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Our Vision

Our vision is a holistic, student-centered writing environment that empowers and inspires our youngsters to be creative, innovative effective self-styled writers.

Our Mission

The writers' forum aims at creating highly stimulated writing atmosphere to the young writers to be creative, innovative in expressing their thoughts and feelings through writing articles, poems, stories, reports etc. It aims to update the students with the latest happenings in the school in an effective manner. It also aims at providing opportunities to the entire student community to enhance their writing skills and encourage them to bring out their latent talent for self-growth and growth of their colleagues.

Objectives

- To develop unique style of writing skills.
- To encourage the students to express their opinions in writing.
- To enhance the reading habits of students.
- To familiarize the students with advanced writing techniques.
- To create awareness about the events happening in the school.
- To express students opinions and suggestions through newsletter.
- To exhibit the hidden talents of the students.
- To encourage the individual to grow and help others to grow in writing skill.
- To spread and imbibe humane values through newsletter.

Annual Sports 2017

The 27th Annual Sports Day was conducted by Al Ain Juniors School on the 2nd of February, 2017. The event was held at Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan Stadium at Qattara.

The grand programme not only included athletic events, but also inculcated various cultural performances and rhythmic displays. **In connection to the 'Year of Giving', the students of AJI whole heartedly presented various items in the parade of giving.** It was really appreciable to see the students contributing enthusiastically to make a real difference in the life of the people around them.

The day kicked off with the prayer, followed by the assembling of the athletes through a magnificent parade. The Chief Guest, along with all the other dignitaries, was whole-heartedly welcomed by the students and teachers. This was followed by a sequence of melodious songs sung by the 'nightingales of AJS'.

The Annual Sports Meet was declared 'open' by the Chief Guest, which was followed by the oath-taking ceremony by the Sports Captains of AJI and AJB. The young gems of AJS brought life to the



occasion with several energetic drills and dances. When all the cultural programmes had ended, the event moved onto the athletic competitions of various categories.

In the end, Individual Championships for each category was awarded to the outstanding performers. The Individual Championship winners were Md. Ehtasham and Shivani TK in the Juniors category, Md. Taha and Amogha Shetty

in the Inters category, Md. Safwan and Bibina Benny in the Seniors category and Anston Thomas and Diya Mathew in the Super Seniors category. Subsequently, the house cup was given to the Rockies with the most number of points. The day ended with cheerful celebrations and joyous chants.



Achievements in Sports

Bibina Benny, IX D



AJ students have history of winning colors by putting up excellent performance in various sports competitions organized by other schools and associations. The students are trained under the supervision of coaches for participating in such competitions. In 2016-2017, the students of AJ have participated in various sports event. These include

- ISC
- BLUESTAR
- ABU DHABI INDIAN SCHOOL- INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION
- UAE UNIVERSITY 3KM RUN
- FOOTBALL EVENTS
- BASKETBALL EVENTS

The **Indian Social Centre** organized a sports meet in a very grand manner where many schools participated. The program started with the march past through which the athletes were assembled on the ground and it was followed by the national anthem of both India and UAE and the ignition of torch. The president and other important officials shared their thoughts about sports before officially declaring the sports meet. Balloons and birds were freed indicating this. The young athletes of AJI participated

with enthusiasm which enabled them to bring a lot of prizes to our school. The individual championship in the under 12 category was won by Shivani TK. Jomal Jose of grade 7 won the 3rd position in 100mts, Md. Ehtasham of grade 7 won the 3rd position in 100mts and Shot Put, Md. Taha of grade 8 won the 2nd prize in Long Jump and Bibina of grade 9 won the 3rd prize in both 100mts and 200mts. AJS Inters team won the 1st place in the Relay.

The prizes were distributed by the officials present there. A special prize was given to Mr Hussain, PE teacher of AJI, for guiding and training the students of AJ for participating in such events. The event came to an end successfully with the vote of thanks which gave a happy full stop to the great event.

