was like that of a bird in the sky. She also hopes that just like a bird, the new student council soars high to the skies, impacting others to fly in the right direction.

The excellent vice presidents, Yusuf Amr and Rida Faizal, then gave a vote of thanks in which they thanked their teachers, the school chairman Mr Arshad Sharief, the respective school Principal and Vice Principal; Mr Ghaffar and Miss Ayesha Mujeer, the school staff, and most of all, their parents. They ended their vote of thanks with the quote by John F. Kennedy



“AS WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE, WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION IS NOT TO UTTER WORDS, BUT TO LIVE BY THEM.”

# TEACHERS' DAY

Being a teacher is difficult; it takes time, patience and sacrifice. Of course, Teachers' Day isn't complete without any token of appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to teaching us, students. This year, the student council prepared a personalised gift for every AJB Secondary teacher. They planned on preparing a frame that they can keep as a memorandum, which contains a personalised message, coming from the students with their name and picture beside it. The Design Team and The Journalism Team collaborated and worked together to make this project a grand success. All hands were on deck—tasks were divided among students and immediately got to work.

The Design Team worked on the templates of the frames. They decided to design different templates according to each department. They squeezed out their creative juices while making the designs. From choosing the right colour palettes to piecing the elements together, they paid attention to each and every single detail that had to be done. The Design Team was only gearing up for a great wave of work that awaits them.

The Journalism Team, on the other hand, got together to write down their letters for all our beloved teachers. With its leader's quick organisation skills, the team immediately got to work and used their remarkable writing skills into writing the letters. We were pleased with how much the team finished in such a short amount of time thanks to each and everyone's contribution and cooperation.

We couldn't be more proud of the work we've achieved and we were happy to make all of our teachers feel the love and recognition that they deserved. They've done so much for us and these are the littlest things that we can do for them



The cricket match took place almost right after the school's morning assembly, with the players piling onto the field, deciding their positions and, amusingly, mostly just trying to find a coin with which they could initiate a toss. The toss had decided that the students were to bowl first and the teachers were to bat. All this time we have all of the students of 7-12 watching, with our very own Math HOD, Mr. Azmatuallah trying his hand at sports commentator alongside our president, Mohammad Moghis. Those who didn't know much about cricket all found the game fun, as how often do you see your teachers play PE? The teachers played very well against the student's bowling, eventually making a target of 36 in 6 overs that the students would have to chase. The students put up a good fight but couldn't match the pure skill of the teachers who may have employed their knowledge of mathematics and sciences to their aid.

The game ended with the students making just over 20 runs and no more batsmen left. Some could call them fans, but it was actually students who spilt onto the field, to hug their teachers and congratulate them, as a subdued team of students walked off the pitch, swearing that next year is going to be the year they beat the teachers after suffering defeat for the last decade.

After the little preview of fun the teachers had on Wednesday, the Teachers Day event kickstarted on Friday with an exciting game that tested how well the students knew their teachers. Childhood photographs of our very own teachers were presented on the stage for everyone to spectate, and it was the students' part to guess who it was. There were teachers that were so recognizable you could spot them from a mile away, like Sir Omale, Miss Priya and Sir Tanveer. There were teachers who were only recognized by their own students, for instance, Miss Bency and Sir Murugappan. On the very far end of the spectrum compared to Miss Erika and Sir Omale, we had teachers that only hawk-eyed students could spot, especially Sir Manoj, Sir Joel and Miss Nasimbanoo.

With everyone skittering with excitement, the long-awaited question was posed: who is the strongest and most physically endurable teacher? We got to find out in the next event, a push-up challenge for the male teachers of AJB! Sir Omale, Sir Sayed, Sir Salman, Sir Edrian and Sir Mohammed all were the competitors in this challenge of who could do the most push-ups. After a full two minutes with incredible strength being shown by each candidate and with students eagerly watching, Sir Omale won the challenge by an incredible landslide with 126 pushups, all being done with insane speed! One could debate whether he played fairly, but he was still declared the winner. He even let his leg up to taunt his opponents, congratulations!



Following a battle of fitness between the male teachers, a game of charades between the female teachers was held to establish balance. 12 willing teachers lined up and teamed into two groups of 6. The female flames sports captain, Al Nusrat, took the initiative to announce the rules of the contest, and in a few minutes, the teachers were set and ready to play. From each team, one contestant was told to come up on stage. Once given their word, the teacher explained the word, using only hand gestures and movements. As one team finished, the other team followed right behind and proceeded with their own share of acting. The whole ordeal was extremely amusing because it's not every day you get to see your teachers fumbling over words and trying their hardest to act. Both teams did excellent in their own way and were matched equally well - hence the lack of a proper winner. Although it wasn't a fierce competition, the audience and the contestants themselves were evidently entertained.

After the game of Charade, a tug-of-war match was set up pitting the students against the instructors. The male teachers and the male students squared off in the first round, and despite both sides putting up a great fight, with a harsh pull the male teachers emerged victorious.

However for the second round, it was the female teachers against the female students, even though most predicted that the girls would lose, the girls remained steady and balanced. With their full strength and power, they ended up ensuring victory.

