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Girls Inter-house Competition



Sports is a way to boost children's enthusiasm in school and to showcase their talents in areas other than intellectual achievements. It is something that Al Ain Juniors School highly encourages its students and staff members to take part in. During the month of October, various inter-house sports competitions were held among students, which mainly included basketball, volleyball and football tournaments. The pupils took an energetic initiative to sign up for these matches and showed their brilliant athletic abilities, manifesting sportsmanship and hard work to do their best and achieve success in physical activities.



To start off the inter-house competitions, the preliminary rounds were held during the last week of September. The teams that advanced from the preliminary rounds made it to the semi-final rounds and lastly, the final rounds. The students showed great perseverance and gave their best on the court in order to succeed, working together as a team and fighting their way to victory.

The event had four basketball teams, each of which had Rahma, Ghazal, Nada, and Lugain as captains. The four volleyball teams were led by Ebtesam, Nusrat, Faitima, and Huda, while the four football teams were led by Lugain, Rahma, Fariya, and Zainab. Basketball was the very first inter-house competition held. Four teams competed against one another in two sets- two of the teams advanced to the semi-finals and another match was held which determined the team that gets the 3rd place position.

In the finals of basketball, Rahma's team came out on top with an 8-point victory securing 1st place, while Nada's team came in 2nd place, losing the lead by 6 points, and Lugain's team finished 3rd. In the volleyball finals match, Ebtesam's team won by a score of 16 to win 1st place, team finished in 2nd place after playing a second game after the first game ended in a draw (14-14), and Huda's team finished in 3rd. The football game was finally played, and after a tied game, Lugain's team won on a penalty kick earning their 1st place, followed by Rahma's team in 2nd place and Fariya's team in 3rd.

All in all, the inter-house competitions at Al Ain Juniors School have been a resounding success and showcased the astounding power of teamwork and coordination. All our diligent students came together to demonstrate perseverance and hard work in their athletic ability. We're eagerly anticipating the foreordained for our athletes and aim to approach any upcoming games with the same enthusiasm—if not more. Al Ain Juniors School, once again, exemplifies its dedication to promoting healthy competition and cooperation; we eagerly await new opportunities to create more unforgettable memories in the name of school pride and sportsmanship.



Investiture Ceremony



The investiture ceremony holds great significance for teachers, students, management, and parents alike, it is a big day where the elected students are officially given authority and high symbols of power. The ceremony took place on the 26th of September, 2023. At this ceremony, all the members of the student council were awarded badges that signified their authority and the trust placed in them to lead and represent their fellow students. The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the student council marching in, led by the president of the student council.



Next, we had the beloved principal, Mr. Mohammed Ghaffar, our CEO, Mr. Arshad, the vice principal of AJI, Ms. Humaira, and the vice principal of AJB, Ms. Ayesha called upon the stage to award the badges to the council members. The badge given to each student signifies the commitment, readiness, and responsibility required to fulfill their respective role. The MD was then invited onto the stage to deliver her motivating speech about leadership, hard work, and dedication to the student council of the academic year 2023-2024. Her speech was not only dedicated to the council members but also to other fellow students. After the speech, the council took an oath that stated the responsibilities and qualities expected of a council member.

Towards the end of the event, the President, Ali Motasim, was called on stage to give an inaugural speech reflecting his values and aspirations, followed by Mr. Arshad giving his best wishes to the elected council and a few words of guidance. The event ended with both the Vice Presidents, Mohammad Mahmood, and Karin Magdy, giving an appreciative vote of thanks, and the student council marching out of the venue.



Mawlid Al Nabi



We commemorate the birth of the venerated Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the final messenger of Allah, every year with deep respect and appreciation. Al Ain Juniors School arranged an event on the 27th of September, 2023, to educate and encourage students about the Prophet's life and teachings. This event provided students with the opportunity to delve into the extraordinary life of the Prophet, acquiring a better knowledge of his crucial position in Islamic history. Students investigated his teachings through the study of Hadiths, imbibing principles such as compassion, kindness, and the pursuit of knowledge. This event not only educated them about the Prophet's life and teachings, but it also inspired them to adopt these ideals, instilling a feeling of moral and ethical duty in their hearts and bridging the gap between the past and the present.



The celebration of Prophet Muhammad's birthday, also known as 'Mawlid al-Nabi,' is a special time for all Muslims around the world. Mawlid al-Nabi marks the birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). His birthday is celebrated on the 12th day of Rabi al Awwal, and it's a day when Muslims reflect on his life and teachings. In this context, it is remarkable that Al Ain Juniors plays a pivotal role in commemorating this special day. Al Ain Juniors School is known for its active involvement in organizing events and activities that allow students to gain a deeper understanding of Prophet Muhammad's life and the values he espoused. On this day, the school's dedicated efforts create an environment where students, families, and the local community come together to celebrate the Prophet's legacy. Through their educational initiatives and cultural events, Al Ain Juniors inspires individuals to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet, fostering unity, compassion, and a stronger sense of community among believers.