The prestigious **Blue Star** Association conducted a sports meet for all the schools in Al Ain in a frolicsome atmosphere. The event was marked by a string of spectacular performances presented by the students of 'Steps N Beats' who were brimming with enthusiasm. The grand opening ceremony was graced by the chief guest and the president of Blue Star and other important officials. As following the procedure, the national anthem was played which was followed by the March past and the torch bearing. Balloons and birds were freed indicating the opening of the sports meet. Unlike other sports event that only had individual sports events this sports meet had various team sports namely throw ball, football, war of tug etc. The football team by the AJI boys of inters category won 3rd and the seniors' secured 2nd position. Shivani TK won the 2nd prize in the Shuttle run and High Jump and 3rd prize in the 100mts and relay. Md.Qamar of grade 8 got 1st in

High Jump, 2nd in Shot Put and 100mts and 3rd in Shuttle relay. He was also awarded the Individual Championship. Anston Thomas of grade 11 was awarded with the individual championship in the senior boys' category and Chitra Murali of grade 11 was awarded with the individual championship in the senior girls' category. Lirit Abraham of grade 8, secured 1st in High Jump and 2nd in Shot Put, Bibina of grade 9, secured the 3rd place in Shot Put and Shuttle Relay and Diya Mathew of grade 9 secured 1st in 100mts, 2nd in Skipping Race and 3rd in Shot Put and High Jump. The students of AJS was able to grab almost every prizes displayed there, highlighting the athletic talent of our school. Most of the individual championships were awarded to the students of AJS. The sport event ended with the vote of thanks.

ADIS

Every year, Abu Dhabi Indian School conducts inter school competitions in which the students of AJI and AJB take part with full team spirit and enthusiasm. The sport events for girls and boys were conducted on different days, however the orders of the events were the same. The day started with the assembling of the athletes which was followed by the speech of the chairman of ADIS.



Torch bearing was done by the champions indicating the opening of the event. Being a really tough competition the students of AJS could bring laurels to the school. Shivani TK of grade 7, secured 2nd in 200mts and 3rd position in the 100mts, Md. Qamar won the 1st prize in Shot Put, Tesa Rose Sunny of grade 9 was awarded the second place in High Jump and Diya Mathew of grade 10 won the 2nd place in Long Jump and 3rd in 100mts. The grand ceremony ended with the declaration of the individual champions and the overall championship was awarded to Abu Dhabi Indian School.

Some of the students of AJS participated in the 3km Marathon which was organized by the UAE University. Shivani T.K, a student of AJS studying in grade 7 became the winner of this Marathon. The students who came above the ranking of 5 were awarded with a cash prize. She was even awarded a trophy and a medal for securing the

second position in a 1.6 km Marathon conducted by the Madar International School. She, being a really good long distance runner, brought many laurels to the school.

Football

The boys of AJS have participated in many football events which include KMCC (Kerala Muslim Council Centre) –participated by the AJS boys in which they were the winners.

ISC (INDIAN SOCIAL CENTRE)- the AJS boys were able to secure the 2nd position

BLUESTAR- the AJS boys of inters category won 3rd whereas the seniors secured 2nd position

DUFC (DU FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT)

MALAYALI SAMAJAM was played by the AJS boys in which they secured the 1st position.

Behind all the smiles and happiness on the faces of the players, there was a lot of hard work and teamwork which was brought to them by the PE department of ALAIN JUNIORS.

Trip to YAS Water World

-Amogha Shetty, 8 C

Alain Juniors Indian system organised an edutainment trip to Yas Water World, Abu Dhabi for the students of grade 7&8. The trip was organised on two different days for both the boys and the girls. The students were asked to report at school by 7:30 am before leaving to Yas water world. We reached Yas water world by 10am.

We were very much thrilled by the sight of the board which directed us towards our paradise of enjoyment. After the initial procedures we got our entry ticket and our teachers led us in. Each student was provided with a locker where they could safely put in their belongings.