All in all, the day ended with a warm atmosphere. Friends and teachers both embraced in appreciation, and some students surprised them in their lessons by giving them their individualized frames. The students of AJB sure hope every staff was pleased.



# Pinktober

Being one of the most common cancers in the world, breast cancer awareness month is held annually every October, to spread awareness about the disease, to prepare potential victims to notice the early stages of this cancer and remove it.

Al Ain Juniors school collaborated with Burjeel Hospital in organising an assembly for grade 10s and above in both British and Indian curriculum to explain symptoms of breast cancer, diagnosis methods and how to notice it earlier in life so it will not pose a problem later.

For Pinktober, Maryam Zeeshan of grade 12-B worked closely with the AJB student council to see her idea of holding a bake-sale fundraiser for breast cancer charities come to life. This, supplemented by an accessory sale and a facepaint stall, would make up the bulk of the main event. The Pinktober program was merged with that for Blueveember for an evening event, and will be taking place on November 11th.

The event has garnered an overall positive feedback from the students; many students offered to work as volunteers and gave up their artwork to be displayed at the venue.

The AJB Student Council is working vigorously in order to ensure that this function goes as well as planned, and if this event helps out—at the very least—a few survivors of breast cancer, we will be ecstatic.



# World Scholar's Cup

World Scholar's Cup is an international team academic program, which encourages students to learn about a multitude of subjects. It gives students interested in retaining new information outside of school a chance to bring their talents and passions to the stage, and showcase them globally. The World Scholar's Cup was introduced to students of grades 7-12 in a grand assembly, where a representative described the constituent events of World Scholar's Cup, persuading many AJB students to join.

The World Scholar's Cup's first round took place on Friday, October 28th 2022. It started with a bang, and students have described the opening ceremony to be quite humorous. Next, students were teamed up. There was a collaborative writing task, and 3 essays were required to be submitted from each team, putting the participants' composing abilities to the test. After a prayer break and lunch, a Scholar's Challenge ensued, which consisted of multiple choice questions.



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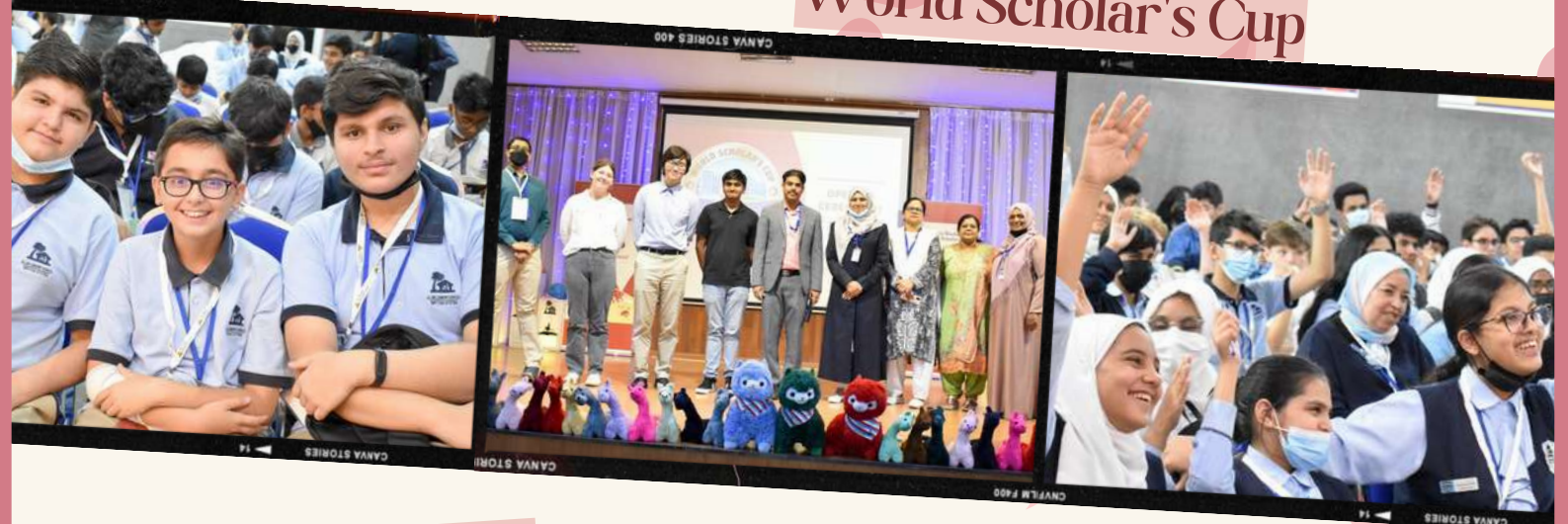


It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce that the students of AJB have excelled above and beyond all expectations, and qualified to the global round! We wish only to see what fate holds in store for these talented individuals, and where their abilities will take them in the next rounds.





# World Scholar's Cup



## Day 1



## @ Al Ain Juniors School





# World Scholar's Cup



## Day 2



## @ UAEU Social Club