Mawlid al-Nabi, marking the birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), is a significant occasion that transcends borders and unites Muslims worldwide. This celebration is not limited to any particular group or region but rather a shared expression of devotion and admiration for the Prophet, not only for his importance in Islam, but also for the man that he was. On this day, Masajid, homes, and communities are adorned with lights and decorations, and admirers come together to share stories from the Prophet's life, read Quranic verses, and partake in acts of charity and goodwill. It is a time when the rich tapestry of Islamic culture and heritage is woven into the fabric of contemporary life, reinforcing the enduring significance of the Prophet's teachings in the hearts and minds of Muslims everywhere.



ADU TRIP

On October 2nd, 2023, the students of AJB were given a chance to visit the Abu Dhabi University located in Al Ain, to not only take a tour of their university and explore their different facilities, but to also help find their ideal ambitions and develop a clear picture of what they want to pursue in the future.

The students of grades 11 and 12 were welcomed to the university and briefed on what they were going to do during their visit. Upon arrival at the university, they were led to the auditorium, where there were bags on every chair. Each bag contained a pen, a heart-shaped stress ball, and a pamphlet containing information about the university and its available courses, as a souvenir for the students. The student affairs manager proceeded to give an overview of the different programs they offer in the Al Ain campus, as well as the programs they offer in their campus situated in Abu Dhabi. The different requirements for each program like grades, external exams, and files needed were detailed by the staff. They then handed students a RIASEC test, which helped them not only understand themselves better but also what career path best suits them as an individual. This is especially helpful to students who are still struggling with deciding what to do after high school. It consisted of 6 categories, Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional, and based on which category on the test scored the most points, they were told about the fields that may suit their path. They then proceeded to explain how the finances work in the college and discussed a wide variety of scholarships for different talents, whether it's academic talent, extracurricular talent, or athletic talent.





After the introduction, the students were led outside of the auditorium to begin the tour of the university, starting with the fourth floor, which was entirely dedicated to being a library for the students of the university. The library had all kinds of books from science to commerce. As students went down through the floors, they went through the different science labs they have in the university, and others like a record room for recording sessions and practicing in journalism, and engineering labs used by the engineering students. Students also went through their student hubs where the students have individual classrooms for studying with other students in the university as well as a finance help center where they help find ways to pay off university fees and provide various job opportunities in the university. Students were also shown to the room where the students relax and let loose, like the gaming area, music room, gym, and kitchen. Nearing the end of the tour, the students were taken to the sports area, where the students played for a bit with the sports equipment. The hosts then announced that the students would be taking part in games, which included a tug-of-war, a basketball free throw, and a bean bag toss. Afterwards, students went to the cafeteria for lunch provided by the university.



Teachers' Day Celebration

Teacher's Day is a special occasion that is celebrated annually by all students across the globe to mark the tireless efforts of those who shape our minds and hearts. At Al Ain Juniors School, our very own student council planned a special event on the 6th of October that includes beautiful messages from the hosts, musical chairs for teachers, and fun quizzes to challenge our educators.

The event kicked off on Friday with a beautiful Quran recitation by Abadur that was then followed by the English prayer by Quimpher Saif, along with the national anthem. Then, a heartfelt speech was delivered by our secretary Mohammad Noor where he expressed his appreciation and gratitude to our teachers for their constant passion and dedication towards supporting their students. Afterwards, the first segment of that eventful day commenced with a round of musical chairs. Female teachers were up first and the enthusiastic crowd cheered out loud for their favorite teachers. As the rounds went by, more teachers were eliminated leaving us with the finalists Ms. Thressiamma and Ms. Sonu. As the music came to a stop, the crowd applauded loudly for their winning teacher Ms. Sonu.



During the male teachers' round, students were all filled with anticipation as more teachers were being eliminated. We were then left with the finalists Mr. Edrian and Mr. Shuaib. Both teachers were feeling a fierce resolve to win the competition and as the music stopped, Mr. Edrian grabbed the chair and sat on it hence preventing Mr. Shuaib from doing so. Everyone suggested a rematch as they considered Mr. Edrian's win as "cheating" which led to the final round with even more excitement from students. Mr. Edrian took the win for the musical chairs and the preparations for the next event began.