There were a lot of exciting rides like Falcon Falaj, Liver Loop, Jabel Drop, Roller Coaster and many more. There was a lunch break at 1:00 p.m. and the students were asked to report at the restaurant by that time after which they could proceed with playing in the pool. It was fun as well as amazing to damp our friends in water. We nearly spend two hours in the pool.

We had to leave from our realm of



enjoyment by 5:00p.m, so we were asked to meet at the main entrance by 4:30p.m. We reached the school by 7:00

p.m. Overall it was a wonderful trip where all the students enjoyed a lot and are eagerly looking forward for more trips like this.



Graduation Day

by Vatsa (XI B)

Graduation day - shaking, nervous, and ready to venture out of the high school world. This is the beginning and the end of a journey to what our lives will ultimately come to.

Al Ain Juniors School was bustling with high voltage energy and emotions as the school felicitated the academic achievers of its 13th batch of 2016-2017 with pomp and gaiety, the graduation day was celebrated on 16th of February, 2017. The graduation Ceremony was a truly momentous occasion on an unprecedented scale

To cater to the event the ceremony was held, for the first time, in the school's auditorium which had been recently renovated. The auditorium had been lavishly redecorated. The ceremony played host to guests from a vast spectrum of cultures and family backgrounds, resulting in a vibrant celebratory atmosphere.

Our graduates and their guests were notably impressed by the splendour of our ceremonial traditions and the grandeur of the auditorium in which the ceremonies took place.

Besides the number of dignitaries including Mrs. Tanveer Arshad, Managing Director of AJS, Mr. Arshad Sharif, Chairman of AJS, Ms. Ayisha Siddiqua, Principal of AJS, and Mr. Mohd. Gaffar, Academic head of AJS, the event was presided over by our chief guest Mr. Nayan Vasa Jayshukhlal, HOD and specialist, General surgery, NMCAIain.

The convocation had started with the Academic procession which was headed by the academic head followed by the teachers and by the graduates. This was followed by invoking the blessings of the Almighty with the prayer. The Indian national anthem and the UAE national anthem had followed next. Next, the attendees were introduced to all the co-anchors for the ceremony.

To formally invite all the guests and give them a red carpet welcome, Mr. Mohd. Gaffar and Ms. Ayisha Siddiqua were requested to address the gathering.

The teachers, who had, in all these years, taken



our hands, opened our minds, and touched our hearts to ignite the fire in us and launch us into the new horizon, were invited upon the stage to be paid a special regard.

It was an immense pleasure that Mrs. Tanveer Arshad and Mr. Arshad Sharif had been invited to the stage to address the gathering and share some inspirational messages to the outgoing batch.

This was followed by our chief guest Mr. Nayan Vasa Jayshukhlal being invited upon the stage to speak a few motivating words. In his convocation speech he also stated that education should be seen as a stepping stone to character building and societal development. He stressed on higher education as the key to making available a large pool of skilled manpower for our nation and also to shape a student's personality. He also expressed that the objectives of reform and change in our higher education system must be expansion, excellence and inclusion of a transparent framework. He also paid special regard to the exclusion of any distractions that come across, especially, in a student's journey. The time now is to modernize our education system to build on the existing strengths in light of new understanding of the research-innovation-growth linkage.

A few of the co-anchors were then called upon to the stage to speak a few inspirational words to the graduates. In this process, 5 of the graduates were also called upon to speak on topics stretching from their journey in AJS to how education is related to development in oneself.

Next up was the most awaited moment, conferment of the degrees. The moment, the fruit of hard-work and discipline would be finally reaped.

The parents sat, fingers twiddling and biting their lips, waiting for their own flesh and blood to walk up and grab their diplomas. The graduates stood on the stage hands shaking, tapping their feet and anxiously waiting for each name to be called up.

The next moments flashed by very quickly as they all acquired their turns to stand on stage, smiling, and grab their diplomas while their entire journey, in and out of AJS in the past 17 years, was displayed in the background confined in a power point presentation. After grabbing their diplomas, each of them was led down the stage for a photograph with their families, who earnestly waited for their kin.

The conferment of the degrees was preceded by the tradition of lighting of the candle. This tradition symbolized 'the light of knowledge. Having completed their course of studies they had received their light, and now had the responsibility of carrying this to whichever world they lived in. For this purpose, Mrs. Tanveer Arshad was requested to light the candle of each student.

While this tradition was in action, the AJ choir had sung their melodious rendition. The song, 'The Climb' signified the difficulties and challenges thrown to us, how we face the outside world and how we can ultimately reach the final goal if we stay focused. The next song 'You raise me up' went out to our Alma mater, Al Ain Junior School, for being the source of knowledge and guide for a number of years.

The conferment of degrees, candle lightening ceremony, and the photo session had taken place for the girls and boys separately. Following these grand traditions, the students who had out-shone in some areas and had been adjusted as the winners were awarded with certificates and momentums.

The convocation function was dissolved with the vote of thanks. The evening ended in the hope that these academically bright, sprightly youngsters will make their mark in the world.



INNOVATION DAY

-Liya Aji, 11

Recognizing innovation as a cornerstone of social and economic development, nations around the world have set about to develop national innovation strategies and frameworks. Innovation is the key to promoting economic growth, increasing competitiveness and providing new job opportunities. Believing that innovation is the future of human investment, ADEC has declared innovation week from 22nd to 28th as innovation week.

Innovation day was held on 24th November 2016 in Alain Juniors campus calling participation from all students in which they displayed innovative projects and experiments. It provided a forum for the students to experience mastery, autonomy and purpose. It focuses on bringing the student community together to innovate for good and foster design thinking skills to create a better future for all.

Some of the inventive and phenomenal projects from the high school students including cere-bro by grade 11 boys which facilitates the blind to walk avoiding the obstacles, internet of things – home automation by Liam Charles which focuses modern day robotic technology and its impact in daily uses displayed an unconventional approach to life. Project 'journey through unknown biology' by grade 10 girls is an assortment of various projects like detecting germs, determining lung capacity, hand eye co-ordination, video game experiment, response of plants to music, and mental mix-up game. Other notable projects include MRI scan model, tissue culture, hydraulic bridge, lung carcinoma model, cheap hover board, soil moisture sensor, smart city, vacuum cleaner etc.

Students also unlocked the wonders of chemistry through projects like silver tree, galvanic cell, rayon making.

Distinctive Projects like buzzer, cleaning robot, snake hybrot, plastic bottle hover board, air cooler, electric skateboard, projector using bulb from grade 8-9 also gained appreciation and many of the projects were chose to represent the school in various competitions held outside school.

Eco club also marked its inauguration by putting up a musical drama aiming in creating environmental awareness amongst the future generation.

Innovation day of the year 2016 has been a successful attempt in helping the students' discovers their inherent talents to create a breed of scientific thinkers more prepared to solve future challenges.



68th Republic Day Celebrations

-Safa Mubarak,9 C

Al Ain Juniors School held a grand and fun-filled Republic Day celebration on 26th January, 2017. The 10th grade, as the assembly presenters, did a wonderful job.

The celebration began with the anchors, Merissa and Meghna, giving us an insight into the rich and diverse population of India.

After the prayer, a group of 11 girls sang a piano rendition of the Indian National Anthem, dressed in the colours of the Indian flag. All the students of 7-12 sang along in great cheer and enthusiasm.

We then had an informative talk about the importance behind Republic Day, why it is celebrated and when. We learnt about how law and order was achieved on that day, 68 years back, by adopting the Indian Constitution.

After the enlightening speech, the same group of 11 girls performed a beautiful Bengali patriotic song, composed by Rabindranath Tagore, called 'Ekla Chalo Re'. The students sang, 'Open thy mind walk alone, be not afraid, walk alone.' invoking a sense of courage in us.