Our student council this year added an exciting twist to the festivities by organizing a math quiz that would not only challenge the audience but also showcase the mathematical prowess of our math teachers. As the math quiz began, our rapids assistant captain Yasmine revealed a formidable equation on the whiteboard. It was Mr. Omale who without a hint of hesitation took up the challenge which left the audience in awe of his mathematical skills. The eventful day ended with a thrilling football match between the male teachers and senior male students. The students tried hard not to let the teachers score but Mr. Omale, who was eager to bring pride to teachers, crushed the hopes of the students by scoring the first goal making it 1-0. During the last minutes of the match, Mr Nisar passed the ball to Mr Arun, who was near the goalpost hence scoring the 2nd goal and making the teachers' team emerge as champions of the day, winning 2-0.

Being a teacher is a challenging task as it takes time, patience, and sacrifice, and that day truly helped the students acknowledge the work of their beloved teachers. Some even surprised their teachers with individually crafted gifts and flowers. Moreover, we couldn't be more proud of the work our council achieved and we were happy to make all of our teachers feel the recognition and love that they deserve as they've done so much for us, and this is the least we can do in return.



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP



The World Scholar's Cup is a global academic tournament that aims to celebrate learning by uniting a wide range of subjects and encouraging teams to work together. Their mission is to bring together students of all backgrounds to find the fun at learning's heart and showcase their skills and talents. Al Ain Juniors School hosted the Al Ain regional round, with 8 other schools across Al Ain participating.

DAY 1:

Saturday, October 21st, 2023 marked the first day of the exciting events unfolding over the weekend. During the opening ceremony, the hosts introduced themselves and then gave the scholars, who were in teams of three, a warm and humorous welcome. Scholars were briefed on the scholastic team events, including Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Challenge, Team Debate, Scholar's Bowl, and the Debate Showcase. The Scholar's Show was also announced, which gives scholars a platform to show off their talent, or their "untalent".

Starting off with Collaborative Writing, each team of scholars chose three thought-provoking topics from a total of six available topics to craft compelling pieces of writing on, teams were given time to discuss their prompts and prepare a rough idea of how they'd want the final products to be. Then, scholars got time by themselves to write their own individual compelling works and reviewed their teammates' final masterpieces.



Next was the Scholar's Challenge, a 120-question multiple-choice test on a wide range of subjects, including music, history, art, archaeology, literature, and technology. The twist? Scholars can mark more than one answer for each question, and the fewer they mark, the more points awarded if an answer is correct. The Scholar's Challenge provides scholars with the opportunity to apply their knowledge of all six subjects.

After a well-deserved break came the Team Debate, teams were either affirmative or negative and debated over the course of three rounds on various gripping motions across all subjects. The Team Debate is a valuable learning opportunity as following each round, opposing teams give constructive feedback and comments on the other team's performance, allowing even the most experienced debaters to grow and develop their skills.



DAY 2:

Teams gathered at the UAEU theater on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 with high spirits for the second and final day of the regional round. The hosts got the scholars engaged with a short questionnaire called the physics pwaalympiad, with unpredictable trick questions and answers hidden in plain sight. A scholar from each school was invited to defy gravity during the alpaca gravity challenge by balancing an alpaca on their head, all while completing a series of increasingly difficult challenges.



Clickers given out to scholars were used in the next event, the Scholar's Bowl. It consisted of three rounds plus a bonus round of multiple-choice questions, carrying more and more points as the rounds progressed. The questions were analytical and critical-thinking based. The questions were answered by the teams using their clicker, each followed by booming cheers and applause with every correct answer chosen. Following the Scholar's Bowl came a break in which scholars adopted their very own alpacas to keep!

Then came the time for the long-awaited Debate Showcase, in which new teams were formed consisting of the best speakers from the Team Debates, and debated on the motion "Students should be given two history textbooks, one about historical events that happened, and one about historical events that could've happened". The speakers from both sides spoke masterfully to reinforce their arguments, it was a thrilling debate for all to witness. The audience was also given the opportunity to provide their own views on the motion and join the conversation. A panel of judges consisting of scholars gave feedback to each team on their performance in the debates and declared the winner to be the negative team.



The last community event, the Scholar's Show, which is a talent (or "untalent") show allowed the scholars to share their passions, talents, and skills. This event brought forth many unique performances and displays, including various singing renditions, dances, comedic skits, reciting 100 digits of pi all while balancing an alpaca, showcasing a custom robot, listing every element of the periodic table, gymnastics, sleeping, and even a pet parrot talking to the audience. The Scholar's Show was clearly the highlight of the day for most scholars due to how entertaining it was.



Finally, the round was wrapped up by the award ceremony in recognition of all the teams and scholars who demonstrated outstanding knowledge and skill during the four team events. Silver and gold medals were given out, and trophies were given to teams and scholars who were the best in each team event. The teams qualifying for global rounds were also announced, and we look forward to seeing what is in store for these distinguished scholars in the following rounds. By the end of the award ceremony, the sound of medals clinking filled the air, and all scholars were beaming with joy and pride in their achievements. Quite a marvelous way to wind up such an exhilarating weekend!