The song marked the end of the day's celebrations. All the students dispersed with a renewed sense of patriotism in their souls. This Republic Day's celebrations would not be forgotten for many years to come!



School Assembly

School assembly programs are important aspects of a curriculum. It has the potential to nurture and maintain a positive school culture that stresses interpersonal intelligence.

A good school assembly can foster a sense of togetherness, unity and has the power to make positive contributions to students' self-development, and are therefore essential to raising achievement as well as standards. Motivational school assembly programs encourage students to reflect on specific topics relevant to them as well as universal values such as respect, cooperation, and peace. Motivational assemblies are crucial in personal and social education as well as moral and cultural aspects of a curriculum. It covers topics that cannot be covered in traditional classroom settings.

At Al Ain Juniors School, the essentials of the assembly include the Quran recitation, school prayer, National Anthem and the School song. The updates of the news of the day and a new thought to ponder on are unavoidable.

Every Class needs to present the assembly during the academic year and the theme for each class is assigned through the school assembly calendar in advance.

During this term, the school witnessed some outstanding assemblies conducted by the students of different grades on various themes.



ASSEMBLY REPORT OF GRADE 10 A

Akhil Mohammed, 10 A
THEME: RESPECT

"Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it", quoting this the students of grade 10 A began their second morning assembly of this academic year. Anchored by Piyush S and Ayush Peter, the assembly began by invoking the blessings of the Almighty. This task was undertaken by Zaid, Fadhil and Aaron.

Soon after the display of respect to our beloved nation and school, the program continued with the current news by Chandhu, Hashim, Nandu and Prabhdeep followed by Riddles by Hashir, Thought for the day by Anewrin and Amazing facts by Abel. Finally moving towards our main event, the Skit was based on the very theme of the assembly, which is 'respect'. We had Abdur Rahman playing the role of an old man who

was ill-treated by his son and daughter-in-law, played by Charan and Riten respectively. However his grandson, the role played by Arsalan, tries to improve the treatment towards the grandfather. The dubbing artists were Aaqib, Jerry, Christy and Sayanth. The onstage narration was done by Alen Mohammed. The story, script and dialogues were the combined efforts of Arsalan, Aquil and our respected class teacher Mr. Jestin. The assembly was concluded by our honourable SVP, Mr Mohammed Gafar, who appreciated our skills and talents through his mind blowing words.

ASSEMBLY REPORT OF GRADE 10 B

DATE: 26th October 2016

TOPIC: Perseverance

The anchors of our assembly were Sameeha and Prathibha. The Quran was recited by Shireen and its translation by Afreen and the English prayer was led by Diya. The news was conveyed by Zainab and Prerna. The thought for the day was given by Nikhitha. There was also a quiz whose anchors were Sreya and Adithya on the topic 'great personalities'. Then we had a skit depicting the life of Sudha Chandran. Over all we had a fruitful assembly and we could convey our message of perseverance successfully.



ASSEMBLY REPORT OF GRADE 9 D

Tesa and Sannidhi, 9-D
THEME : FRIENDSHIP

The assembly of 23rd January 2017 was organized by grade 9-D. It ran on the theme friendship.

The hosts of the assembly, Bibina and Safura, instigated by praising the lord for a new day and new opportunities that come along with it. The prayer was led by Fida, Zainab and Sannidhi, followed by the National anthem and the school song.

The thought for the day was presented by Riya. The various happenings around the world were discussed by Shumailah and Surabhi who read out the international and the sports news respectively. Sreelakshmi and Shagoofa came up to deliver a few amazing facts that left the audience in awe.

Subsequently, a skit was staged on the same theme addressing, a few other issues. The skit conveyed the message of standing up for people who are subject to ill treatment by others. It also managed to address the prevalent concern of bullying.

The assembly was concluded with the hosts expressing their gratitude to everyone who worked behind the scenes and helped them in the course of events.



ISLAMIC ASSEMBLY

Al Ain Juniors celebrates all the Islamic festivals and days of importance keeping the solemnity of the day. The celebrations find its way in the assemblies conducted by the Islamic club. On the Eid-ul-Adhaa day, the Islamic club conducted a special and a very grand assembly. Apart from the usual assembly procedure, Master Abdullah Shareef (7A) recited the Quran and Adnan Sameer (7A) did the translation. Md. Aquib of grade 10 A, gave a brief introduction on the importance of the day and a questionnaire on the Islamic scholars was presented by Md.Hashim, Abdur Rahman, Allen Mohammed, Adil, Aquil and Zaid. The students of Grade 7 C and D Sang the nasheed. The credit for the theme of the assembly goes to Arsalan Afroz.

UAE National Day Celebrations

Fahima Mubarak
XI-A

On 29th of November, 2016, a diverse, exhilarating program for UAE national day was conducted. To mark 45 marvellous years since the UAE had been founded, students, teachers as well as the board of heads at AJS joined forces to put together an unforgettable series and atmosphere of festivities.

The day began with an assembly packed with exciting yet informative events. Speeches were delivered with fervent enthusiasm; dances

were performed with overwhelming passion, all by the students. There were also various acts highlighting the culture, traditions and remarkable history of the UAE. Our various academic heads including Ms. Ayesha Siddiqua and Mr. Arshad Sharif graced the audiences with engaging, interesting speeches about the importance of the occasion we were celebrating and our duties as residents of this wonderful nation.

This amazing day also saw the inauguration of AJS's very own

magazines. All of the works featured in it were students' originals compiled together by the hard work of the entire English department. It was a truly glorious moment in our history.

Later on, the students and faculty conducted, participated in and enjoyed a boisterous food festival. The hall was filled with laughter, joy, pride and many mouth watering smells.

Everyone found this celebration perfect and thoroughly enjoyable.



MARTYR'S DAY

Liya Aji, X1-A



Martyrdom is the ultimate expression of devotion and love.

Martyr's day is the time of remembrance for those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of their country. His Highness the President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has issued a decision that the 30th day of November every

year shall be observed as Martyrs Day, as a tribute to the UAE's fallen heroes.

Although Martyr's Day will commemorate the fallen in civil and humanitarian services, its emphasis is clearly on military "martyrs". The reason for choosing November 30th for the holiday is that the first UAE soldier to die in defense of his country occurred on this date. It was during the Battle of Greater Tunb, when Iran attempted to seize offshore Emirati islands just prior to the nation's formal unification on December 1st and 2nd. The first martyr was then killed by Iranians after he refused to lower his Emirate's flag and submit to the invaders.

Alain Juniors School also observed martyrs day and commemorated their ultimate sacrifice to defend our people and preserve our homeland and our achievements.

The aim is to make students realize that through observing martyrs day we publicly declare loyalty to our national identity and true belonging to our state. One minute silence was observed to pay tribute to our heroes and immortalize their sacrifices.

Children's Day Celebration

- Rehab 9C

Al Ain Juniors School, CBSE division celebrated children's day on 14th November 2016 to commemorate the birthday of the first Prime Minister of India – Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. It was a non-uniform day and the students came in colorful dresses with full enthusiasm and excitement for the eventful day.

The day started with full zest and spirit with a special assembly organized by the lovely staff members of Al Ain Juniors for their lovable students. The

programme began with a fun filled quiz on children's day to make the students understand the significance of this day. It was followed by a surprise dance performance by the talented female teachers of Al Ain Juniors School. A short comedy skit was also showcased by the male teachers of our school which made it a memorable day for all the staff and students. The programme ended with a short speech by our vice principal. Various activities were also organized

to engage the students in the class. Cake decoration and sandwich making competitions were held among the high school students. The students displayed their creative cookery skills and the deserving students won the competition.

It was indeed a memorable day in the history of Al Ain Juniors School. Such events are a good way of getting the children connected to their nation while being away from their homeland.



